

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Pass Area Group Prepares for Tech Trek

On Tuesday, May 31st, we met with our Tech Trek girls and their families. We do this each year so the girls get to know each other before they go off to camp in July. It also gives the families the opportunity to find out more about AAUW and what we do for women and girls. We are sending three girls this year, one from each of the middle schools in Banning and Beaumont. This brings us to a total of twenty girls from the Pass Area that we have sent to Tech Trek. The girls are very excited about going to the University of California, San Diego, living in the dorms for a week and attending classes on the campus.

We are very proud that we are able to offer this opportunity to these outstanding seventh grade girls.

Bessie Reece, Tech Trek Coordinator

Membership

I would like to thank these ladies for volunteering to be on the Membership Committee for 2011/12 year: Sylvia Lantz, Gail Anderson, Margie Galligan, Marilyn Sanden, Dorothy Nordquist and Kay Dobbertin. But of course, each and every one of you is also on the membership committee. You serve on this committee time you invite a friend to come to one of our meetings, or each time you extend a warm greeting of friendship and mentorship to a new member. We need your help to have a growing, thriving membership. Please be thinking of those you would like to invite to our Membership meeting in September. Please give their names to me, so I can extend a personal invitation. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Theresa Lantz, Membership

Y Alliance Home Tour 2011 Volunteers Needed

Join the fun and volunteer on December 4, 2011 to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 12:45- 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the Y Alliance with their big fund raiser, and a gift of time and energy that makes you feel good. There will be a sign- up sheet at the September and October meetings, or you can e-mail me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like to Ann Leonard.

Ann Leonard and Dottie Bailey



AAUW

First Board meeting for 2011-2012

Our first Redlands AAUW Board meeting will be at the Congregational Church on the corner of Olive and Cajon on August 8th. Social time is at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:00 pm. Please contact president Susan Willis with your agenda items.

Any questions please call Susan Willis.

One Member, One Vote Election

This year was the first time AAUW members voted in a popular election — rather than using a delegate system — to elect national officers and approve bylaws amendments and amendments to the Public Policy Program.

Members voted to pass all the proposed bylaws amendments and all the amendments to the Public Policy Program.

Congratulations to the newly elected AAUW Board of Directors officers:

AAUW President: Carolyn Garfein

AAUW Vice President: Patricia Ho

AAUW Directors-at-Large: Kathy Anthon, Amy Blackwell, Kathryn Braeman, Julia T. Brown, Sandra Camillo, Kathleen Cha, Charlene Goehring-Fox, Connie M. Hildebrand, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, David Kirkwood, Betsy McDowell, Dot McLane, Peggy Ryan Williams

Branch Officers

Your Branch officers are available to help members and to answer questions. Please call them.

President
Susan Willis

Program Vice President
Patty Ahearn

Membership Vice President
Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary
Kate Pretorius

Corresponding Secretary
Dorothy Richardson

Treasurer
Joan Prost

President-elect
Kathy Toister

Branch Website
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AAUW Mission Statement
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

AAUW Background
AAUW founded in 1881, is open to all graduates with an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. AAUW is California's most active and diverse organization offering action for equity, personal and professional growth, community leadership, and friendships.

Interest Groups

Book Cassette and CD Groups

Two of our three long-standing CD Book groups are set to begin another year-long round-robin of exchanging books which the members have chosen to buy and share. We need to know now who would like to join our groups. We've read an incredible number of books over the dozen years we've been listening. Each member purchases a CD and receives this book back at the end of the cycle. In turn, she gets to listen to 8 to 10 other books, depending on how many people are in each round-robin. We meet to discuss the books at the end of each cycle. You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person on a regular schedule.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost

Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey

2nd Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney

3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Sally Vaughn

Evening Couples: 1st Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Debbie Lewin

3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

Evening: 4th Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes.

California Cuisine and Conversation

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

I Am, Therefore I Think (*Sum Ergo Cogito*)

Questions: Helen Webb

International Affairs

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

Chairs: Mary Belle Clark and Bessie Reece

Play Reading

Chair: Marcia Pifer,

Recorder Group

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Interest Groups, Continued

Reading and the Rainbow

We will meet for our summer-lite reading in one session only, on Thursday evening, July 28, at 7:00 PM. Ellen Schollenberger will host. Anna Hollenberg will co-host and Anne Derfer will facilitate discussion of the book, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. The narrator of the book is a dog. The book is described as "a heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty and hope. 'The Art'...is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life ...as only a dog would tell it". Happy summer to all!

