



60th Anniversary Year 1947 – 2007



# Branches and Twigs

**Redlands Branch, AAUW**

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## AAUW CA President to Visit Branch November 7

Donna Lilly, the first co-president of the California AAUW, will speak to Redlands Branch members Tuesday evening, Nov. 7.

The dinner meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands. The program, which begins at 7 p.m., is free to members who choose not to come for the meal.

"A lot of positive changes have occurred in AAUW" since she first became involved at the state level 12 years ago, said Ms. Lilly.

In addition to giving her vision of the future of AAUW in California, Ms. Lilly will also address what the member in the local branch receives from the organization. A portion of each member's dues go to support AAUW at both the state and national levels. The services and support received, both immediate and long-range, will be addressed by the state president.

Ms. Lilly is serving this year as co-president of California, the largest state in membership in the Association, with Rita Wustner of Walnut Creek, in northern California. Ms. Lilly's home is in Encinitas, near San Diego. Because they are in constant communication with each other and because of last year spent as co-presidents-elect, they are able to function effectively, Ms. Lilly has said.

Ms. Lilly brings to her role as co-president a variety of experience at the state level. She first served on the CA AAUW Board of Directors as Southern District director. Her ensuing state-wide responsibilities included chair of the Nominating Committee, communications director and membership vice president. She hopes Redlands Branch members will come prepared with questions for her about the status of AAUW in California. "If I don't know the answer now, I'll research the matter and get back to you," she promised.

*Edna Steinman*

## Save the Date

Our 60th Anniversary Celebration, coordinated by our past presidents, will be held at the Saturday, April 7th branch meeting.

Mark your calendar now---you won't want to miss this special event!

## November Branch Meeting Information

### When

November 7, 2006

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

### Where

University of Redlands  
Casa Loma Room

### Menu

Dinner will be a buffet of Chef's choice, including a vegetarian entrée.

### Cost

\$14.50

Cost covers the meals, gratuity, tax, linen, use of room, audiovisual equipment, setup, speakers and guest meals.

### Reservations

Deadline is Monday, November 1st at 9 p.m. Email or call Antoinette Brenion. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

**Remember: a reservation made is a reservation paid.**

If you have automatic reservations, let Antoinette know if you can't make a meeting. If not, you will be billed for the meal. If you do not pay the bill, your automatic reservation will be cancelled.

## **2006-2007 Branch Officers**

Your Branch officers are available to help members and to answer questions, please call them.

### **President**

Sheron Bealer

### **Program Vice President**

Dorothy Richardson

### **Membership Vice President**

Renaë Reiswig

### **Recording Secretary**

Doris Billings

### **Corresponding Secretary**

Dorothy Nordquist

### **Treasurer**

Gwen Wysocki

### **President-elect**

Sue Angell

### **Branch Website**

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

### **AAUW Mission Statement**

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change. In principal and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

### **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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## **Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays**

AAUW will participate with the Family Services Association of Redlands' Adopt-A-Family program by sponsoring one family during the holidays. With your contributions we will be able to brighten the holidays for this family by presenting them with a Thanksgiving basket and Christmas gifts. Contributions, cash, checks and gift certificates will be collected at our November branch meeting. Contact Kathy Toister by phone or email for more information.

*Kathy Toister*

*Adopt-A-Family Chair*

## **Christmas Open House**

Keep Sunday, December 3rd open to volunteer to help with the Y Alliance open house. Sign-up sheets will be at the November branch meeting, or you may call me.

Thank you.

*Marilyn Sanden*

*Community Area Representative*

## **Footlighters EF Fundraiser Tickets Available**

If you haven't already purchased your tickets for the Educational Foundation's theater night at the Footlighters, you still have time to do so. The date is Thursday, November 9th at 8 p.m. The play is "Morning's at Seven" by Paul Osborn.

Before the play there will be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for gift baskets donated by various interest groups. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

The \$15.00 tickets can be purchased from any EF committee member as well as from chairs of interest groups.

The profits from the theater night will be applied to an International Fellowship that provides support for scholars from foreign countries doing doctoral research in the United States.

*Evelyn O'Prey and Janice Belden*

*Educational Foundation Co-chairs*

## **Membership Coffee in November**

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 14th at 7 p.m. This is our first prospective new members coffee for this year. It will be held at the home of Gwen Wysocki. This is a great opportunity to bring an acquaintance or friend and introduce them to AAUW. Provide the name(s) of anyone you would like to invite to me. You can email me, call me, or use the form provided on page 7 of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

Remember MGM: Members Get Members

*Renaë Reiswig*

*Membership Vice President*

## Pass Area Math-Science Conference

The Pass Area Math Science Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 10th, and as of this writing, is almost completely confirmed. Arrangements have been made at Mt. San Jacinto College, we have a keynote speaker, the topic speakers have all confirmed, and most of the motivational speakers have agreed to be on the program. We can be assured that we will again have 300 girls coming to our conference.

