

Branches and Twigs

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Starburst Inspirations

Prepare to be inspired by Jan Fowler's informative, educational and motivating presentation on October 2nd. After a long career as a licensed speech pathologist with a private practice in geriatrics, she now reaches even more lives with her proactive approach to living.

Fowler founded Starburst Inspirations, a nonprofit organization which supports Redlands Drug Court (also known as Redlands Center for Change). Through Starburst, she hosts annual fundraising luncheon programs featuring inspirational speakers and musical entertainment at Redlands Country Club. All monetary proceeds, along with stylish used clothing, are donated to participants going through the local drug and alcohol rehabilitative treatment program. These participants are trying to reclaim their lives, and in some instances, regain custody of children who may have been taken from them and temporarily placed in foster care.

During her career, Fowler was humbled, and inspired in unexpected ways by her geriatric patients' courage during their rehabilitation after strokes and trauma. After retiring from this field, she began to address concerns of all citizens over 55. That endeavor led to becoming the television producer-host of "Jan Fowler Presents Senior Moments" TV Series, as well as an award-winning national columnist, and a frequent speaker at "Successful Aging Expos."

Fowler is known locally as a community theatre actress, emcee, and philanthropist. She received a Town & Gown "Phenomenal Women" award, and was twice the recipient of "Woman of Achievement" awards given by the National League of American Pen Women. Fowler's zest for life and positive change exemplifies the "power of one," regardless of age.

Amber Costa

Share the Wealth

Share the Wealth! That is our membership theme for the 2010/11 year. Our organization has a wealth of opportunities for all. Thanks to many of you who invited your friends to our Membership Brunch Meeting in September. If you missed out on that opportunity to invite prospective members to our organization, we have a New Member Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church located at 1 East Olive Avenue, Redlands. Please contact Theresa Lantz with the names of guests to invite.

Theresa Lantz, Membership Vice President



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October Branch Meeting Information

When

October 2nd, 2010
Social time: 9:00 a.m.
Brunch: 9:30 a.m.
Program: 10:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Cheesy Scramble: 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 2nd meeting is Tuesday, September 28th. 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

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Branch Website

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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.

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EF Theater Benefit

Be a part of AAUW Redlands' Branch Project!

The Educational Foundation Footlighters Theater Benefit is on the calendar for Thursday, November 11th. This year's production, "Born Yesterday," is a famous comedy that enjoyed one of the longest runs in Broadway history. A vulgar, egotistic junkman, Harry Brock, has come to a swanky hotel in Washington to make crooked deals with government big-wigs. He has brought with him the charming but dumb ex-chorus girl, Billie Dawn. Lacking in social graces, she agrees to be educated by an idealistic magazine reporter, Paul Verrall, who has been investigating political skullduggery and is interested in Brock's activities. As Billie begins to learn about history, politics, and what Harry really is, she rebels against being merely a tool in Brock's crooked schemes to defraud the public.

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 a sweet and coffee, as well as a gift card 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 purchased at the door on the evening of the performance will be \$20 each.

We are on track to complete our endowment **THIS YEAR!** To do your part as a member of our AAUW project to complete our International Fellowship Endowment, 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 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 we are extremely close to fully funding our International Fellowship Endowment. Your support is immensely appreciated! Please contact EF Chair Karen Skoog for more information.

AAUW Equity Issues in the News

AAUW LAF Program Manager Makes Headlines with New Book on Street Harassment

The Washington, D.C. book signing for AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Program Manager Holly Kearn, author of *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women*, attracted media attention. One writer for the D.C. Examiner said: "Being harassed while walking down the street is sadly a universal experience and something that women around the world encounter." AAUW was a sponsor of the D.C. book signing and talk.

AAUW *Why So Few?* Research Report Spurs Dialogue at Manhattan Community College

The AAUW report *Why So Few?* continues to inform discussion surrounding women's underrepresentation in these fields. An article titled "Are You Sure You're Not a Math Person?"—appearing on the Manhattan Community College website—quoted statistics from the AAUW report.

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 and 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 Schumann.

NEW: Beginning Bridge: We are going to start a bridge group for beginners.

If you would like to learn how to play bridge, give Janice Belden a call.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversations will be meeting at the home of Renae Reiswig. If the weather remains warm we will be dining in her carriage house! Our first meeting will be Sunday October 10 at 6:00 PM. We are a cooking interest group which enjoys excellent food and lively conversation. Singles and couples are welcome. Contact Kim Roman for additional information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Yearbook corrections

See the print edition for updated member email addresses.

