

Branches and Twigs

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Membership Brunch

Our membership brunch is one of the most important meetings which we have as it sets the direction of the many interest groups and gives each member the opportunity to be a part of our membership drive. We believe we have an important mission in our town and each one can bring this about. Each of us knows someone for whom AAUW can be the start of a worthwhile part of her life. Invite her to this meeting so she can have a vision of what this branch is all about. There is a form on page five that you may use to provide her information to the membership committee.

This year will be exciting. We are looking forward to seeing you and meeting your friends who will be a part of our AAUW family.

Mary Jane Auerbacher
Membership chair

Pass Area Group Send Three to Tech Trek

On July 12, three very excited young ladies from the Pass Area were off to UC San Diego for a week of Tech Trek. The girls spent a week being exposed to classes in math, science and related fields. They also went on field trips and had evening programs. They were able to experience living in a dorm on a college campus and interacting with other girls their age. Instructors were credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in the various fields.

On July 9, the Pass Area group met at the home of Ann Harding with the girls and their parents. We continue to be impressed with the girls we chose each year to attend Tech Trek. Eleven girls submitted applications and essays this year, and we interviewed eight girls. Unfortunately we were able to send only three girls, one from each of the middle schools in the Pass Area. They were all 7th grade girls going into 8th grade this fall. Sy Sohn, husband of the late Esther Sohn, was on hand to award a scholarship in memory of Esther. He made his choice of recipients based on the essays the girls wrote.

We will be working hard this year to increase the number of AAUW members (or perspective members) living in the Pass Area. We hope to continue our Math/Science Conference and Tech Trek. For further information about our Pass Area projects, please call Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, or Ann Harding.

Bessie Reece and Ann Harding



AAUW

September Branch Meeting Information

When

September 12th, 2009
Social time: 9:00 a.m.
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Country Breakfast Buffet:
includes scrambled eggs,
home fried potatoes, sausage,
biscuits and gravy, fresh
seasonal fruit and assorted
juices, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$14.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for
the September 12th meeting is
Tuesday, September 8th.
Please call or email Kay
Dobbertin. Please include
AAUW in the Subject line of
your email.
If you want a permanent
reservation, please let her
know.

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

Branch Officers

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

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Branch Website

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.

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. If you have any books on tape or CD that you no longer listen to, please donate them to the Audio CD library so that they can be shared by others members. We also have some CDs that men would enjoy listening to. 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 groups are seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. The first of our three groups started 13 years ago and has just begun its 10th cycle of circulation. Two others groups have been going about as long, so you can see we have avid AAUW members making good use of their time while driving, baking, housework, or just plain leisure time, listening to recorded books. Our groups meet to discuss the books they "read" over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). Our CD Group chaired by Sally Trost completes their cycle the end of November, so phone her now to be included in their planning. In our round-robin schedule we allow 6 weeks for each book (a real advantage over the library 2-week check-out). Phone Nelda for detailed information.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost (CD Group)

Bridge

Interested in belonging to a bridge group? Or subbing? Here the "scoop"! Call the coordinator if you are interested. Scheduling for this next year is underway - it's not too late to be included!

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. If interested you must contact Louise Schumann, no later than Sept. 25th so that the rotation schedule can be set-up.

NEW GROUP: A new group is forming and it will be meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. This is mostly to accommodate working woman. Couples and friends are also invited. This group is perfect for those who already play bridge but who want to work on their skills. The first meeting will be August 24th at the home of Nancy Earney. Call Louise Schumann for more information.

Interest Groups, Continued

California Cuisine and Conversation

Our first meeting will be on Sunday October 4 at 6:00 pm. We will be gathering at the Halloway's home. Please contact me via email for a food assignment or call. California Cuisine is a group of couples and single members dedicated to delicious food and scintillating conversation.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions starts this coming February 3rd and continues every Wednesday evening at 7:00 until March 24th. Arrange your travel schedule so you won't miss out on any of these fascinating discussions. They are:

1. The roles of special envoys
2. Kenya
3. Organized crime
4. China and the U.S.
5. Global financial crisis
6. Eastern Europe and Russia
7. Persian Gulf
8. Peace building and Conflict resolution

