

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW
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Scholarships Awarded at November Meeting

The November branch meeting will focus on our Local Scholarship recipients. Our scholarship money is raised through a huge yard sale. We use the proceeds to fund as many scholarships as we have money.

We require the applicants to send two letters of recommendation, a copy of their transcript, and a letter stating their educational goals. The recipient must be a re-entry woman, currently enrolled, and attending a community college, or a university, and living within our branch attendance area.

It is an exciting evening, and for me acknowledging the recipients makes all the gathering, sorting, pricing, etc. that goes with a large yard sale, worthwhile.

Come join us, and celebrate our 2007 recipients.

Nancy Yowell

Permanent Reservations for Branch Meetings

If you wish to have a permanent reservation for 2007-2008, please contact Antoinette Brenion. Please note that Permanent Reservations do not transfer from year to year.

Member News

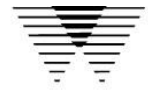
Sincere condolences are extended to Joanne Runkel and family upon the passing of her husband John, September 20th.

Noted is the death of former member Clara M. VanderClute on September 14th, two months before her 97th birthday. Clara joined our branch in 1994 and was a member until 2000. Music was her life, and we remember her as one of the members of the Golden Gala Chorus helping to celebrate our 50th anniversary.

Beverly Cox

Celeste and Bruce Beard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 13th. Earlier in the summer they met with children and grandchildren from Colorado and London, and a host of other family and friends, at a special retreat in North Dakota. Celeste is past president of our AAUW branch (2004-05) and she and Bruce are avid bridge players.

Mary Dalton



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November Branch Meeting Information

When

November 6th, 2007
Social time: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Teriyaki chicken, Beef with snow peas and mushrooms, Fried rice, Pot stickers with plum sauce, Stir fried vegetables, marinated baby bok choy and sesame cucumber salad, Halekulani coconut cake with raspberry coulis for dessert, coffee and tea.

Cost

\$22.50

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

Reservations

Deadline is Wednesday, October 31st at 9 p.m. Call Antoinette Brenion or email her. Please include "AAUW" in the subject line of reservations sent by email.

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

Sue Angell

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Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

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Branch Website

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.

EF Footlighters Theater Event Tickets On Sale!

Be sure to plan on attending the Educational Foundation (EF) Committee Scholarship Benefit Performance at the Footlighters Theatre on Thursday, November 8th at 8 p.m. The play this year is "Perfect Wedding," a farce by Robin Hawdon and directed by Tom Provenzano. The plot revolves around a man who wakes up in the bridal suite on his wedding morning to find an attractive girl in bed beside him, but it isn't his wife to be! Suffice to say that lots of wedding shenanigans ensue!

Before the production, there will also be an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for gift baskets donated by various interest groups. Also, refreshments will be served at intermission. You won't want to miss it!

Be sure to share this theatre event with family and friends. Tickets can be purchased for \$17.00 from any EF committee member and will be available at the November branch meeting.

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

Karen Skoog, Chair, Educational Foundation

Seeking Donations: Used Inkjet Cartridges and Used Cell Phones

Look for the collection box at all general meetings! Proceeds will benefit the earth and EF committee fundraising.

NOTE: When donating your used cell phone, it is important to first delete your personal data from the phone. This can be done by resetting your phone. A reset can erase the memory and restore the phone to its original factory condition. User manuals typically include directions for the process. Also, you can consult the Cell Phone Data Eraser, a free service. The website for this service, www.recellular.com, includes a link to downloadable instructions for erasing data from hundreds of cell phone models.

Karen Skoog, Chair, Educational Foundation

Pass Area Group Thanks Volunteers

On Friday, October 5, the Pass Interest Group held a luncheon to recognize the many members and community volunteers who have assisted with the Pass Area Math/Science Conference. Over 35 people attended the luncheon including the Assistant Superintendent and Math/Science Coordinator for the Beaumont School District and a member of the Banning School Board. Many of those present volunteered to assist again this year. We feel that the event was very successful.

A big thank you to the committee for all their efforts. Members of the committee were Ann Harding, Mary Belle Clark, Charlene Fink, Liz Kennedy and Bessie Reece.

Bessie Reece for the Pass Interest Group

Y Alliance Holiday Home Tour

AAUW will host a home for the Y Alliance Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 2nd. If you would like to be part of the AAUW team that helps make this event special, please sign up at a branch meeting or email or call Kathy Toister.

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 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 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 possible tax write-off). The cassette groups conclude March 2008 and August 2008, so those AAUW members who want to be part of the next go-around should let Nelda Stuck know so they can be incorporated in all the planning. The CD group concludes May 2008 under the chairmanship of Sally Trost, so contact her if you are only in the modern/future world with your car or home player systems and only want to listen to CDs. We thank Kay Dobbertin for taking care of the finances from our kitty fund and ordering any replacement tapes!

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost

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.

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| 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 Patsy Miller, |
| | 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

We will be meeting at the home of Renae Reiswig on Sunday November 4th. Our dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Please call Kim Roman or email her for a food assignment and reservation.

