

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
www.aauw-redlands-ca.org

October 2009

Issue 02, 11 Issues Annually

## **Two Years is a Good Start** *Community Colleges have a lot to offer*

Community Colleges have been in the news lately---especially in the last few months. The August 12th issue of "Newsweek Magazine" featured an article stating: "The economic tsunami that has shrunk endowments and family college funds has also triggered a new growing appreciation for community colleges and the critical role they play in America's higher education system. Community Colleges have always been the undiscovered gem, but now people are starting to take notice".

We will have the opportunity to meet the new Chancellor of San Bernardino Community College District, Dr. Noelia Vela, at our October meeting. She will speak to us on the future of community colleges in our area, San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College.

Dr. Vela was previously the president/superintendent of Cerritos College before accepting her new position in July/2008. Her goal is to continue the key role our local community colleges play in the growth and future of the Inland Empire.

Please join us for our first general meeting to hear this most dynamic speaker.

*Dorothy Nordquist*

## **Membership Reminder**

Thanks to all those of you who gave me names of prospective new members. Perhaps you know of friends in other organizations who would really enjoy meeting interesting new people like our own members. Think of the adventures we can share with new books read, with foreign places experienced. Keep making our branch a richer place for friends like yourself. I always love to hear from you.

*Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership Vice President*

### **Member News**

Our condolences are extended to our member Yoma Clewes and her family on the August 9th passing of her husband, Lt.Col USMC(Ret) John Clewes.

*Dorothy Nordquist*



# AAUW

## **October Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

October 3rd, 2009  
Social time: 9:00 a.m.  
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.  
Program: 10:30 a.m.

### **Where**

**\*NOTE: this is not our regular location**

University of Redlands  
**University Hall**  
(Located next to Casa Loma Room in the same building)

### **Menu**

Cheesy Scramble Breakfast: a combination of cheddar, Monterey Jack, and Swiss cheese scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, bacon, assorted pastries, seasonal fresh 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 October 3rd meeting is Tuesday, September 29th. 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.

### President

Kathy Presnell-Best

### Program Vice President

Ellen Schollenberger

### Membership Vice President

Mary Jane Auerbacher

### Recording Secretary

Patty Ahearn

### Corresponding Secretary

Marie Mitchell

### Treasurer

Kathy Toister

### President-elect

Renae Reiswig

### 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.

2

## EF Theater Benefit

### Be a Part of AAUW Redlands' "Family Gathering!"

The Educational Foundation Footlighters Theater Benefit is on the calendar for Thursday, November 12th. This year's production, "A Nice Family Gathering," is a light-hearted comedy.

From the LA Times: "A good heart is behind all this family silliness." It's a hilarious and touching story about a man who loved his wife so much he almost told her. It's Thanksgiving Day and the first family gathering since Dad died, but he returns as a ghost with a mission to tell his wife that he did love her. The trouble begins when Mom invites a date for dinner!

This year, we are trying something new! Please join us for a Wine and Cheese Reception in the Footlighters Courtyard from 6:30 p.m. Then enjoy the performance at 8 p.m. During intermission, you will be treated to Dessert and Coffee, as well as the Basket 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 on page 5 in this issue!** Tickets purchased at the door on the evening of the performance will be \$20 each.

To do your part as a member of our AAUW family, we ask that you do at least one of the following: **1)** Purchase 2 tickets to the benefit @ \$18 each (If 220 tickets are sold, we will sell out!); **2)** Donate a bottle of wine for the reception (Bring to the Oct or Nov meeting or drop off @ Karen Skoog's home); **3)** Make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the receptions (See order form on page 5 in this issue); **4)** Contribute to your interest group's opportunity basket.

This is the Educational Foundation's major fall fundraiser and we are getting close to fully funding our International Fellowship Endowment. Your support is immensely appreciated! Please contact EF Chair Karen Skoog for more information.

*Karen Skoog, Educational Foundation Chair*

## AAUW Funds News September 2009

### What's in a Name?

#### Part 1 of 2

Effective July 1, 2009 AAUW Funds is the new name for what we have known and loved for years as the Educational Foundation or (EF). Contributions to AAUW Funds are a 501(c)(3) and are therefore tax-deductible. AAUW's philanthropic purpose, goals, processes, and activities will remain exactly the same including all the fellowships and grant funds, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. ***The only thing that will change is the terminology we use to refer to the designations for our giving.***

The Educational Fund or "EF" is now known as AAUW Funds. Your EF or AAUW Funds Chair will be instructed on the new donation forms. Making donations is now simpler and allows you to designate your support to the programs you care about most. The fund numbers are listed on the donation form. When you choose a specific program name or fund number then your gift will go directly to that program.

Expect to start seeing the new name in the next issue of Branches & Twigs!

## 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. 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. 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.

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost (CD Group)*

### 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 A, 7 p.m.	Coordinator: Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 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

Round Robin Pairs: Time and date TBA by pairs. Coordinator is 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 Schumann. If there is enough interest, the group would start in October.

*Chair: Louise Schumann*

### California Cuisine and Conversation

Our first meeting will be on Sunday October 4th at 6:00 pm. We will be gathering at the Halloway's home in Yucaipa. Please contact me via email for a food assignment or call.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 1 at the home of Kathy Pressnell-Best. Her historic home is located in Redlands. Please bring your food fully prepared and ready to serve. Bring copies of your recipe or email it to the group.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

## Educational Foundation Committee Update

We will meet on  
Wednesday, September  
23rd @ 7 p.m. at Karen  
Skoog's home. If you are  
interested in being a part of  
the planning of our  
activities, especially the  
theater benefit, contact  
Karen for more information.

