

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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## **Empowerment of Women**

Dr. Donna McNeese-Smith, UCLA associate professor and coordinator of their nurse administration graduate program, is a bit of a Wonder Woman. She's part Clara Barton, part Mother Theresa and part "Real Pushy Broad." As a professor and advocate for quality nursing care, she has travelled the world. In 2005 she won a Fulbright Scholarship to teach nursing leadership and management in India and has also been a visiting scholar in Australia and Japan. She started her nursing career in Seattle as a public health nurse in the early '60s and by 1966 was night supervisor of a psychiatric hospital in Kirkland, Washington. In 1970 she became a nursing instructor at Seattle Pacific University and moved up to assistant professor three years later. At the same time she was a staff nurse and supervisor at Group Health Hospital. In the late '70s and throughout the '80s she was director of nursing services, director of patient services and nursing administrator at hospitals in the Seattle area. In 1992 after earning her doctorate in education at Seattle University, she accepted a position at UCLA.

Through her career as nurse, teacher and researcher, Dr. McNeese-Smith has specialized in understanding human behavior, leadership and empowerment and also has become an expert on dealing with substance abuse. She has written many articles and won numerous awards but her greatest accomplishment may be the impact she has made on the 16 men and women who have received doctorates or are completing doctorates thanks to her skill as a mentor. On October 4th she will be speaking on the "Empowerment of Women."

*Janet Bell*

## **New Member Dinner**

To all new members who have joined AAUW starting with June 2008 to present, we the Board extend an invitation to you to join us in a fun filled evening. This will be a casual event with emphasis on expanding all our horizons as we get to know one another on a personal but casual level. The dinner will be hosted by our Board Members on **Tuesday October 20th, 2008, 6pm at the University United Methodist Church**, Fellowship Hall, located at 940 E. Colton Ave. Redlands. Please RSVP by October 3rd, 2008 by calling either Dorothy Richardson or Marie Mitchell.

*Dorothy Richardson*



# AAUW

## **October Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

October 4th, 2008

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 including plain rolls, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fresh seasonal fruit, juice, 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 October 4th meeting is Tuesday, September 30th. 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

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### Treasurer

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### President-elect

Kathy Presnell-Best

### Branch Website

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

## AAUW's Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

## AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

## AAUW's 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.

## An Open Letter to All Members

As Membership Vice President this year, I am more than ever concerned about our membership. So I am speaking frankly to each member. Our role doesn't end with the recruiting of new members. It is up to all to take the next step to make newcomers welcome.

How can we do this? This year when you see a person walking around wearing a yellow happy face mounted on a turquoise colored ribbon, indicating they are new to us, walk over and say a warm welcome. Why not ask them what their interests are and find a chairperson of that group and introduce one to the other.

Yes put the welcome mat out all over your face, and give that new person a hearty welcome and hand shake. Don't forget now when you see one of those happy faces coming towards you, give one back! You will be glad you did.

I promise you by doing something as simple as this you will expand not only your horizon but also that of AAUW.

*Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President*

## 2009 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Thank you, again, to the 60 plus AAUW members who participated in the 2008 conference and the dozens who helped with mailings and packets. The conference is truly a branch project.

Would you like to join the committee? **We have many openings on the committee for the 2009 conference and could use your help!** Our jobs come in all sizes: small, medium, and large. We have one to fit your schedule. Call or email Judi Jones for information.

If you would like to support the Math-Science Conference and contribute to the "ADOPT A GIRL" program, please see page 5 for details.

The date for our 2009 conference is Thursday, February 26, 2009.

*Judi Jones, Chair*

## Local Scholarship News

The Local Scholarship applications have been distributed to the various colleges and universities. The deadline for returning them to the committee is October 3rd. Also, please visit our table each month and rent an audio CD for \$5.00 a month. The committee would appreciate if you donate any CD's that you are finished with to the Local Scholarship library.

*Ann Harding*

## Member News

Our branch extends its deepest condolences to two of our members upon the loss of their children.

Eleanore Auerbacher Reznikoff, daughter of Mary Jane Auerbacher and sister of former member Alice Auerbacher and Julia Bergstrom, passed away August 9th. See *Redlands Daily Facts* 8-13-08 and *The New York Times* 8-17-08.

Gregory J. Meith, son of Kathy Presnell-Best and brother of former member Sande Meith and Elizabeth Hoover, passed away August 21st. See *Redlands Daily Facts* 8-26-08 and the *(Riverside) Press-Enterprise* 8-27-08.