Stop by the Great Decisions table at the September 12th Brunch and sign up. The cost is still \$15.00. Looking forward to seeing you.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

For perhaps a dozen to 15 years, AAUW has sponsored a noon brown-bag discussion group, and all members are welcome – to come each time or just to drop in as the topic for discussion entices you. We are probably the least formal of any of the Redlands Branch AAUW special interest groups. We always meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Fourth and Fern streets, in the classroom off the back parking lot. Meetings are always the fourth Wednesday of the month except November when it's the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving (no meeting in December). Some members come at noon with brown bag or salad purchased from a local eatery, and at 12:30 our fun chatting stops and we turn our attention to the day's facilitator to lead us in a presentation and discussion.

On September 23 – Nelda Stuck will lead the discussion on "Editorials That Provoked Me" (everyone brings editorial cartoons, letters to editors, public opinion pieces, or newsmagazine points of view that delighted or irritated them).

Chair: Nelda

International Affairs

What a wonderful way to learn all the pertinent facts about another country. We will begin each meeting by enjoying a delicious lunch reflecting each country's own indigenous cuisine. Our guest speakers are well informed about their particular country and are happy to share their knowledge with us in a relaxed atmosphere.

Reservations are a must. Please call in no later than the Thursday before each meeting. You may call Dorothy Richardson or Barbara Pike. Please note, the first meeting is October 6th, 2009, on Vietnam.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Mark your calendar NOW!!

The Educational Foundation Theater Benefit is scheduled for Thursday, November 12th. Some surprises are in store! More information and tickets will be available at the Membership Brunch on September 12th...
Karen Skoog

Calling all used Inkjet Cartridges!!

The collection box will be available at all General Meetings. Remember: we can only recycle cartridges that will fit in the palm of your hand! Your help with this fundraising project benefits the Educational Foundation. Contact Karen Skoog for more information!

Save the Date for YMCA Home Tour

Please mark your calendars for **December 6, 2009**, when our Redlands Branch will host one of the homes on the YMCA Home Tour. We need volunteers to serve a morning or afternoon shift. Please sign up at the September branch meeting to work at this festive event for a worthy cause.
AAUW Home Tour Co-chairs: Amber Costa and Sandy Flowers

Educational Foundation Committee Update

The committee met on July 29th to begin planning this year's projects. We will meet again on Wednesday, August 26th @ 7 p.m. at Karen Skoog's home. If you are interested in being a part of this venture, contact Karen for more information.

Invite Guests to the Membership Brunch

What a wonderful time we have to keep our minds alive. We can share the celebration with friends who likewise enjoy a meaningful interchange of ideas. Now is the best possible time to let Mary Jane Auerbacher know who will be coming as guests to the membership brunch in September. Just think what there is in AAUW to enjoy together -- books, other cultures we have seen, ideas gained over a lifetime of experience.

Mary Jane Auerbacher

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the October newsletter will be **September 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors Olga Cupp and Jennifer Hill via email. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Jennifer Hill.

Interest Groups, Continued

Play Reading

The Play Reading Group will begin its next season in October 2009. If you are interested to join please contact Marcia.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

Now is an excellent time to become a member of the Recorder Group. You will be ready to play with us in the fall when we begin our concerts. We need all sizes of recorders. It's a great deal of fun.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

The Reading Group will meet on Thursday, September 24th. At 7:00 PM at the home of our best cook, Margi Galligan. We will be discussing *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. We have read other books by this author and some of our members got to hear her in person last year.

People of the Book is described as "an intricate, ambitious novel that traces the journey of a rare illuminated Hebrew manuscript from *convivencia* Spain to the ruins of Sarajevo, from the Silver Age of Venice to the sunburned rock faces of northern Australia. Inspired by the true story of a mysterious codex known as the Sarajevo Haggadah, *People of the Book* is a sweeping adventure through five centuries of history. From its creation in Muslim-ruled, medieval Spain, the illuminated manuscript makes a series of perilous journeys: through Inquisition-era Venice, fin-de-siècle Vienna, and the Nazi sacking of Sarajevo. In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed manuscript, which has been rescued once again from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war. Priceless and beautiful, the book is one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with figurative paintings. When Hanna, a caustic loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in its ancient binding—an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair—she becomes determined to unlock the book's mysteries."

