

Branches and Twigs

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The President's Corner



Kathy Toister

There has been a plethora of activity over the past month within our amazing branch. A huge thank you to Sue Angel and her team for selecting a recipient for the Nancy Yowell Memorial Local Scholarship. It was a thrill to listen to Monica McClain tell her "returning to college" story at our November branch meeting. Other thank yous go out to Susan Willis and Margi Galligan and team for a very successful Educational Foundation fundraiser at the Footlighter.

Thank you to Gail Anderson and Theresa Lantz for planning a fun and engaging new member dinner. Many new members attended to hear board members and Interest Group chairs tell about our programs and many signed up to participate.

We stay focused on community events this time of year. Hopefully you have signed up to volunteer for the Y Alliance Home Tour on December 2nd. Kathy Presnell-Best and Holly Olson are busy using your donations to purchase a Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas gifts for a family at Family Services.

On February 7, 2011, we received official notification of the completion of the Redlands (CA) Branch International Fellowship – a \$100,000 endowment to AAUW's Educational Foundation. Recently, several of us attended the AAUW Southern CA Educational Funds luncheon in Orange County. I was honored to introduce Anuradha Biswas, a Chemical Engineer and a doctoral candidate at UCLA, studying nanobiotechnology. Anuradha is the first recipient of a fellowship from the Redlands endowment. How proud we all are of the efforts of our members to support this incredible AAUW project. This year, AAUW distributed a total of \$4.3 Million dollars in Fellowships. We will hear another Fellowship recipient tell of her project at our February branch meeting.

December is a very busy and wonderful time of year. Come to our December branch meeting to enjoy the Holiday Piano Quartet. Enjoy holiday cheer with friends and family, and take some time for yourself.

Holiday Program

"Pianos Plus" eight-hand piano ensemble will present a program of holiday carol medleys and light classics for the Tuesday, December 4, dinner meeting.

Members of Pianos Plus, founded in 1999, are Lorraine Jorgenson, Mary Lou Jones, Sally Rehfeldt, and Nelda Stuck.

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Don't forget: Audio book CDs are available at each branch meeting for rent at \$5.00 a month. The money will be used for Local Scholarship.



December Branch Meeting Information

When

December 4, 2012
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:
Pre-carved roast beef,
garlic mashed potatoes,
seasonal vegetables,
mixed green salad with
Ranch and balsamic
dressing, fresh fruit platter,
penne pasta with yams,
walnuts, broccoli, and
parmesan cream sauce,
ciabatta rolls and butter,
chocolate raspberry torte,
coffee/tea.

Cost

\$26.00

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the December 4th meeting is Thursday, November 29th. Please contact **Pat Kruger** for a reservation. If you want a permanent reservation, please let her know.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the January newsletter will be **December 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email news@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Calendar of Events



December

Sun, Dec 2	6:00 pm	California Cuisine Host: <i>Anne Viricel</i>	Kim Roman
Sun, Dec 2	9 am & 12:45 pm	Y Alliance Home Tour <i>shifts: 9 am-1pm & 12:45 pm-4:45 pm</i>	Ann Leonard
Mon, Dec 3	7:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Mon, Dec 3	9:00 am	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Tues, Dec 4	5:30 pm	Branch Meeting <i>reservations</i>	Pat Kruger
Wed, Dec 5	1:00 pm	Bridge	Evelyn O'Prey
Sat, Dec 8	7:00 pm	Duplicate Bridge	Louise Schumann
Wed, Dec 12	1:00 pm	Bridge	Nancy Earney
Sat, Dec 15	7:00 pm	Bridge	Louise Schumann
Mon, Dec 17	9:00 am	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon, Dec 31	9:00 am	Recorder Group	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Mon-Fri		Orangewood HS Library	Diane Bennett
		Audio Book Exchange	Nelda Stuck
Sat, Jan 5	9:00 am	Branch Meeting <i>reservations</i> (note: assemble Math-Science mailing after meeting)	Pat Kruger
Sat, Feb 2	9:00 am	Branch Meeting <i>reservations</i> (note: assemble Math-Science mailing after meeting)	Pat Kruger
Thurs, Jan 10	8:30 am	Pass Area Math Science Conference	Bessie Reece
Mon, Feb 4	1pm- 3pm	Great Decisions <i>afternoons for 8 consecutive Mondays</i>	Sue Kovacevich
Wed, Feb 6	7pm- 9 pm	Great Decisions <i>evenings for 8 consecutive Wedensdays</i>	Mary Jane Auerbacher
Thurs, Feb 28		Redlands Math Science Conference	Leslie Priest

