

Branches and Twigs

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research



Kay Dobbertin

The President's Corner

Happy Labor Day to all of you. Speaking of "LABOR", thank you to the members who have spent many hours this summer organizing and planning interesting activities for the AAUW Redlands branch in the coming year.

- The membership renewals are being processed (Ivette Barnett) and the yearbook is being updated (Linda Adams, Janyth Dison).
- Our branch meeting arrangements for facilities and meal planning are completed (Karen Skoog).
- The program committee has coordinated a variety of interesting speakers including Dr. Ralph Kuncel, president of the University of Redlands (Cathryn Oltman).
- The membership committee has been planning our September membership brunch in order to showcase our 22 AAUW Redlands Programs, Community Actions Projects and Interest Group to our members and prospective members (Gail Anderson).
- The Educational Foundation committee has been planning their November 14th theatre fundraiser (Susan Willis, Margi Galligan).
- The Communications committee (V-P Leslie Priest) is hard at work on the newsletter (Olga Cupp), web site (Tammy Bennecke) and publicity (Jan Barnett).
- The Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship will be awarded in April and the applications are available on our AAUW Redlands website (Pat Belk, Renate Beltz).

Thank you to the committees and individuals who have completed their Branch tasks this summer.

- The Financial Review of 2012-2013 accounts has been finished (Jane Henry) and the Annual Financial Reports have been filed (Heather Abushanab).
- The 2013-2014 Strategic Plan has been completed (Kathy Toister) and adopted by the Board.
- AAUW Redlands volunteered as ushers for the Redlands Bowl productions of *The Sound of Music* (Nancy Perry).

Please join us at the September 7th membership brunch and invite a guest. Share with your guest AAUW's mission statement: *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. At AAUW and AAUW Redlands: We support one another, we support this branch and we support causes that improve women's lives.*"

Please don't forget to invite prospective members to our September branch meeting!

September Branch Meeting Information

When

September 7, 2013
Social time: 9:00 AM
Brunch: 9:30 AM
Program: 10:00 AM

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Burrito Bar:
Scrambled eggs; Mexican rice; pinto beans; bacon; warm flour tortillas; shredded cheddar and jack cheese, green onions, guacamole, salsa, sour cream; coffee/tea

Cost

Members: \$16
Complementary for Guests

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the September 7th meeting is Sunday, September 1st.

Please email or call **Pat Kruger** at

rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the October newsletter will be **September 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.



Calendar of Events

September

Mon, Sept. 2	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Wed, Sept. 4	1:00 PM	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey
Sat, Sept. 7	Social 9:00, Brunch 9:30, Program 10:00	Membership Brunch Casa Loma Room, U of R Coordinator: Gail Anderson	Reservations: Pat Kruger
Mon, Sept 9	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon, Sept. 9	7:00 PM	AAUW Board Meeting First Congregational Church	Kay Dobbertin
Mon, Sept 9	7:00 PM	*Bridge	Nancy Earney
Wed, Sept. 11	1:00 PM	*Bridge	Nancy Earney
Sat, Sept. 14	6:30 PM	*Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon, Sept. 16	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon, Sept. 16	1:00 PM	Bridge	Sally Vaughn
Sat, Sept. 21	7:00 PM	Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon, Sept. 23	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon, Sept. 23	7:00 PM	*Bridge	Cindy Perkins
Wed, Sept. 25	12:00 PM	I Am, Therefore I Think	Ellen Schollenberger, Sharlene Lund
Thurs, Sept 26	1:00 PM	Reading and the Rainbow <i>Light Between Oceans</i> Host: Pat Kruger	Pat Kruger
Thurs, Sept. 26	7:00 PM	Reading and the Rainbow <i>Light Between Oceans</i> Host: Kathryn Brown	Lynne Reasoner
Sat, Sept. 28	9:00 AM	STEM Kick-off Meeting	Margee Fuller
Mon, Sept. 30	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Tue-Thurs		Orangewood HS Library	Diane Bennett
		Audio Book Exchange	Nelda Stuck
	6:30 PM	Public Policy	Sherri Kinsey
Sat, Oct. 5 and Tues, Nov. 5		Upcoming Branch Meetings <i>reservations</i>	Pat Kruger
		* These groups are community groups that are open to AAUW members	

Branch Officers:

President: Kay Dobbertin **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson
Recording Secretary: Amber Costa **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab
Communications: Leslie Priest **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

Welcome New Member

THERESA K. FARRELL

Theresa received her BA in science from the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana. She is very active with her position at the University of Redlands where she is Director of Major Gifts. Theresa is actively learning about our community as well as the University. Her many interests and knowledge will be helpful with our branch in the very near future.

