

Branches and Twigs

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Membership Brunch

We need your help! Our membership brunch is one of the most important meetings we have during the year. Please invite your friends, relatives, and acquaintances to be part of our AAUW family. We believe that our Redlands Branch carries an important mission and each one of us can contribute to this in many ways. Invite others to join our wonderful organization, it will not only enlighten their life but enrich us all. The New Members Brunch will be on Saturday, September 11th at University Hall (the building adjacent to the Casa Loma Room) at the University of Redlands. Please call or email Theresa Lantz with the names of the guests you would like to invite.

Theresa Lantz, Membership Vice President

2011 Redlands Math-Science Conference

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer! Now that we're all rested, it's time to get back in our routines and begin planning for the events of this new year. Whether you're on the Programs Committee or a member of the Board, the Scholarship Committee or any of our other wonderful service opportunities, now is the time we get back together to make plans with our AAUW group to further our mission -- to serve the community and beyond as we reach women and girls where they are, and help them "get where they're going"! As you ponder the coming months and where you might want to work this year, I'd love it if you'd consider the Math Science Conference Committee as your group of choice. We have a great group of women who get together monthly as we begin to plan for the 2011 Math Science Conference, in a wide variety of tasks with a sole result -- to hold one of the most popular and sought-after opportunities in the area for 8th grade girls to gather on the University of Redlands campus for an exciting and informative day of workshops and speakers presented by professional women from many different fields. If this peaks your interest, please join us on August 31 at 6:30 p.m. for our first meeting of this great committee. You are, of course, under no obligation at all; simply come see what we're all about. Light refreshments will be provided. Call or email our Math Science Conference chair, Lorie DeMarco for more specific meeting information. We'd love to see you there!

Lorie DeMarco, Conference Chair



September Branch Meeting Information

When

September 11th, 2010
Social time: 9:00 a.m.
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
University Hall (building adjacent to 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 11th meeting is Tuesday, September 7th. Please call or email Kay Dobbertin. 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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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.

Member News

Our deepest condolences go out to Beverly Cox on the passing of her mother on July 15th just a few weeks shy of her 104th birthday.

Why So Few?

(AAUW Research, 2010)

In an era when women are increasingly prominent in medicine, law and business, why are there so few women scientists and engineers? A new research report by AAUW shows compelling evidence that can help to explain this puzzle. "Why So Few?" presents eight key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers – including stereotypes, gender bias and the climate of science and engineering departments in colleges and universities – that continue to block women's participation and progress in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The number of women in science and engineering is growing, yet men continue to outnumber women, especially at the upper levels of these professions. In elementary, middle, and high school, girls and boys take math and science courses in roughly equal numbers, and about as many girls as boys leave high school prepared to pursue science and engineering majors in college. Yet fewer women than men pursue these majors. Among first-year college students, women are much less likely than men to say that they intend to major in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM). By graduation, men outnumber women in nearly every science and engineering field, and in some, such as physics, engineering, and computer science, the difference is dramatic, with women earning only 20 percent of bachelor's degrees. Women's representation in science and engineering declines further at the graduate level and yet again in the transition to the workplace.

Academic research on this topic is prolific, with three themes emerging from the literature. First, the notion that men are mathematically superior and innately better suited to STEM fields than women are remains a common belief, with a large number of articles addressing cognitive gender differences as an explanation for the small numbers of women in STEM. A second theme revolves around girls' lack of interest in STEM. A third theme involves the STEM workplace, with issues ranging from work-life balance to bias.

The report focuses on practical ways that families, schools, and communities can create an environment of encouragement that can disrupt negative stereotypes about women's capacity in these demanding fields. Women's educational progress should be celebrated, yet more work is needed to ensure that women and girls have full access to educational and employment opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Please read the complete research on AAUW.org

Interest Groups

Audio Book Lending Library

Please remember to rent a CD for \$5.00 a month at the branch meeting. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund. We are getting new CDs in each month.