Redlands Cinema Classic

The Redlands Cinema Classic fall program has been announced as follows:

Seraphine 9-14 at 7pm

9-16 at 2:30pm

Bride Flight 10-12 at 7pm

10-14 at 2:30

Vincere 10-26 at 7pm

10-28 at 2:30pm

Mao's Last Dance 11-9 at 7

11-11 at 2:30pm

All showings are at the Krikorian and tickets are \$12. If you would like a copy of the flyer, please call or email Pat Kruger.

Y Alliance Home Tour

Please save December 5th for your opportunity to be part of our annual community service by participating as a hostess in one of one of three charming older Craftsman houses.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Branch meeting, and more details to follow.

Co-chairs: Marilyn Sanden, Dorothy Richardson

Calling all used inkjet cartridges

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! Your help with this fundraising project benefits the Educational Foundation.

Contact Karen Skoog for more information!

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. 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 topics are here! Two discussion groups will be meeting when the study books come off the press at the end of January. The Wednesday evening group will be meeting February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd and March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. These will meet at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher. The Thursday afternoon group will meet in various member`s homes at 2:00 p.m. February 3rd, 10th, 17th,, and 24th and March 3rd., 10th, 17th, and 24th. The topics are:

1. Rebuilding Haiti, 2. U. S. National Security: 10 Years After 9/11., 3. Horn of Africa, 4. Responding to the Financial Crisis, Ascendant Germany, 6. Sanctions and Nonproliferation, 7. Crisis in the Caucasus, 8. Global Governance. I will be passing out books as soon as I get them to all those of you who have signed up.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our October meeting will be on October 27, 2010, the 4th Wednesday of the month. We meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, located on the corner of Fourth St. and Fern in a classroom that faces the church parking lot. Come early, 12:00 p.m. You can bring your "brown bag" lunch and chat before the meeting, which is from 12:30p.m. until 2:00p.m.

This month we are looking forward to a lively discussion led by Mary Jane Auerbacher on the marvels of nature.

Do join us for a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the company of others while discussing topics with those who might not always share our point of view.

Questions: Helen Webb

International Affairs

India

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

Interest Groups, Continued

Recorder Group

The Recorder Players are busy giving programs this fall. They will play the first program of the Spinnet in the garden of a Turkish Palace on September 21st and then right away another program October 2nd for the party of the Glass Museum on Saturday at 5:45. Again, on Sunday, the 17th of October we will be playing for Art for Heaven's Sake at 2:30. Come and hear us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

In October, we will meet again in two sessions, at 1 and 7, on Thursday, 10-28. Both meetings will be held at Ellen Schollenberger's. We will send directions with the meeting reminder. Co-host for the afternoon will be Louise Schumann, and Dori Breshears, in the evening. Helen Webb is the evening facilitator.

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay is the book we will discuss. This is a work of fiction concerning the round up of French Jews in 1942. In 2002, "on Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel d'Hiv', to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life. Tatiana de Rosnay offers us a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode."

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THEATER BENEFIT

TICKET ORDER FORM

"Born Yesterday"

Thursday, November 11th

Wine and Cheese Reception 6:30 p.m.

Performance 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and Opportunity Drawing @ 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 8, 2010.

_____ 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:

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The President's Corner

Our year is off to a great start! The September brunch was a hit, thanks to our membership chair Theresa Lantz et al and the interest group chairs. This was our opportunity to shine as a branch and that we did. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members who participated in this day.

The October branch meeting promises to be an interesting program. Attending this meeting also gives you the opportunity to review and vote in the new *bylaws*. An enormous thank-you goes out to Sheron Bealer and her committee who have worked *and reworked* these updated bylaws, policies and procedures and standing branch rules. What a job!

I would like to thank Karen Skoog for organizing the information for our new yearbook and to thank Sheron Bealer (again) for formatting the information to fit into it. We now have our yearbook information available to us electronically, giving us access to keeping it updated all year long.

Again, we have received a contribution (\$750.00 from the Zonta Club) for our Math-Science conferences. We can appreciate and thank them for their generous support of this annual event. Looking forward to seeing you at the October meeting!

Renae Reiswig