

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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The Neapolitan Quartet: Violin, Flute, Cello and Harp

A special holiday program awaits us when the Neapolitan Quartet joins us on Tuesday December 2nd. This quartet organized by Kristin Cameron has played for many venues, most notably for the Spinnet Club. It is made up of Kristen Cameron, harpist, who is on the staff of Loma Linda University Hospital and St. Bernardine Hospital as a harpist; Renata Geyer, violinist who is a music therapist for Patton State Hospital; Anne Shea, flutist who was a winner of the Young Artist contest at the Bowl and Pat Poole, cellist who also plays in the Fortissimo Quartet under the direction of Ed Yarnell. This will be a lovely way to begin the holiday season.

Note that the December meeting will be held in the Orton Center, which is not our usual venue.

Mary Jane Auerbacher

Adopt a Family

Redlands Family Services has matched us with a large family for our Thanksgiving and Christmas donations this year! A special thank you to all who have contributed to this worthy and rewarding project! At this point we have collected over \$500! With your generosity we will be able to complete the wish list for our family of 9 (7children and 2 adults). You can contribute in two different ways: 1) Money in envelopes at the December 2nd meeting and/or 2) Call Judy at to select an item for a particular child and bring that item to the December 2nd meeting. Thank you again for giving so much!

Judy Gates

The Redlands Math-Science Conference

Conference planning is well underway for our February 26, 2009 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.

We will need branch member support stuffing letters after the January and February branch meetings. Please stay after and help; we can really use your help!

Judi Jones, Chair



AAUW

December Branch Meeting Information

When

December 2nd, 2008
Social time: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
Program: 7:00 p.m.

Where

University of Redlands
Orton Center

Menu

Pre-carved Roast Beef with horseradish and cranberry sauce, baked potato bar, seasonal vegetable, mixed green salad with two dressings, fresh fruit platter, rolls, coffee, tea and flourless torte for dessert.

Cost

\$22.50

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 2nd meeting is Thursday, November 27th. 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

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Kathy Presnell-Best

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.

New Member Dinner

Thank you, *Merci, Gracias* to all the members who lent their time, talent, decorations, and brought delicious food with abundance to make our New Member Dinner on October 21st a success.

We all enjoyed learning from our many new members, each telling a little vignette about themselves, and why AAUW appealed to them.

A pairing of members to solve a quiz game was enjoyed, with Karen Skoog and Debra Shipley winning the "Big Prize".

Later each previously joined member told who they were, what they have participated in AAUW and what they personally received being a member.

Marie Mitchell and I enjoyed being hostess for the evening. Again we thank you sincerely the 37 who attended taking the opportunity to expand all our horizons.

Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President



Bridge Lessons: Part I

Interested in learning how to play bridge? Now is your opportunity! Starting on Jan. 5th at 7:00 pm, a series of six lessons will commence. We will meet on the first and third Monday of Jan., Feb., and March. There is no charge for the lessons--just the ability to attend a minimum of five sessions (so that we have continuity to the sessions). These lessons are for BEGINNERS ONLY. If interest is shown, there will be Bridge Lessons Part II.

Those lessons will be for people who have the basics but want assistance with bidding, opening leads, common conventions, and play strategies. These sessions will have monitored play experience.

Time and frequency to be determined later. Contact Louise if interested.

Y-Home Tour

AAUW will host a home for the YMCA Home Tour on Sunday, December 7th. If you would like to help call Marilyn Sanden.

Special Person Recognition

What or who is it? Anyone in our branch who has performed a special act of kindness or perhaps a member who just does more than expected, with little or no fanfare. Please let me know who you would like to nominate for the honor, as we would like to recognize them.

In October we honored Antoinette Brenion.

Dorothy Richardson, Membership Vice President

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 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.

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 meet Sunday, November 30th at the home of Kay and Tom Dobbertin. Their new home is located in Redlands. Our group is dedicated to good food and lively conversation. Current members should watch their e-mail for updates. Contact Kim Roman by phone or email.

Chair: Kim Roman

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas (well, almost)

Here is a great Christmas gift idea for those of you who have college students in your family: why not give a membership to AAUW at a remarkable low fee of only \$30 per student? Or even better still, a life time membership. Then no matter where they go in the USA, they will have a place to start their new life as a graduate, meeting others with a common interest and expand all our horizons. Please call me, and I will get the paper work started.
*Dorothy Richardson,
Membership Vice President*

National Convention

Put the 2009 AAUW National Convention on your calendar: June 26-28, 2009; St. Louis, Missouri. Registration opens December 1.

B&T Submission Guidelines:

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

See the paper version of the newsletter for additional information.

