

# Branches and Twigs

Redlands Branch, AAUW

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*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research*

## The President's Corner



Kay Dobbertin

Ninety five members and guests attended the November Branch meeting to hear Dr. Ralph Kuncel speak on "The Future of the University of Redlands". His presentation and the question and answer session were informative and interesting. In recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> STEM (Math-Science) Conference being held on the University of Redlands campus in March 2014, Margee Fuller, chair of the Redlands STEM Conference,

presented a Partnership Recognition Award to Dr. Kuncel. He graciously accepted the award on behalf of Campus Events, Bon Appetit and all of the U of R personnel who keep the campus functioning and beautiful.

Thank you to Gail Anderson for planning a very successful new member dinner in October at Heather Abushanab's home. New and "seasoned" AAUW members got to know each other better and shared information on our interest groups and programs. Thank you to Susan Willis and Margi Galligan and their committee for another successful Educational Foundation fundraiser held at the Footlighters Theatre in mid-November. Holly Olson and Renae Reiswig have used a portion your generous donations to purchase a Thanksgiving dinner for our Adopt-A-Family and are busy finding Christmas gifts.

December is a busy month for everyone. Ann Leonard and Linda Browning are organizing AAUW volunteers to hostess on the YMCA Holiday Home Tour. Please be a part of our community action project on Sunday, December 8. I hope you can come to the December branch meeting to share fellowship and cheer with your AAUW friends. Our program features Harpist Kristin Cameron and three musicians playing the violin, flute and cello. Enjoy the Holiday Season.

## Music for the Holidays

The Neapolitan Quartet will be delighting us at the December Holiday Program of AAUW. The Quartet, also billed as Harp and Friends is led by Kristin Cameron, harpist and assisted by Cyelsea Appel, violin, Alaine Hegstec, flute and Joyce Reiswig, cello. This is an unusual combination of instruments and so the group has arranged the music to accommodate all the parts. The musicians have had a great deal of fun putting together this program of familiar carols of several countries as well as light classics of the season such as the Nutcracker Suite.

All the players have been invited and have performed for the Spinet and other area venues. Kristin is a regular music therapist performing at St. Bernadine's Hospital. She is also an organist, choir director and bell choir leader.

*-Mary Jane Aurbacher*

## December Branch Meeting Information

### When:

Tuesday, December 3, 2013  
Social time: 5:30 PM  
Dinner: 6:00 PM  
Program: 6:45 PM

### Where:

University of Redlands  
**Casa Loma Room**

### Menu:

Orzo with sausage, peppers, and tomatoes; pasta eggplant bake with Italian eggplant, ricotta cheese and penne with cremini mushroom sauce; garden vegetable antipasto; Caesar salad; tomato and fresh mozzarella salad with basil vinaigrette; fresh fruit salad; house-made ciabatta rolls with herb butter; tiramisu; coffee/tea

### Cost:

\$20

### Reservations:

The reservation deadline for the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting is Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please call **Kathryn**

**Brown** or email [rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org).

*Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.*

### B&T Submission:

The deadline for the January newsletter will be **December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Send your articles to the editor via email to [news@aauw-redlands-ca.org](mailto:news@aauw-redlands-ca.org) or by mail to Kay Dobbertin.

# Calendar of Events



## December

Sun., Dec. 1	6:00 PM	<b>California Cuisine and Conversation</b>	Kim Roman
Tues., Dec. 3	5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner, 6:45 Program	<b>Branch Meeting</b> Kristin Cameron <i>"Harpist and Friends"</i>	Reservations: Kathryn Brown <a href="mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org">rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org</a>
Wed., Dec. 4	1:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Evelyn O'Prey
Sun, Dec 8	9:00 - 4:45	<b>YMCA Home Tour</b> Two shifts: <i>9 to 1 and 12:45 to 4:45</i> <b>Volunteers needed</b>	Ann Leonard Linda Browning
Mon., Dec. 9	7:00 PM	<b>* Bridge</b>	Nancy Earney
Wed., Dec. 11	1:00 PM	<b>* Bridge</b>	Nancy Earney
Sat., Dec. 14	6:30 PM	<b>* Duplicate Bridge</b>	Louise Schumann
Mon., Dec. 16	1:00 PM	<b>Bridge</b>	Sally Vaughn
Mon., Dec.23	7:00 PM	<b>* Bridge</b>	Cindy Perkins
Tues. Dec 31	TBD	<b>California Cuisine and Conversation</b> Hosts: Kim and Randy Roman	Kim Roman
Tues. -Thurs		<b>Orangewood HS Library</b> Two shifts: <i>8:30 - 11 and 11 - 1:30</i>	Diane Bennett
Every Mon.	9:00 AM	<b>Recorder Group</b>	Mary Jane Auerbacher
		<b>Audio Book Exchange</b>	Nelda Stuck
UP-COMING			
Sat., Jan 4 & Sat., Feb 1		<b>Branch Meeting</b> <i>reservations</i> <i>NOTE: assemble STEM (Math-Science) mailing after meeting</i>	Reservations: Kathryn Brown <a href="mailto:rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org">rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org</a>
Thurs, Jan 9	9:30 AM	<b>Pass Area STEM conference</b>	Dee Riech
Mon. Jan 13	7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Kay Dobbertin
Wed. Jan 15	7:00 PM	<b>Named Grant Honoree Meeting</b> <i>Host: Nancy Perry</i>	Susan Willis
Mon, Feb 3 Wed, Feb 7	1 PM - 3 PM 7 PM - 9 PM	<b>Great Decisions for 8 consecutive Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</b>	Sue Kovacevich Mary Jane Auerbacher
		* These groups are community groups that are open to AAUW members	