Local Scholarship Co-Chair: Ann Harding

Book Cassette and CD Groups

With so many ways to listen to a great variety of books and thus double your "reading" time, take advantage of AAUW's audio book groups. The Book Cassette groups have been going for more than 10 years. Just think of the number of books we've been able to "read." Now is an especially good time to join because one of the groups begins in late September, with the next one beginning again in several months. Since a couple weeks of planning are necessary for each person to choose a book, phone the chairman now for immediate information. We are seeking new members. Our groups meet to discuss the books we want to read over the year so that all members get a say. 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). You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person each month on a regular schedule. For details, phone Nelda.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; 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

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. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet Sunday, October 10. Please stop by during the Membership Brunch or watch your email for additional information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Childhelp Village

The branch members who toured Childhelp Village were so impressed with this wonderful facility that we want to help support its mission of helping seriously abused children.

They have a part-time music therapist and need instruments for the children to play. Do you have a guitar or other instrument not being used? If so, or if you'd like to contribute money instead, let me know.

Ellen Schollenberger

Membership

Please invite others to join our wonderful branch. Call or email Theresa Lantz with the names of your friends, relatives, and acquaintances.

AAUW Highlights Great Women in Science

This October, AAUW will join more than 500 professional and educational organizations on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at the country's first national science festival.

The USA Science & Engineering Festival will be held October 10–24, 2010. Opening on 10/10/10 with a gala concert of science songs performed by over 200 children and adults at the University of Maryland, the festival promises to be the ultimate multicultural, multigenerational and multidisciplinary celebration of science in the United States. It features science open houses, student lunches with Nobel laureates, more than 50 scientists visiting local schools, and a variety of other science- and engineering-related events. More than 100,000 people are expected to participate in this national celebration of science and engineering. *AAUW.org*

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. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Jennifer Hill.

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Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Sure enough, Great Decisions will return to us next February and we will have two thriving groups. Sign up at our September meeting so I will know how many study books to order from New York. It doesn't come to press until the end of January. That's why we start in early February. Who knows what the world will be like by then? Come and tell us what you think.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

For nearly 20 years we've met on the fourth Wednesday of each month for noon brown bag discussion. We bring a sandwich at noon; the facilitator begins at 12:30, and we concluded by 1:45 or 2 p.m. We meet at Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Room, off the back parking lot, corner of Fourth and Fern streets.

On Sept. 22nd Nelda Stuck will facilitate a "Review of Our Summer Collection of Personal Editorial Opinions (Pro and Con)" including columns and columnists, cartoons, magazine features, etc.

Info: Nelda Stuck; Marie Mitchell; Helen Webb

International Affairs

What a fascinating world we live in, with each country having its own unique geography, history, and culture for us to explore. Every meeting we are served a delicious lunch reflecting the tastes of our featured country.

This year we are off to one of the most exciting schedules ever! We start with India, followed by Republic of Georgia, Thailand, France, Democratic Republic of Congo, Norway, and Lebanon.

Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. we meet for social time at the University of Redlands' University Club in the President's Dining Room. At approximately 12 p.m. lunch will be served, followed by our guest speaker, Dr. Mittal, who will tell us about India.

Reservations are a must with the a.m. of October 7th close out time. The charge is \$14 which includes lunch, tax, and tip. Please call Barbara Pike for your reservations.

October 12, 2010 I will be in Vukovar, Croatia, and while I know I will enjoy Vukovar, I must confess I hate to miss the meeting on India. So join the journey, make your reservation.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

Please call Marcia for the date, time and place of the next meeting.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

Come and spend the summer playing music with us every Monday morning from 9:00 till 12:00 then have lunch with us. What a lovely and profitable way to enjoy life together. We meet at my house.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Interest Groups, Continued

Reading and the Rainbow

We have had our August break and the books for the year are selected so we are ready to begin in earnest with our regular monthly meetings. In September, we will meet on September 23rd in two sessions, at 1:00 and at 7:00. The afternoon meeting will be a Margi Galligan's. This is in the gated community of Solero and Margi needs all names of attendees for the gatekeepers. We will send more information about this closer to the meeting date. The evening session will be at the home of Anne Derfer. Margi will be her own co-host and we all love her cooking! Co-host at Anne's will be Sandy Flowers. Kathy Toister will be facilitating.

