

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner



Kay Dobbertin

Seventy members and guests attended the October Brunch and our membership continues to grow. Dr. Deanna Stover's explanation of the Affordable Care Act was very enlightening. At our November meeting, Dr. Kuncl, President of the University of Redlands, will be our speaker. I encourage you to bring friends, co-workers and spouses to hear Dr. Kuncl address the future of U of R and our community.

The last Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day...my favorite holiday. I am thankful to be part of this community of amazing women who support one another, support our branch and support causes that improve women's lives. I wish all of you a very *Happy Thanksgiving*. Enjoy yourself...you deserve it!!

Member News

In sympathy and friendship we send our condolences to four of our members: Linda Browning on the loss of her father, Margi Galligan on the loss of her mother, Janyth Dison on the loss of her sister and Renate Beltz on the loss of her father-in-law. At this difficult time, may you find comfort in the friendship and support of all those who care... Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

November Branch Meeting: "The Future of the University of Redlands"

We are honored to have Dr. Ralph Kuncl, President of the University of Redlands, as our guest speaker on Tuesday evening, November 5th. He will share with us his vision for the future of the University of Redlands. Dr. Kuncl is the 11th President of the University; during his inauguration speech last February he said that it was the president's job to implement a university's future and suggested to those in attendance to "dream with me as we envision the future of this university."

Dr Kuncl spent 20 years as a professor of neurology and pathology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He most recently was at the University of Rochester in New York, where he was provost and executive vice president and was also a professor of neurology and brain and cognitive abilities.

The University of Redlands is such an integral part of our community, and an AAUW University Partner, so please join us to hear Dr. Kuncl share his vision for the University.



Nominating Committee

We met last month and are now actively looking for people to join the leadership team for the 2014-15 year. If you are at all interested, please give Pat Belk a call. We need you!

November Branch Meeting Information

When

Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Social time: 5:30 PM
Brunch: 6:00 PM
Program: 6:30 PM

Where

University of Redlands
Casa Loma Room

Menu

Chef's choice main entrée; vegetarian entrée; Chef's choice starch; mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing; fresh seasonal vegetables; dinner rolls and creamy butter; carrot cake, coffee/tea

Cost

Members: \$18

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the November 5th meeting is Tuesday, October 29st.

Please call or email **Pat Kruger** at rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the December newsletter will be **November 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email news@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

Calendar of Events

November

Sun., Nov. 3	6:00 PM	California Cuisine and Conversation Host: Sheron Bealer	Kim Roman
Tues. Nov. 5th		VOTE! Exercise this Privilege	
Tues., Nov 5	5:30 social 6:00 dinner 6:30 program	Branch Meeting Speaker: Dr. Ralph W. Kuncel <i>The Future of the Univ. of Redlands</i> Craft items available for purchase to benefit Local Scholarship	Reservations: Pat Kruger
Wed., Nov, 6	1:00 PM	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey
Sat., Nov. 9	6:30 PM	* Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon., Nov. 11	7:00 PM	* Bridge	Nancy Earney
Mon., Nov. 11	7:00 PM	AAUW Board Meeting First Congregational Church Social 6:30 pm meeting 7:00	Kay Dobbertin
Tues., Nov 12	11:30 am- 2 pm	International Affairs: Iraq Ayres Hotel Speaker: Makram Murad	Barbara Jernigan
Wed., Nov. 13	1:00 PM	* Bridge	Nancy Earney
Thurs., Nov 14	6:30 PM wine&cheese 8:00 play	E. F. Theatre Benefit <i>"The Uninvited"</i> , 1810 Barton Rd., Performance starts at 8:00 pm	Susan Willis Margie Galligan
Sat., Nov. 16	7:00 PM	Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon., Nov. 18	1:00 PM	Bridge	Sally Vaughn
Wed., Nov 20th	12:00 PM	I Am, Therefore I Think <i>"I Think, Therefore I Give"</i> Facilitator: Jane Roberts	Ellen Schollenberger Sharlene Lund
Thurs., Nov 21	1:00 PM	Reading and the Rainbow <i>When the Killings Done</i> Host: Janice Belden	Pat Kruger
Thurs., Nov. 21	7:00 PM	Reading and the Rainbow <i>When the Killings Done</i> Host: Susan Willis	Lynne Reasoner
Mon., Nov. 25	7:00 PM	* Bridge	Cindy Perkins
Every Mon.	9:00 AM	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Tues - Thurs.		Orangewood HS Library Two shifts: 8:30 - 11 and 11 - 1:30	Diane Bennett
		Audio Book Exchange	Nelda Stuck
		* These groups are community groups that are open to AAUW members	

Branch Officers:

President: Kay Dobbertin **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson
Recording Secretary: Amber Costa **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab
Communications: Leslie Priest **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

New Members

New member Dinner is on October 29 at 6 p.m. at Heather Abushanab's house.