Chair: Kim Roman

Prospective Member Coffee

The next coffee will be on Tuesday, November 13th at 7 p.m. at the home of Amber Costa. We need everyone's help to come up with the invitation list of people who you think would be interested in joining AAUW. Please send names, addresses and phone numbers via email or phone.

*Susan Kean
Membership Vice
President*

Yearbook Additions

Refer to the paper newsletter for this information.

**Yearbook
Additions: New
Members**

Refer to the paper
newsletter for this
information.

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is the local chapter of the Foreign Policy Association and is a fascinating discussion group of AAUW. Every year the Foreign Policy Association publishes a study book of eight articles and also videos containing interviews. These are available at the end of January. Our discussion sessions meet every week starting the first week in February. We need to know which afternoon or evening you would prefer, Wednesday or Thursday. We have afternoon or evening groups. The study book and your share of the video costs \$15.00, payable upon receipt of the book.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

On November 28th, Linda Oster will lead the discussion on "Environmental Change: What Must We Do?" "I Am" meets 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

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on November 13th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Mary Brady will speak about Afghanistan. The cost is \$13.00 and reservations are due by November 8th.

The next meeting will be on January 8th, when Amber and Nick Costa will speak about Romania. Reservations for that meeting are due January 3rd.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

If you enjoy plays, come and join Play Reading for the evening. We will read "The White Sheep of the Family" by L. Peach and I. Hay on November 19th at 7:00 p.m. The place will be Doris Billings' home. Call Doris or Marcia for directions.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Reading and the Rainbow

Our literary adventures take us to West Africa, the location of *Monique and the Mango Rains* by Kris Holloway. The book is described in a Kirkus Starred Review as "a respectful, unsentimental portrait...a poignant and powerful book". *Monique and the Mango Rains* is the true story of the life and death of a remarkable West African midwife, seen through the eyes of a young Peace Corps Volunteer who worked side by side with her, birthing babies and caring for mothers in a remote impoverished village. It is a rare tale of friendship that reaches beyond the borders to vividly and irrevocably unite another woman's world with our own.

Please note that there are changes in the schedule for November. The meeting will be held on the third Thursday, November 15th, due to the holiday, and it will be at the home of Pat Kruger at 7:00 p.m. Call the Co-chairs if you need directions. Early arrivals may park in the driveway and there is plenty of street parking. Call or email Kathy or Pat if you have any questions.

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Interest Groups, Continued

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. at my home. We practice until 12:00 p.m. and then lunch together, usually outdoors on the patio.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

2008 Redlands Math-Science Conference

The Redlands Math-Science Conference is Thursday, February 28, 2008. PLEASE mark your calendar to be part of this Redlands Branch Project

Letters will be assembled after the January Branch meeting on Saturday, January 5th and after the February Branch meeting on Saturday, February 2nd. Packets will be assembled late in February; the date will be announced next month.

Please sign up at branch meeting or contact Judi Jones,
Judi Jones, Chair

2008 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, Redlands Math-Science

_____ \$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 2008 Conference program.

Reach Out to Prospective Members

If you have a friend who you would like to invite to become a member, please give her name, address and telephone number to Susan Kean. Or you can submit her information to Susan by bringing this form to a Branch meeting, emailing or mailing it to:
Susan Kean.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Many Thanks to Beverly Cox

I want to thank Beverly Cox for composing the notes remembering members who have passed away. Her dedication to sharing memories of our members is truly wonderful, and her records and knowledge of our branch history are invaluable. I know her work is greatly appreciated by the membership, and by the relatives of our members.

Thank you, Beverly.
Jennifer Hill, Editor

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

Newsletter Submission

Guidelines: CHANGE OF DATE!

The deadline for the December newsletter will be **November 4th**. This is a day earlier than normal, but necessary due to my work schedule. Send your articles for that issue to the editor, Jennifer Hill, via email or mail.

Please note: if you send your information by email and do not receive an email back from me within a day, please call me. I may not have received your email.

The President's Corner

Redlands AAUW Goes Green

As you read in the October Branches and Twigs, a new type of fundraiser has been started by the Educational Foundation. What a wonderful way to dispose of your ink jet cartridges and old cellular phones in a proper manner. No longer do you need to fill landfills with such items. It is so easy at least for me. I share this personal experience at a local office supply store. I took some of my empty ink cartridges and asked the sales person to dispose of them. I watched as she threw them in the waste paper basket. I could have done that but really wanted them not to pollute the landfill. As this is an ongoing project, I know that will never again happen to me.

Our other EF fundraiser is a fun filled evening at the theater. Besides enjoying the play, we will be treated to "goodies" at intermission and a chance to win one of the fabulous baskets provided by the interest groups. Please join me in making this evening a sold-out event.

The Educational Foundation is such a worthwhile AAUW sponsored project. Our Branch is so fortunate to have an enthusiastic chair, Karen Skoog and her great committee. I thank you for all your work.

Sue Angell

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