

Branches and Twigs

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



The President's Corner – Toni Momberger

We are off and running.

The enthusiasm and input from the past few events -- the convention recap, the June board meeting and the idea retreat -- have me revved up about what we can accomplish toward the AAUW mission.

There are great attitudes, minds and strengths in our membership. We are lucky to be among one another.

One of the messages I've heard loud and clear is that our membership meeting (the branch meeting September 8) needs to reflect what our group is about. Our advocacy for empowering women must be evident to potential members.

The September board meeting will be at the [Redlands United Church of Christ](#), because they have a facility big enough for everyone to sit at the table together. I am inviting all branch members to participate in this and every board meeting. If you have wanted to become more involved, I urge you to come. All are welcome always. Agendas will be posted [here](#). Meeting dates are [here](#).

In July about 15 members gathered at Margee and Sam Fuller's amazing house overlooking Big Bear Lake (built and originally owned by actor Woody Harrelson!) for a full day of brainstorming.

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***Please remember to invite prospective members
to our September branch meeting!***

Inform our membership team now by emailing prospective members' names and contact information to membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

September Branch Membership Meeting

The September 8th branch meeting opens the new program year 2018-19. Our interest groups are eagerly waiting to launch into a new year of reading, playing bridge and bunko, California Cuisine and Conversation, planning two STEM conferences, learning and talking about topical matters, discussing Great Decisions, hosting a diversity of engaging speakers, hiking the local hills and trails, and enjoying the companionship of the caring, intelligent, socially engaged women who make up the Redlands AAUW branch.

This is the best time to invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to come explore the mission of AAUW and what this dynamic branch has to offer. Guests to the September 8th meeting get a complimentary brunch and a reduced price on their first year's national membership if they join that day.

Please make a reservation for yourself and your guest through rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org and **indicate who will be attending as a guest**, so we can prepare to properly greet them as such that morning. If you have questions about membership, feel free to contact Viktoria Norberg at membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org or 909-389-9826.

September Branch Meeting Information

When

Saturday, September 8, 2018
Annual Branch Membership Program 9:00 a.m.-11 a.m.
Brunch 9:30 a.m.

Where

University of Redlands
CASA LOMA Room

Menu

Cheesy Scramble Buffet

Scrambled eggs; combination of cheddar, Monterey jack and swiss cheese on the side; bacon; home-fried potatoes; sliced seasonal fruit; assorted breakfast pastries; creamy butter; fruit preserves, ketchup and salsa on the side; coffee/tea

Cost

Members: \$19
Complimentary for Guests

Reservations

The reservation deadline for the September 8th meeting is Sunday, September 2, 2018. Please call 909-362-4955 or email rsvpmeeting@aauw-redlands-ca.org.

Reminder: a reservation made is a reservation paid.

Members and guests are always welcome at all branch meetings. There is no cost to attend the program. Chairs will be available.

Branch Meetings

Wednesday, 10/3 dinner
Wednesday, 11/7 dinner
Saturday, 12/1 brunch
2019:
Wednesday 1/9 dinner
Saturday, 2/2 brunch
Saturday, 3/2 brunch
Wednesday, 4/3 dinner
Saturday, 5/4 brunch
Saturday, 6/1 brunch

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday SEPTEMBER 2 RESERVATION DEADLINE for Sept 8 BRUNCH meeting						1
2 <u>RESERVATION DEADLINE for 9/8 brunch</u>	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4 6pm CHAT	5	6	7	8 <u>9am Branch Meeting</u>
9	10 6:30pm AAUW Board Mtg	11 6pm Literacy Tutor Orientation	12 9:30am PASS area STEM meeting	13	14	15
16 5:30 California Cuisine II	17	18	19 12pm I Am, Therefore I Think	20	21	22
23 & 30	24	25	26 10am-2pm AAUW Table Event at CHC C/U partnership	27 1pm & 7pm Reading & Rainbow	28	29

Save the dates Wednesday October 3 STEM Anniversary Celebration ~ see page 8 & attached flyer
 Saturday October 13 So CA Fund luncheon, Seal Beach ~ see page 3 & attached flyer
 Thursday October 18 Footlighters Theater Fundraiser ~ see page 7 & attached flyer

Adult Literacy Tutor Orientation

9/11 6pm A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly
 ~Diane Shimota 798-7565, ext. 4138
 literacy@akspl.org

AAUW Redlands Board Meeting

9/10 6:30pm Redlands United Church of Christ,
 168 Bellevue Ave, Redlands
 ~Toni Momberger

Bridge II Contact coordinator for new bridge groups
 ~Judy Adams

California Cuisine and Conversation II

9/16 5:30pm at Sheron Bealer's home
 ~Contact Patty Ahearn for info.

