



# Arizona Sun Fall September 2011



## *From the President* *By Sara Wolters*

The summer is gone. I hope you had a pleasant one; mine seemed busier than usual. The National AAUW Convention in June was a spectacular kick-off to my summer. It was great to visit the National Capital again after so many years. (The last time was 12 years ago!) If you haven't been there, I highly recommend it. While the traffic is as miserable as any big city, there are so many museums and monuments recording our nation's history that one could spend many days just looking at it all. And all the outdoor monuments and Smithsonian Museums are still free. It's just the cost of getting there and food and accommodations that remind you it's not next to home.

Attending the Convention was a great experience, and I want to thank the State AAUW for making that possible for me. The gathering of members from all over the country was electric with energy. That many women with the same mission in the same room at the same time was truly inspirational. Be sure to read the articles about the convention in this newsletter. Think about attending the next AAUW Convention: New Orleans, June 2013.

Now it's time for AAUW activities to begin again. The state board will be meeting on **September 25 in Scottsdale**. We will be finalizing the plans for Fall Forum. The "Taking Care of Business" theme will provide some valuable information for incoming branch officers. Counterpart training and idea exchanges should impart vital inspiration as we begin our new year. Mark your calendars and plan to attend **Fall Forum at Scottsdale Community College November 12**.

Many branches are planning events to celebrate Arizona's Centennial. Be sure to put your event on the state website calendar. Send information to Karen Willett, State Webmaster, for inclusion so those interested can plan to attend your special events.

Two other major events are being planned for this AAUW fiscal year: **State Convention will be on April 14, 2012**, in Prescott, and Arizona will be hosting the **Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in June** in the greater Phoenix area. When the Regional Director positions were discontinued some years ago, many regions discontinued their activities. The state presidents of the Rocky Mountain Region polled their members and determined that the majority wanted to continue the regional

activities. At the National Convention, I was approached by the Montana State President: her state wants to join our region. When we meet in June, we will be hosting representatives from seven states: Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Montana.

We are presently searching for a location and determining a date for this conference that typically runs over several days. I have found it interesting to learn how other states handle programs and concerns that affect us all. One common concern we all have is geography: the great distances between branches and members. It will be fun to meet members from other states.

Remember that state board meetings are open to all members, and that the recent bylaw changes request that each branch send a representative to sit on the board. (Mileage costs are reimbursable.) We hope to have full participation.



## *Deadline for Winter 2011* *articles: November 15th, 2011*

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**Board meetings 2011-2012**

**Board of Directors**

PRESIDENT	Sara Wolters	Prescott
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CO-PRESIDENT ELECT	Jeanne Clarke	Tucson
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MEMBERSHIP VP	Pat Zajicek	Glendale
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SECRETARY – CORRESPONDING	Donna Haugland	Sun Lakes
TREASURER	Gail Garrison	Green Valley
NOMINATING COMM. CHAIR	Carol Dow	Tucson

The first state board meeting this year will be held on Sunday, **September 25, in Scottsdale** at the Mustang Library, 10101 N. 90<sup>th</sup> Street. The scheduled time is from 1 to 4 pm. We have booked only one room, as there has been no confirmation that there will be a separate Presidents Council this year. An agenda will be emailed to board members and branch presidents in advance of the meeting.

Remember the bylaw change that allows each branch to select a delegate to serve on the state board. This delegate will serve for one year, and should plan to attend the four board meetings. In addition to the September meeting, there will be board meetings in conjunction with Fall Forum and State Convention. The final meeting of the year will be attended by the outgoing and incoming boards and will be held in May or June. The date will be set by the incoming co-Presidents after they are installed at the state convention in April.

*Appointed Members*

BY-LAWS/POLICIES CHAIR (AD-HOC)	Patricia Gilbert	Tucson
COLLEGE- UNIVERSITY RELATIONS	Dede Agosta	Scottsdale
COMMUNITY ACTION CHAIR (AD HOC)	Claudia Greenwood	Prescott
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Mary Shenefield	Prescott
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Stephanie Brown	Prescott
WEBMASTER	Karen Willett	Scottsdale

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

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There are no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows..

