

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
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C.A.S.E.: Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation

Please join us on Saturday, October 1, 2011 to hear our San Bernardino County District Attorney, Michael A. Ramos. He will be speaking to us about human trafficking and informing us of "C.A.S.E.: Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation."



On January 4, 2011, Michael A. Ramos was sworn in as District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino for a third term. In his address, he noted the importance of continuing his mission to fight violent crime and corruption and make victims' rights a priority. His civic services have included serving as a school board member from 1995 – 2002; member of the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, to name a few. Ramos has established an Identity Theft Unit with attorneys in his three major offices, as well as the Victim Services Unit, which provides assistance to victims as they make their way through the criminal justice system. Additionally, he has expanded the Family Violence Unit with attorneys who are cross-trained in elder abuse, domestic violence and crimes against children. "Ultimately, our job is to represent the people in the criminal justice system for the County of San Bernardino," said Ramos. "As long as I am district attorney, I will continue to ensure that we do just that in a manner that is consistent with our mission and the ethical responsibilities that we are sworn to uphold as prosecutors."

Kathy Albrekton

Math-Science Conference Planning



Math-Science Conference guides

Our branch team is coordinated and forging ahead to plan the 18th annual Math-Science Conference for 8th grade girls coming up March 1, 2012. We had our kickoff meeting and potluck Aug. 21. There are several open committee seats that you can help us with this year: 1) fund raising in our communities of both Yucaipa and Redlands/Highland, 2) managing the building hostesses and audio-visual needs,

3) being our treasurer, or 4) helping us buy supplies. Remember, it takes a wonderful ARMY of us to put on the conference for 600 8th graders with 30+ speakers. Please help us if you can.

Alternatively, contact the community organizations and vendors you think would contribute funds to support the conference. Donors are honored in all our publications and website. Use the donor pledge coupon printed in this newsletter.

Contact Leslie Priest, this year's Chairperson, for any details.



October Branch Meeting Information

When

October 1st, 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

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

\$15.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the October 1st meeting is Tuesday, September 27th. Please call Kay Dobbertin at (909) 798-6746 or email to kaydobbertin@aol.com. 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

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Patty Ahearn

Membership Vice President
Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary
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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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Membership

By the time you read this we will have already had our first successful meeting of the year, our membership brunch. I look forward to introducing many new members to you. But membership isn't a once a year event. Please continue to invite your friends to join us at our upcoming monthly meetings, as well as interest groups, throughout the year. Please help our new members to feel welcome. Thanks for all you do to keep our organization vibrant and growing.

Theresa Lantz, Membership

Y Alliance Home Tour 2011 Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those that 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 fund raiser, and a gift of time and energy that makes you feel good. There will be a sign- up sheet at the October meeting, or you can e-mail me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like.

Ann Leonard and Dottie Bailey

The Funds - Educational Foundation Fund Raiser

HELP! I am looking for at least 6 cookie bakers. Your task, should you agree, would be to make three dozen cookies (ingredients and directions will be delivered) the day before or the day of the theater party in November and bring them to Footlighters that evening. Total time: about 2 hours. Please contact Kathy Presnell-Best to volunteer.

EF Theater Benefit

The Educational Foundation Footlighters Benefit is on the calendar for Thursday, November 10th. 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 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. 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 :

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost,

Bridge

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,

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet at Connie and Dennis Halloway's home in Yucaipa Sunday October 2 at 6:00 PM. Please call Kim Roman for further information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Topics have arrived from Headquarters for the Great Decisions discussion groups:

1. Middle East realignment;
2. Promoting democracy;
3. Mexico;
4. Cyber security;
5. Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq;
6. State of the Oceans;
7. Indonesia;
8. Energy geopolitics

Sign up at the Membership Coffee whether you would like to be in the evening or the afternoon group. The sessions will begin the first week in February and will be once a week for eight weeks. We are looking forward to having you be a part of the group. Cost is \$15.00 for the Study Book and your share of the video. Pay when you get your book.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 26th where Nelda Stuck will facilitate a stimulating discussion of the topic "Review of Summer Editorials and News." The discussion will include personal editorial opinions including columns and columnists, cartoons, and magazine features. Bring any you would like to discuss. We meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, on the corner of Fourth and Fern, in the lounge facing the back parking lot of the church. Come at noon with your lunch; the discussion takes place from 12:30 until 2:00 pm. Each meeting, held the 4th Wed of the month, guarantees a lively, interesting discussion. Please join us!

Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger and Sharlene Lund,

Membership Dues

If you still have not sent in your dues for this year, please send a check made out to AAUW to our post office box 7678, Redlands, 92375 attention Pat Belk. If you recently paid your dues and do not see your name in the yearbook, it will be in the next Branches and Twigs. New members will also be listed in the Branches and Twigs as they join.

