

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Local Scholarship Presentation

The Local Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the recipients of the 2011 scholarships. They will be introduced at the November branch meeting. Each woman will give a brief statement about their career which are always very touching stories. Do not forget to look over the CD books for rent @ \$5.00 a book for a month. The proceeds go toward the scholarships."

Footlighters Teaser

"Dessert" for the November meeting will be served first! Footlighter actors will be presenting a "teaser," a short scene from the show *Flemming: An American Thriller* to give us a preview of the fundraiser scheduled for Thursday, November 10 and perhaps encourage you to buy your ticket for the show if you have not done so already.

Flemming: An American Thriller is a light-hearted spoof of a privileged man who decides to change his mundane life from owning a brokerage firm to being a detective! On his very first case - to the horror of his wife, Karen, and his two crazy neighbors, Suzy and Stan - the Flemming's 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 couldn't be happier. Henry is convinced he's found his life's work and Westport, Connecticut is safer for it. The play is a spoof of the film noir thrillers from the 40s and 50s.

Do You Have Your Tickets Yet???

The Educational Foundation Annual Benefit is only a few days away Thursday, November 10th at Footlighters. This year's production is "*Flemming (An American Thriller)*".

Tickets will be available either at the November 1st Branch Meeting or by mail for will-call pick up the evening of the benefit. Please see the order form in this issue of *Branches & Twigs*. The ticket price is \$20.

Please do your part as a member of AAUW:

1. Purchase 2 tickets to the benefit @ \$20each
2. Donate a bottle of wine – bring to Nov. meeting
3. Make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the reception.

This is the Educational Foundation's fundraiser and your support is immensely appreciated. Please contact Jessie Powell or Susan Shodahl for more information!



November Branch Meeting Information

When

November 1st, 2011
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 Dinner Buffet, mixed green salad with two dressings, fresh seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls, creamy butter, Redlands orange and chocolate torte, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$17.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the November 1st meeting is Wednesday, October 26th. Please call 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
Susan Willis

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Membership Vice President
Theresa Lantz

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Corresponding Secretary
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Branch Website
www.aauw-redlands-ca.org

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 New Member Dinner on Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 1 East Olive Avenue, Redlands. We learned the rewards and responsibilities of being a member of AAUW and also learned something about each of our new members. Welcome at our branch!

Continue to invite your friends to our meetings and interest groups, and welcome our many new members.

Theresa Lantz, Membership

Math-Science Conference

The planning for the March 1st, 2012 conference is well underway. We still need help with Funding. 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.

Women, Population, and the U.N. Millennium Development Goals

AAUW Redlands Legal Advocacy Fund Chair, Jane Roberts, is speaking at the Redlands Forum on Monday, Nov. 7. Her talk, *Women, Population, and the U.N. Millennium Development Goals*, is from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Esri Conference Center, 380 New York St., Redlands, CA 92373. You can register at www.esri.com/events/redlands-forum or phone 909-793-2853.

WAGE Project & AAUW Presents \$start \$mart Training Workshop - Wednesday, November 16, 2011 U.C. Riverside

AAUW and WAGE have formed a partnership to present \$start \$mart Workshops to college women. The gender wage gap begins as early as the first year after a woman graduates from college, according to AAUW's research report, *Behind the Pay Gap*. A decade after graduation, it widens. Over a 40-year career, college-educated women will have an average lifetime loss of roughly \$1 million.

The \$start \$mart Campus Negotiation Workshop is a 3-hour workshop that provides college women who are beginning their job search with knowledge and skills when approaching the job market so they are prepared to negotiate salaries and benefits and receive fair and realistic compensation. This workshop is free to students.

During the Workshop we will observe the WAGE trainer (Annie Houle) conduct the three-hour \$start \$mart Campus Negotiation Workshop for university students. This is the ideal format for those of us who want to be trained to be the Trainers. The cost for each trainee is \$50 payable by check to WAGE.

Who can be a Trainer? Anyone who is passionate about helping young women negotiates a better salary for their first job. Potential Trainers should have some training experience. Even if you don't feel comfortable being a Trainer, you may want to be involved in organizing the event. For more information contact: Josephine Turner.

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 Nelda Stuck for details, 792-8777 or montenelda@verizon.net.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck 792-8777; Sally Trost, 793-6641

Bridge

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.

2nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.

3rd Monday, 1 p.m.

Evening Couples: 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. ,

Evening: 2nd Monday 7 p.m.