### Branch Officers:

**President:** Kay Dobbertin   **Program Vice President:** Cathryn Oltman   **Membership Vice President:** Gail Anderson  
**Recording Secretary:** Amber Costa   **Hospitality:** Judy Racine and Toni Momberger   **Treasurer:** Heather Abushanab  
**Communications:** Leslie Priest   **President-elect:** Bessie Reece

## New Members



**Connie Binkley**

**Dr. Ralph Kuncel**

**Marge Emrick**

**Marybeth Maury-Holmes**

**Linda Trainor**

**Amy Bisek**

## New Member Dinner

We, the AAUW board, are all so proud to have hosted the new member dinner at Heather Abushanab home. The fall season seemed to be everywhere as we sampled delicious food, smooth wine and ending with, possibly, pumpkin pie. Our new guests presented themselves in a relaxed setting as they spoke about their educations, careers and lives. Each new member had a personalized mini pumpkin to take home with their memories of meeting new friends or reacquainting with others. Some of the parting comments included "We had such a good time and learned much about others in the group".

*-Gail Anderson, Vice-President Membership*



## YMCA Holiday Home Tour Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those that have signed up to volunteer for this year's Home Tour. If you would like to join the fun and volunteer on December 8, 2013 to be a hostess in the home that AAUW is assigned for that day, please let us know. We have two shifts available, 9:00 am-1:00 pm and 12:45-4:45 pm.

It is a wonderful way to assist the YMCA with their big fund raiser to support their legal aid program which provides legal services to low income clients, primarily women, and a gift of time and energy that makes you feel good. There will be a sign- up sheet at the November meeting, or you can e-mail me your name, phone number, and which shift you would like.

-Ann Leonard and Linda Browning

## With Sympathy

Marti Mawhinney died on November 12, 2013. She served on the Math-Science Committee and was a member of the board of the Friends of A.K. Smiley Public Library.

A graduate of the University of Redlands, she received an Ed.D. from U.C.L.A. Always interested in anything to do with education, she donated books to children and scholarships to adults. Our sympathy is extended to her life partner, Pat Kruger. For further information contact Akes Family Funeral Homes, Riverside.

-Ellen Schollenberger

## Member News

On September 21, **Toni Momberger** was named Journalist on the Year nationwide at a ceremony in Denver. Out of 800 newspapers, 250 nominations were accepted and 30 were chosen as winners in some category. There was only one person named Journalist of the Year, the editor of the little old Redlands Daily Facts. Congratulations Toni!

### 2014 STEM Conference Pledge/Donation Coupon

#### Conference Date March 6, 2014

Benefactors \$500 - \$999 Patrons \$300 - \$499 Friends \$100 - \$299 Adopt-a-Girl (cost per girl) - \$20  
I/We: Pledge  Donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2014 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 STEM Conference  
P.O. Box 7678  
Redlands, CA 92375-0678**

## STEM Award Presentation to University of Redlands

Margee Fuller, 2014 STEM Conference chair, made the following presentation at the November branch meeting:

*“For the past 20 years, the University of Redlands has partnered with AAUW to hold the Math Science conference on this beautiful campus. Over 10,000 8th grade girls have participated in this special event which is designed to build confidence in young women, to educate them to the importance that math and science have in many careers and to encourage further education in high school math and science classes.*

*AAUW could not have accomplished this educational feat without the support and commitment of The University of Redlands. Campus Events and Bon Appetit work very hard to accommodate 600 girls and 30 speakers and 90 AAUW volunteers during this annual 4 1/2 hour event. The generosity of the University of Redlands continues to make a difference in the academic and career opportunities for students.*

*Our 20th Conference for 8th grade girls will be held in March 2014 and will be called the AAUW STEM Conference in recognition of the STEM initiative. S T E M is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.*

*Dr. Kuncl, with gratitude, AAUW Redlands presents the University of Redlands with this Partnership Recognition Award.”*





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**Local Scholarship's holiday boutique  
will be open AGAIN for business at the December meeting.**