## Redlands Math-Science Conference is March 1st

PLEASE mark your calendar to be part of this Redlands Branch Project

Letters will be assembled after the January Branch meeting on Saturday, January 6th and after the February Branch meeting on Saturday, February 3rd. Packets will be assembled on Sunday, February 25th.

Please sign up at branch meeting or contact Judi Jones by phone or email.

## AAUW Public Policy Committee Contest

Our foremothers, the suffragettes of the nineteenth century, certainly knew the importance of public policy action and how to apply it. Their work took 72 years and was deemed a success only when an amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted women the right to vote. Well, we have had the right to vote for 85 years. But more importantly do we accept our full responsibility as citizens and exercise our right to vote?

Since The Public Policy Committee in AAUW has the responsibility of encouraging our members to vote we urge you to read material printed by The Public Policy Institute of California ([www.ppic.org](http://www.ppic.org)). They recently presented the following troubling research: *"Today, eight in ten adults are eligible to vote but just 56% are registered ... and only 35% of these adults can be expected to vote in the November election. Voter registration has grown at a slower rate than the population. As a result, 12 million of the state's 27.7 million adults are not registered to vote. Moreover, although the state has become increasingly diverse, the adults ... (voting) are predominantly white, aged 45 and older, and relatively affluent.*

What does the research in the forgoing paragraph mean? What does it mean to women? What does it mean to members of the Redlands Branch of AAUW? This committee asks each Redlands Branch member to do her own analysis of the data. Then submit your analysis at the November meeting to answer the question: what does this information mean to women voters in California, and more importantly, to the members of the Redlands Branch.

The following rules apply: Format must be two-dimensional and may include charts, graphs, prose, poetry, etc. and must contain 100 words or less. Size is limited to 28" by 22." Originality, interest and aptness of thought will weigh in the judges' decision. A 3x5 inch index card containing the name, address, phone number must be affixed firmly to the back of each submission. Each member may submit only one item for judging.

A member of the Public Policy Committee will be near the registration table to collect submissions. All material to be judged must be brought to the meeting prior to the opening of the meeting by the president.

*Judith Kohlbach Fulton*

*Chair, Public Policy Committee*

## Nominees Needed for Branch Officers

If you are interested in becoming a branch officer or would like to nominate someone else, please contact the Nominating Committee. Committee members are Grace Hart, Jan Billings, Marcia Pifer, Judith Fulton, Nancy Perry, and Kathy Presnell-Best. Our 2007-2008 officers will be elected at the April branch meeting.

## Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7

### AAUW Suggests Members Take These Three Actions to Get Ready for Election Day

1. Be Sure That You Are Registered to Vote.
2. Encourage Other Women to Register and Vote.
3. Get Informed and Speak Out!

Read AAUW's Congressional Voting Record for the 109th Congress to find out how our elected officials voted on issues important to women and girls. The Web site is [capwiz.com/aauw/issues/](http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/)

## Looking for More AAUW Info?

Visit the Association and State Web sites for more information about the programs your dues go to support, the issues the Association is focused on, and other useful resources.

**Association Site:**  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**State Site:**  
[www.aauw-ca.org](http://www.aauw-ca.org)

## Need to get the word out to our Branch?

### Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The deadline for the December newsletter is November 5th. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail.

### Website Submissions

If you have any submissions for our website, send them via email to [webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

## 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 a deserving woman returning to college. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

*Librarian: Louise Schumann*

### Book Cassette Group

The Book Cassette Group currently has one CD and two tape-cassette round robins going involving 30 members and spouses. We rotate chosen books every six weeks. At the end of the schedule, members meet to discuss the books and to choose the new cycle. Each member purchases a book-on-tape or CD and receives that book back at the end of the cycle. The CD group will start a new cycle in late November and the next cassette group begins again in March. Now is the time to phone for information about joining.

*Chair: Nelda Stuck*

### Bridge

The Redlands Branch of AAUW has many types of groups in place for those interested in playing bridge. Call the coordinator if you are interested in playing or in being placed on the substitute list. The round robin group will be starting another year. If you are interested in joining this group, or in getting more information, contact Louise Schumann.