Local Scholarship

The Local Scholarship applications have been distributed to the various colleges and universities. Selection of the recipients will be made this month and they will be presented to the Branch in November. Remember to rent a book on CD at \$5.00 a month. The funds go toward the Local Scholarship Fund. We now have new CDs because of the various donations from our members. Thank you! Keep renting!
Ann Harding

Day Trip Travel Group

Are interested in participating in a Day Trip with fellow Redlands AAUW members? Several surrounding Branches of AAUW have formulated very popular day travel groups.

Our members have expressed interest starting a travel group of our own. Some ideas of places to visit are:

- Back Stage at the Disney Music Center
 - Palm Springs Tramway
 - Huntington Museum
 - Train Ride into LA and a tour of downtown
 - Tour of the Kodak Theater
- Other ideas for sites to visit would be welcomed. Also if anyone has a clever idea for a name, please contact Susan Willis or Ellen Schollenberger.

October Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Kathy Presnell-Best at the October meeting.

Yearbook Corrections and Additions

Welcome New Member

Cindy Perkins

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the November newsletter will be **October 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 printed article by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

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Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

October 18, 2011, University Club, University Of Redlands,

Price \$16, Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Followed by speaker.

Reservations by October 13, 2011, please call either Barbara Pike, or CH: Dorothy Richardson

Our topic: Easter Islands-Chile...Have you ever wondered about those huge statues on Easter Island? Come and hear the explanation.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson, and Barbara Pike

Pass Area Interest Group

Chairs: Mary Belle Clark, and Bessie Reece

Reading and the Rainbow

On Thursday, 10-27-11, we will discuss *East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart*, by Susan Butler. "Based on a decade of archival research through Earhart's letters, journals, and diaries, and drawing on interviews with the aviator's friends and relatives, *East to the Dawn* provides the most authoritative and richly textured account of both Earhart's record-setting aviation career and her personal life: her early years with her grandparents, her experiences as a nurse and social worker, her famous marriage to publisher George Putnam, and her secret affair with Gene Vidal, head of the Bureau of Air Commerce".

While among the most famous of missing persons, Earhart represents much more in her courage, her independence, and her desire to live an adventurous life, unbound by the conventions of her day. The book has been made into a movie, "Amelia", with Hilary Swank in the title role. Of interest is a CBS Sunday Morning interview with the author and Swank online at [East to the Dawn book.com](http://EasttotheDawn.com).

Both the afternoon (at 1:00) and the evening (at 7:00) sessions will be held at Pat Kruger's. Sandy Flowers will facilitate and co-host in the evening and Ann Derfer will co-host in the afternoon but at this time, we don't have a facilitator. If no one volunteers, we may have to cancel the afternoon meeting.

The fall Margaret Clark Art Association cinema series has been announced. Email Pat if you would like a copy of the schedule, and call or email Pat Kruger or Kathy Toister if questions re book club.

Chairs: Pat Kruger, and Kathy Toister,

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group would love to have more players. We especially need a new soprano as Barbara Hauser who is 96 years would like to retire. She is a fine player who has been in the group for about forty years. I can give lessons to anyone who would like to learn this fun hobby. We will be playing for the Blessing of the Animals on October 1st.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher,

I/We pledge/donate \$ _____ for the **2012 Math-Science Conference**

Early receipt of your pledge is appreciated for budget planning.

Donors will be acknowledged in the Conference Program and on the AAUW website unless we are otherwise notified.

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Send pledge to:

AAUW Math-Science Conference

PO Box 7678

Redlands, CA 92375-0678

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THEATER BENEFIT

At Footlighters

TICKET ORDER FORM

“Flemming (An American Thriller)”

Thursday, November 10th

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:

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EF Theater Benefit
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The President's Corner

One of the AAUW Public Policy Principles for action in 2011-2012 supports global interdependence and international policies against human trafficking. The Redlands AAUW Branch has planned a program featuring Mike Ramos, D.A. for the County of S.B. to speak about our local problem of "human trafficking" and the task force C.A.S.E. developed to focus on this issue.

Many members were surprised that we have "human trafficking" in the Inland Empire. The problem is here and we need to be aware of what is going on and how our justice system is dealing with this concern. Thank you to V.P. Patty Ahearn, her committee and co-coordinator Kathy Albrektson for presenting such a worthwhile program.

We want a good turnout for this event. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However, they will need to make a reservation and attend both the brunch and the program. Members, take this opportunity and invite everyone interested in hearing this speaker.

Susan Willis