4th Monday 7 p.m. ,

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. ,

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine & Conversation will meet Sunday, November 6 at 6:00 PM. We will meet at Kay and Tom Dobbertin's home, Please call or email Kim Roman for further information.

Chair: Kim Roman,

Great Decisions

Our first Great Decisions discussion group meets on Wednesday evening, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher, 121 Sierra Vista Drive in Redlands. The Thursday afternoon discussion group meets the next day,

February 2nd at 2:00 and you will find out from the chairman, Sue Kovacevich just which home that will be. Both discussion groups meet every week for eight weeks.

The afternoon group will skip the day of the Math-Science conference, March 1st. and hold that discussion the following week. The topics will be: 1. Middle East realignment, 2. Promoting democracy, 3. Mexico, 4. Cyber security, 5. Exit from Afghanistan 6. State of the oceans, 7. Indonesia, and 8. Energy geopolitics.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the discussion groups. We will be passing out the books as soon as we get them toward the end of January. When you sign up please let us know which group you intend to attend, afternoon or evening.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher,

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

Wednesday, November 16th Ellen Schollenberger will facilitate a discussion of the topic "Celebrity Culture and the American Dream." 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. Meetings are usually held the 4th Wed of the month, and guarantee a lively, interesting discussion. Please join us!

Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger, and Sharlene Lund,

Welcome New Members

Maureen Arrigo

Aiko Howo

Marguerite Brooks

Cynthia Grayson

Carole Wesson

Linda Pederson

Johanna Ballard

Laura Harris

Nancy Johnston-Lashier

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Welcome New Members

Continued...

Marilyn Shanker

Debra Wilson

November Thought for the Day:

Will be provided by Jessie Powell at the November meeting.

Local Scholarship

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

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the December newsletter will be **November 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

Tuesday, November 8, 2011...University Club, University of Redlands, Price \$16, Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Followed by Speaker (topic: Vietnam)

Reservations by Friday, November 4, 2011. Please call either, CH: Dorothy Richardson, or Barbara Pike.

Pass Area Interest Group

The Pass Area Interest Group is busy finalizing plans for their Math/Science Conference which will take place on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Mt. San Jacinto College.

On Wednesday evening, October 5, 6:00 PM, we had a potluck followed by our Tech Trek girls. They shared their experiences at Tech Trek which was held on the campus of the University of California, San Diego last July.

Chairs: Mary Belle Clark, and Bessie Reece

Reading and the Rainbow

Please note earlier meeting date!

Our sessions will be at the usual times of 1 and 7 on Thursday, 11-17. The afternoon session will be at Margi Galligan's and she will co-host as well (and she is an amazing cook!), Dee Ann Palmer will facilitate. The evening group will be at Adrienne Gram's and Judy Gates will co-host. Helen Webb will facilitate.

Our November read is Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. Major Pettigrew, a widower, "is the witty, proper, oh-so-British, and exceedingly endearing protagonist. The unexpected death of his brother leads to an equally unexpected friendship with Mrs. Ali, a Pakistani shopkeeper in their small village. As the two commiserate about deceased spouses and humorously self-involved friends and relatives – and share passions for gardening and literature - a sweet and gentle romance begins to blossom. The village aristocracy is unaccepting and the Major, for whom tradition has always been king, finds himself increasingly at odds with the old guard. Astute, heart-warming and often laugh-out-loud hilarious, the book is an elegant and intelligent comedy of manners." It appears to be another book for which we are thankful!

Reminder: no meeting in December. Call or email Kathy Toister or Pat Kruger if you have questions.

Recorder Group

Come play with the Recorder Group on each Monday morning at nine at the home of Mary Jane Auerbacher. Please let me know, if you would like to be there so I can have music ready for you.

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:

Redlands Branch, AAUW
EF Theater Benefit
P.O Box 7678
Redlands, CA 92373

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The President's Corner

Our LAF representative Jane Roberts is speaking at ESRI on November 7th from 5:30-6:30. You can make a reservation by login onto ESRI.com/events/redlandsforum. Let's all attend and support Jane and show her how proud we are of her as a member of AAUW.

Our big theater event is Thursday November 10th at the Redlands Footlighters for the performance of "Flemming" at 6:30pm. All members please come out and support our fund raiser and enjoy a great play and cheese and wine intermission. Thank you to Susan Shodahl and Jessie Turner for planning this evening at the theater.

Our local scholarship women will be recognized at the November Branch meeting. We look forward to hearing them speak. Thank you to Nancy Yowell and Ann Harding for making this possible.

Susan Willis