Branch Officers:

President: Kathy Toister, **Program Vice President:** Patty Ahearn, **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson, **Recording Secretary:** Amber Costa, **Corresponding Secretary:** Pat Belk, **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab, **President-elect:** Kay Dobbertin

Holiday Program

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Lorraine Jorgenson is the choral department accompanist at Redlands East Valley High School. She has taught music at Trinity Episcopal Nursery School for 22 years, formerly taught piano, and fundamentals of music for 30 years at San Bernardino Valley College, has served as accompanist for a dozen of the Redlands Bowl Young Artists' Auditions winners, and has taught private piano many years.



Mary Lou Jones served as executive director of the Redlands Symphony Association and later on their board and has been active in a number of community organizations and causes. From early childhood, music has always been a major key of her life.

Sally Rehfeldt has served as organist for First Presbyterian Church of Redlands for more than 40 years and is also the church's bell choir director. She also doubled as organist for Alliance Bible Church and plays for more than 50 weddings a year at the Edward Mansion Chapel, in addition to teaching private piano lessons.

Nelda Stuck, Life Member of AAUW, is retired from 22 years as Community and Arts editor of the Redlands Daily Facts where she wrote hundreds of music and theater reviews and feature articles. For 30 years before that she taught private piano students, accompanied choirs, singers and instrumentalists, and served two years as chapel organist for George Air Force Base. She rings handbells at First Congregational Church of Redlands.



Math-Science Conference Update

Planning for the Redlands Branch of AAUW's 19th annual Math-Science Conference is well underway. The committee has been diligently scheduling speakers, verifying venue details, and enhancing out communication options for the 600 girls who will enthusiastically converge on the University of Redlands on Thursday, Feb 28, 2013.

Emmy award-winner and fitness educator Patty Peoples has agreed to be our keynote speaker once again. She will be starting the day off by inspiring and encouraging attendees to each recognize "Yes, I Can." Informational posters and application forms will be distributed to Redlands and Yucaipa unified school districts shortly. The local AAUW website has been updated to include current event information, including links to celebrity videos supportive of math and science education and a link to our new conference Facebook page which will broadcast regular updates as we move closer to the event.

Now it's your chance to get involved! Guides are needed to lead the girls across campus to their classrooms. Facilitators are also needed to assist speakers the day of the event. Training will be provided for both of these volunteer positions. Call Patty Ahern to secure your place as a guide or Ellen Schollenberger at if you'd like to be a facilitator.

For those unable to assist the day of the event, but who still want to support this important effort, an Adopt-a-Girl option has been created. Just \$15 covers the cost of one girl's attendance. Bring your check to the next meeting or mail it to Redlands Branch AAUW, PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678. *Please use Adopt-a-Girl Pledge/Donation Form on Page 4.*

The 2013 Math-Science Conference may be the catalyst for many young women choosing a math or science-based career... we hope all branch members will be able to be a part of this important day.

Attention: Past Fellowship Gift Honorees Meeting



Plan to attend the annual meeting to select the new Fellowship Honorees Tuesday January 15th at 7:00 pm at the home of Sue Angell. Please call Sue Angell if you can attend so we know how many honoree members to expect.

To be honored a person must have been a member of the Redlands Branch for at least 5 years. To make recommendations or for more information contact

Susan Willis or Margie Galligan

Nancy Yowell Local Scholarship

Monica McClain is the 2012 Nancy Yowell Local Scholarship recipient. She is a student of Loma Linda University majoring in communication science disorders. Mother of 3, Monica lives in Beaumont. She was introduced to the membership by Patty Ahearn at the November branch meeting.