CHAT meeting

9/4 6pm A. K. Smiley Public Library Assembly
 ~Katherine Gifford & Trudy Waldron
 literacy@akspl.org 798-756, ext. 4138

College University Partnership ~ see page 4

9/26 10am Table Event at Crafton Hills College
 ~Kathy Toister, Chair, C/U Partnership

I Am, Therefore I Think

9/19 12pm Title: "Discussion on Wide Ranging
 Events/Cartoons"
 This is a Group effort. Bring articles/cartoons that you have
 come across during the Summer. Facilitator: Nelda Stuck
 Meets 12 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Lounge (Rooms 6-8)
 419 South 4th St, Redlands.
 ~Ellen Schollenberger and Sharlene Lund

Reading and Rainbow ~ see oage 6

9/27 Three Daughters of Eve by Elif Shafak

1 pm host: Evelyn O'Prey
 7 pm host: Shelley Bodnar
 Reservations required.

~ Jeanne Shevlin

Pass Area STEM Conference

9/12 9:30am Committee meeting 734 Serpentine Dr, Redlands
 Conference date: *Early January, 2019*
 ~Marilyn Shankar

October 6

Redlands STEM Conference

Committee meeting Heather's home.
 Conference date: *Tuesday, March 5, 2019.*
 ~Heather Abushanab

Branch Officers:

President: Toni Momberger, **President-elect:** Marie Mitchell, **Communications Vice President:** Becky Johnston, **Hospitality Vice President:** Kathy Toister, **Membership Vice President:** Erica Wilson, **Program Vice President:** Kathryn Brown, **Secretary:** Patricia Stubbs, **Treasurer:** Hazel Curtis

B&T Submission:

The deadline for the **October newsletter** will be **September 5th**. Send your articles to the editor via email to news@aauw-redlands-ca.org or by mail to Paula Ferri-Milligan

The President's Corner – Toni Momberger *continued*

I've made two lists from the retreat: one of small, easy to implement practices or changes; and one of ambitious projects. I am most excited to report that of the more than 70 ideas, not one of them was unrealistic or objectionable. All of us liked all of the ideas.

After the initial go-around, we took some of the suggestions and dug into details. The contributions were productive and I'm grateful to all who participated to see what we can achieve for the prosperity of women and girls in the Redlands area, and for the prosperity of the Redlands branch of AAUW.

Some of the ideas aim to improve diversity, some to involve the next generation of young women, some are public policy oriented, some make it easier on guests and new members, some are for fundraising and some are just fun.

I will be moving through the quick-and-easy list as I'm able, and will bring the big projects to the branch to see what everyone wants to go for, and at what pace.

Meanwhile, make a list of people we can inspire at our September meeting. Invite people to follow [us on Facebook](#), and please share the branch's Facebook posts -- it's an easy and free way to make a big difference for the success of the branch. There are so many around us who don't know who we are or what we do. Help spread the word!

The AAUW of California Fund Committee is proud to honor our 2018-2019 California Fellow and Grant Recipients

Join us at the Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, Saturday, October 13, 2018, noon to 3 p.m. as we celebrate and honor this year's grant and fellowship recipients. RSVP by October 13. *Flyer attached*

***In 2018-19, AAUW is awarding
\$3.9 million to 250 scholars and projects
to improve the lives of women and girls.***

2018-19 AAUW Shape-the-Future Competition is ON!

The Shape-the-Future campaign also allows our branch to earn up to THREE free national memberships for the 2018-19 membership year. The competition will be conducted throughout the year, and free memberships will be awarded in the following way:

2 – awarded to members who recruit the most new members** from April 2018-March 2019. If there is a tie, we will hold a drawing.

