

Branches and Twigs

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research



Kay Dobbertin

The President's Corner

I would like to congratulate Kathy Toister on a fantastic year. A few highlights of her accomplishments are: updating our Board with the two new Vice-President positions of Communications and Hospitality, inviting Lilly Ledbetter to speak at our March branch meeting and chairing the fun and profitable LUNAfest. It has been a pleasure to work with Kathy.

June 9-12 I participated in the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. I attended workshops and panel discussions on: fundraising, membership recruitment, retention and diversity, technology, and college/university partners. I also received training in Start Smart. Start Smart is a program where AAUW members provide college women who are approaching the job market with the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs continue to expand in AAUW. Tech Savvy, a one day program that teaches girls and their parents about STEM careers, has been a local project of the Buffalo, NY branch. This successful program is being piloted nationally to 10 new sites. California's own Tech Trek camps for eighth-grade girls will open next month at five sites around the nation. 2013 is the 125th anniversary of AAUW Fellowships and Grants. Last year \$4.3 million dollars was awarded to 278 recipients. June 10th was the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's signing of the Equal Pay Act. The law, which says that it should be illegal to pay men and women differently for the same work, has narrowed the pay gap but not eradicated it. AAUW is supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act which will close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act. And finally, I would like to repeat what I said on June 1 at my installation. *"Our members are an amazing group of women...smart, interesting, engaging, fun, thoughtful, generous, caring and much more. We support one another, we support this branch and we support causes that improve women's lives. I salute you and I am honored to be your president."*

From Your President Elect - Bessie Reece

Hi, let me introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. Joining AAUW when I retired from San Bernardino City Schools was always on my "bucket list." Since joining I have been active in the Pass Area Interest Group, serving as Chairman for our Math/Science Conferences and serving as branch coordinator for Tech Trek. I have also served on the branch scholarship committee. I look forward to meeting all of you, and working with Kay to make this a great year for our branch!

Mark your calendar: September Branch Meeting Information

When

September 7, 2013
Social time: 9:00 AM
Branch: 9:30 AM
Program: 10:30 AM

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the September 7th meeting is Monday, September 2nd. Please call or email **Pat Kruger**.

If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

**Don't forget to
invite prospective
members!**

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the September newsletter will be **August 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email aauwbranchesandtwigs@gmail.com or by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.



Calendar of Events

Summer			
July 3	1:00 PM	Bridge --also Aug. 7th	Evelyn O'Prey
July 8	7:00 PM	Bridge * - also Aug. 12	Nancy Earney
July 10	1:00 PM	Bridge* - also Aug. 14th	Nancy Earney
July 15	1:00 PM	Bridge - also Aug. 19	Sally Vaughn
July 22	7:00 PM	Bridge* - also Aug. 26	Cindy Perkins
July 25	1:00 and 7:00 PM	Reading and the Rainbow <i>Rules of Civility by Amor Towles</i> Host: Louise Schumann	Pat Kruger Kathy Toister
Aug. 1	7:30 PM	Ushering at the Redland Bowl The program is "The Sound of Music" AAUW members will meet at the west side (Grant St.) of the stage at 7:30 Call or email Nancy Perry	Nancy Perry
Aug. 12	6:30 PM	1st Board Meeting 2013-2014 First Congregational Church 2 West Olive St. Social time is 6:30---meeting is at 7:00 Please contact President, Kay Dobbertin, with any agenda items	Kay Dobbertin
TBA		California Cuisine	Kim Roman
Sept. 7	Social 9:00 AM	Branch Meeting Welcome Brunch <i>reservations</i> Brunch 9:30 am - Program 10:30 Casa Loma Room, University of Redlands	Pat Kruger
* These groups are community groups that are open to AAUW members			

Books on CD groups

Two of the three AAUW Books on CD groups will be starting a new round-robin in the fall. They usually run 14 to 18 months, so now is the time to join. The groups meet, each person presents a list of four or five books she might like to buy, the group discusses the potential CD book selections and agrees on the titles. After that, each person in the group purchases one of the books, the passing schedule is made up, and each person has 6 weeks to listen to each book before passing it always to the same person on the schedule. At the end of the cycle, we meet to discuss the books we heard. Cost runs about \$30 to \$50 per book, which the owner gets back at the end. For questions or to sign up, phone or email Nelda Stuck.