Branch Officer News

The Board has accepted the resignation of Dorothy Richardson as Corresponding Secretary. Dorothy wants to have more time available to be with her family. We extend our best wishes to her and are grateful for all she has done as Corresponding Secretary. Meanwhile, if you are aware of any member in need of a get well or sympathy card from our branch, please email or call Pat Belk. The Board appointed Pat to complete Dorothy's two-year term as Recording Secretary. Thank you.

Kathy Toister, President

Special Project – March 5, 2013

Lilly Ledbetter visits Redlands AAUW and University of Redlands

Yes, I would like to donate to help cover her expenses.

___\$10.00 ___\$20.00 ___\$50.00 ___\$100.00 ___Other

Please mail this form with your donation to: AAUW Redlands, PO Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Math-Science Conference • February 28, 2013

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:

AAUW Math-Science Conference

P.O. Box 7678

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Audio Book Exchange

One of three Audio Book Exchange listening round-robin groups will be starting a new session the end of December. Members are meeting now to make their group decisions on which CD books to personally purchase to share on a six-week printed schedule. These book listening groups have been going for about 15 years and some members have read some 100 books by listening during this time -- an excellent use of spare minutes. New members are welcome. For information contact Nelda Stuck.

Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 5:30 to 7:00 PM. - The Nancy Yowell Scholarship Committee is having a book fair fundraiser. This will be held jointly with an author signing. Vouchers will be available before the event. If you mention the AAUW scholarship when you make any purchase, Barnes & Noble will give 10% of proceeds to our scholarship fund. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends.

Membership

Fall has arrived to southern California and so have many new members to the AAUW branch. Our board and interest group chairs hosted a lovely welcome dinner for the new members. Margi Galligan was the hostess who guided us to the bountiful food laden table. Pat Belk was busy greeting our newcomers and making them feel even more welcome. Kay Dobbertin did her wonderful role of presenting the importance of our commitment to educated women. A variety of our branch's special activities was presented by the interest group chairs. Good company and some good laughs were enjoyed by all at this special evening. Please contact Gail Anderson.

Orangewood Library

Consider becoming a volunteer librarian at Orangewood High School, the Redlands AAUW Branch community service project. Members of AAUW established the library and have provided staffing and library materials for students at RUSD's continuation high school for over 15 years!

The library is located on the campus at 515 Texas Street, Redlands, and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 – 1:00 during the school year. The work day is divided into two shifts, 9:00 – 11:00 and 11:00 – 1:00. You may choose to work once a week, every other week, or be on call each month. A flexible schedule is created by the volunteer coordinator each month, realizing that many AAUW members travel or have other commitments arise.

The only skills required are a basic understanding of computers, some knowledge of young adult reading interests, and an enjoyment of working with students and promoting reading.

Books are cataloged and checked out through an automated system on the computer and training on this program is provided. There are also 12 computers available for student and class use.

Interested? Please contact one of the co-chairs for more information:

Diane Bennett and Sue Angell



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Website

Our website has a new look. Tammy Bennecke has been busy updating our website with easy to use navigation buttons. You can check it out at <http://aauw-redlands-ca.org>. The new look requires a transition phase so please call or email Tammy if you have comments.

Pass Area Math/Science

Many thanks to Chris Skok and Dee Riech for getting the speakers for our Thursday, January 10, 2013 conference. Bessie Reece has been out of town on a family emergency but thanks to Ann Harding everything is falling into place. Celeste Beard will be getting our facilitators and Pat Heselwood is busy getting our guides.



Adopt-a-Family

If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute to the Adopt-a-Family activity from Family Service, don't hesitate to send a donation or donate at a meeting. We have our family - a mother with two boys. We will be shopping for Thanksgiving food and Christmas gifts soon. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Kathy Presnell-Best and Holly Olson