

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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## **Annual Welcome Brunch**

The Membership Committee invites you to, "Take the Opportunity to Expand Your Horizons", by joining us as we celebrate our 61st annual membership brunch.

In addition to a tasty brunch you will have a chance to meet this year's representatives from each of our standing committees and interest groups. You will also hear updates about our many community projects and various activities. We are a busy branch, but we value the importance of renewing old friendships as well as cultivating new ones. Therefore, we encourage you to invite prospective members as our guests to the brunch.

Reservations are required, so please contact Antoinette Brenion by September 9, 2008.

Please provide names and addresses of prospective members to either Dorothy Richardson or Marie Mitchell before September 6, 2008, so that we can send them an invitation.

We are looking forward to seeing you at **University Hall**, at the University of Redlands on Saturday September 13th, at 9:00 a.m.

*Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice-President*

*Marie Mitchell, Assistant*

## **Local Scholarship and CD Library News**

The Yard Sale was a huge success! Again, thank you for your help, you were all great!

The Local Scholarship Committee will be continuing to rent "Books on CDs" for \$5.00 a month in order to make more money for scholarships. We now have over \$3,000.00 for the 2008-2009 recipients. Every dollar helps! Anyone that has CDs that they are no longer using, we would appreciate being able to include them in our library for rental.

Remember, next June another sale will be held at Nancy Yowell's. As you clean out, please save the donations for the 2009 sale.

*Ann Harding*

## **Member News**

Our condolences are extended to Rosalie Talbert upon the June 1st passing of her husband Dr. George B. Talbert. For 37 years he was a professor in the Department of Anatomy at the State University of New York Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn. He was also the brother of Dr. Myron Talbert of Redlands.



# AAUW

## **September Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

September 13th, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

### **Where**

University of Redlands  
University Hall

**\*NOTE: this is not our usual location.**

### **Menu**

Cheesy Scrambled Eggs including plain rolls, bacon, chilled juice, home fried potatoes, sliced seasonal fruit, assorted breakfast pastries, coffee, and tea.

### **Cost**

\$13.00

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

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the September 13th meeting is Tuesday, September 9th. Please call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include AAUW in the Subject line of your email.

If you want a permanent reservation, let her know.

**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

Dorothy Nordquist

### Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

### Membership Vice President

Dorothy Richardson

### Recording Secretary

Patty Ahearn

### Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

### Treasurer

Kathy Toister

### President-elect

Kathy Presnell-Best

### 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.

## Pass Area Interest Group

**Tech Trek Girls:** On July 9, 2008 we met with three excited girls and their mothers prior to the girls leaving for Tech Trek. Two girls from Nicolet Middle School in Banning and one girl from Mt. View Middle School in Beaumont attended Tech Trek at the University of California, San Diego. We are very proud of these young ladies and delighted that we were able to offer them scholarships. We hope to continue sending three girls each year. Next year we will be offering one scholarship provided by the family and friends of Esther Sohn, a long time member of our group who passed away this past year.

**Pass Area Math Science Conference:** We are presently working on our conference which will be held in January for the girls from the Banning and Beaumont School Districts.

Remember, you don't have to live in the Pass Area to work on either of these projects. We appreciate assistance with either of these projects. For more information contact: Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, or Ann Harding.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Educational Foundation is hosting our annual theater fundraiser at Footlighters on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The play this year is "Helen's Most Favorite Day" by Mark Dunn and directed by Buffy Guzenski. It is a romantic fantasy about love in three tenses where science and logic take a back seat to the dictates of the human heart. At a trip to the fairgrounds, Helen is swept off her feet by a carnie named Jed, who gives her one of the nicest days of her life. Helen wishes for a chance to repeat this special day - and magically her wish is granted! Now Helen is doomed to repeat the same day over and over, unless her friends and family can save her - and the universe! Tickets will be on sale for \$17.00 (note no increase in price ☺) at the EF table at the September Brunch.

We are again asking AAUW members to protect the environment by donating your used cellular phones and ink jet cartridges (Please remember the "palm" rule: if the ink cartridge is larger than the palm of your hand, we can't recycle it). There will be a collection box at each branch meeting. Also, when you are ready to upgrade your technology, you can also donate used DVD movies/video games, portable DVD players, laptop/notebook computers, MP3 players, video game consoles, digital cameras, digital picture frames, and portable navigation and GPS devices. Your used items may be tax deductible (we can provide you with a receipt) and will be recycled by Ecophones, in accordance with EPA regulations, or refurbished and sold. 100% of the proceeds will help fund our EF contributions to fellowships for women scholars and projects that change the lives of women, especially women from developing countries who come to the United States to do graduate work. This is a WIN-WIN any way you look at it!

As always, we are looking for branch members who would like to be involved in EF committee activities. We usually meet just before the regular board meeting on the second Monday of the month at the Congregational Church. Either stop by the EF table at the brunch, or call/email Karen if you are interesting in joining us!

*Karen Skoog*

*Chair, Educational Foundation*

## 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 and CD Groups

The Book Cassette group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off). Our next cassette group concludes in late September, so now is the time to find out details for joining us, because we plan ahead.