1 – awarded to the member who invites the most potential new members from April 2018-March 2019, regardless of whether they join. In case of a tie, we will hold a drawing.

** New members refers to paying members, including Members-At-Large who affiliate with our branch, but not including student e-affiliates.

Did you forget to Renew?

Thanks to everyone who renewed over the summer, making it much easier for us to prepare the yearbook. If you have not renewed yet for the 2018-19 membership year, please, you need to do so immediately to make sure your information is in our branch yearbook. If you wait until the branch meeting, we do not guarantee it will get into the book.

Membership renewal includes the following dues: \$59 national, \$20 for the state, and \$25 for the branch, for a total of \$104. Remember that \$53 of your national membership is tax deductible.

If you want to renew on-line, you have received one or more e-renewal emails from AAUW (memberinfo@aauw.org) that contain a secured link (subject: AAUW Membership Renewal Notice). Click on the link, and it will send you to your renewal...no login required!

PROBLEMS: CALL 800-326-2289 for help.

If you prefer to renew by check, make your check payable to AAUW and mail to: AAUW Membership, P.O. Box 7678, Redlands, CA 92375-0678. For your information to be included in the yearbook, checks must be received by September 5th.

***Contact Susan Willis with questions or problems
(862-6036, susanb_willis@yahoo.com).***

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

Please update any changes/corrections to your contact information for the yearbook by emailing corrected information to membership@aauw-redlands-ca.org

Hello Mentors for 2018-2019

Thank you all for agreeing to continue in the Mentor Program. Please join us for a Mentor meeting on Thursday, September 13th, 4pm at Margee Fuller's home (1605 Marjorie Crest, 92373). That is the week following our September membership branch meeting and hopefully we will have many new members to start off our new year. Margee and I will be drafting a set of guidelines for mentors in order to provide consistency in our communication with new members. We welcome your suggestions about what really worked well in your communication with new members or if some aspect of mentoring has been frustrating. Please let us know your suggestions by email by no later than August 17th.

You are so important to our new members and thus to our branch and you are very much appreciated. Hope to see you at the meeting.



Interested in becoming new member mentor?

Please consider volunteering for this fun and worthwhile activity.

Contact Kathy or Margee for additional information.

~Kathy Toister, and Margee Fuller

Help our new members feel welcomed all year long.

When you see a new member wearing a "New Member Ribbon" please introduce yourself. Thank you for making a difference!



~Kathy Toister, VP Hospitality



Member News - Condolences



In sympathy and friendship, we send our condolences to Nancy Perry on the loss of her husband, Bud and to Mary Lou Guerrero on the loss of her mother.

Lynne Reasoner

Our Reading & the Rainbow "Rock" Lynne Reasoner passed away on August 9, 2018. Lynne joined AAUW in 1972 and right away started the R&R book club as an interest group. She was co-chair during the early years and after a few years stopped being co-chair, but rarely missed a meeting. She was co-chair again as recently as last year. With her love of books and her background as librarian at UCR, Lynne researched all of our books. In doing so she was frequently able to provide fascinating tidbits or gems about a book or author that no one else had picked up on, thus providing a very interesting discussion.



In addition to the book club, Lynne worked for many years as a Host of the STEM conference. In 2017 she was selected as a Named Gift Honoree.

Our condolences to her husband Jim and her son. She will be missed.

College University Partnership



AAUW Redlands will be hosting a Table Event at Crafton Hills on Wednesday, September 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

Our display will focus on Pay Equity and Voter Registration. We expect to engage students and share information about AAUW's mission. We would love to have other members participate. Please let me know if you will join us.

~Kathy Toister, Chair, C/U Partnership

Get to Know Your Board Member...



Patricia Stubbs

I am pleased to be the current secretary of the AAUW. I have been a member since retiring from teaching in 2012. I was drawn to this organization because of my awareness, as a teacher, of the STEM Conference. I am currently the

Liaison for the STEM Conference.

I am married to a wonderful man that I met and married in 1987. He was raising 3 of his kids and I had my two lovely boys. We managed to get them all through college happily and now we have 7 grandkids. Life is good.