—Sydney J. Harris, journalist and author ( 1917-1986)

***A Celebration of Arizona's Centennial***

Three southern Arizona AAUW Branches are planning a wonderful celebration of our state's one hundredth birthday. They are: Casas Adobes-Tucson, Green Valley, and the Tucson Branch. The luncheon event will be held on **February 18, 2012**, at the Historic Manning House in downtown **Tucson**. Our featured speaker is Bettina Lyons, who will speak about her grand-

parents, the Steinfelds, who started a successful business in Tucson about 1912. She has written a book about the period.

We will be sending out more information as we get closer to the date. We expect a great celebration by AAUW for Arizona!

Contributed by *Jeanne Clarke, Tucson Branch.*



Carolyn Garfein -  
National President

### AAUW National Convention 2011: Washington D.C.

By Carol Dow,  
AAUW-Tucson President

The 2011 AAUW National Convention was held in Washington D.C. from June 14 through June 19. It was packed with valuable information to bring back to our states and branches, and special events which celebrated accomplishments of the national organization, states, and branches. Over the three and a half days, we saw on a large scale why AAUW remains highly relevant to women and men today. Attendees were prepared for Lobby Day, got to meet movers and shakers from the White House and the Capital, and, through numerous information sessions, were motivated to bring great ideas home. Our motivation to live up to the mission of AAUW was renewed.

The Convention gave me and my Tucson-Branch friends, Nancy Woodling and Esther Scher, a chance to enjoy the company of our AAUW-AZ colleagues and to meet AAUW members across the nation. Esther had fun staffing tables for the Virginia Gildersleeve and Women Graduates-USA. We all were energized by *Women in Power in the Obama Administration*. Nancy writes that, "The four prominent women panelists were impressive and encouraging as they told us the Obama Administration IS helping break through barriers for women and girls." Each of us went to different workshops to share what we learned after the summer. Some of the sessions included: *Demystifying Social*

*Media; Developing New Leadership Structures for Your State or Branch* (great presentation, Sara Wolters!); *What Makes Women Decide to Join or Stay in an Organization Today*; *Branch Fundraising Ideas*; and *Actions for Equal Pay*.

Groups of us visited the National Portrait Gallery, the Women's Suffrage Newseum, and AAUW offices. We visited the Brazilian Embassy to meet the Brazilian Ambassador, (the appetizers and Brazilian Caipirinha cocktails served were a little too enjoyable!).

#### Lobby Day

One of the traditions of AAUW National Conventions held in Washington DC is LOBBY DAY, which allowed us to talk directly to our state Congresspersons and Senators about policy and legislative issues of significance to AAUW members. Convention attendees were briefed by several congresswomen about the three issues we were asked to focus on. We

were urged to ask the Representatives and Senators we visited to oppose any attempt to reduce benefit levels or to change eligibility requirements in *Social Security* (for example, the age requirement.) We were urged to ask our Representatives and Senators to take action on the bipartisan National Women's Museum Act of 2011, which will allow the *National Women's Museum* to be built on the National Mall in Washington DC to honor extraordinary American women who have impacted U.S. history. Finally, we were briefed on the *Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act*. Its goal is to eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking on campuses nationwide. Experiencing those events reduce women students' ability to make the most

of their college experience.

Participating in Lobby Day was a highlight of the AAUW National Convention. On Lobby Day, June 17, Esther, Nancy and I joined other AAUW participants as we were bused to Capitol Hill. What an amazing sight we made—800 women dressed in AAUW teal marching on Capitol Hill! Our state contingent was headed by **Sara Wolters, AAUW-AZ President**; we visited the offices of **Jon Kyl** and **John McCain**. We didn't have the opportunity to see the Senators, but we did get to talk to their aides about the three issues we lobbied for (described above). Lobby Day was a heady experience, walk-



Near John Kyl's office

ing around the Nation's Capital, and walking the halls of buildings housing our senators' and representatives' offices. It was wonderful training to encourage us to lobby our local, State, and National officials on behalf of education and equity for women and girls.