Margi lives in Yucapia. We will send directions closer to the date or you can call Margi. She needs to know who will be attending so she can leave your name with the guards at the gate.

We always look forward to going to Margi's!

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Member News

Our condolences are extended to long time member Anne Derfer and her family on the July 22 passing of her husband, Dr. George Derfer. He was also the brother-in-law of member Anna Hollenberg.

Kathy Presnell-Best

Women's Health Fair Sunday, September 13, 2009

Where: Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Professions
Nichol Hall, Room A911. Easy Access Parking Available.

Topics: Back Health, Posture, Balance, Physical Activity...and much more!!

Presenters: Second-year Physical Therapy Students. Further information will be presented at the membership brunch on September 12th.

Please feel free to bring friends!

Money Wi\$e Women Conference "A Safe Place to Learn About Money"

On Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. AAUW Sacramento and other organizations are sponsoring a conference for women about financial management. The conference will be held at Sacramento State in the University Union.

The three keynotes are "Five Steps to Create a Healthy Financial Life" given by Marcia Brixey, author of *The Money Therapist: A Woman's Guide to Creating a Healthy Financial Life*; "Earn at Your Potential: Embracing the Seven Challenges" given by Mikelann Valterra, Director, Women's Earning Institute & Author of *Why Women Earn Less: Howto Make What You're Really Worth*, and "Unleash Your Energy and Motivation for Financial Success" given by Sandra Smith, author of *Get What You Really Want Without the Guilt*. Attendees also have the choice of attending three breakout sessions: "Building a Financially Healthy Business," "Protecting Your Family: Wills & Estate Planning," "Women & Investing," "Building Your Financial Future," "Revisit Your Career," "Financial & Emotional Freedom," "Goal Setting for Prosperity," "Being Frugal is Fabulous," "Second Bloom: 10 Steps to Reinvent, Rejuvenate & Realize a New Life," "Credit Myth Busters," and "Organizing Your Financial Records."

Registration information is online at www.moneywisewomen.net. The registration fee is \$59.00, which includes all conference sessions, lunch and a copy of the book *The Money Therapist*. Scholarships are available to people who cannot pay the registration fee. You can also save by registering yourself and a friend for \$98.00 (\$10 off).

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

Please give her name, address and telephone number to Mary Jane Aerbacher by phone or mail.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

AAUW Sets the Record Straight

AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, issued the following statement:

AAUW has been victimized by an act of blatant fraud. We have been informed, and confirmed with our Virginia affiliate, that an agent of Bonner & Associates – through its work with the Hawthorn Group and the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity – forged one or more letters from AAUW to members of Congress. Other well-known organizations were similarly targeted. The goal was to further the coal industry's lobbying efforts against the Clean Energy and Security Act, also known as the "cap and trade" legislation.

Energy policy is not a topic on which AAUW advocates. We are best known for playing a leading role in some of the nation's greatest public policy success stories in the areas of pay equity, family-friendly workplaces and education.

This incident constitutes outright deceit and demonstrates a breathtaking lack of ethics. AAUW greatly resents having been portrayed in false lights, and sympathizes with the other organizations that have been victims of this outrageous act. We also fully support Rep. Edward J. Markey's investigation into this matter. When members of Congress receive a letter from AAUW and its members, they should feel confident that they are being contacted by real people committed to the principles of our great democracy and the mission of AAUW. Cynical and premeditated lies have no place in public policy debates.

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The President's Corner

Even with no general meetings in the summer AAUW has been active. Just a few of the accomplishments are the planning for meeting dates, food, and programs, the Educational Foundation fundraiser, a Health Fair, and the Membership Brunch. Sheron Bealer represented us at Zonta receiving their Math/Science donation. Reading and the Rainbow met in July to discuss this year's "beach book". Diane Hurd sent the yearbook to press. Susan Willis audited the books. The new officers got the signatures changed at the banks. By the time you read this we will have ushered at the Redlands Bowl. Not a bad start!

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who so unselfishly gave of their time and energy so that the Redlands Branch of AAUW could get off to such a great start. I am looking forward to smooth sailing. See you all at the September Membership Brunch and our Loma Linda Women's Health Fair. Don't forget to bring your friends to both.

Kathy Presnell-Best