

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
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## **Membership Brunch**

We are looking forward to a new and exciting membership year. Last year we welcomed 25 new members to our wonderful organization and we are hoping to do as well this year if not better. You can continue to do your part by inviting your friends to attend our general meetings or interest groups. Please invite prospective members to join us at our upcoming New Members Brunch meeting on Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands. Hope to see you there.

*Theresa Lantz, Membership Vice President*

## **Renew Your Membership Now**

Although most of our members have renewed for the 2011-2012 year, I am still waiting to hear from about 35 of you. You can complete your renewal by going online to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), you can mail your check for \$85.00 made out to AAUW "Redlands Branch" to our P.O. Box 7678, Redlands 92375, or you can bring it to me at the first brunch meeting in September. If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Asst. Treasurer: Pat Belk*

## **Adopt-A-Family**

Adopt-A-Family raffle (Quiche basket created by Margi Galligan) to be held at the September branch meeting. Tickets are \$10 for 3 tickets and \$5 for 1 ticket. Proceeds will help a needy family chosen by Redlands Family Services.

## **AAUW-FUNDS Recycling Fundraiser Continues**

The AAUW-Funds committees (EF and LAF) will continue to collect used ink jet cartridges and cell phones. We send them to a company that recycles them and they send us a check! Couldn't be easier! Just bring your used cartridges and phones to any General Meeting, or drop them off on Karen Skoog's doorstep... she will take care of the rest! Remember the "palm rule": if the ink cartridge is larger than the palm of your hand, it cannot be recycled. Also, we are only able to send in cell phones; no accessories or cords, please.



## **September Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

September 10th, 2011  
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 - scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, fresh seasonal fruit, and assorted juices, coffee, tea.

### **Cost**

\$15.00  
Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linens, use of room, audiovisual equipment, and setup.

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the September 10th meeting is Tuesday, September 6th. Please call 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.

**President**  
Susan Willis

**Program Vice President**  
Patty Ahearn

**Membership Vice President**  
Theresa Lantz

**Recording Secretary**  
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**Corresponding Secretary**  
Dorothy Richardson

**Treasurer**  
Joan Prost

**President-elect**  
Kathy Toister

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

### **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.

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## **Y Alliance Home Tour 2011 Volunteers Needed**

Thank you to those who have contacted me or listed your interest to volunteer in your membership renewal form to sign up to volunteer for this year's Home Tour. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 4, 2011 to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 12:45- 4:45 pm. It is a wonderful way to assist the Y Alliance with their big fundraiser, and a gift of time and energy that makes you feel good. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September and October meetings, or you can e-mail me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like.

*Ann Leonard and Dottie Bailey*

## **EF Theater Benefit**

### **Be a part of AAUW Redlands' Branch Project!**

The Educational Foundation Footlighters Benefit is on the calendar for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. This year's production is "Flemming (An American Thriller)" a spoof by Sam Bobrick. Bored by his privileged but mundane life, Henry Flemming sells his lucrative brokerage firm to become a detective. On his first case, to the horror of his wife, Karen, the Flemming living room begins to fill up with dead bodies. Karen is further annoyed when one of them turns out to be her father! Even though Henry keeps showing up at home every day more disheveled and beaten up, he is convinced he's found his life's work and Westport, Connecticut is safer for it!

Please join us for a Wine and Cheese Reception in the Footlighters Courtyard at 6:30 p.m. Then enjoy the performance at 8 p.m. During intermission, you will be treated to a sweet and coffee, as well as an Opportunity Drawing.

Tickets will be available for sale **ONLY** at the September, October, and November General Meetings or ordered through the mail for will-call pickup the evening of the benefit. Please see the order form in this issue! Tickets are \$20 each.

We ask you to do your part as a member of AAUW to support AAUW California Funds by doing at least one of the following:

- 1) Purchase 2 tickets to the benefit @ \$20 each  
(If 220 tickets are sold, we will sell out!)
- 2) Donate a bottle of wine for the reception  
(Bring to the September, October, or November meeting or drop off @ Sue Angell's home)
- 3) Make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the reception and the purchase of gift cards for the drawing (See order form in this issue)
- 4) Donate a gift card for the drawing

This is the Educational Foundation's major fall fundraiser and your support is immensely appreciated! Please contact EF Chairs Jessie Powell or Susan Shodahl for more information.

## Interest Groups

### Audio Book Listening Group

We have three Audio Book Listening Groups going with some 30 total participants. The next group to begin its round-robin starts in November. All who are interested in joining a group by meeting with us to help pick out the books we all want to hear (and then purchasing the one you suggest and are assigned - which you get back in 18 months), should contact Nelda Stuck for details.

*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,  
                          2nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.   Coordinator: Nancy Earney,  
                          3rd Monday, 1 p.m.       Coordinator: Sally Vaughn,  
Evening Couples: 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.   Coordinator: Louise Schumann,  
  
Evening:            2nd Monday 7 p.m.       Coordinator: Nancy Earney,  
                          4th Monday 7 p.m.       Coordinator: Cindy Perkins,  
  
Duplicate Pairs:   2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.   Coordinator: Louise Schumann,

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes.

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet on Sunday, October 2nd. Location to be announced. We are an interest group dedicated to good food and lively conversation. Cooking singles and couples welcome! Please watch for email updates.