The 2011 AAUW Convention meant a lot to me—so many outstanding speakers to describe, like Edith Arena, a plaintiff in the **Walmart vs. Dukes Class Action Suit**. But most special to me were the times making new friends, sharing this experience with two special Tucson friends, and the fun I had with Claudia Greenwood, our State Community Action Chair, and our State President, Sara Wolters.



### Convention Impressions

by Claudia Greenwood

When Sara Wolters and I arrived at the convention hotel, having been driven there in the cushiest cab either of us had ever ridden in (a black Cadillac Mafia-type), we were welcomed by a clerk at the registration desk who was utterly dumbfounded by my gales of laughter when he assigned us our room number: 1070! The good thing about it? We never misplaced ourselves!

Many attendees, we discovered, had long convention records. It had been many years since I attended an AAUW convention, the last when we still had the energy of rebels fighting for a cause: ERA. But a convention in Washington DC, the legislative center of both the organization and the country, was compelling to me—besides, Sara needed a roommate!

I was most impressed how AAUW has matured! Some of the women sorely missed the floor fights. I, for one, did not. Instead, I appreciate the addition of meaningful workshops on matters that assist branches in attaining success. I was sorry that we weren't double in number so that we could attend them all and glean information from other branches from all 50 states—and territories as well.

The "march" (stroll, actually) to Capitol Hill was a highlight for me. Some AAUW members had influence it seems. We did not. But the experience was well worth it. Sara and I even learned of a secret passageway to Paul Gosar's office through the men's bathroom on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Cannon Building!

The staff who run the country when their bosses are absent are quite delightful! They were patient and engaged, listening to us share stories much as they would listen to their grandmothers!

AAUW lobbyists actually have quite a reputation on the hill! They are well-prepared to do their work each Thursday—all volunteers with the exception of a couple of staff—and tireless in their efforts to make a difference for women and girls.

The speakers who addressed us each day were excellent. Each brought

expertise and good humor to the group of 700 who sat at tables before them. In fact, when Sarah Brokaw phoned her dad to consult with him about speaking to AAUW, he said: "AAUW? Wow! That's a tough audience!" We all took that as a compliment.

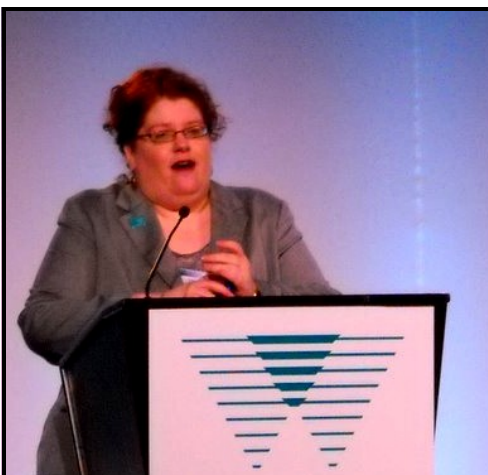
Both Sara and I have shared specific information with the board members who can best put it to use. I have also shared my winnings! A little ticket at my place at the final banquet netted me a beautiful coffeetable book about the suffrage movement. It is circulating, I believe!

I hope that more branch members can attend future conventions. We need to feel the power of connectedness—and visibility—on occasion. Doing so gives us renewed energy to succeed at home.



"Finding shade on our way to lobby"

left to right: Deanna Long, Claudia Greenwood, Sara Wolters, and Nancy Woodling



Lisa Maatz.. Public Policy National Leader Prepping us for Lobby Day



John McCain's Conference Room

## ***Stop Calling Me Girl***

### ***Sabbatical Project to Create a Documentary—Dr. Olga Tsoudis***

Women's rights have been a long debated and "hot" political topic in the United States as women struggle for equality.

