

Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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Redlands High School Chamber Singers

The flagship chorale of the Redlands High School, the Chamber Singers will be coming at popular demand to sing for us at our December 7th meeting.

This will be very special all around as it will be a sit-down Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The evening will begin at 5:30 P.M. in the Casa Loma Room at the University of Redlands.

No one will want to miss this start of the Holiday Season, so come and bring a friend whom you think would enjoy being part of the AAUW family.

Mary Jane Auerbacher

The Redlands Math-Science Conference 2011

Wow! 2011! That conference is still pretty far in the future, right? In reality, it's only a short time away. February 28, 2011 is the date for our annual Math/Science Conference for the local 8th grade girls. Our committee is in full swing planning for the conference. We have a great group of women whose coordinated efforts will bring the conference day to a success. We still need all of our AAUW friends' help, though.

What can YOU do? There are several ways in which you can help, even if you're not on the committee.

* Volunteer to help on conference day by being a guide for the girls, helping them to find the various workshops on the U of R campus.

* Volunteer to assist one of the speakers on the day of the conference.

* Help to stuff the packets for distribution to the girls on the day of the conference (this will happen in February)

* Adopt-a-Girl by donating \$15 for one girl (\$30 for two, and so on). This helps defray the cost of providing lunches to the girls on the day of the conference as well as the materials they are given that day).

* Call Lorie (conference chair) or contact any of our committee members if you would like to make a general donation to the conference, or if you'd like to help out in any other way.

Remember, this is an AAUW Redlands *Branch* project, so it takes all of us to make this wonderful event the success that it has proven to be, year after year! We're in our 17th year, and the interest and enthusiasm for this amazing conference has not waned yet -- we don't anticipate it will!

Together with our branch members, we are looking forward to another great day at the University of Redlands!

Lorie DeMarco, 2011 Math/Science Conference Chair



December Branch Meeting Information

When

December 7th, 2010
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: roast beef, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, mixed green salad with two dressings, farfalle and broccoli salad with gorgonzola dressing, dinner rolls, 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 7th meeting is Wednesday, December 1st. 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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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.

A HUGE Education Foundation Thank You!

The EF Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Theater Benefit at Footlighters in November. We enjoyed wonderful attendance at both the wine and cheese reception and the performance, the gift card drawing was lots of fun, and the play was terrific! A great time was had by all! Special thanks to all of the members of the EF Committee, the Board, and Mary Dalton for helping to make the evening a success. Your support allowed us to complete the funding of the Redlands International Endowment Fund, which now will provide for an International Fellowship. This is an amazing accomplishment for our branch and you should all be very proud of your efforts to support educational funding for women who are making great contributions in our world.

Karen Skoog, Education Foundation Committee Chair

Local Scholarship

The Local Scholarship committee is very excited about the recipients of the 2010 local scholarships. They had very inspiring stories. The CD book rental money goes towards the scholarship fund. The books are rented for \$5.00 a month. If anyone has donations for the June, 2011 yard sale, the items can be taken to Nancy Yowell's. Be sure items are clean and in good working order.

Ann Harding

AAUW Reaches Out to Next Generation of Women Leaders

AAUW has named 10 college student leaders from across the United States to serve on the 2010–11 Student Advisory Council, a leadership group chosen annually to advise the organization about pressing campus issues.

"The AAUW Student Advisory Council members have the unique opportunity to advise one of the leading women's organizations in the United States. These young women will represent the voices and experiences of college students, providing AAUW staff with firsthand accounts of student needs and ideas on issues ranging from sex discrimination to pay equity," said Kate Farrar, AAUW director of leadership programs.

Additionally, the SAC will help plan and implement next year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders as well as contribute to the AAUW blog, promote AAUW programs on their campuses, and build ties to their local AAUW branches.

"Our Student Advisory Council members have already begun to influence their campuses and communities. We expect great things from them," Farrar said.

See www.aauw.org for more information on the members and the Council.

Interest Groups

Audio Book Lending Library

Please remember to rent a CD for \$5.00 a month at the branch meeting. Proceeds go to the Local Scholarship fund. We are getting new CDs in each month.

Local Scholarship Co-Chair: Ann Harding

Interest Groups, Continued

Book Cassette and CD Groups

With so many ways to listen to a great variety of books and thus double your "reading" time, take advantage of AAUW's audio book groups. The Book Cassette groups have been going for more than 10 years. Just think of the number of books we've been able to "read." Now is an especially good time to join because one of the groups begins in late September, with the next one beginning again in several months. Since a couple weeks of planning are necessary for each person to choose a book, phone the chairman now for immediate information. We are seeking new members. Our groups meet to discuss the books we want to read over the year so that all members get a say. 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). You have six weeks to "read" each book before passing it on to the same person each month on a regular schedule. For details, phone Nelda.

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost

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, 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

Interested in playing bridge? We have openings for the 4th Monday at 7PM. Call Gladys Rosa.

The two daytime groups already have fixed tables and are only accepting substitutes.

