

Branches and Twigs

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Program for the Christmas Dinner

The Rancho Cucamonga Davines, a Community Women's chorus from the Lewis Family Playhouse of Rancho Cucamonga will be with us to launch the Holiday Season of AAUW. The chorus under the direction of Julie Matanga will bring "Truffles and Treasures". Julie Matanga is directress of the Theatre Arts Department of Valley College. She is also organist of the Unity Church in Pomona and Director of a professional recorder group in San Bernardino. She is a gifted pianist and singer and a graduate of the School of Music of the University of Redlands.

Mary Jane Auerbacher

Redlands Math-Science Conference Needs Your Support – Adopt-a-Girl

We have three months to go before the March 1, 2012 Math-Science Conference.

600 8th grade girls need your funding support and the community's funding support. Postage costs and lunch costs have gone up. You can imagine also that the schools have even had trouble getting funds for the school buses to transport the students. So every penny we raise goes to immediate good use.

Our branch's ADOPT-A-GIRL program can be of great help. We ask \$15 of you to buy 1 girl's lunch. Please consider this action. It can be a pledge you pay later or a donation right away. Please use the coupon on page 5, so we make sure to get your name in order to thank you publicly in our program and our website (unless you request otherwise). We value and appreciate your donation so very much, as do the schools and students. Thank you!

PS. We thank our fund raising team. Please contact them for a brochure that you can take with you to other city events to ask for support.

Krystina Belcher (Roslyn Dunn's daughter), Dorothy Nordquist, Antoinette Brenion, and Treasurer Sharlene Lund.

Contact Leslie Priest, this year's Chairperson, for any details.

Member News

The Branch offers its sincere condolences to "Branches and Twigs" editor Olga Cupp on the passing of her grandmother. Our thoughts are with her and her family in Hungary. We greatly appreciate all that Olga does for the Branch each month.

Jennifer Hill



December Branch Meeting Information

When

December 6th, 2011
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 dressing, Italian fusilli with yams, walnuts, broccoli, parmesan cream sauce, dinner rolls, chocolate truffle torte, coffee, and tea.

Cost

\$25.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 6th meeting is Thursday, December 1st. Please call Kay Dobbertin at. 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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Patty Ahearn

Membership Vice President

Theresa Lantz

Recording Secretary

Kate Pretorius

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Kathy Toister

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.

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Membership

This month is a time to give thanks for your many blessings. What are you thankful for? I am thankful that I am a member of AAUW. I am thankful for the many friends I have made throughout the years. I am thankful that I am a member of such a wonderful and worthy organization that does so much to help women locally and throughout the world. I am thankful that you all help our membership grow by bringing your friends to our meetings. Thanks to all of you for all you do! You are appreciated! Have a wonderful thanks for giving holiday.

Theresa Lantz, Membership

Pass Area Interest Group

The Pass Area Math/Science Conference will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Mt. San Jacinto Community College. Please come see us! The conference begins at 9:30 in the theater. We will have over 300 girls present from the Banning and Beaumont School Districts. We hope some of you will attend. Celeste Beard is looking for members who will serve as facilitators for the day. Your help will be appreciated.

Bessie Reece, Pass Area Interest Group

Local Scholarship

The Local Scholarship Committee had an exciting October by selecting the recipients for the scholarships and then introducing them at the November 1st meeting. All of this is made possible because of your donations for the yard sale held in June and rental of the CDs. We want to say congratulations to the recipients and thank you to all that donated and worked the 2011 sale. Now we will be collecting for the 2012 sale which will again be held in June.

Have a wonderful Holiday from the Local Scholarship Committee.

Ann Harding

Named Gift Honoree Meeting

February is the month in which the Redlands Branch AAUW honors members who have been selected as 2012 Named Gifts Honorees. Those eligible have been in the Branch at least 5 years and are very active in the organization. All past honorees are invited to attend a meeting at which these persons are selected. This meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Sue Angell

Member's Books Illuminate Local History

Betty K. Meltzer, a member of the Redlands Branch of AAUW is co-author of two books: "Glimpses of History: The San Geronio Pass in the 19th Century" and "Losing Ground: The Displacement of San Geronio's Pass Cahuilla and Serrano People in the 19th Century." According to Betty, she and Louis Philip Doody wrote the books because they felt the need for material in the schools that focused on the history of the Cahuilla Indians of San Geronio Pass, since Cahuilla and Serrano children attended local schools.