- The first wave of feminism struggled for the right to vote.
- The second wave of feminism focused on social institutions including education, the law, the workplace and the home.
- The current, third wave of feminism focuses on learning from the failures and successes of the past two waves. Additionally it seeks to create a new vision for feminism in the United States.

The third wave has some similarities and some differences from the previous two movements. This wave is quite conscious of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disabilities and social class. It promotes the inclusion of these social categories in the fight for women's rights. It also focuses on the inclusion of feminist men as well as examining the negative effects of society on boys and men.

Society tends to assume that women's rights have already been achieved and that there is no reason for a movement now. The reality is that inequality still exists throughout society when it comes to women's rights. Discrimination may be more subtle, less overt, but the issues are still there. The concept of feminism and what it means to be a feminist is distorted and misunderstood in society. Third wave feminism is not only an important topic with regard to understanding women's rights, it is also an excellent example of social activism and learning

about social change and social movements in contemporary society.

My Sabbatical project focuses on third wave feminism-what are the current women's rights issues? How are third wave feminists attempting to gain women's rights? How do we bring accurate information to the public about feminism, feminists and third wave feminism? How are social activists promoting social change in a contemporary environment?

As I continue to educate myself on these issues, I will also be using my visual arts skills to achieve the following goals:

- Studying third wave feminism through readings and various organizations;
- Creating a documentary on third wave feminism;
- Creating a photo gallery on third wave feminism ;
- Creating assessment tools, a resource manual, a website and events across the 10 campuses to share the project with Maricopa County Community College District and the community.

The project will focus on activism in Arizona, New York, Washington D.C. and possibly San Francisco.

*Post-Sabbatical:* I will share the documentary and a photo gallery of third wave feminism with the community colleges as well as the community. This will be done by providing the documentary (streamed and via DVD) for instructors to use in the classroom as well as organizing a film showing and photo gallery display with each of the campuses. The assessment tool and resource manual will also be disseminated.



### **Social Activists and Events Needed !!**

***If you are interested in being interviewed and/or have an event that should be filmed for the documentary, please contact me: Dr. Olga Tsoudis, Sociology  
Estrella Mountain Community College  
[olga.tsoudis@estrellamountain.edu](mailto:olga.tsoudis@estrellamountain.edu)  
[tsoudis@cox.net](mailto:tsoudis@cox.net)***

***This project started June 2011 and ends May 2012.***

### **BRANCH TREASURERS TAKE NOTE!!!!**

AAUW NATIONAL WILL NOW FILE THE IRS FORM 990-N (e-Postcard) FOR YOU!

All branches of AAUW-Arizona that are 501(c)(4) entities are required to file a tax reporting with the IRS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 (FY 2011). If your branch's gross receipts are \$50,000 or less (last year \$25,000), then you can file Form 990-N, which is termed an electronic postcard. **It cannot be completed and mailed. It must be filed electronically.** For those branches whose gross receipts are greater than \$50,000 or who are 501(c)(3) entities, you must file Form 990EZ or Form 990. If you qualify to file the electronic postcard, there is no additional filing to the Arizona Department of Revenue. If you must file Form 990EZ or Form 990, then you must also file Form 90 with the state of Arizona.

There are two ways to file IRS Form 990-N.



### **TIPS for NEW TREASURERS and others...**

By now the **BDR** (Branch Dues Report) has been completed and sent into National and the State. But you are now faced with completing an **ADR** (Additional Dues Report) for every new member or renewal not previously reported.

