

# *Branches and Twigs*

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## **Reaping the Harvest of Your Membership**

It's time to come together again for our festive fall brunch. Please mark September 8th on your calendars and plan to attend.

Please invite friends who may be interested in joining the Redlands Branch. This is the time when we "showcase" all our interest groups, community projects and various activities that will be the focus of our branch for the coming year.

This is always a special meeting as we reconnect after the summer and meet new AAUW friends. It is the time when you can sign up for the interest groups and projects that are special to you. If you are a recent new member or a guest, this is the time when you can see the full extent of what the Redlands Branch of AAUW has to offer.

Please call or email Susan Kean with names and addresses of prospective members so that invitations can be sent to them. (A member invitation form is enclosed on page five for your convenience) They will be guests of the Redlands Branch, however a reservation is required. Remember to make your own reservation as well!

We are looking forward to seeing you and your guest(s) on the 8th at the University of Redlands Casa Loma Room. The convenient parking lot is accessed off Brockton Street.

*Susan Kean, Membership Vice President*

## **News from the Pass Area**

The Pass Area Interest Group is busy working on the Ninth Annual Math-Science Conference to be held at Mt. San Jacinto College, Friday, January 11, 2008 for the girls from the Banning and Beaumont Schools. Pam Clute will be our keynote speaker this year.

The six girls we sent to Tech Trek at University of California, San Diego have just returned home and we plan on meeting with the girls and their mothers later in the year. We will keep you posted on when this meeting will occur and perhaps some of you will be interested in attending. The Pass Area Interest Group provided three scholarships for the girls and three of the alternates we selected opted to pay their own way.

If you are interested in assisting us with either of these projects please contact Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding or Charlene Fink.

*Bessie Reece, Tech Trek Coordinator*



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## **September Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

September 8th, 2007  
Social time: 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.  
Program: 10:30 a.m.

### **Where**

University of Redlands  
Casa Loma Room

### **Menu**

Cheesy Scramble, Denver Scramble, bacon, home fried potatoes, assorted pastries, plain rolls, seasonal fresh fruit, juices, coffee and tea.

### **Cost**

\$12.00

Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linen, use of room, audiovisual equipment, setup, speakers and guest meals.

### **Reservations**

Deadline is Monday, September 3rd at 9 p.m. Call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

**Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.**

## **Branch Officers**

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

### **President**

Sue Angell

### **Program Vice President**

Sue Greenfeld

### **Membership Vice President**

Susan Kean

### **Recording Secretary**

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### **Corresponding Secretary**

Ann Farah

### **Treasurer**

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### **President-elect**

Dorothy Nordquist

### **Branch Website**

[www.aauw-redlands-ca.org](http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## **AAUW Mission Statement**

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. In principal and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

## **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.

## **EF to Raise Funds for International Fellowship**

The Educational Foundation had its first meeting on August 13th to formulate plans for the November 8th fundraiser, a Footlighter's play and reception. The committee welcomes its new chair, Karen Skoog. Any member interested in joining this committee is welcome, and should contact Karen.

The play will be a farce, "Perfect Wedding" by Robin Hawdon. The farce is about a man who wakes up in the bridal suite on the morning of his wedding and finds an attractive woman in bed beside him. Alas, it isn't his bride-to-be. In the throes of a stag party hangover, he can't recall meeting her. As the bride arrives to dress for the wedding, he is persuading his reluctant best man to claim her. The situation is ripe for disaster and the chaos escalates by the time the mother of the bride and the best man's actual girlfriend appear on the scene.

The EF hopes that you will mark your calendars for November 8th at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at intermission and there will be an opportunity drawing for gift baskets donated by some of our interest groups. This is always a fun evening. All proceeds will be used for the Redlands' International Fellowship. This fellowship will be used for foreign women to pursue doctorate or post doctorate study in the United States.