Congratulations Linda Rowland, Toni Momberger, and Betty Meltzer

Linda Rowland received the Gertrude Hagum Award for outstanding service when Redlands Meals on Wheels held its annual volunteers luncheon May 16. Linda is a Redlands Meals on Wheels' board member and chairman of all 100+ volunteers working five delivery routes.

Toni Momberger, City Editor at the Redlands Daily Facts, was chosen as *Journalist of the Year for 2012 for small daily papers* by Digital First Media. Toni is one of four are finalists for Digital First Media's Journalist of the Year that will be announced September 12 during the DFMie awards program in Denver.

Betty Meltzer's book, "Losing Ground: The Displacement of San Gorgonio Pass Cahuilla People in the 19th Century," is a recipient of the 2013 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. Betty is one of 88 recipients who have been invited to the AASLH annual meeting in Birmingham, Ala. on September 20 which is being co-sponsored by The History Channel.

Redlands Bowl

AAUW Ushered at the Redlands Bowl Thursday, August 1 for THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Thanks to Nancy Perry for chairing this Community Volunteer Event and to husband, Bud, who helped at the information table as well as passing the bowl at intermission. It was a beautiful evening and a GREAT program. Many thanks to Cathy Schilling, Amber Costa, Jeanne Hoskins, Rita Reading, Jo Bogan, Mary Jane Auerbacher, Susan Bentley, Susan Willis, Cheryl Jordan, Holly Olson, Judy Racine, Nancy Johnson-Lashier, Ann Harding, Pat Kruger, Kathy Presnell-Best, Maria Mitchell, Kathy Albrekton, Kay Dobbertin, Nancy and Bud Perry.



Stay Up-to-Date at <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org>

Have you had a chance to visit our branch website yet? It's full of photos, information about us, online newsletters, and a calendar of important dates. It's also a great way to share our Redlands AAUW branch with others. And, if you're an involved member, you can help keep the information current and fun by emailing page updates, interest group announcements, photos, and more to Tammy Bennecke at: webmanager@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Exciting News!

Our math/science conference will now be called the STEM conference in honor of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiative in education. There are STEM programs going on all across the nation. There are now even scholarships and grants available through STEM. We will present more information on STEM at a later date.

**The conference this year will be held March 6, 2014! Save the date! We need your help!*

9/28: Sat. Kickoff meeting- Margee Fuller's house 9 am

10/12: Sat.; **11/9:** Sat.; **12/7:** Sat.

1/4: Sat. Branch meeting- stuff accept/reject envelopes after meeting

1/18: Sat.

2/1: Sat. Branch meeting- stuff schedule envelopes after meeting STEM meets after envelope stuffing

2/27: Thurs. Conference volunteers walkthrough # 1- 3:00 pm Casa Loma Room

3/1: Sat: Conference volunteers walkthrough #2-8:30 am Casa Loma Room

3/5: Wed: Keynote Speaker set up Chapel- 3-6pm

We still need a:

1. Co-chair for our STEM conference
2. A financial chairperson for our STEM committee

Let me know if you are interested! Looking forward to a great conference-

Margee Fuller, chair

EF Foundation Theater Event

The EF Foundation Theater Benefit for advanced scholarships for women is scheduled for Nov. 14th. The play is "The Uninvited" a classic supernatural thriller and will be at the Redlands Footlighters 1810 Barton Road. Wine and cheese at 6:30 pm and a light dessert at intermission. Door prizes will be awarded which include a Spa Basket, handmade child's dress, apron and wine cozy, small dog jacket and coordinating quilt, handmade crocheted throw, tickets to local events, gift cards and more. Tickets are \$25 and include the play and Door Prize drawing. You do not have to be present to win a prize. Tickets and prizes will be displayed at the Membership Brunch Saturday Sept. 7th. The proceeds go to women for advanced scholarships.