The books cover the areas of Banning, Beaumont, Yucaipa, San Timoteo Canyon, Redlands and Loma Linda.

Interest Groups

Audio Book Listening Group

We have three Audio Book Listening Groups going with some 30 total participants. The next group to begin its round-robin starts in November. All who are interested in joining a group by meeting with us to help pick out the books we all want to hear (and then purchasing the one you suggest and are assigned - which you get back in 18 months), should contact Nelda Stuck for details,

Chairs: Nelda Stuck; Sally Trost

Bridge

Daytime: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m.
2nd Wednesday, 1 p.m.
3rd Monday, 1 p.m.

Evening Couples: 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m. ,

Evening: 1st Monday 7 p.m.
4th Monday 7 p.m.

209-777-2747

Duplicate Pairs: 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.

California Cuisine and Conversation

California Cuisine and Conversation will meet at December 4 at 6:00 pm. Please call or email Kim Roman for further information.

Chair: Kim Roman

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is signing up members who would like to share in the stimulating discussions. You may sign up at the branch meeting or call Mary Jane at 792-8546. The briefing books will be coming off the press in January and the discussions will begin the first week in February. They are every week for eight weeks. The Wednesday evening group meets at 7:00. The Thursday afternoon group meets in various members` homes at 2:00. The discussions are: 1. Middle East Realignment. 2. Promoting Democracy. 3. Mexico 4. Cybersecurity, 5. Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq. 6. State of the Oceans. 7. Indonesia, 8. Energy Geopolitics. The cost is \$15 for the study book and the video.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

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

There is no meeting in December, but will begin again in the New Year.

Chairs: Ellen Schollenberger and Sharlene Lund

Welcome New Members

Holly K Olson

Shirley Considine

Changes and Corrections

Changes of addresses for:

Pasley, Denise

Greeley, Nancy

Cynthia Grayson's

Marilyn Shankar's name was misspelled in October Branches & Twigs

Joan Prost phone:

Local Scholarship

Remember to rent a book on CD at \$5.00 a month. The funds go toward the Local Scholarship Fund.

We now have new CDs because of the various donations from our members. Thank you! Keep renting!

Ann Harding

Save the Date

AAUW California Convention

April 13-15, 2012

Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
2700 Mission College Blvd
Santa Clara

CA Suffrage Centennial

For a look back to when the women of California won the right to vote, go to:

<http://www.aauw-ca.org/blog/>

B&T Submission Guidelines:

The deadline for the January newsletter will be **December 5th**. Send your articles for that issue to the editor via email: olgacupp@gmail.com. If you do not have email, you can submit a printed article by mail to Olga Cupp at PO Box 452, Redlands, CA 92373.

Interest Groups, Continued

International Affairs

Tuesday, January 10, 2012...University Club, University of Redlands, Price \$16, Social 11:30 a.m. Lunch 12:00 p.m. Followed by Speaker (topic: Germany)

For reservations please call either, CH: Dorothy Richardson, or Barbara Pike.

Reading and the Rainbow

Reminder: there will be no meeting in December.

Chairs: Pat Kruger, and Kathy Toister,

Recorder Group

The Recorder Group is happy to have new members. We meet every Monday morning from 9:00 to 12:00. We play all sizes of recorders, soprano, alto, tenor and bass. We often play at art shows, house tours, meetings, receptions. We are a fun group. If you would like to have lessons, call Mary Jane.

Chair: Mary Jane Auerbacher

AAUW, Running Start Expand Elect Her Initiative to 30 College Campuses

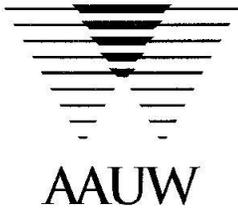
(From the press release on [aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org))

Elect Her–Campus Women Win, the only nationwide program that trains college women to run for student government and future office, will be held on 30 campuses around the country next year. The program is a collaboration between AAUW and Running Start. Elect Her reaches nearly every region in the nation, from the University of Virginia in the South to Stanford University out West. See the full list of participating schools on the AAUW website.

“We’re training women to bridge the gender leadership gap by starting early,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. “By encouraging and supporting more women to be political leaders on their own campuses, we are helping to set them up for success in leadership roles later.”

