

# *Branches and Twigs*

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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## **Local Scholarship Awarded at Branch Meeting**

The Local Scholarship applications have been received and selections have been made. The recipients will be introduced at the November branch meeting on the evening of November 4th. The committee is very excited about the women that will be receiving the scholarships.

*Ann Harding*

## **Mix and Mingle with Numbers in November**

When someone mentioned the challenge that new and recent members have in connecting with our large AAUW branch, the Membership Committee hit on an idea: table numbers in November. Mixing and mingling will facilitate not only new and recent members getting to know each other, but long-time members as well. It will also provide an opportunity for members to invite others to their favorite AAUW interest groups, and share their enthusiasm for the Math-Science conference and other annual branch projects. If you are bringing a guest or a member attending for the first time, you will be seated together.

We hope that table numbers at the November meeting will facilitate members to try something different. With this year's theme of "Expanding Your Horizons," we encourage members to sit at tables at branch meetings all year long with at least a couple of women with whom you are not well-acquainted. By being inclusive and expanding our personal circles in AAUW, our branch will continue to grow and positively impact our membership and community.

*Amber Costa*

## **Educational Foundation Activities this Fall**

Please save the date! The Educational Foundation [EF] Committee is gearing up for our Scholarship Benefit Performance at the Footlighters Theatre on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. The play this year is "Helen's Most Favorite Day" by Mark Dunn and directed by Buffy Guzinski.

Tickets are on sale for \$17.00 and can be purchased from any EF committee member, interest group chairperson, or at the November branch meeting.

*Karen Skoog*

*Educational Foundation Chair*



# AAUW

## **November Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

November 4th, 2008

Social time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

### **Where**

University of Redlands

Casa Loma Room

### **Menu**

Chef's Choice with Key Lime Pie

### **Cost**

\$15.00

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

### **Reservations**

The reservation deadline for the November 4th meeting is Thursday, October 30th. Please call or email Antoinette Brenion. Please include AAUW in the Subject line of your email.

If you want a permanent reservation, let her know.

**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**

Dorothy Nordquist

#### **Program Vice President**

Sue Greenfeld

#### **Membership Vice President**

Dorothy Richardson

#### **Recording Secretary**

Patty Ahearn

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Ann Farah

#### **Treasurer**

Kathy Toister

#### **President-elect**

Kathy Presnell-Best

#### **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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## **Membership News**

We have great news to share, but first Marie and I want to thank each of you who participated in making our Membership Brunch a success. The result was we gained nine new members.

But the news doesn't stop there! Our Washington D.C. people were so pleased they requested our newspaper coverage, which was sent immediately to National for distribution to other branches. The newspaper coverage was for our opening membership meeting in September. We also had a request on how we did our installation of officers. This information was sent by our president, Dorothy Nordquist, for the benefit of other branches using our theme "Expanding our Horizons."

Please keep looking for new members everywhere you go as new faces brings new ideas which in turn creates growth for our branch. The membership committee will gladly follow up on your leads. We want to reach 200 in membership by Christmas.

*Dorothy Richardson*  
*Membership Vice President*

## **New Member Coffee**

The New Member Coffee will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the lovely home of Kay Dobbertin. Any new prospective member or anyone who has joined recently is invited. Please look around and ask if a person might be interested in joining with us. Tell them about what we do, what are our goals, and great fellowship.

Reservation deadline: November 13<sup>th</sup>.

I might add that any member can be a recruiter. Just give us their names and phone numbers. Marie Mitchell and myself, Dorothy Richardson will contact them and make them welcome.

*Dorothy Richardson*  
*Membership Vice President*

## **Bylaws Update (Part 1 of 2)**

This past summer Edna Steinman assisted me in reviewing a variety of Articles in our Bylaws that needed updating. These have been reviewed by the State Bylaws Chair, our Branch Board of Directors, and are now implemented in the Bylaws found in the current Yearbook.

The page number below is a Reference to last year's 2007-2008 Yearbook

36 Art III b., delete "international relations", add "international affairs".

Rationale: Mandate from National.

39 Art VI delete "b.", relabel "c." as "b." Remove Associate Members Reference.  
Rationale: Membership vote from last year.

39 Art VI Section 3. a. Delete "and subscriptions for associate members".  
Rationale: New associate members are no longer accepted into AAUW.

40 Art VII Section 1. b. Delete ", a membership treasurer,".

Rationale: Membership vote from last year.

*Sheron Bealer*  
*Bylaws Committee*

## 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 so that they can be shared by others members. We also have some CDs that men would enjoy listening to. 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 group is seeking new members to join in this fun and educating time to read. One of our three groups started more than 10 years ago and has just begun its ninth cycle of circulation. The CD group begins its third round-robin July 1st. Some 30 members 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 a possible tax write-off).

*Chairs: Nelda Stuck; 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.

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 Celeste Beard
	1st Saturday B, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Debbie Lewin
	3rd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Janice Belden
Duplicate Pairs:	2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann
Round Robin:	As arranged by the Players.	Coordinator is Louise Schumann

### California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will be meeting Sunday November 2 at 6:00. MaryAnn Capestany will be hosting this event in Highland. Current members will be notified of the address at a later date. Our group is dedicated to delicious food and interesting conversation. We welcome single members and couples.