*Chair: Kim Roman,*

### 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,*

## September Thought for the Day:

Will be given by Charlene Fink at the September meeting.

### AAUW Women in Society Delegation to South Africa

This fall, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) heads to the world's second-largest continent for the AAUW Women in Society Delegation to South Africa. For decades, AAUW has championed the rights of women around the world. This work continues through various ways as AAUW positions itself as a global leader advocating for women and girls.

*Read more on [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)*

### Upset about Wal-Mart v. Dukes? Tell Congress to Pass Paycheck Fairness Act!

We're sure you've heard about the disappointing Supreme Court ruling in the *Wal-Mart v. Dukes* class action sex-discrimination case. This narrow, 5-4 decision makes it harder for women and other workers to systemically challenge unequal treatment in the workplace. AAUW will continue to be on the cutting edge of future legislation or efforts to remedy the new, problematic standards created by the Supreme Court. But what can you do *right now* to prevent this sort of sex discrimination in the first place? You can work to strengthen our nation's fair pay laws by advocating for the Paycheck Fairness Act! *Find out more by visiting [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)*

## Local Scholarship

Again, thank you for a great yard sale. All those that worked and shopped made it a huge success. We will be selecting the recipients in October for the scholarships after the applications go out in September.

Remember to rent books on CD for \$5.00 a month. The proceeds go toward the scholarship fund.

*Ann Harding*

## AAUW Celebrates Decision in Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) applauds the decision handed down by a U.S. District Court in California in the AAUW-supported case *Mansourian v. Regents of the University of California*. The court found that the university violated Title IX by refusing to provide female students with an equal opportunity to participate in intercollegiate athletics while the plaintiffs were students.

*aauw.org*

## B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the October newsletter will be **September 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor via email:

*olgacupp@gmail.com*. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

We continue to welcome your feedback and suggestions for our electronic version.

If you would like to submit a photograph for the newsletter, please send an electronic copy via email.

## Interest Groups, Continued

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

This stimulating discussion group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:30-2 p.m. starting Oct. 26, when Nelda Stuck will review summer editorials. Bring a sack lunch, a friend and an eager mind to Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge, corner of 4th and Fern.

Other topics to be discussed this year will be "The Politics of Water Use", Julia Child, "Celebrity Culture and the American Dream" and our annual "Ethical Questions."

Everyone is welcome to attend this lively group.

*Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger, and Sharlene Lund,*

### International Affairs

At our branch meeting in September we will have a booth displaying the various countries we will be visiting this coming year. Please call Dorothy Richardson if you can assist in hostessing this booth.... **Reminder: with the exception of our October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, which falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, remember to save the second Tuesday of each month for International Affairs!**

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson, and Barbara Pike*

### Pass Area Interest Group

*Chairs: Mary Belle Clark, and Bessie Reece*

### Reading and the Rainbow

We begin our fall season with the very interesting book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a true story of a woman "scientists know as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells –taken without her knowledge in 1951 –became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance. This phenomenal NY Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew."

Both the afternoon and evening sessions will be held on Thursday, 9-22

Here is our reading list for the rest of the season:

**Oct. 27** East to the Dawn: The Amelia Earhart Story by Susan Butler

**Nov. 17** Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

**Jan. 26** Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

**Feb. 23** Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons

**March 22** Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

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## Interest Groups, Continued

**April 26**      These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901 Arizona by Nancy Turner  
**May 24**      Film to be selected, choose books for year

We have lots of unfilled jobs for the afternoon sessions so please check your calendar and volunteer to fill them so we are not forced to cancel.

Call or email Pat Kruger, or Kathy Toister, , if questions or to volunteer to host, co-host or facilitate.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger, and Kathy Toister,*

### Recorder Group

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher,*

#### EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THEATER BENEFIT

At Footlighters

### TICKET ORDER FORM

“Flemming (An American Thriller)”

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Wine and Cheese Reception 6:30 p.m.

Performance 8:00 p.m.

Coffee, Dessert and Opportunity Drawing at Intermission

\_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @ \$20 each

Your tickets will be waiting for you at the Will Call table the evening of the benefit.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend, but I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the fundraiser.

Please make check payable to: **AAUW EF.**

Please mail order form with payment  
no later than Monday, November 7, 2011 to:

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
EF Theater Benefit  
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## **The President's Corner**

September is membership month. At the National Convention in Washington DC, the top reasons given for joining AAUW included: a. A friend asked them, b. They like a group with similar interests, c. They support the AAUW mission, d. New members like to participate in philanthropy projects, e. Networking and professional development.

How do we market our assets? First, find out what issues are of interest to new members and then talk about AAUW accomplishments. Only 1% of prospective members are aware that AAUW is an advocate for women. Talk about how AAUW is the leading source of funding for women's education: providing fellowships, grants and scholarships for woman and girls. Talk about the issues facing women today and how AAUW addresses pay equity issues; problems of female access to higher education; harassment in the work place and bullying. Suggest they visit our web site [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

On a personal note, remember to call the person you recruited and offer them a ride. When at a meeting make new members feel welcome and introduce them to other members. Get them involved in our activities and part of the group. We are forming a Membership Committee to support our membership chair Theresa Lantz. Contact me or Theresa to join.

Thank you, Theresa for all the hard work you do. Here is to another successful membership brunch.

*Susan Willis*