## Calling all used Inkjet Cartridges and used Cell Phones!!

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! Also, erase all  
of your personal info from  
your cell phone before  
donating it. Your help with  
this fundraising project  
benefits the Educational  
Foundation.  
Contact Karen Skoog for  
more information!

*Karen Skoog*

## 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. *Amber Costa and Sandy Flowers*

## National Convention News

At the National Convention in St. Louis in June, California was again the top contributor nationwide to both "EF" and "LAF". Congratulations to AAUW California! Let's work together to make 2009 another banner year. AAUW thanks you for your continued support of AAUW Funds. Mark your calendars: The Northern EF Fellow's Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th at Crow Canyon in Danville. Information and reservations will be available online at [www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org). *Rozanne Child*

## B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the November newsletter will be **October 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

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions start their eight week series of fascinating discussions in February. Arrange your travel schedule so that you are free in February and March. Topics will be: 1. the Role of Special Envoys, 2. Kenya, 3. Organized Crime, 4. China, 5. Global Financial Crisis. 6. Eastern Europe and Russia, 7. Persian Gulf, 8. Peace Building and Conflict Resolution.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

We always meet at Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Fourth and Fern streets, in the classroom off the back parking lot. 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.

**October 28** – Jane Dill will lead the discussion on "Understanding the American Future by Looking in the Past."

*Chair: Nelda Stuck*

### International Affairs

Our first meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, on Vietnam. Please call in no later than the Thursday before the meeting to make your reservation.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### Play Reading

Play Reading will be on October 19th (Monday) at 7p.m. at the home of Marcia Pifer, 610 Iris St., Redlands. The name of the play is not yet known but we know it will be a good one. Come and join us for the surprise.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is always out looking for new players. We especially need altos. If you have ever played a flute or a clarinet you would make a great recruit for our crazy little band of geeks.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### Reading and the Rainbow

The reading selection for our October 22nd meeting will be the non-fiction work, *Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages That Shaped Our Recent History* by Kati Marton. Lincoln scholar and historian Doris Kearnes Goodwin writes that "there have been many books on first families. This is without question one of the very best. Kati Marton is a wonderful writer with a gift for storytelling and a keen insight into the relationships between presidents and their wives. This is a book anyone interested in the American presidency will love to read."

Will our group love it? Come to the home of Ellen Schollenberger on Thursday evening at 7:00PM on October 22nd to participate in a lively discussion and find out. We will email directions to Ellen's before the meeting date or you can call her for directions. Park on the street.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

## AAUW's Position on Health Care: Health Care is a Basic Right

AAUW believes that everyone is entitled to health care that is high-quality, affordable, and easily accessible. This position stems from AAUW's 2009-2011 Public Policy Program, which advocates: "increased access to quality affordable health care."

There is no shortage of proposals regarding how health care reform should be achieved. For AAUW, the top priority is not the system itself which ultimately emerges, but rather the end result of reform that succeeds at providing access to quality and affordable health care for all Americans. While this is a priority in any circumstance, it is especially important during economic downturns, as health care security is intrinsically tied to economic security. This relationship is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and are therefore less able to afford insurance or care. AAUW acknowledges that there are immense challenges involved in achieving meaningful health care reform, but is equally aware that failure to do so is simply not an option.

For more on AAUW's position on this issue, including what it believes to be the key priorities that must be contained in the final legislation, visit [www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/healthcare.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/healthcare.cfm).

## LAF Case Updates

In the spring of 2008, the lawyers for the three Legal Advocacy Fund-supported Feather River Community College cases submitted closing and reply briefs from their November 2007 trial to the California State Personnel Board. The key issue in all three cases is retaliation for complaints of sex discrimination in violation of Title IX. After more than a year, the judge in the state board hearings submitted in July 2009 a decision in favor of all three plaintiffs. The California State Personnel Board rejected the ruling, however, and said it will decide the case itself after further written or oral arguments. For more on this case or to find more LAF news, visit [www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/).

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THEATER BENEFIT  
TICKET ORDER FORM  
"A Nice Family Gathering"  
Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

*Wine and Cheese Reception 6:30 p.m.*  
*Performance 8:00 p.m.*  
*Dessert and Coffee Intermission*

\_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @ \$18 each

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

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

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

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

Please mail to be received no later than November 9, 2009.

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

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

Please mail order form with payment to:

Redlands Branch, AAUW  
EF Theater Benefit  
P.O Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92373

**Redlands Branch, AAUW  
P.O. Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92375-0678**

**Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID**

**San Bernardino**

**Branches and Twigs  
Issue 02, October 2009**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **The President's Corner**

Wow! We certainly started our year off with a BANG! What a wonderful Membership Brunch. Kudos to Mary Jane Auerbacher and all the Interest Group Chairs for providing us the opportunity to check out all AAUW Redlands Branch has to offer. A big thanks also goes to Sharon Pavlovich for initiating the Health Fair.

All the various groups are in full swing by now and I hope each of you has found something special you can enjoy in our branch. It never ceases to amaze me at the number of interesting opportunities we have.

Don't forget to check out our website at <http://www.aauw-redlands-ca.org>. Our webmistress, Leslie Priest, works hard to keep us up and running. State and National websites are interesting as well. Their web addresses are on page two of your Yearbook. Diane Hurd deserves a round of applause for presenting such a wonderful book for us again. Be sure to check yours out. It has everything you need to know, but were afraid to ask.

See you all at our October Brunch to hear Dr. Noelia Vela, Chancellor of San Bernardino Community College District.

*Kathy Presnell-Best*