

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Holiday Program: The Neapolitan Quartet

The Neapolitan Quartet under the direction of Kristin Cameron, harpist will bring us a lovely Holiday Concert to put us in the mood for all of the events to come. It will begin the very first of December on a Tuesday ending with the Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, the sixth. The other members of the quartet are Renata Geyer, violinist, Anne Shea, flutist and Pat Poole, cellist. This will surely be one of the loveliest experiences of the season and one that no one will want to miss.

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Coordinator

Redlands Branch Awards Four Scholarships

On November 3rd, the Redlands Branch of AAUW awarded scholarships to four deserving women; one attending Crafton College, two attending San Bernardino Valley College, and one attending California State University San Bernardino. The \$3750.00, generated through a large yard sale, was divided by giving \$750.00 to each recipient attending Crafton and Valley Community Colleges, and \$1500.00 to the recipient attending CSUSB.

Elizabeth Haywood, introduced by Pat Belk, is attending CSUSB. Her anticipated date of graduation is June 2010 with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. She is in the Cal. State Intern Program, and is doing on-site visitation at homes and in the community. Her son, daughter and husband are currently attending Crafton Hills College in Yucaipa.

Erin Berk, introduced by Patty Ahern, is attending Crafton Hills College. Her 5-year plan includes transferring to CSUSB to obtain a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, with an anticipated graduation of 2014. She is the single mother of an 8 yr. old son.

Melissa Hogle, introduced by Mary Ann Capestany, is a student at San Bernardino Valley College with May 2010, as her anticipated date of completion, and will have an AA in Liberal Studies, an AA in Human Services, and a certificate in Drug & Alcohol Studies. She then plans to transfer to CSUSB to obtain a BA in Human Services, and then on to get a Masters in Social Work.

Charity Yacob, introduced by Dr. Susan Shodahl, is also a student at San Bernardino Valley College, with the summer of 2010 as her anticipated date of graduation. She will then have a Case Management Certificate and an AA in Human Services. She is the single mother of two children, 4 yrs. and 7 months.

These scholarships are for re-entry women. Women, who for one reason or another needed to interrupt their education. Now they are re-enrolled in college, and are on a clear path to graduation.

Nancy Yowell



December Branch Meeting Information

When

December 1st, 2009

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 Buffet: Carved roast beef, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, mixed green salad with Ranch and Italian dressing, fresh fruit platter, dinner rolls and creamy butter, dessert is chocolate truffle torte, coffee, tea.

Cost

\$24.00

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

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 1st meeting is Monday, November 23rd. Please call or email 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.

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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.

YMCA Holiday home tour on Sunday, December 6

Our Redlands Branch is hosting the beautiful home of Frank and Sheri Greene on the YMCA home tour on Sunday, December 6. Many thanks to those who have signed up to help. If you signed up, and are unable to participate, please notify us immediately, as we are counting on you to make this festive fundraiser run smoothly. For information, please contact Amber or Sandra Flowers.

Amber Costa

Redlands Math-Science Conference: Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

PLEASE mark your calendar to be part of this Redlands Branch Project. Letters will be assembled after the January Branch meeting on Saturday, January 9th and after the February Branch meeting on Saturday, February 6th. Packets will be assembled on February 28th. For more information, please contact either co-chair: Sharon Pavlovich or Lorie De Marco.

Judi Jones

Membership Dinner

At the Membership Dinner we had a number of books to be given to Victoria School for children who have no books at home. Each couple of members chose a book and wrote a note to put inside telling the child why they chose that book for him or her. I took the books over to the school the next day and right away we got this letter from them:

“Dear Ms. Mary Jane Auerbacher,

On behalf of Victoria Elementary School I would like to thank you and everybody in your association for the generous gift of 18 wonderful books to our students. You can be sure our children will enjoy reading these books over and over. Thanks again for your support to our school, and for writing the special notes for every book.