Branch Officers:

President: Kay Dobbertin **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson
Recording Secretary: Amber Costa **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab
Communications: Leslie Priest **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

National Convention – from Jane Roberts

Attending the AAUW national convention in New Orleans with our President Kay Dobbertin was a thrill. In several workshops I learned a lot about what support from AAUW's LAF does for plaintiffs in discrimination cases. It adds clout and prestige. Kathy Bull, a Title IX plaintiff who won her case with AAUW support, will be heading our program in March, 2014. I was one of the presenters at the Empowering Women and Girls Globally workshop, gave away 84 of my books and shared insights about my rather pessimistic view of where people and the planet are headed.

A highlight for me was talking for 5 minutes with retired Maine Senator Olympia Snowe who received the AAUW Achievement award. She was so cordial when I gave her my book and she had great words for the U.N. Population Fund. Other workshops and plenaries included Public Policy, and the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt. I took a Katrina bus tour and got a real picture of what happened. And if you want to know where to go for breakfast and where to get the famous beignets, just ask!



*Olympia Snowe
and
Jane Roberts*



*Kay Dobbertin
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I Am, Therefore I Think

"Dollars as Votes" was the topic of discussion at a recent meeting. Toni Momberger asked members if they know who owns the businesses they support. Whether they are national companies or local businesses, do the owners support the same causes you support? Where is your money going? She encouraged members to help the community by patronizing local businesses. Please read her article below:

Why your dollars are votes

Just as you use your money to support your values, the businesses with whom you trade your money for goods and services use that money to support their values.

Corporations have a lot of political power. If you are going to give money to a corporation, you may want to look at the issues that mean the most to you (is it gun control? gay rights? abortion? food labeling? a political party?) and check the Internet to see which side of the issue that business supports with customers' money.

For instance, there has been some ado recently over boycotts on the gay rights issue: Chik-Fil-A was targeted by those in support of gay rights; JCPenney and Starbucks were targeted by those against them.

Locally owned businesses contribute to both national and local political issues. Shopping at a small business has many advantages. For one thing, a big chain's headquarters will be out of state, and after wages and property and sales tax are paid, the money leaves the area. It is taxed once. Uniforms, business cards, inventory and even maintenance services are almost always non-locally bought. A locally owned business is more likely to hire a local print shop for marketing, get inventory locally, hire local service professionals, and because they live here, shop at local grocery stores, pay household expenses and utilities and send kids to local dance lessons and orthodontists. It creates a cycle of keeping the money in town, and that money gets taxed in the community over and over and over. Furthermore, local businesses are more likely to give philanthropically locally. You see posters of student athletes, choir members, cheerleaders businesses sponsor. They found scholarships to the town's university, support local poor, donate goods and services to school fundraisers and volunteer man hours in the community. In short, shop local a lot, and when you shop corporate, know where the money will go when it leaves your hands.

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International Affairs

The International Affairs Luncheon will be held next year, (2013-14), at the Ayres Hotel again. We will begin in October. We skip December and resume in January - June. It will be held the 2nd Tuesday of those months. We hope there will be great participation from the AAUW members.

Cathi Jordan

Round Robin Bridge

Kimberly Crest runs a 10 month long round robin bridge tournament and many AAUW members were involved the past two years. Sign-ups will begin for the 2013-2014 series in mid-August and many of you have expressed an interested in being a part of that program. If you would like to join please contact Louise Schumann and leave a message with a contact phone number or address. Information will be sent to you.

Louise Schumann

Mark your calendar now: Membership Branch Meeting

September 7, 2013 is the day to remember because it is our first meeting of the new season. Please remember to invite new members (relatives, friends, neighbors) to come. Let us share the amazing experiences of AAUW with them. Please contact Gail Anderson!

Gail M Anderson
Vice-President, Membership

Redlands Bowl Ushers Needed

The Redlands Branch of AAUW, as part of our community involvement, will be ushering at the Redlands Bowl on Thursday, August 1st for a performance of "The Sound of Music". We are in need of 20 ushers who will past the "red bowls" at intermission to collect a free will offering which supports the Bowl programs. This is a wonderful way to get involved with a minimum amount of effort!

Volunteers need to meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Bowl patio on Grant Street to receive the red bowls and ushering instructions. Please join us around 6:15 p.m. with a picnic supper and share fellowship with other members.

If you can assist with this event please call or email Nancy Perry or Kay Dobbertin. Spouses, teens and friends are welcome to attend and assist.