I hail from East Lansing, Michigan, originally. I got a B.A. from Michigan State University in Special Education 1971. I moved to California in 1982 to find a teaching job. I finished my Master's Degree in Educational Counseling at Cal State San Bernardino. I have taught all grade levels, K through 8, except 1st and 2nd, through my teaching career and was a school counselor for 6 of the years. I loved teaching and miss the kids to this day.

I am an avid reader, dog lover, enjoy writing. I garden, cook, and spend as much time as I can with the grandkids. I love being at home at this time in my life to just enjoy life.

AAUW Member Benefit:

Download card for discounts on printing and supplies



http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/aauw_PYFC.pdf

HELP Wanted!

NYMS Holiday Boutique Donations

We have made a change in our plans for next year. Due to some changes in the calendar for November and December, we will be having our boutique for both months, again.

That means you will have two chances to look for something special for your Christmas stockings or just for fun.

We are most definitely looking for contributions to our collection so, if you are crafty, artsy, or you like to bake, we'd love to have you contribute. Hand made items are welcome!

If you can help or you have questions, please give me a call or email and I'll be glad to go over ideas with you.
~Pat Belk



2018 Nancy Yowell Memorial Scholarship Recipient News



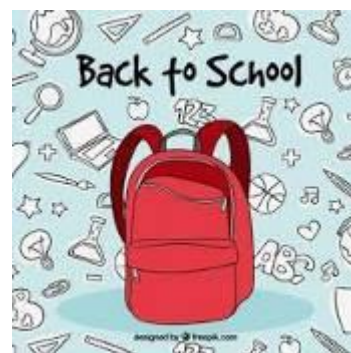
Kalpana Vadnagara invites AAUW Redlands members to her [solo show](#) at the LRC Gallery, Crafton Hills College.
Contact: spetrovic@craftonhills.edu,
August 9 through September 7

Family Service Project

Dear AAUW Members

Thanks for helping to outfit RUSD students with school supplies for the new school year. Your donations allowed for the purchase of 20 backpacks, 20 binders and multiple amounts of paper, folders, pencils, pens, scissors, rulers, markers, glue sticks, erasers, etc., all necessary for a great beginning of school. Family Services is most appreciative of your efforts!

~Dawn Romo
chair of FSA Back-to-School



Reading and the Rainbow

On Thursday, September 27, we'll begin our reading year with *Three Daughters of Eve* by Elif Shafak.

1 pm host: Evelyn O'Prey

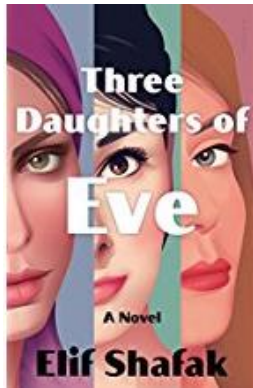
7 pm host: Shelley Bodnar

Reservations required.

Shirin, Peri and Mona, they were the most unlikely of friends. They were the Sinner, the Believer and the Confused.

Peri, a married, wealthy, beautiful Turkish woman, is on her way to a dinner party at a seaside mansion in Istanbul when a beggar snatches her handbag. As she wrestles to get it back, a photograph falls to the ground--an old Polaroid of three young women and their university professor. A relic from a past--and a love--Peri had tried desperately to forget.

Three Daughters of Eve is set over an evening in contemporary Istanbul, as Peri arrives at the party and navigates the tensions that simmer in this crossroads country between East and West, religious and secular, rich and poor. Over the course of the dinner, and amidst an opulence that is surely ill begotten, terrorist attacks occur across the city. Competing in Peri's mind, however, are the memories invoked by her almost-lost Polaroid, of the time years earlier when she was sent abroad for the first time, to attend Oxford University. As a young woman there, she had become friends with the charming, adventurous Shirin, a fully assimilated Iranian girl, and Mona, a devout Egyptian American. Their arguments about Islam and feminism find focus in the charismatic but controversial Professor Azur, who teaches divinity, but in unorthodox ways. As the terrorist attacks come ever closer, Peri is moved to recall the scandal that tore them all apart.