*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 is Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann
Round Robin:	As arranged by the Players.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet on Sunday October 5th at 6:00 p.m. at a location that is "to be announced." We are a group dedicated to excellent cooking and great conversation. Current members should watch for email updates. Please contact Kim Roman by phone or email for further information.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

## Free Rice and Fun

Jane Dill introduced the Monday bridge group to [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com).

The members were very interested in this opportunity to send rice (for free) to the hungry around the world through the United Nations World Food Program.

FreeRice is a sister site of the world poverty site, Poverty.com. According to its web site, FreeRice has two goals: 1) to provide English vocabulary to everyone for free, and 2) to help end world hunger by providing rice to hungry people for free. This is made possible by the generosity of the sponsors who advertise on this site.

You can play the Vocabulary game and get more information from their web site. As Jane says, "this "game" has everyone who tries it turn into an addict."

## Branch Meeting Reservation Reminder

Permanent reservations do not carry over from year to year. When you make your September reservation, you need to tell me if it is permanent.

*Antoinette Brenion*

## AAUW Blogs

Would you like to know what AAUW members in other parts of the country are thinking about? Visit AAUW's Blog at [blog-aauw.org](http://blog-aauw.org) and find out! I enjoyed the August 5th posting "Not Your Typical Stereotype."

What is a Blog? According to Wikipedia, "A blog (a contraction of the term "Web log") is a Web site, usually maintained by an individual with regular entries of commentary, descriptions of events, or other material such as graphics or video. Many blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject; others function as more personal online diaries. The ability for readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs."

## B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the October newsletter will be **September 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors via email or mail.

If you send your information by email and do not receive an email back within a day, please call one of us. We may not have received your note.

## Interest Groups, Continued

### Great Decisions

The new topics for Great Decisions are out: 1. Afghanistan, 2. U. S. and Egypt, 3. Cuba and Castro, 4. The Arctic, 5. Global Food Supply, 6. Global Financial Crisis, 7. U. S. China Trade Policy, 8. Separate Regions (e.g. Kosovo, Kashmir, Tibet). Be sure to sign up at the September Brunch so that you can receive your study book when they come out the end of January. We are looking forward to the fun of discussing what each one has to say. They will be at my home.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

The first "I Am..." meeting will be September 24th at Trinity Episcopal Church with members arriving between noon and 12:30 p.m. The subject is "Time to Share" by members bringing articles, poems, or whatever interests them. Directing the process will be Nelda Stuck.

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on October 14th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Janet Landride will speak about Cuba. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on October 7th. Sign up early. The next meeting will be on November 11th, when Carla Berlington will speak about Burma.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Play Reading

The Play Reading group will gather to read a play on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at my home. Everyone is welcome.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is an ensemble of recorder players who get together every Monday for practice from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and then have 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 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 the group please sign up at the brunch or call me.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### Reading and the Rainbow

After a brief break in August, we will resume our regular schedule beginning on Thursday, September 25th. We'll start off with a double treat: reading and discussing the richly satisfying *Eat, Pray, Love*, and then feasting on the creations of Margi Galligan who is hosting the program. Margi is well known to us for her outstanding desserts and we can look forward to a special evening.

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## Interest Groups, Continued

### Reading and the Rainbow, Continued

*Eat, Pray, Love* is our non-fiction selection. Written by Elizabeth Gilbert, the book is described by the LA Times as “a meditation on love in its many forms - love of food, language, humanity, God, and most meaningful for Gilbert, love of self”.

“In her early thirties, Elizabeth Gilbert had everything a modern American woman was supposed to want - husband, country home, successful career - but instead of feeling happy and fulfilled, she felt consumed by panic and confusion. This wise and rapturous book is the story of how she left behind all these outward marks of success, and of what she found in their place. Following a divorce and a crushing depression, Gilbert set out to examine three different aspects of her nature, set against the backdrop of three different cultures: pleasure in Italy, devotion in India, and on the Indonesian island of Bali, a balance between worldly enjoyment and divine transcendence”.

We will send information to members later regarding directions and possible car pools or you can call Margi. She needs to give the gatekeepers the names of attendees so be sure to let her know if you plan to attend. Call or email Pat or Kathy if you have questions and skip dessert for a few days before going to Margi's!

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

### The membership committee asks the following:

Do you have someone 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 Dorothy Richardson or Marie Mitchell

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

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

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

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

Take the opportunity to expand AAUW's horizon.

### Yearbook Additions:

This information can be found in the paper version of the newsletter.

### Branch Website Submissions

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)

## **The President's Corner**

When I first joined the Redlands Branch of AAUW, I remember being impressed---of course, with the members---but also, by the many activities and interest groups available. The theme chosen by the membership committee for this year's September Welcome Brunch is appropriately "Take the opportunity to expand your horizons". This should be an opportune time for members---returning and prospective---to discover that our AAUW has "something for everyone".

Although we did not meet in general session in July and August, AAUW was still very visible in the community. As you may have read in the newspaper, we were one of five organizations to receive a \$500.00 donation from the Redlands Community Foundation in support of the Math-Science Conference. In addition, Zonta Club of Redlands contributed \$500.00, also to be used for the conference. We are very grateful to these organizations for their generosity.

I must publicly thank the officers and committee members who have already given so much time to plan for the new year. I am looking forward to "expanding my horizons" with you!

*Dorothy Nordquist*

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