Susan Willis and Margie Galligan, co-chairs

California Cuisine and Conversation

Prepare your favorite recipe or try a new one and join us for a casual get-together. The food is always great and the conversation interesting. All members, single or with significant others, are welcome. Meets 6 PM first Sunday. No meeting in September.

Here are the dates: October 6; November 3; December 1; December 31; January Dine Out; February 9 Change due to Super Bowl; March 2; April 6; May 4; June 1;

Kim Roman, chair

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow's September 26, 2013 book selection is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. The novel is set on a remote Australian island, where a childless couple live quietly running a lighthouse, until a boat carrying a dead man and a live baby washes ashore.

Join us at either the afternoon or the evening discussion.

---The 1:00 p.m. afternoon session at the home of Pat Kruger

---The 7:00 p.m. evening meeting at the home of Kathryn Brown

New members are welcome. Books selected for 2013-14 have content that will make for lively, interesting discussions. The upcoming selections are:

Oct. 24 *Still Alice*, by Lisa Genova; **Nov. 21** *When the Killing's Done*, by T.C. Boyle

Jan. 23 *Kristin Lavransdatter: the Wreath*, by Sigrid Undset; **Feb. 20** *Home*, by Toni Morrison

March 27 *The Samurai's Garden*, by Gail Tsukiyama; **April 24** *Mary Coin*, by Marisa Silver

Co -chairs: Pat Kruger and Lynne Reasoner

Y Alliance Home Tour 2013 Volunteers Needed

For the last ten years AAUW has assisted the Y Alliance with their annual home tour by hosting a home. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 8, 2013 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. The money raised goes to support the Y's Legal Aid program which provides legal services to low income clients, primarily women. The program employs a paralegal who helps with the filing of paperwork and helping set up court appearances and then she has a group of attorneys who volunteer their time to help. It's really a great program that was a YWCA initiative that they brought over when they merged with the YMCA. Your gift of time and energy makes you feel good and serves a wonderful cause. 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 to work.

Ann Leonard and Linda Browning

Great Decisions

The Membership Brunch September 7th will be our best opportunity to sign up for our fascinating discussions on American Foreign Policy, This series lasts eight weeks and will start the first week in February. The afternoon group meets on Monday afternoons at 1:00 and the evening group meets on Wednesday at 7:00. I will be able to tell you in about a month what the topics will be. The study books come off the press sometime in January. These topics are so newsworthy. You wonder how the authors could have known what was going to happen. This is a great way for us, citizens of our democracy, to be well informed. The study books cost \$15.00 each. There is no charge for the video.

Mary Jane Auerbacher

International Affairs

The International Affairs Luncheon is held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Ayres Hotel. We will begin in October and November, skip December, pick back up in January and go through June. The time for check-in is 11:30-12 noon. At the end of our lunch our speaker will begin. Our schedule for 2013-14 is as follows:

October – Canada; November – Iraq; January – Spain; February – Bali; March – India; April – Taiwan; May – Israel; June - Australia

*Please note that these countries are subject to change because of the speakers having to cancel.

Cathi Jordan and Barbara Jernigan

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Orangewood High School Library

Consider becoming a volunteer librarian at Orangewood High School, the Redlands AAUW Branch community service project. Members of AAUW established the library and have provided staffing and library materials for students at RUSD's continuation high school for over 15 years.

The library is located on the campus at 515 Texas Street, Redlands, and is currently staffed Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 – 1:30 during the school year. The work day is divided into two shifts, 8:30 – 11:00 and 11:00 – 1:30. A flexible schedule is created by the volunteer coordinator each month, realizing that many AAUW members travel or have other commitments arise.

The only skills required are a basic understanding of computers, some knowledge of young adult reading interests, and an enjoyment of working with students and promoting reading.

Co-chairs for the 2013-14 school year are Diane Bennett and Sue Angell.

Membership

We know what summertime means in the Redlands and Pass areas and that is numerous Bowls. The Bowls surround us in our communities BUT it is, also, the time to bring new guests to our own AAUW.

The coming months are an important time to invite our acquaintances and friends to the September meeting. Our new potential members will have an opportunity to meet and we may reach out to welcome them to our branch.

Gail Anderson