Now for the book! We will be reading and discussing *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. The author, born in Australia in 1976, has enjoyed considerable success at home, in the UK and in the US. Her novel "takes the reader on an unforgettable journey through generations and across continents as two women try to uncover their family's secret past." The story begins with an abandoned 4 year old girl on a ship to Australia in 1913 and eventually takes her and her granddaughter to England to try to discover the mysteries of her life.

Here is the reading list for the remainder of the year:

Oct	Sarah's Key	Tatiana de Rosnay
Nov	One Thousand White Women	Jim Fergus
Jan	The Woman Behind the New Deal	Kristin Downey
Feb	A Room With A View (book and movie)	E.M Forester
March	The Music Lesson	Katherine Weber
April	Sacred Hearts	Sarah Dunant

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

San Gorgonio Pass Area Group

Our three girls recently returned from Tech Trek at the University of California, San Diego. From the looks of the Tech Trek website, not only did the girls have a good time, but they had a great academic experience. One of the girls wrote that her anatomy class dissected a fetal pig. She thought she would hate doing so, but she states that she found it fascinating (except for the smell). We are continually impressed by the caliber of girls that we send each year and find it difficult to believe they are only seventh graders.

We have a great committee working on our math/science conference. We are expected to have 300 girls again this year. This will be year eleven for this project. Working with us are several new AAUW members from the Pass Area. The conference is tentatively set for Friday, January 7, 2010 at Mt. San Jacinto College. We hope that members living outside the Pass Area will also assist us with our conference. Providing this service to girls is always a rewarding experience.

Information: Bessie Reece

Save the date

The 2011 AAUW National Convention will be held June 16–19 at the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Hotel. Join us at the 2011 convention to celebrate AAUW's 130 years as a nationwide community that is breaking through barriers for women and girls!

AAUW Awards

\$3.2 Million in Fellowships and Grants for 2010–11 Academic Year
Since 1888, AAUW Has Provided More Than \$80 Million to 11,000 Fellows, Grantees.

WASHINGTON – AAUW will award \$3.2 million in 2010–11 in support of 215 scholars, research projects, and programs promoting education and equity for women and girls. Building on its rich tradition of opening the doors of higher education and opportunity to women, AAUW has provided more than \$80 million to 11,000 fellows and grantees from around the globe since awarding its first fellowship in 1888. "In these tough economic times, when many nonprofits are cutting back on giving, we are proud that we can continue our generous support of exceptional women and worthwhile projects that benefit communities locally and abroad," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. AAUW.org

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The President's Corner

Hitch your wagon to a star! That is what my mother always said to me when she wanted to encourage me to strive for the best. As corny as I thought that sounded, I never forgot it! She knew the value of a good education, because she didn't have one.

With the September Membership brunch fast approaching this is the opportune time to share how our organization encourages and mentors girls and women to strive for their best, to 'hitch their wagon to a star'. A great way to show your support is to invite a friend or acquaintance to the festive membership brunch. In fact, it is a great time for any of us to become reacquainted with our branch through its variety of Interest Groups.

I hope that you are having a great summer. I would like to thank Marilyn Sanden for coordinating a very successful evening of ushering at the Redlands Bowl. We had more than enough members turn out to volunteer for the musical evening. Also during the summer, we have received a generous contribution of \$600.00 from the Redlands Community Foundation for the support of our Math-Science conference. We can certainly appreciate their generosity and recognition of this important annual event.

I look forward to celebrating the beginning of another year with you at our September meeting.

Renaë Reiswig