

# *Branches and Twigs*

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## **Holiday of the Bells: Music by Bell Choirs and Solo Ringer**

The Holiday of the Bells will be celebrated by all who come to the December 4th festive dinner meeting at the Casa Loma Room at 5:30 p.m. Twenty-two bell ringers will give us a beautiful program on five octaves of bells and three octaves of hand chimes. There will be two choirs of ringers and a fabulous solo ringer, John Hinkleman, who has to be seen to be believed. John has been ringing since he was ten years old and really puts on a show all by himself. He rings three octaves. He and his wife have a little girl and he teaches at San Bernardino High School.

The Jubilee Ringers are an intergenerational group ringing five octaves and the Chapel Ringers, an adult group, are bell choirs of the First Lutheran Church under the direction of Kristin Cameron. They will play a program of arrangements of traditional carols to get us all inspired for the holidays.

*Mary Jane Auerbacher*

## **Help Families in Need of Cheer**

As chairperson of our "Adopt-a-Family" Program, the principal of Victoria School has made me aware of two very worthy families who very much need our help. The first family has three girls, ages 11, 9 and 7 years. They have no living mother. The second family has no mother either and they have two girls, ages 11 and 5 years. They are in need of food, clothing, and hopefully we can purchase a gift for each child.

At the December meeting on your table will be an envelope for your generous donation.

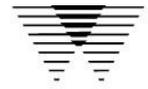
Let's give together, and we too will have a joyous season.

*Dorothy Richardson*

## **Legal Advocacy Talk a Big Hit!!!**

On Saturday, October 6, 2007, Attorney Geoffrey H. Hopper gave a wonderful presentation on "Sexual Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Training and Prevention." He was informative, entertaining and interactive as he spoke. We all learned so much. If you missed being there, we still want you to have an opportunity to make your annual gift to the LAF Fund. You may use the donation form on page 7. If you have any other questions, feel free to call me.

*Kathy Albrektson, Chair, Legal Advocacy Fund*



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## **December Branch Meeting Information**

### **When**

December 4th, 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**

Carving Table: Carved roast beef; baked potato bar with whipped butter, sour cream, chives, crumbled bacon, and shredded cheese; seasonal vegetables; mixed green salad with two dressings; fresh fruit platter; flourless chocolate torte; rolls; coffee and teas.

### **Cost**

\$22.50

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

### **Reservations**

Deadline is Wednesday, November 28th 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

### Program Vice President

Sue Greenfeld

### Membership Vice President

Susan Kean

### Recording Secretary

Doris Billings

### Corresponding Secretary

Ann Farah

### Treasurer

Gwen Wysocki

### President-elect

Dorothy Nordquist

### 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.

## Are you on our AAUW e-mail distribution List?

At the board meeting of October 9, 2007, the Board authorized a distribution list using e-mail addresses to notify members of special events within the branch. Ideally, there would only be one or two notifications per month. If you are not on our list but would like to receive e-mail notification of branch events as a reminder, please send an e-mail asking me to subscribe you. Likewise if you would like to be removed from the AAUW e-mail distribution list, please send an e-mail asking to be unsubscribed. All e-mail addresses are held in strict confidentiality and should not be shared without permission of the owner.

*Sue Greenfeld, VP Programs*

## Remembering E. Anne Taylor

Branch condolences are extended to former member Susan Taylor (1996-2003) and her two brothers upon the death of their mother E. Anne Taylor, September 29th, a day before her 87th birthday. Anne first joined our branch during the 1957/1958 year and held membership for most years until 1981. Rejoining in 1991/1992, she was a member until the current year.

### *The following was contributed by Susie Leonard:*

Anne frequently related a story about her mother when she was a teacher. When her mother, Betty, became pregnant with Anne, the superintendent of schools told her that she could not longer work as a school teacher. Betty replied that the superintendent and all of the male teachers must have been virgin births. After that remark, Anne's mother was reinstated in her teaching position.

Anne, Susie Taylor, myself, and my mother would get-together occasionally at the Jazz and Java coffee shop to drink coffee and talk about politics or relate stories of the past to each other.

Anne was a journalist for 14 years for the Sun Telegram newspaper. She wrote police reports, about fires, but she also wrote about societal issues in San Bernardino County. During this time, she asked her boss for pay equal to the male journalists. The Sun Telegram granted her equal pay.

As part of volunteer service, she raised money for the March of Dimes. Anne, along with her daughter, Susie, walked door-to-door in diverse neighborhoods to collect dimes. This experience replicated one Anne had with her mother, Betty. Anne, by doing this, wished to communicate as did her mother, that all groups of people in society mattered, that they need not be ignored to help society, and that they had children who had birth defects, too. In addition to her March of Dimes volunteer work, she and six other women in AAUW established the first library for Orangewood High School. They collected books and implemented a system for borrowing books.