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 position is open  
1st Saturday B, 7 p.m. Coordinator is Deborah Lewin

3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator is Janice Belden

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

Linda and Bruce Rowland will host the Sunday, November 5th meeting of California Cuisine and Conversation. Our dinner will start at 6 p.m. Please contact Kim Roman to join this cooking group. Current members should watch for email updates.

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Great Decisions

Now is the time to put your name in for a Great Decisions Study Book and join us when we begin our stimulating discussion sessions in early February. I will be at the table at the dinner meeting on November 7th. Let me know whether you would like to be included in the afternoon or evening discussion group.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

## Interest Groups, Continued

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

On November 15th we enjoy one of our favorite activities when Nelda Stuck monitors our view points from editorials and cartoons. "I Am" meets in the large room off the parking lot at Trinity Episcopal Church. Bring your lunch at noon and/or join us for good talk from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### **International Relations**

The International Relations Interest Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Our own Ellen Schollenberger will speak on the country of Portugal. The cost is \$13.00 (all inclusive). Reservations are due by November 9th. Please note that you can make reservations for the January meeting at any time.

*Chairs: Barbara Pike and Dorothy Richardson*

### **Play Reading**

We will read "Murder is a Game" by Fred Carmichael on November 20th at 7 p.m. For the location please call Marcia. Come and join us for an evening reading the play and light discussion.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### **Reading and the Rainbow**

Please note the change from our usual fourth Thursday meeting for November. Mark your calendar for 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th, at the home of Kathy Presnell-Best. For directions to Kathy's home, call her. We will discuss the fall film series offered through the Redlands Art Association at the Krikorian Theater. These include: *Mrs. Henderson Presents; Quinceanera; House of Sand; and Tsotsi*. Some of these films may be available on video. *Tsotsi* will be shown at the Krikorian at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7th, and at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9th.

*Co-chairs: Amber Costa, Anne Derfer and Ellen Schollenberger.*

### **Recorder Group**

The Recorder Group now practices on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. We also have a group on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. You are welcome in either group. We have a number of venues where we will play from now until Christmas.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### **San Gorgonio Pass Interest Group**

The November meeting of the Pass Area group will be on the Second Thursday, November 9th, at Debbie Lewin's. We are all to bring our summer vacation pictures as many of us had very interesting vacations this year. We will also bring everyone up to date on the final plans for the Math-Science Conference. The meeting time is 1:30 p.m., at Debbie's. Please let Debbie know if you can attend.

*Co-chairs: Mary Belle Clark and Joanne Mercier*

### **New Members Tips**

For new members who have joined our Redlands Branch in the last year or so, welcome! You're off to a great start, but you may be wondering, what now? Getting involved is the best way to learn more about our Branch, to get to know our members, and to allow us the opportunity to get to know you. Here are a few tips for even the busiest new member.

**Tip # 1:** Join an Interest Group that meets when your schedule allows.

Groups meet on weekends, at noon, in afternoons, or in the evenings. Schedules are listed in the Yearbook or in the Newsletter. This is a great way to have fun and meet members.

**Tip # 2:** Our Branch has a number of Standing Committees that dedicate their time and energy to special causes. Many of these committees organize and put on conferences, get-togethers, or fundraising events, for which various amounts of assistance is needed before and during an event. Pitching in is a great way to learn about our special projects, and meet members.

**Tip # 3:** Offer to help at one of the Branch Meetings. You may enjoy greeting people, helping with the sign-in process, assisting guests in finding a seat, or just being available to help out with odds and ends as the meeting gets started. Although your help would be brief (about 20 to 30 minutes), it would be invaluable, and an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the Branch!

So, whatever your interests, talents, or educational background, there are lots of ways to get involved! We invite you to take the next step!

## Yearbook Additions

See the paper version of the newsletter for yearbook information.

## September Membership Brunch a Success

Thank-you to the Membership Committee and our president Sheron Bealer for the planning of our September Membership Brunch: Gwen Wysocki, Dorothy Nordquist, Beverly Cox, Amber Costa, Mabelle Nazikoglu, Sue Angell, and Nancy Perry. A special thank-you to Dorothy Nordquist for organizing our escorts for the prospective and new members: Pam Ong, Susan Willis, Jennifer Hill, Mary Lou Guerrero, and Linda Rowland. Approximately 65 members and guests attended our brunch and we had 8 new members join during and after the brunch. A special welcome to our new members and welcome back to our current members!

*Renae Reiswig*  
*Membership Vice President*

## Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming our new members. We have eight new members as a result of the September Branch Meeting:

**Patty Ahern** was invited to join by Renae Reiswig as a result of reading about AAUW in the newspaper. Patty received her M.A. at Arizona State University. Patty enjoys traveling, reading, and sewing. She is a retired teacher and has listed her interests as: Math-Science Conference, Orangewood-AAUW Library and Local Scholarship.