Sincerely, Angelina Figueroa, School Office Manager”

Several people asked me for the recipe for the raspberry salad. This is a large aspic salad. You may want to cut it in half. Put the contents of four boxes of raspberries in the bottom of your jello mold. Pour four envelopes of Knox gelatin in a cup of cranberry juice to soften. Add two more cups of cranberry juice, the juice of one lemon, and one cup of sugar. Stir until all the gelatin is mixed in. Pour over the berries. Cool and set. Immerse the mold in hot water up until just below the rim and turn out onto a flat plate.

Mary Jane Auerbacher, Membership Vice President

Member News

The branch wishes to extend it's condolences to Dr, Judith Kohlbach Fulton on the recent passing of her husband, Albert.

Kathy Presnell-Best

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. A list of all titles available for circulation is now available---stop by and pick one up!

Book Cassette and CD Groups

This is your last chance for several months to join in a book CD listening group. We've had a good turnout of new members joining our group which met in November. We have a third group ready to begin a new round-robin in January - and that will be the last one for a year, so if you're interested, phone now. Our groups meet to discuss the books they "read" over the year and to choose the books they all want to hear. 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 CD rental table (with those funds going for scholarships), or donates the book to Smiley Library (for a possible tax write-off). In our round-robin schedule, we allow 6 weeks for each book. Call Nelda now to be part of the January start-up.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck and Sally Trost (CD Group)

Bridge

The bridge groups are underway! There is still space available in some of the groups, and there has been interest in starting another daytime group. Call the coordinator if you are interested in the groups listed.

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Evelyn O'Prey

3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Coordinator: Sally Vaughn

Evening Couples: 1st Saturday A, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Celeste Beard

1st Saturday B, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Debbie Lewin

3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

Evening: 4th Monday 7 p.m. Coordinator: Nancy Earney

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m. Coordinator: Louise Schumann

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes. If you are interested in being a part of a third daytime group that would meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month call Louise Schumann.

Chair: Louise Schumann

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation has not yet finalized its December plans. Current members should watch their email for updates. Please contact Kim Roman for further information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Local Scholarship

Thank you for every one's help in making four women have a happier holiday. It is so rewarding to see the happy faces as these scholarships are awarded. Now it is time to start saving so that we can continue this wonderful tradition. June 12, 2010 will be next year's sale date.

Remember to rent a "Books on CD" at \$5.00 a month.

This money is put toward the scholarship fund. We have some new CDs so please come by the table at each meeting and check to see if one of them interests you.

Ann Harding

Yearbook Corrections

See the print version for this information

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. If you do not have email, you can submit a typed or printed article by mail to Jennifer Hill.

Welcome New Members:

Margie Allison
Interests: Bridge, California Cuisine, Reading & the Rainbow

Peg Monahan
BA: De Paul University
Interests: San Gorgonio Pass Group

Ophelia Georgiv Roop
BA and MA: Indiana University
Interests: Great Decisions, "I Am, Therefore. . .", Public Policy, International Relations, Orangewood Library, Reading & the Rainbow

Fran Zimmerman
BS: U of Mass, CAGS
Northwestern U. M. Ed U of Mass
Interests: International Relations, Math-Science Conference
Invited by Dorie Breshars

Returning Member:
BA University of Riverside,
MLS University of Michigan,
MA Middlebury College
Interests: Great Decisions,
Reading & the Rainbow,
Play Reading

Interest Groups, Continued

Great Decisions

The first discussion group will begin on Wednesday, February 3rd. Study books will be out the first of January and I will get them to you as soon as they arrive. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at the December meeting. In December Kay Dobbertin will be contacting those who would prefer an afternoon group. We will skip the first Wednesday of March as that is the day of the Math-Science Conference. The last discussion group will be the Wednesday before Easter. The topics are: 1. the Role of Special Envoys, 2. Kenya, 3. Organized Crime, 4. China, 5. Global Financial Crisis. 6. Eastern Europe and Russia, 7. Persian Gulf, 8. Peace Building and Conflict Resolution. I am really looking forward to these stimulating discussions.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

Because of the Holiday there will be no meeting in December. However we are looking forward to our meeting in January, when Kathy Jordan will be leading a lively discussion on, "Friendly Fitness". Details of this meeting will be available in the January Branches and Twigs. Questions:

Helen Webb

International Affairs

Call Dorothy or Barbara for details.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

The December meeting of Play Reading will be on December 21, at 7:00. The play will be "9 Parts of Desire" by Heather Raffo. For the location please call Marcia Pifer. Join us for an interesting evening.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is in the process of building up a new repertoire as we just finished playing our program for several groups. This would be a great time to get in on the ground floor. We welcome new members even if you haven't played for years. Don't wait to get good first. Nobody practices until they have a reason to do it. Come and play wrong notes with the rest of us.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

Reading and the Rainbow will not meet in December. We will resume our regular schedule on January 28th at 7:00 PM. The schedule is as follows:

1-28	McTeague: A Story of San Francisco	Frank Norris
2-18	Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford
3-25	The Reader (book and movie)	Bernard Schlink
4-22	The Bookseller of Kabul	Asne Seierstad
5-27	Foreign film to be selected - potluck - books selected for 2010-2011	

Bylaws Update

The Bylaws Committee has met to implement mandatory updates directed by AAUW. These changes were directed due to the move by AAUW to a corporate status and do not require membership vote. The changes are summarized below, take immediate effect, and will be mailed to you during the 2010 summer in the new release of the Yearbook. In the meantime if you desire a copy be emailed to you or postal mailed to you please contact Sheron Bealer. A summary of the changes follows:

- *Replace "Association" or "Foundation" with "AAUW"
- *Delete any reference to "Charter"; we now are ruled only by Bylaws.
- *The only purpose/mission statement to be used is "The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."
- *The Use of Name Policy is minimized. Add a new Section 3 "Violations. Violation of the Use of Name policy shall result in action taken in accordance with AAUW policy."
- *There is no longer any reference to regions or regional directors as they no longer exist.
- *Viable branches with fewer than 15 members will be allowed to continue.
- *Delete reference to delegates for AAUW convention; all members now have a vote on national AAUW business (elections, adoption of the Public Policy Program and resolutions, and amendments to the AAUW Bylaws).

The Bylaws Committee may meet again in 2010 to consider our structure in light of the ongoing organizational changes; if you care to comment to the Committee please contact Edna Steinman, Renae Reiswig, Leslie Priest, Kathy Presnell-Best, Dorothy Richardson or Sheron Bealer.

Sheron Bealer

AAUW CA State Bylaw Change

Elections: Responding to requests from our membership, our bylaws have been amended to allow for direct elections of President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominating committee is seeking candidates for these four officer positions as well as for General Directors. As this is a change in elections, the deadline for submitting vitae forms will be extended to December 1. Vitae forms and election information are available on the AAUW California website in the Forms & Documents section, under State Leadership. Please consider using your talents as an officer or director at the state level.

2010 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: Kate Pretorius, Funding 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.

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The President's Corner

Wow, I can't believe how quickly the year is flying by!

We've had a successful New Member's Dinner put on by the Board and various Interest group chairs, coordinated by Mary Jane Auerbacher.

The Scholarship recipients were weepy, but extremely grateful. Thanks go to the Local Scholarship committee, headed by Nancy Yowell and Anne Harding, and everyone in the Branch who contributed items, time, and money to the yard sale. If you missed this meeting, be sure to attend next year, it was wonderful to see how our hard work will be put to good use. The visit by entrepreneur Mary Kay and Zonta founder Marian de Forest were very interesting and informative.

Sheron Bealer and her By-laws committee worked to get the mandatory changes made for our Branch. Sandy Flowers and Amber Costa are working to coordinate the Y-Alliance Home Tour. Margi Galligan is busy getting the Adopt-a-Family program settled with Family Service. If you haven't signed up for these last two items, feel free to call the chairs and volunteer, there's still time.

The Theater Benefit was lots of fun. I hope you all did your part to be a part of the AAUW family. Donations to fund our international endowment for this year can still be made. Karen Skoog and her committee deserve a big round of applause.

I hope to see everyone at our December dinner meeting. The music will be a pleasure and the food should be yummy.

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season. May it be the best ever.

Kathy Presnell-Best