*Evelyn O'Prey*

## **Local Scholarship Committee Thanks**

The committee for the Local Scholarship Yard Sale would like to thank all of the members that help sort, price and work the yard sale in June. We had so many people, members and friends, donate items that there is no way that we can thank each and every one. So to everyone that participated, "THANK YOU". We have approximately \$3,200 for the next year's scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded in September and October. A special thank you must go to Nancy Yowell: she works all year long collecting items and storing them in her garage and closets. The week prior to the sale she provides her home for preparing and then her yard and driveway for the day of the sale. After the sale she sees that all the leftover items are distributed to a worthy group. She deserves a "BIG HUG".

Again, THANK YOU, everyone!

*Ann Harding*

## **Interested in International Issues?**

AAUW has many ways for women to learn more about what is going on in the world and to get involved, both on the local and national level.

Locally, our branch has two interest groups which focus on becoming more informed citizens of the world: International Relations and Great Decisions. See page four for details. The Educational Foundation's International Fellowship is a way for all members to contribute to the success of women outside the U.S.

Nationally, AAUW has many programs and resources with an international focus. One is the "Women in the World" International Affairs Committee Reading List. This list of suggested books is an introduction to the stories and experiences of women around the globe. Another resource is One Shared World, a partner which connects American women to the many public and private efforts that help people in developing countries overcome poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. For links to these items and a complete list of international resources from AAUW, go to [www.aauw.org/international\\_corner](http://www.aauw.org/international_corner).

## Interest Groups

### Audio Book Lending Library

Need a good book on tape? Visit the table at each general meeting. Your support and \$5 donation benefit the local scholarships given each year to deserving women returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

### Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette Group currently has one CD and two tape-cassette round robins going involving 30 members and spouses. We rotate chosen books on a specific schedule every six weeks. At the conclusion, members meet to discuss the books and to choose their new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives the book back at the end of the cycle. The member then keeps the book, or loans it to the AAUW book-on-tape rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for possible tax write-off). The cassette groups conclude March 2008 and August 2008, so those AAUW members who want to be part of the next go-around should let Nelda Stuck know so they can be incorporated in all the planning. The CD group concludes May 2008 under the chairmanship of Sally Trost, so contact her if you are only in the modern/future world with your car or home player systems and only want to listen to CDs. We thank Kay Dobbertin for taking care of the finances from our kitty fund and ordering any replacement tapes!

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost.*

### Bridge

The Redlands Branch of AAUW has many types of groups in place for those interested in playing bridge. Call the coordinator if you are interested in playing or in being placed on the substitute list.

Daytime:	1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator is Evelyn O'Prey
	3rd Monday, 1 p.m.	Coordinator is Sally Vaughn,
Evening Couples:	1st Saturday A, 7 p.m.	Coordinator position is open
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Deborah Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden,
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

Our group will meet the first Sunday of October at 6:00 p.m. Please bring all food items fully prepared and ready to serve, along with copies of your recipe. Contact Kim Roman by phone or email for the location of the October meeting, reservations and a food assignment. Bon Appétit!

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Important Education Acts Passed this Summer

This summer, AAUW was pleased by the passage of acts and amendments affecting higher education that will benefit women. Here is a brief summary:

**July 11, 2007:** The House of Representatives passed the College Cost Reduction Act, a bill that will increase scholarships and reduce loan and tuition costs for undergraduate students. According to AAUW, the bill is the largest investment in higher education since the GI bill, and comes at no new cost to tax payers. It will cut interest rates on subsidized federal loans in half over the next five years, contain college costs, and make student loan payments more manageable for borrowers.

**July 25, 2007:** The Senate passed (95-0) the Higher Education Amendments of 2007, a bill which maintains many important programs for college students, and provides some new opportunities to invest in helping all students receive the benefits of a higher education. Three aspects which will aid women are the provision of campus-based childcare centers, allowing students to qualify for Pell grants based on a year-round enrollment schedule, and the Patsy T. Mink Graduate Fellowship Program.

For more details on these pieces of legislation and particulars on how they will affect women, visit the AAUW web site at [www.aauw.org/newsroom](http://www.aauw.org/newsroom).

## Yearbook Additions

Please see the print version of the newsletter for this information.