**Judy Gates** was invited to join by Renae Reiswig. Judy received an M.P.H. at Loma Linda University. She is employed as a Research Education R.N. at Loma Linda University. Judy enjoys music, physics, patient education (especially diabetes education). She is interested in the Math-Science Conference and Reading and the Rainbow.

**Ellen Timothy** read about AAUW in the Daily Facts. She received her Ph.D. at the University of Washington. Ellen is currently working at the San Bernardino Sun Telegram as a copy editor. She has listed her interests as: International Relations.

**Mary Givens** read about our branch in a local newspaper. She has been a previous AAUW member (Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch) from 1993-1997.

**Nancy Greeley** was invited to join by Rosalie Orrick. She received her M.L.S. at Emporia State University, Kansas. Nancy enjoys libraries, International Politics, and traveling. She is currently retired and is interested in Bridge, International Relations and Orangewood Library.

**Dori Breshears** read about AAUW in the newspaper article. She received her B.S. from Cypress University. She is a retired R.N. She enjoys reading, gardening, and travel and is interested in International Relations, and Travel.

**Carmen Koslik** read about AAUW in the Daily Facts and was invited to join by Carol Howard. Carmen received her M.A. from CSUSB. She currently works as a School Psychologist/Counselor at Redlands USD/Montessori. She enjoys travel/water skiing/hiking/scrapbooking. She is interested in Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think," International Relations, and Travel.

**Roslyn Dunn** was invited to join by Leslie Priest. Roslyn received her B.S. at the U. of R. She currently works at ESRI as a System Engineer. She enjoys computers, singing, and biking. Her interests are: Math-Science Conference.

## Welcome New Members, Continued

We have two new members who joined during the summer:

**Rosalie Orrick** is coming to our branch as a dual member. The San Gorgonio (San Bernardino) Branch is her primary branch where she has been a member since 1981. Rosalie has been an AAUW member since 1974 (1974-1981 at the Fontana Branch). In February of 1982 Rosalie Orrick was our guest speaker for our 35<sup>th</sup> year branch celebration. (Incidentally, the cost of our brunch at the Redlands Country Club was \$6.10!) As announced at our September Brunch, Rosalie is attributed with initiating the Century Club and has been a contributor to our Educational Foundation (EF).

**Tammy Young** was invited to join by Renae Reiswig. Tammy received her M.S.N. from the U. of Kansas and is currently pursuing her doctorate at Loma Linda U. She is currently working in the Loma Linda U. Children's Hospital Emergency Dept. Tammy enjoys golfing, reading, walking, and traveling. She has listed Great Decisions, International Relations, Public Policy, and Travel as her interests.

### Reach Out to Prospective Members

If you have a friend whom you would like to invite to become a member, please give her name, address and telephone number to Renae Reiswig. Send them by phone, mail, or email.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 2007 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Would you like to "ADOPT A GIRL"...or two...or more to support this 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: Ellie O'Brien, Funding 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.**

### Yearbook Additions, Cont.

Please note that two new members who joined during the summer are listed in the year book. (Rosalie Orrick on page 30 and Tammy Young on page 36).

#### Additions and Corrections:

Rosalie Orrick is a dual member.

International Relations meeting time is 11:30 not 10:30.

For all other updates, please see your paper copy of the newsletter.

## **The President's Corner**

“AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change.”

*AAUW Mission Statement*

“A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

*Margaret Mead*

What do you think of when you consider what our organization is about? It is interesting to hear what each of you has to say about AAUW and what it means to you. Whether your focus is on equity, public policy, education, science, health or any other lifelong theme, remember that we are and will continue to be effective. Our education has prepared us for these various roles and it is up to us to donate ourselves to as many causes as possible. Time and thoughtful reflection provide opportunity for others, along side of us, to change their world.

The Redlands Branch of AAUW is intimately involved in changing our community, participating in national and international programs and continuing our personal growth. Let's reflect a moment on our accomplishments, from establishing and staffing the school library at Orangewood High School as well as two Math-Science conferences annually; to supporting interest groups that focus on International Relations and Great Decisions, and also encompass reading, bridge and cuisine; to our member who founded a UN program to support women in need globally. We are a reflective, supportive and active branch.

As we celebrate AAUW's 125th birthday in November, be proud of your affiliation with an organization that not only provides each of us the opportunity to participate, but to succeed in our goals and mission statement.

Happy Birthday AAUW.

*Sheron Bealer*

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