Amber Benavides
Interest: Great Decisions, "I Am," Math/Science Conference, Public Policy, International Affairs, Educational Foundation

Carol Boorman
Interests: Great Decisions, "I Am", Public Policy, International affairs, Reading Rainbow

Denise Cain
Interest: "I Am"

Hetty Doesburg
Interest: "I Am," International Affairs

Irene Gregory
Interests: Great Decisions, "I Am," Play Reading, International Affairs, Orangewood, Reading & the Rainbow

Connie Holloway
Interests: California Cuisine, Local Scholarship, Math Sci.

Dionne King
Interest: Great Decisions

Bertha Nobel
Interests: B.A. University of Redlands
California Cuisine, Great Decisions, International Affairs

Helen Ridone
Interests: Educational Foundation, International Affairs

Debbie Shipley
Interest: Great Decisions

Sherry Waters
Interests: "I Am", San Gorgonio Pass Group

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

The topics for the Great Decisions discussion sessions have come from the Foreign Policy Association in New York. They are:

1. The U.S. and Rising Powers;
2. Afghanistan and Pakistan;
3. Energy and the Global Economy;
4. The Arctic Age;
5. Egypt in the 21st Century;
6. Global Food Supply;
7. Cuba After Castro;
8. Universal Human Rights

If you haven't yet signed up please drop by the Great Decisions table at the December meeting so I can be sure to have enough study books for everyone.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

"I Am..." will not meet in December but join us January 28th to discuss "The World Economy."

Chair: Jane Dill

International Affairs

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on January 13th in the University Club at the University of Redlands. Olga Cupp will speak about Hungary. The cost is \$14.00 and reservations are due on January 6th. Sign up early.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

The Play Reading group will meet at Kathy Presnell-Best's home on December 15th at 7:00 pm. We will be reading *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams. Call Marcia for details.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group will be playing a Christmas program at the Family Service, Friday, December 5th at 10:00. You are welcome to come and enjoy the program and refreshments. Come and meet the people who come there for help. They will be glad you have joined us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

We will not meet in December, but you can get a head start on your January reading!

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Messages for New Members

Please call Antoinette Brenion for your future dinner reservations. Please look at the right-hand column, front page of your Branches and Twigs for the particulars for each meeting. However, if you are bringing a guest please let Membership know, as we would like to send them a welcoming greeting.

AAUW name tags can be ordered for \$5.00 by contacting Membership Assistant Marie Mitchell.

Dorothy Richardson and Marie Mitchell, Membership

Bylaws Update (Part 2 of 2)

This is the continuation of the November article about Bylaw changes now implemented in the Bylaws found in the current Yearbook.

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

p. 42 Art. VII Section 2. e. Delete ", with a membership treasurer,".

Rationale: Membership vote from last year.

p. 42 Art. VII Section e. 2. Delete "and subscriptions for associate members".

Rationale: New associate members are no longer accepted into AAUW.

p. 46 Art. IX Section 1. 4 (b). Delete "program topics of" and modify to read: "the Association agenda", and delete "branch" and replace with "Board" in the next line. In the last line, delete "and shall also consider future Association program topics".

Rationale: The Branch no longer is required to maintain an agenda in line with the National agenda.

p. 48 Art. XIV Section 1. Delete "g. has exceeded the twenty percent (20%) limitation on associate members".

Rationale: New associate members are no longer accepted into AAUW.

p. 52 Section 13. Delete this section and renumber 14 to become 13.

Rationale: AAUW is no longer a member of IFUW, so this paragraph is removed; verified with National.

Sheron Bealer, Bylaws Committee

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.

The President's Corner

We know that the holidays are here when we attend the December meeting. It has been a tradition and our good fortune to have a musical group presentation coordinated by our own Mary Jane Auerbacher. Please mark your calendar for the 2nd of December when we will be treated to a holiday program featuring the Neapolitan Quartet --- plus a gourmet dinner. (From personal experience, the flourless chocolate torte is a dessert not to be missed!)

The end of the year finds our members involved with many activities in the community---attending the EF fundraiser at the Footlighters, hostessing a home through the Y tour and contributing to the Adopt A Family program through Family Service. Thank you to the chairs of these events, Karen Skoog, Marilyn Sanden and Judy Gates for their work in making a success.

At the risk of rushing the season, I am giving an early reminder for the AAUW State Convention to be held April 24-26 in San Diego. We hope that a number of our members will consider attending this coming year, even for a day, since it is in our section of the state. If you would like more details, the CA AAUW website is a source of information.

Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded with family and friends.

Dorothy Nordquist

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