## Interest Groups, Continued

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions is the local chapter of the Foreign Policy Association and is a fascinating discussion group of AAUW. Every year the Foreign Policy Association publishes a study book of eight articles and also videos containing interviews. These are available at the end of January. Our discussion sessions meet every week starting the first week in February.

Look for our sign-up table at the September 8th meeting. One of the things which makes these sessions so interesting are the members who have traveled or lived abroad and have interesting things to tell us. We need to know which afternoon or evening you would prefer, Wednesday or Thursday. We have afternoon or evening groups. The study book and your share of the video costs \$15.00, payable upon receipt of the book.

At press time, August 5th, the office in New York wasn't yet able to tell me what the topics are going to be, so stay tuned. I hope to have them in December.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

On September 26th Nelda Stuck will lead the discussion on Editorial Comments. Bring your articles! "I Am" meets at Trinity Episcopal Church. Bring your lunch at noon and/or join us for good talk from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### International Relations

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 16th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Note that this is a change from our normal 2nd Tuesday meeting date. Our Guest Speaker, Shim Kahmg will present information about South Korea. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by October 11th.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Reading and the Rainbow

On Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. we will venture out of Redlands and meet at the home of Margi Galligan in Beaumont. This is a great opportunity for members who live in the pass area and have thought about joining our book club to come and give us a try. The book to be discussed is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult, available used at Amazon or at any local bookstore or library. Please call Margi for directions to her home.

*My Sister's Keeper* examines the personal, moral and emotional implications of technological promise as it impacts a family. The younger sister, Anna, is not sick but might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions and shots so that her older sister, Kate can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood. The product of preimplantation genetic diagnostics, Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate – a life and a role she has never questioned...until now. Picoult explores a complex subject with bravado and clarity.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

## Interest Groups, Continued

### Play Reading

The Play Reading group will have its first meeting in October. Please see the October newsletter for details.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is an ensemble of recorder players who get together every Monday for practice from 9:00 to 12:00 at my home in Redlands. We practice until 12:00 and then lunch together, usually outdoors on the patio. We play all sizes of recorders and we frequently give programs in all kinds of venues, such as rest homes, retirement homes, club meetings, church groups, concert series, art shows and others.

We really need more players and would be happy to welcome you to join our group. If you would like to have lessons or be in a group please call me.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group

The Pass Area Interest Group will be meeting this year only to plan and present the Annual Math-Science Conference at Mt. San Jacinto College to be held on Friday, January 11, 2008. If you have any questions or would like to help, call Mary Belle Clark or Bessie Reece.

### Visit the Branch Website

Whether you want to see pictures of our branch activities, get information on interest groups, point a friend towards our organization, submit your membership renewal without cutting up your newsletter, or find an article in a past newsletter, the branch Website is the place to go. Visit it at [www.aauw-redlands-ca.org](http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org) for all this and more.

If you have something that you would like to submit to our branch Website, please send it via email to [webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 5th. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail.

Please note: if you send your information by email and do not receive an email back from me within a day, please call me. I may not have received your email.

### Reach Out to Prospective Members

Do you have a friend who you think might be interested in joining the Redlands Branch of AAUW?

Here are a few ways to get them involved:

1. Invite them to the next branch meeting and bring them as your guest.
2. Fill out this form and hand it to a member of the Membership Committee at the next branch meeting.
3. Give their name, address and telephone number to Susan Kean by phone, mail or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for helping to build the Redlands Branch of AAUW.

## **The President's Corner**

As I am writing these greetings to you, summer is still with us.

As you are reading this, September is just a few short weeks away. I trust you had a great summer and are ready to start the AAUW year with great gusto!

Susan Kean, Membership Vice President, and her committee are busy planning September 8th brunch by sending out invitations to prospective members. If everyone invited just one person to this event and they joined, imagine how our membership would grow.

I thank everyone who has agreed to take a position on the board and/or agreed to chair an interest group. What a fun time we will have. Perhaps you have an idea for a new interest group or project. Now is the time to share it with me.

As the song goes -- "See You in September".

*Sue Angell*

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