Nancy Alexander graduated from the University of Redlands and is a retired Redlands USD teacher. She continues to work part time in Educational Development in partnership with Dominican University. Nancy was Helen Webb's guest.

Linda Trainor received her RN from Saint Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Missouri. She works as a Register Nurse at the Inland Surgery Center and is interested in Adult Literacy. Linda was invited to join by her daughter-in-law, Leslie Trainor

Sharon LeSure is a corporate trainer for Southern California Edison and ITT College. Her undergraduate degree is from UC Riverside and her MS degree is from Cal State Los Angeles. Sharon came to the meeting with Linda Djokic.

Jennifer Escobar is a teacher in the Fontana USD and is interested in music and gardening. She is a graduate of UC Riverside and Claremont Graduate School. Jennifer was invited to join by her mother-in-law, Janyth Dison.

Bridget Bennecke is a freshman engineering student. Her interests include reading, art, and technology. Bridget is joining as a student affiliate while attending UC Riverside, which is a C/U PARTNER school with AAUW. Bridget is the daughter of Tammy Bennecke.

Amy Bisek graduated with a BA in journalism from University of Minnesota. She has lived in Redlands for two years and is in marketing at BI Worldwide. Amy has attended the Reading and the Rainbow group and was invited to join by Kathryn Brown.

Judith Brandt is a graduate of the University of Redlands and was a member of AAUW in the early 1990's. As Corporate representative from the University of Redlands, she arranged for the first Math Science conference to be held on the campus in 1995. Judith continues to work as a part administrator at U of R.

Nicole (Nikki) Holsinger is a former elementary teacher in the Fontana USD and a buyer for our beloved Harris Company. She is a graduate of Metropolitan State University in Colorado and continues to work part time at Sylvan Learning Center. Her interests include the YMCA, gardening and walking. Nikki was Amber Costa's guest.

Valesca Lopez is the International Baccalaureate Coordinator at Competitive Edge Charter Academy in Yucaipa. For the past ten years, she has accompanied the 8th grade girls to the Math Science Conference. Valesca holds a BS degree from Brescia University in Kentucky and a MS degree in Science and Technology from University of Alabama. Valesca was the guest of Kay Dobbertin.

Marybeth Maury-Holmes is a nurse manager for the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Her undergraduate degree is from Occidental College and BSN and MBA degrees are from Loma Linda University and University of Redlands respectively. Marybeth is interested in the STEM conference and was the guest of Heather Abushannab.

Maggie Barrett is a retired Human Resources Director. She is a graduate of UC Riverside and holds professional certifications in HR Management. Maggie describes herself a "professional grandma". Maggie came to the brunch with Rita Reading.

Tricia Gregory is a real estate broker for Coldwell Banker in Yucaipa. She has a degree in marketing from CSUSB and is interested in the STEM/Redlands Conference. Tricia was the guest of Pat Kohlmeier.

Carley Bennecke is attending Cal State University San Bernardino, which also is a C/U PARTNER school with AAUW. Carley has a love of the theatre and photography, and is helping with the photography at our meetings. She is also the daughter of Tammy Bennecke.

Dawn Romo is enjoying retirement from Redlands USD as a fifth grade teacher at Kimberly School. She is a graduate of the University of Redlands and has lived in Redlands 45 years. Dawn is interested in painting and gardening and being a grandma. Dawn brought to the meeting by Sally Trost.

Pass STEM Conference Progress

I have visited the Beaumont and Banning superintendents and the 3 middle school Principals to present them with the information on our STEM conference which will be held on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014. Both districts were very enthusiastic about the opportunity for their 8th grade girls to attend and will provide transportation and chaperones.