*Beverly Cox*

## 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).

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost*

### Bridge

A new bridge season is underway! Check the list to see if there are any groups you'd like to join or to be added to the substitute list. The daytime groups do not require that you have a partner; the other groups require a team of two players. The daytime and evening couples groups are party style bridge (you change partners after every round). In the round robin and duplicate pairs groups the same partnership is maintained for the season or evening. Interested? Call the coordinator 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.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet on Sunday October 5th at 6:00 p.m. Our first dinner will be held at Rene Reiswig's charming home. Members should RSVP for reservations and to sign up for a food category. All recipes should be fully prepared and ready to serve. Current members should watch for email updates. Please contact Kim Roman by phone or email for further information.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

## Educational Foundation Activities this Fall

Please save the date! The Educational Foundation [EF] Committee is gearing up for our Scholarship Benefit Performance at the Footlighters Theatre on Thursday, November 13th at 8 p.m. The play this year is "Helen's Most Favorite Day" by Mark Dunn and directed by Buffy Guzinski. Tickets are on sale for \$17.00 and can be purchased from any EF committee member, interest group chairperson, or at the October and November branch meetings.

We are again asking AAUW members to protect the environment by donating your used cellular phones and ink jet cartridges. There will be a collection box at each branch meeting. 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. 100% of the proceeds will help fund our EF contributions to fellowships for women scholars. 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. Please call or email Karen if you are interesting in joining us!

*Karen Skoog  
Chair*

## Y-Home Tour

Mark your calendars for the first Sunday in December, December 7th 2008. This will be the date for us to provide hostesses which we do in shifts. At this time, I don't know which house we'll have or how many hostesses we'll need, but I will have that information at the October meeting. Please be ready to sign up at that time. Thank you,  
Marilyn Sanden

## 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)

## B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

"I Am..." will meet on October 29th at Trinity Episcopal Church with members arriving between noon and 12:30 p.m. The subject is "Chinese Healing Therapy," and our discussion will be lead by Linda Oster.

*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

*The Road* by Cormac McCarthy is our book selection for October. This critically-acclaimed novel is set in post-apocalyptic America in which a father and son walk alone. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything awaits them there.

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## Interest Groups, Continued

### Reading and the Rainbow, Continued

Awesome in the totality of its vision, *The Road* is an unflinching meditation of the worst and best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total destruction.

Though dark, as many of Mc Cathy's novels are, USA Today opines that "McCarthy brilliantly captures the knife edge that fugitives in a hostile world stand on.... Amid this Godot-like bleakness, McCarthy shares something vital and enduring about the boy's spirit, his father's love and the nature of bravery itself."

Our gathering will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Kruger. We will send directions shortly before the meeting or you can call Pat. Call or email Pat or Kathy if you have questions about the reading group.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

### 2009 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Would you like to "ADOPT A GIRL"...or two...or more to support this Redlands Branch project? If so, donations will be gratefully accepted at branch meetings or by mail. Make checks payable to AAUW Math-Science Conference.

Six hundred eighth grade girls from Redlands and Yucaipa THANK YOU .

Mail to: Judi Jones  
Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45 donation to "ADOPT THREE GIRLS"

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation to "ADOPT MANY GIRLS"

Contributors of \$100 or more will be thanked by name in the Math-Science Conference program.

### New Members:

Eunice Snaveley

Susan Leonard

Ira Roy

Margaret Deeley

### Yearbook Additions:

Please see the printed version for this information.

## **The President's Corner**

As a parent and former teacher, I have always welcomed the "return to routine" in September with the start of school and club meetings. As you read this, we have celebrated the success of our Annual Membership brunch---thank you to Dorothy Richardson, Marie Mitchell and their committee. We are looking forward to our first general meeting with the timely topic, "The Empowerment of Women". Committees and interest groups are in full swing, and I trust that you are taking advantage of the many opportunities to participate. At last count, there were almost 20 such groups listed in our yearbook!

On a broader scale, I am borrowing from the State AAUW co-presidents with their theme of **Communication, Collaboration and Connection**. Being connected is increasingly important to impart information to our members. Along that line, we are fortunate to have our monthly "Branches and Twigs" which I keep within reach. I invite you, also, to visit our own branch website as well as the Association website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). The members of our Redlands Branch of AAUW can be proud that we are on the cutting edge following the above three "Cs", as we expand our membership and remain visible in the community.

*Dorothy Nordquist*

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