Contact Kim Roman by phone or email

*Chair: Kim Roman*

### Y-Home Tour

YMCA Home Tour  
Sunday, December 7, 2008.  
We are fortunate to have Dave and Marsha Viega's (built in 1901.) We will need 32-34 volunteers. The first shift is 9:15 to 1:00, and the second shift is 12:45 to 4:45. Please sign up at the November meeting or, even better; call me. I need to know whether you can volunteer for first or second shift.  
Marilyn Sanden

### Bridge Announcement

We were pleased that a number of members signed up at the membership brunch for bridge sections and lessons. As openings arise, you will be notified. New sections can be started as well. Bridge lessons will be offered after the New Year.  
*Celeste Beard*

### B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the December newsletter will be **November 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the co-editors via email or mail.

If you send your information by email and do not receive an email back within a day, please call one of us. We may not have received your note.

**Welcome Our New  
Members who  
Joined in  
September:**

Frances Anderson

Pat Belk

Monica Chichester

Dr. Bettye Irwin

Susan Kovacevich

Bobbe Monk

Sharon Pavlovich

Maria Rossi

Dustin Strauch

Please see the print  
version of the newsletter  
for more information.

## **Interest Groups, Continued**

### **Great Decisions**

Do come by the Great Decisions table at the December branch meeting and sign up for the Great Decisions group of your choice if you have not already done so. Orders will be placed that month for the study books. Remember the afternoon group will meet at 2:00 on Thursdays starting February 5th and the evening group on Wednesdays starting February 4th. We look forward to your input into these fascinating and newsworthy discussions.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

The first "I Am..." meeting will be November 19th at Trinity Episcopal Church with members arriving between noon and 12:30 p.m. The discussion of "Generational and Gender Difference" will be led by Jane Dill.

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### **International Affairs**

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on November 11th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Carla Berlington will speak about Burma. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on November 4th. Sign up early.

*Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike*

### **Play Reading**

The Play Reading group will meet on November 17th at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. Call Marcia for details and directions for the meeting.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### **Recorder Group**

The Recorder players enjoyed playing for you at the Membership Coffee. We are working hard to get ready to play for Art for Heaven's sake on Saturday, October 18th, at 3 P.M. Look for us down in the garden.

In December we will be playing a Christmas program at Family Service Assn. on Friday, Dec. 5th, at 10 A.M. This will be part of the Church Women United Outreach to the Community, so everyone is invited.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

### **Reading and the Rainbow**

Our book selection for November, *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn, is set on the fictitious island of Nollop, home to Nevin Nollop, the supposed creator of the well-known pangram "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog". This sentence is preserved on a memorial to Nevin Nollop. When letters begin to fall off, the government bans their usage with severe penalties for infractions.

Uncompromising in their enforcement of Nollop's "divine will", the island's council offers one hope to the frustrated islanders: to disprove Nollop's omniscience by finding a pangram of 32 letters (in contrast to Nollop's 35).

The novel's major themes are totalitarianism, freedom of speech and good citizenship vs. freedom, always timely concerns.

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## Interest Groups, Continued

### Reading and the Rainbow, Continued

Our meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 7:00 at the home of Ellen Schollenberger.

**Please note that this is the 3rd Thursday and that the location was changed from your original schedule.** Avoid her driveway if you value your life and/or car. A sign will be posted on her mailbox and we will send directions closer to the meeting date. Call Pat or Kathy with questions.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

## The Redlands Math-Science Conference

**Thursday, February 26, 2009**

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

Letters will be assembled after the January Branch meeting on Saturday, January 3rd and after the February Branch meeting on Saturday, February 7th. 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*

### 2009 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 Math-Science Conference program.

### International Affairs Basket

This is our year to provide a basket to be raffled off at our annual theatre party. Please bring to the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting a foreign something to put in our International Affairs basket. Janice Belden has graciously volunteered to put it all together. What kind of things? Imported chocolate, wine, beer, herbs, travel story or cookbook, scarf, food, quality souvenir, etc. Thank you,  
*Dorothy Richardson*  
*International Affairs*

### AAUW Blogs

Would you like to know what AAUW members in other parts of the country are thinking about? Visit AAUW's Blog at [blog-aauw.org](http://blog-aauw.org) and find out!

### 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](mailto:webmistress@aauw-redlands-ca.org)

## The President's Corner

This month is particularly exciting as we meet the scholarship winners on a night a new president is elected. The recipients of AAUW scholarships are women who are continuing their academic pursuits after an interruption in their schooling. Funding for the scholarships comes largely from our annual yard sale which has been proclaimed "the best in the area". Kudos to Nancy Yowell, Ann Harding and Louise Schuman who chair this committee.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the AAUW Educational Foundation which advances educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. Our own EF committee will be holding their Scholarship Benefit this month at the Footlighters Theatre. In celebration of 50 years, we would like to have a **sellout** at this event. Please circle November 13th on your calendar to attend---with friends. Tickets are available from Karen Skoog and her committee.

With the start of the holidays, we are again participating in the Adopt A Family program which provides a Thanksgiving basket as well as Christmas gifts to a deserving family. AAUW members continue to be generous in their support under the chairmanship of Judy Gates. I encourage you to read the state newsletter, California Perspective, which arrived this month. The message from the co-presidents shared the direction of AAUW in the future years and asked all members to "take action on causes that we hold dear to our hearts". As I look at our Branch and the activities just mentioned, I am confident that we are heading the right way.

*Dorothy Nordquist*

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