Joanne Nightingale, our Speaker Chair, along with Johanna Ballard are contacting speakers. We have requested donations from the Beaumont Women's Club and Elks Lodge 1839 of Banning/Beaumont. Letters will be sent to the Banning Women's Club and the Retired Teachers Association. Any funds not spent on the STEM conference will help support Tech Trek for 7th grade girls. We sent 3 girls in 2013 and hope to send at least one more in 2014.

-Delores (Dee) Riech, Conference Chair

YMCA Holiday Home Tour Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those that have signed up to volunteer for this year's Home Tour. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 8, 2013 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 YMCA with their big fund raiser to support their legal aid program which provides legal services to low income clients, primarily women, and a gift of time and energy that makes you feel good. There will be a sign- up sheet at the November meeting, or you can e-mail me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like.

-Ann Leonard and Linda Browning

International Affairs

For the month of November on the 12th, we are so excited to have a speaker from IRAQ! His name is Makram Murad-al-shaikh. He came as a guest to our recent luncheon, Canada. We think he will be a very interesting speaker and quite entertaining.

He has even offered to write out our name tags in calligraphy or Arabic! Obviously, he was very impressed with our luncheon. Right now we have 25 ladies signed up. We need 28 and can go up to 48. Please consider signing up and feel free to invite a friend or spouse.

For reservations contact Barbara Jernigan.

-Cathi Jordan and Barbara Jernigan

The Affordable Care Act

AAUW California's Public Policy Priorities for 2013 -2015 state "To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW supports increased access to quality, affordable health care, and family planning services, including expansion of patient rights." In California and nationally AAUW supports the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Read more at www.aauw-ca.org Public Policy

-Kathy Toister, Public Policy Chair

Local Scholarship Committee

In case you missed the brunch in October, we are putting on a boutique fundraiser at the November and December dinner meetings. Our items are handmade and will make great gifts, stocking stuffers, or ornaments for the holidays this year. Please come a little early or stay a little late and shop to raise money for our local scholarships. If you have a special talent and would consider contributing some items to our boutique, please call Pat Belk. I'll be glad to hold your items or pick them up.

Save the date for our second fund raiser, a bridge round robin. It will be **February 19**. If you play, join us! If you would like to learn to play, we will be saving a couple of tables for lessons! More details in January.

Yearbook Corrections

Dee Riech's correct phone number
Olga Cupp's new email

EF NOVEMBER THEATER BENEFIT:

The Educational Foundation Footlighters Benefit is set for Thursday November 14th production is "The Uninvited," a classic supernatural story by Tim Kelly about a charming house in England that holds a dark secret. You're sure to be spooked by this edge-of-your seat thriller.

Please join us for a Wine and Cheese Reception on the Footlighters new patio at 6:30 pm, then enjoy the performance at 8:00. During intermission you will be treated to coffee, homemade cookies, and our outstanding Opportunity Drawing. Tickets will be available at the November general meeting from members with tickets, through the mail order form in this issue, or for will call at the door. Tickets are \$25 and include the opportunity drawing. If you cannot attend, please turn your ticket in with your name written on the ticket to enter the drawing.

You can help by one of the following: 1) Purchase 2 tickets to the benefit 2) Donate a bottle of wine for the reception by bringing it to the Nov. meeting or dropping it off at Jo Bogan's home. 3) Make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the reception 4) Donate a gift card. Please contact.

-Susan Willis and Margie Galligan

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION THEATER BENEFIT TICKET ORDER FORM

"The Uninvited"

(A Classic Supernatural Thriller)

Thursday, November 14th

Wine and Cheese Reception 6:30 p.m.

Performance 8:00 p.m.

Door Prizes and Light Dessert at Intermission

_____ # of tickets @ \$25 each

Your tickets will be waiting for you at the Will Call table the evening of the benefit.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please mail to be received no later than November 4, 2013.

EMAIL: _____

_____ We cannot attend, but we would like to contribute \$_____ to the fundraiser.

Please make check payable to: **AAUW EF.**

Please mail order form with payment to:

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

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2014 STEM Conference Pledge/Donation Coupon
Conference Date March 6, 2014

Benefactors \$500 - \$999 Patrons \$300 - \$499 Friends \$100 - \$299 Adopt-a-Girl (pays for 1 lunch) - \$20
I/We: Pledge Donate \$_____ for the 2014 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 you request otherwise.

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
Phone _____ email: _____

Send pledge/donation to:

**AAUW STEM Conference
P.O. Box 7678
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