Reminder - we don't meet in August, will resume our regular afternoon and evening sessions in September. We still need people to sign up to host, co-host and facilitate so please step up!

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

AAUW and the Wal-Mart v. Dukes Ruling

AAUW is deeply critical of the U.S. Supreme Court's divided decision in *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*. Although the high court did not rule on the merits of the case, this misguided decision prevents the women of Wal-Mart from taking on America's largest private employer as a nationwide class-action group, leaving each woman to file her claim individually or perhaps in smaller, reformulated class-action groups.

The Supreme Court chose to ignore more than 40 years of established jurisprudence and severely restricted the ability of workers to fight discrimination together in a class action. Essentially, the court's extremely conservative decision gave great weight to the mere presence of a corporate anti-discrimination policy, even though it seems that the policy was routinely not followed. This decision appears to give a red light for future employee class-action cases and a green light for employers to continue to use highly subjective pay and sex discrimination practices. "The Supreme Court says the Wal-Mart case is 'simply too large.' Maybe that's because — from the corner office to the corner store — gender discrimination is widespread," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "The court ignored most of the evidence, a disturbing development for other fair pay and discrimination cases. What a missed opportunity to warm up the chilly climate many women still experience in the workplace."

Edith Arana, a named plaintiff in the case, and her attorney Arcelia Hurtado, executive director of Equal Rights Advocates, spoke at the [AAUW National Convention](#) on June 18th. The women spoke as part of A Conversation on Justice, a session on workplace gender discrimination. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provided case support and signed an amicus brief for the plaintiffs in the case. Thanks to AAUW funds, lead plaintiff Betty Dukes and the other named plaintiffs, including Edith Arana, were able to come to Washington, D.C., to attend oral arguments at the Supreme Court in March. AAUW's strategic case support program provides financial and organizational backing for a select number of cases that have the potential to provide significant protection for all women. The funds come directly from the generous contributions of AAUW members who support the Legal Advocacy Fund. "AAUW's resolve will not be shaken by this decision, and this case is not over," said Hallman.

For the entire article, or to read more on AAUW's views, go to www.aauw.org.

Get Your AAUW Fix

Do you miss your connection with AAUW during the summer? Here are some things you can do in the air conditioning.

Find out more about the Branch at <http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org/>

Take Action via these programs from the National Association's Website:

- [Public Policy and Advocacy](#)
- [Two-Minute Activist](#)
- [AAUW Action Fund](#)
- [Legal Advocacy Fund \(LAF\)](#)

Shop for books about AAUW and its programs at [AAUW Shopping](#)

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the September newsletter will be **August 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor via email. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Olga Cupp. We continue to welcome your feedback and suggestions for our electronic version.

If you would like to submit a photograph for the newsletter, please send an electronic copy via email.

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The President's Corner

AAUW was founded in 1881 by Ellen Swallow Richards and Marion Talbot. Today we have 100,000 members nationwide, 1,300 Branches, and 500 partnerships with colleges and universities. Redlands Branch of AAUW was organized April 15, 1947 and will celebrate 65 years in 2012. Our branch is proud to be part of a great organization of women founded on the principle that woman can succeed and be competitive in a world once dominated by men. These early women fought for us to have a place in present day society and we must not let them down. The Redlands Branch will continue to advocate for women in the areas such as: education funds for women in higher education, research, sports, medical care, job opportunities and equal pay.

Our Redlands Branch members have the opportunity to celebrate our 65th birthday all year by volunteering for hours in our: Local Scholarship Committee, Orangewood HS, EOF, LAF, Math Science Conference, Tek-Trek, Adopt-A-Family, Public Policy and Adult Literacy.

I will attend the National Conference in Washington DC in June 2011 and will carry our Redlands Branch good name and rich history with me. I look forward to sharing our news with other members and plan to bring information back regarding what is new, what is interesting, and most of all where are we going in the future. Happy 65th Birthday Redlands Branch AAUW.

Susan Willis