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet Sunday December 5 in Yucaipa. We will meet at Connie and Dennis Halloway's home. Our dinner will begin at 6:00 PM. California Cuisine and Conversation is an interest group dedicated to delicious food and lively conversation. Singles and couples are welcome. Current members should watch for email updates. Prospective members should call Kim Roman for additional information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is off to a great start with 35 already signed up for the Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon sessions starting the first week in February. If you haven't yet signed up there is still time. I have ordered 40 books and the lady at the office said that they would probably come the end of December.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

AAUW-CA salutes CAWA on their 15th year

Excerpts taken from CAWA literature:

CAWA (California Women's Agenda) started 15 years ago after the fourth world conference on Women in Beijing, China. That conference energized participant's to share their experience with others and turn the message of global unity into a grassroots movement for societal change. The California Women's Agenda was organized in 1996 at a statewide gathering of women and girls. It was designed as a blueprint for collective action among the hundreds of organization in California addressing the needs of women and girls. Since its founding, CAWA has developed into an action network mobilizing millions of women and men in support of the global plan adopted in Beijing as a commitment to the empowerment of women. Launched as a project of the Women's Intercultural Network (WIN) a non-governmental organization consultative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations CAWA has:

- A network to more than 600 organizations
- Developed state task force for each issue identified in the Beijing Plan
- Built a online electronic information and action alert system
- Redesigned a web site for accessing resources on key issues
- Created a Legislator' Council

Visit their website to learn more: www.win-cawa.org.

Y Alliance Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 5

Our branch is hosting a beautiful Craftsman's Practical house on December 5th. Many people signed up to hostess for which we are very grateful.

Co-chairs: Marilyn Sanden, Dorothy Richardson

Yearbook Additions – Returning Member

Marsha McGregor

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.

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Interest Groups, Continued

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

A reminder, **there will be no meeting in December**, however, our first meeting of the New Year will be on January 26, 2011, the fourth Wednesday of the month. We continue to meet at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Redlands, located on the corner of Fourth St and Fern in the lounge that faces the back parking lot. Many of us come at 12:00 noon to enjoy our "brown bag" lunch while we visit. The actual meeting time is 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Our discussion leader for January's meeting will be Ellen Schollenberger whose topic is, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunities for Women Worldwide, by the first married couple to win the Pulitzer Prize. Ellen traded places with Adriane Gram in November, when Adriane led us in a provocative and timely discussion on "Media concerns". Please join us for these opportunities to engage with others on topics that invite stimulating discussions. See you there.

Questions: Helen Webb

International Affairs

Thailand

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

We will meet at the University of Redlands' University Club.

11:30a.m. Social, 12:00p.m. Lunch, followed by speaker

Charge \$14, Reservations only.

Our speaker, Marilyn Roach has had a unique experience, teaching English to various tribe members who have never been urbanized.

Chairs: Dorothy Richardson and Barbara Pike

Play Reading

Our play for December will be White Buffalo, by Don Zolidis. We will meet on Monday, December 20th at 7:00 pm. White Buffalo is based on a true story of a white buffalo born on a farm in Wisconsin and the Sioux prophecy that promises peace on earth and unity for all man kind. Please call for the address.

Chair: Marcia Pifer

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group have been playing concerts nearly every week and we are now practicing for our Christmas Concert which we will give at a Christmas Breakfast at the Baptist Church the first week in December. We are happy to welcome Joan Prost as a brand new member of the group.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

Reading and the Rainbow

Our group does not meet in December. We will resume with "The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance" by Kristin Downey on January 27th.

Happy holidays to all!

Chairs: Pat Kruger and Kathy Toister

Membership – New members

Please give a warm welcome to all of the new members who have joined our Branch.

Dorothy Bailey

Rosemary Bratkowski

Karen Coates

Sally Leialoha

Sylvia Mathey

Susan Nelson

Judy Racine

Rose-Marie Raumin

Marilyn Roach

Sue Young

2011 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: Olga Cupp

_____ \$15 donation to "ADOPT A GIRL"

_____ \$30 donation to "ADOPT TWO GIRLS"

_____ \$45 donation to "ADOPT THREE GIRLS"

\$_____ donation to "ADOPT MANY GIRLS"

Your Name: _____

Contributors of \$100 or more will be thanked by name in the Math-Science Conference program.

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The President's Corner

December, promises to be a busy month of celebrations. The first Sunday of the month is our annual Y Alliance Home Tour. If you have never attended or participated, be sure to sign up with Marilyn Sanden and/or Dorothy Richardson, our community representatives. Our branch meeting will celebrate the holidays with a performance by the Redlands H.S. Chamber Singers. This is always a festive beginning to welcome the holiday season.

90 Years for AAUW – CA! Our state is inviting each branch to participate at Convention (April 2011) by having a display. I would like to invite all members to submit any creative ideas for our display table this next spring. Last year we shared the Math-Science Conference. With our rich history as a branch (since April of 1947) and our many activities, we have a variety of activities and programs to choose from.

If you were able to attend the November program then you were fortunate to witness our local scholarship recipients share their amazing journeys to achievement in spite of difficult challenges. They were truly an inspiration to hear. To Nancy Yowell, Anne Harding and the participating committee members I can speak for all membership in saying that we appreciate the consistent hard work and energy that you invest in this inspiring part of our mission.

And now a big thank-you as well to Karen Skoog and the Educational Foundation Committee for pulling together yet again a night at the 'Footlighters' Theatre. Wine and cheese....and then dessert on the patio made this annual event an evening to enjoy and celebrate yet another very important part of our mission!

I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. I look forward to seeing you in December.

Renae Reiswig