As an artist, Anne created photography and ceramics. She won awards for her photography.

Susie Taylor said, "I am proud of my mother, she lived life supporting equal rights for everyone." We will always remember Anne for her passion for political activism; involvement in helping support education for others; pursuing activities that created equal rights for all; her sense of humor and artistic expression.

Please send condolence cards to Susie Taylor.

## Remembering Elise Smiley

To her daughters and the friends of Elise Smiley, deepest condolences are extended, upon her sudden and unexpected passing three weeks ago (October 13th). She was a member of the Local Scholarship Committee and the Nominating Committee, as well as the interest groups Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think" and Reading and the Rainbow. For the latter group, several times she was most generous in offering her hospitality to meet in the older home she had so beautifully restored and decorated, and of which she was most proud.

Elise loved working on older homes and restored at least five homes while she lived in Redlands. She was a wonderful interior decorator, combining her training with the special talents and skills with which she was born. She loved and appreciated beauty. Elise worked as a decorator for Home Depot and other stores in this area.

She was an active member of Assistance League, Red Hat, Old House Group, and worked regularly at the Redlands Glass Museum. Elise was a kind and generous friend who could be counted on to help others.

She was a member of our branch 1976 through 1979, and later rejoined in September of 2001 where she held current membership.

*Helen Webb and Beverly Cox*



## Redlands Math-Science Conference

Please mark these dates on your calendars.

1/5 AAUW Branch meeting  
**ASSEMBLE LETTERS AFTER MEETING**

2/2 AAUW Branch meeting  
**ASSEMBLE LETTERS AFTER MEETING**

2/24 U of R Walk through @ 1:00 p.m.

OR

2/26 alternate U of R Walk Through @ 4:00 p.m.

2/28 CONFERENCE

## Nominations Needed

If you are interested in becoming a branch officer or would like to nominate someone else, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Members are Marcia Pifer, Judith Fulton, Nancy Perry, Kathy Presnell-Best, Carolyn Krejci, Phyllis Limbourne and Edna Steinman. Our 2008-2009 officers will be elected at the April branch meeting.

## 2008 Redlands Math-Science Conference

Conference planning is well underway for our February 28, 2008 conference. Many thanks to our members for your continued support to our "Adopt-A-Girl" program, preparation work days and conference participation. The Math-Science Conference could not take place without YOU.

*Judi Jones, Chair*

## Pass Area Math-Science Conference

The Pass Area Interest Group's Ninth Annual Math-Science Conference will be held at Mt. San Jacinto College on Friday, January 11, 2008.

If you are interested in assisting us, please contact Bessie Reece, Mary Belle Clark, Ann Harding or Charlene Fink.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

### Membership Potluck Dinner, Wednesday, October 24th

Thank you to the fourteen Board and Interest Group chairs who attended the New Member Potluck and brought delicious food. We were thrilled that ten new members could be present: Chris Ahlers, Olga Cupp, Cynthia Gobatie, Sue Gorman, Sherri Kinsey, Mary Neufeld, Cindi Oltman, Pat Kruger, Anne Roberts and Susan Shodahl.

### New Member Information

We are pleased to welcome nine new members since our September meeting. Please see the next page for information about each. We are excited to welcome all these new members and look forward to seeing them at meetings.

*Susan Kean, Membership Vice President*



## Yearbook Additions

See print newsletter for this information

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## New Member Information

CHRISTINA AHLERS was invited to join by her mother, Branch President Sue Angell. Christina received her B.S.N. degree from Azusa Pacific University and is employed by Loma Linda University Medical Center. She is interested in helping with AAUW's Orangewood Library and with the Redlands Math Science Conference.

RENEE MARIE CHAVEZ is a Student Affiliate member and was invited to join by Mabelle Nazikoglu. She is a student at Crafton Hills College and works as a personnel assistant at American Septic Services, Inc. Her interests are reading and swimming.

OLGA CUPP was invited to join by Jennifer Hill. Olga received her M.A. in Sociology at ELTE (The University of Budapest) and an M.A. in European Union Studies from the University of West Hungary. She is interested in joining International Relations and the Reading and the Rainbow interest groups.

SHERRI KINSEY heard about AAUW through our articles in the Facts. Sherri received her B.A. from the University of California, Riverside and her B.S. from California State University, San Bernardino. Her hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, walking, travel, knitting and politics. She is interested in joining Book Cassette, Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore I Think," International Relations and Reading and the Rainbow.

CYNTHIA OLTMAN heard about AAUW through her mother, Cathryn, and her grandmother! Cindi is a graduate of the University of Redlands and works as a Marketing Specialist at ESRI. Her interests are art and the Redlands Theatre Festival. She is interested in joining California Cuisine, Play Reading and Great Decisions.