“Running Start is proud to partner with AAUW in offering college women a leg up in running for student government. Programs like Elect Her–Campus Women Win are a vital first step in making women feel comfortable with political power,” said Running Start President and Founder Susannah Wellford Shakow. “We give college women the confidence, know-how, and practical skills they need to run and win in their schools. We hope their experience will encourage them to consider running for public offices when they graduate.”

According to data collected by the American Student Government Association from nearly 5,100 institutions, women make up approximately 52 percent of all student government representatives but only 43 percent of student government presidents. Currently, women only hold 17 percent of the seats in the U.S. Congress and 22 percent of the seats in state legislatures. Elect Her aims to close this long-standing political gender gap by empowering and training women to run for elective office at all levels.



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Adopt-a-Girl Pledge/Donation Coupon

Benefactors \$500 - \$999
Patrons \$300 - \$499
Friends \$100 - \$299
Adopt-a-Girl (pays for 1 lunch) - \$15

I/We: Pledge Donate \$_____ for the 2012 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:

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New AAUW Study: Nearly Half of Students Experienced Sexual Harassment Last Year (from press release on AAUW.org)

AAUW has released "*Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*," the most comprehensive, nationally representative research conducted in the past 10 years on sexual harassment in middle and high schools.

Sexual harassment pervades the lives of students in grades 7–12. Nearly half of those surveyed reported that they had been harassed in the 2010–11 school year. Of that number, a majority (87 percent) said that being harassed had a negative effect on them. Among the responses, one-third said they did not want to go to school as a result of the harassment. Another third said they felt sick to their stomachs. The prevalence of sexual harassment in middle and high school comes as a surprise to many, in part because it is rarely reported. Only about 9 percent of harassed students told a teacher, guidance counselor, or other adult at school about being sexually harassed.

"The AAUW report is a call to action to students, parents, teachers, and all of us who are concerned about the next generation," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Many students feel sexual harassment is normal behavior, and often victims of sexual harassment in turn victimize other children. It's a vicious cycle that exacts an enduring emotional toll on students."

Included in the report are promising practices for how teachers, parents, and community groups in particular can help change the school climate. "The good news is that the more we know about sexual harassment at school, the better we can combat it," said AAUW Director of Research and co-author Catherine Hill. "This report is nationally representative and provides fresh insight into this problem." Creating, publicizing, and enforcing sexual harassment policies and adhering to the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 are other ways schools can bring attention to the issue and chip away at the problem. "Our report clearly shows that, in many instances, we are failing to provide the safe environment necessary for our children to succeed," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "Children and their families are too often left to fend for themselves when kids are harassed. Congress needs to strengthen federal protection for all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, perceived gender identity, or religion."

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The President's Corner

All members are invited to the Y Alliance Home Tour Dec. 4th. We will host a home on the tour. Our branch thanks Ann Leonard and Dottie Bailey for chairing this annual Redlands holiday event.

We had a great turnout for our New Member dinner October 18th. Ten of our new members attended and were entertained by Theresa Lantz, Gail Anderson and several board members. We enjoyed getting acquainted and sharing information about AAUW. Look for a new member at our meetings and make them feel welcome. Their names have been printed in Branches and Twigs.

Plan to attend our Christmas evening program hosted by Mary Jane Auerbacher. As always, it will be a memorable event with beautiful music that will be certain to get us into the holiday spirit.

Margi Galligan has been working hard on the Adopt-a-Family with Family Service. Margi has coordinated raffle baskets at our meetings this fall. The baskets are carefully planned by Margi; each member hopes to purchase the winning ticket. Thank you Margi.

On Oct. 29th, Pres. Elect Kathy Toister and I had the privilege of attending the scholarship luncheon in Costa Mesa for the Southern California recipients of the AAUW Educational Foundation, now known as AAUW Funds. AAUW awarded 3.2million dollars to over 200 students. Forty two AAUW Funds Fellows and Grant Recipients are studying at California colleges and universities. We heard 11 of these young southern California women speak about their research and advanced studies. The young ladies made the AAUW members in attendance very proud of this program. Remember, the funds we raise at the Footlighters in November helps support these outstanding women achieve their advanced degrees.

Share the history of Women's Suffrage with the young women in your life. They need to learn about those who went before us and provided the opportunities we enjoy today. My 15 year old granddaughter was interested in the stories of the movement. The October luncheon in Riverside was full of the history and photos of the past suffragettes. It is a remarkable story that cannot be forgotten.

Susan Willis