For questions call or email.

~Jeanne Shevlin

Celebrating September Birthdays

We will be celebrating our members with September birthdays at the September 8 meeting. We sure hope you will join us! Please let me know if you should be on the list but are not there.



Mary Jane Auerbacher
Dolores Barrett
Janice Belden
Linda Browning
Beverly Cox
Karen Darnell
Cheri Dawes

Katherine Gifford
Cassie MacDuff
Cathryn Oltman
Dee Ann Palmer
Kim Roman
Linda Rowland
Sue Wallace
Kathy Warren

~Pat Belk and Barbara Krause, Co-Chairs

International Affairs Luncheons

The International Affairs interest group gives us an opportunity to meet and greet people from foreign countries, listen to their impressions of their lifestyles while enjoying a delicious lunch at University of Redlands. Our first meeting will be October 22nd. Details for reservations will follow.



~Dorothy Richardson and Marie Mitchell

Reading and Rainbow's Book Selections for 2018-2019 are:

Sept 27 *Three Daughters of Eve* by Elif Shafak
Oct 25 *The Vegetarian* by Han Kung
Nov 15 *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahari
Jan 24 *Hill Billy Elegy* J. D. Vance
Feb 28 *Persuasion* by Jane Austen
Mar 28 *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
Apr 25 *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
June 27 *The Professor and the Madman* by Simon Winchester
July 25 *The All-Girls Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg
Aug 22 Short Stories to be determined.



Thanks from our Tech Trekkers

The Tech Trek campers have returned from UC San Diego and Whittier College. The following excerpts from their thank you letters let us all know how much they accomplished and how excited they are about their future in the STEM field.



"Thank you so much for giving me the chance to step out of my comfort zone and try something new. BEST SUMMER EVER! I can't wait to pursue my new skills in the future."

"One of the most interesting parts was the Professional Women's panel because the woman who presented Aerospace Engineering captured my attention. She was a former Tech Trekker and now I am intrigued about that field."

"I am 100 percent going to pursue a STEM career thanks to Tech Trek."



"Thank you for sponsoring me for this Tech Trek experience. It was extravagant and extraordinarily fun."

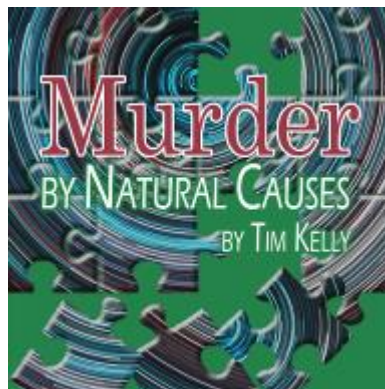
As you can see from these positive expressions of thanks and excitement about their experiences, we have impacted the lives of 5 more young women this year. Please consider being a part of this project with your time, talent or donations.

~Marilyn Shankar, Tech Trek Chair

25th Annual Footlighters Theater Event Thursday, October 18th

Join us at the Footlighters Theater event to celebrate our silver anniversary and enjoy the stylish and witty mystery *Murder By Natural Causes*.

It combines laughter with thrills and delivers what mystery fans love most—taut suspense with an ingenious plot. Arthur Sinclair is a successful world-famous mentalist. His beautiful wife Allison plots his murder for the commonest of all motives: greed. Her foolproof murder plan cannot possibly misfire as it's too skillfully inventive—or is it? After all, her



husband (as everyone knows) has psychic gifts. Is it possible Arthur can read Allison's mind, thereby thwarting her plan? Just when the audience figures out what will happen next, there is an unexpected shock to

complicate matters in an amusing but scary fashion. The mystery builds to an exciting climax where Arthur's gifts not only save his life but also create a devilish new puzzle that will keep you on the edge of your seat. It will take all your mental powers to solve this wildly clever and entertaining thriller.

Your ticket to the play and pre-performance reception featuring wine, delicious snacks, live music & door prizes is just \$30 (\$12 for Footlighters season ticket holders.) The festivities start at 6:30 PM, with curtain time at 8 PM. Tickets will be on sale at the September 8 branch meeting. **\$30 Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#) (at no extra fee).** Please also consider donating a bottle or two of wine to be poured that evening (bring them to the September meeting), or contact Kathryn Brown or Kathy Toister and volunteer to help with this fun event.