JESSIE POWELL was invited to join by new member, Susan Shodahl. Jessie has a B.S. degree from California State University Long Beach and is a partner of the CPA firm of Powell and Spafford. Her interests include Reading, Travel, Gardening, Cooking and current events. Jessie heard about us through participating in the Math Science Conference. She is interested in California Cuisine and helping with the Redlands Math Science Conference.

KIM WHEELER PRIESTLEY was invited to join by Antoinette Brenion. Kim has a B.A. from Michigan State University and she is the owner of Flying Piggy Paralegal. Her interests are reading, politics and volunteering at Central City Lutheran Mission. She is interested in Play Reading, International Relations and Reading and the Rainbow.

ANNE ROBERTS was invited to join the Redlands Branch by her mother, Jane. Anne has her B.A. degree from Carlton College and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Her hobbies are tennis, films and books. She is interested in Public Policy and helping with the Redlands Math Science conference.

SUSAN SHODAHL received B.A. from the University of San Francisco and her Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is professor of Psychology at San Bernardino Valley College. Her interests are in reading and theatre. She would like to help with the Redlands Math Science Conference.

## 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*

### 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 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

Our holiday gathering will be on Sunday December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Linda and Bruce Rowland will host this festive event. Please call Kim Roman or email her for a food assignment and reservation.

*Chair: Kim Roman*



### 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 call Kathy Toister.

### AAUW Garage Sale

The Local Scholarship committee would like to again thank everyone that helped with the 2007 Yard Sale. We were able to give four \$750.00 scholarships because of everyone's generous donations and hours of work.

As everyone is getting ready for the holidays, please remember, if you come across anything in good condition that you do not think you will ever use again, please save it for the 2008 sale. Nancy Yowell has room in her garage to begin storing items for the next sale.

Mark on your 2008 calendar that the sale will be held June 14th.



### **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](http://www.recellular.com), includes a link to downloadable instructions for erasing data from hundreds of cell phone models.

*Karen Skoog*  
Chair, Educational  
Foundation

## **Interest Groups, Continued**

### **Great Decisions**

We still have a few places left for those of you who would like to be a part of the Great Decisions discussion groups. They will start on Thursday, February 7th, and will last for eight consecutive weeks. One of them meets in the afternoon at 2:00 and the other one meets in the evening at 7:00. The meetings are at my home. I have ordered the study books and the video and according to headquarters in New York they will be sent on January 7th. I have the telephone number of each person who has signed up and will let you know how we can get together so you can study the first chapter ahead of time. The cost for each person is \$15.00. You can pay when you get your book.

Here are the topics for this year: 1. Iraq End Game; 2. European Union at 50; 3. Talking to our Enemies, how the U.S. Deals with Terrorists; 4. Russia; 5. U.S. Defense and Security Policy; 6. Latin America Shifts to the Left; 7. U.S.-China Trade Policy; 8. Private Philanthropy.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

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

We will not meet in December. See you in January!

*Chair: Jane Dill*

### **International Relations**

Our 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**

*Our Town* by Thornton Wilder is the play we will be reading on December 17th. We will meet at the home of Marcia Pifer. Come and read the play with us at 7:00 p.m.

*Chair: Marcia Pifer*

### **Reading and the Rainbow**

We will not meet in December, but you can use the time to get a head start on your January reading! Our book will be *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

*Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister*

### **Recorder Group**

The Recorder Group just completed playing for the Shakespeare Festival Fund Raiser in October. Our other gigs for that month were a program of Renaissance dances for a PEO chapter and also Art for Heaven's Sake. In November we will play for a state convention of Church Women United, in December we will play a Christmas program for a hospital in San Bernardino, and in January we will give a program of music, art and cultural history of the Renaissance for the Cosmos Club.

We would love to welcome new members and are always in need of new players. Try us out. We are really not dangerous. We meet every Monday from 9:00 A.M. to noon at my home. After the practice we enjoy lunch out on the patio.

*Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher*

## Legal Advocacy Fund

If you would like to make a donation to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund, you can use this form.

Please make your check payable to AAUW

Mail checks to: Kathleen B. Albrektson

If you would prefer to give via credit card, please call Kathy for information. If you have any other questions, feel free to call Kathy.

## 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 it or mailing it to Susan Kean.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.**



## 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)

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the January newsletter will be December 5th. 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**

This past October will be a month that we won't soon forget. It seemed that the whole of Southern California went up in flames. No doubt, there are many of you who know families that have been affected by these fires. It is my hope that those AAUW members and their families who had to evacuate are now back in their homes safely.

Also, remember to thank a firefighter and the police force the next time you see him/her.

December is traditionally a month of gifting. Please take time to read Dorothy Richardson's article telling about the two families that will be recipients of this year's "Adopt-a-Family" program. You will agree, as I do, that they are very worthy of your generosity. Our thanks to you, Dorothy, for chairing this year's program.

Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

*Sue Angell*

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