Come Celebrate with Us!



AAUW  STEM

REDLANDS BRANCH

25th Anniversary

Wednesday October 3rd, 5:30 pm
University of Redlands Casa Loma Room

Our October Branch Dinner meeting will be a Celebration of 25 Years of STEM and YOU are invited!
Advanced reservations are required for this event. Premium tickets include wine and a commemorative item.

Name: _____

Email address: _____
(for reservation confirmation)

Reservation for:

_____ \$35 premium ticket

_____ \$200 per Table (6 premium seats)

_____ \$22 branch members only (does not include wine or commemorative item)

List names of those attending: _____

I cannot attend. My donation of _____ to AAUW Redlands Branch in honor of 25 years of STEM is enclosed.

Please RSVP before September 15th. All premium tickets must be paid in advance. Please send your check to AAUW Redlands Branch STEM Celebration, PO Box 11883, Redlands, CA 92423



AAUW  STEM
REDLANDS BRANCH
25th Anniversary

A reminder that we will be voting on the following motion at the September meeting. See the summer Branches and Twigs for background information.

Motion from the Board:

Amend the 2018-19 General Fund Budget by adding \$2500 of expenses for STEM Celebration and AAUW promotion activities this 25th Anniversary Year.



AAUW Summer Idea Retreat

Thanks to those who gathered at Margee and Sam Fuller's amazing house overlooking Big Bear Lake for a full day of brainstorming.

Heather Abushanab, Patty Ahearn, Sheron Bealer, Kathryn Brown, Karen Darnell, Margee Fuller, Dianne Landeros, Sande Meith-Rask, Marie Mitchell, Toni Momberger, Kate Pretorius, Kathy Toister, Marilyn Shankar, and Sarah VanTassel

Katherine Gifford and Trudy Waldron receives Community Hero award

At the June 22 State of the City event at the University of Redlands Orton Center, Mayor Paul Foster presented Redlands Heroes Awards, recognizing individuals who have performed voluntary activities that address a community need or enhance the quality of life for Redlands residents; and simply demonstrate acts of generosity and kindness.

Since 2003, Katherine Gifford and Trudy Waldron have selflessly given thousands of hours of their time to work one-on-one with adult learners to improve their reading and writing skills through the Redlands Adult Literacy Program. Without their invaluable efforts, hundreds of adult learners would not have had the safe and confidential learning environment to fully realize their goals.

It was with Katherine's and Trudy's support that the Redlands Adult Literacy Program survived the loss of state funding and cutbacks. With their support and coordination, the Program re-established itself at the A.K. Smiley Public Library, received grant awards, secured new community volunteers, and established invaluable partnerships, emerging stronger than ever.

The program is now poised to reach a whole new population, 16- to 17-year-olds. They look to implement fresh and learner-oriented tutoring opportunities, new workshops and technology services to their learners. Without the support Katherine and Trudy provided, it is difficult to imagine where the Adult Literacy Program would be today.

This singular achievement has helped to preserve an invaluable learning tool that will not only serve the adult learners of Redlands, but strengthen the Community as a whole.

For these reasons, we are proud to recognize Katherine Gifford and Trudy Waldron as heroes of the City of Redlands.



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Redlands Bowl Ushers We had a wonderful turn out, 25 members, who helped pass the red bowls, on Friday, July 13th. Thanks for your support. A good time was had by all!
~Theresa Lantz



A BIG thank you to:
Trudy and Jeff Waldron,
Cheri and Robert Dawes,
Louise and Lee
Schumann, Patty
Ahearn, Marie Mitchell,
Ellen Schollenberger,
Kathy Warren, Beverly
Woolverton, Toni
Momberger, Nelda Stuck,
Kathryn Brown, Shelley
and Joseph Bodnar,
Cathy Schilling, Elaine
Brubacher, Kathy
Presnell Best, Heidi
Hutchinson, Barbara
Simmons, Linda
Richards, Hazel Curtis,
Janyth Dison, Theresa
Lantz