SO – what is this mumbo-jumbo of **MOB**, **MBL**, **MBHL**, **DUAL** and some others you have heard?  
Some terminology to begin with:

- **MOB** - Member of Branch – pays national, state, and branch dues.
- **MBL** - also known as a Paid Life Member – at some point paid National 20 years of dues all at once and now pays no national dues, but still pays state and branch dues.
- **MBHL** – Honorary Life Member – has been a member of AAUW for 50 years, has applied to National and been honored with no longer having to pay National dues. Nor does AAUW-Arizona charge state dues. Branches decide whether to charge branch dues. Some do; some don't.
- **DUAL** – several types.
  - Can be a member who pays national dues to a branch outside the state of Arizona (usually a snowbird). When she/he joins an Arizona branch, she/he pays state and branch dues. She is usually listed with her main branch address.
  - Can be a member who pays her national, state, and branch dues to a branch within Arizona, i.e. Sun City and then also wants to be a member of the Glendale branch. Because national and state of AZ dues have already been paid through Sun City, the member only pays branch dues to the Glendale branch.
  - Can be an MBHL from a branch outside or within Arizona who wants to join an Arizona branch. National AAUW classifies them as a DUAL with the branch that is not their main branch.

1. You can have AAUW National file on your behalf. You need to access the AAUW website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), log into the Member Center using your Member ID and then click on the Member Services Database (MSD) link (you will need to have an established password to get into the MSD). Access the Group Tax-Exemption Survey and Authorization Form and fill in. National's deadline for submitting this form is **October 15, 2011**. This allows them enough time to meet the November 15 filing deadline for the IRS.

OR

2. You can go to the IRS website <http://postcard.form990.org>. Prior treasurers have filed this form in the past. Look to see what they have done. Due date: no later than November 15, 2011.

If you have any questions regarding having National do the required filing, contact them at [allfinance@aauw.org](mailto:allfinance@aauw.org) or by phone 800/326-2289. Don't wait until the last minute!!!!

Gail Garrison, Treasurer [treasurer@aauwarizona.org](mailto:treasurer@aauwarizona.org)



So – you need to know your members and ask questions. There is a branch roster on the AAUW National website for each Arizona branch, and you access that with your member ID# and register to get a password. This will help you with the categories of membership. You can also look at the **BDR** (Branch Dues Report) that should be in your files.

On to filling out the blank **ADR** form – look at the codes that take up half a page on the blank **ADR** form. The ones you will use the most are **N** for new member, **REN** for renewing member, **RLIFE** for both Paid Life and Honorary Life Members, and **DUAL**.

- For new members, complete all the columns putting an N in the first column, blank space.
- For renewing members, complete column 1 with REN and the Member ID#, columns 2 and 3, and fill in the appropriate dues amounts.
- For RLIFE members, complete column 1 with RLIFE and the Member ID#, columns 2 & 3, and fill in the appropriate dues amounts. Remember Paid Life Members (MBLs) pay state dues, Honorary Life Members (MBHLs) do not. For DUAL members determine their type from those listed above. Complete column 1 with DUAL and the Member ID#, columns 2 & 3, and fill in the appropriate dues amount.

If you are using the ADR form that is part of your online branch roster, be aware that National puts a Y (for yes) in the state column for every member, regardless of whether state dues are owed. You will need to line through the Y for those members you are not sending state dues for.

If you have questions, email me at [treasurer@aauwarizona.org](mailto:treasurer@aauwarizona.org).  
Gail Garrison, Treasurer, AAUW-AZ

## Seeking Nominees

The Nominating Committee for 2011-12, made up of Carol Dow, Chair, (*Tucson*), Jane Adrian, (*Scottsdale*), Kay Weede, (*Casas Adobe-Tucson*), Sandra Bennett (*Prescott*), and Shirley Talley (*West Valley*), is seeking bright, talented women in Arizona branches to be nominees for the 2012-2013 State Officers and State Board.

State Officers to be elected include 2012-2013 include Treasurer, Program Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary. Appointed positions on the State Board include AAUW Funds, and Public Policy Chair. Branches and individual members have the opportunity to recognize outstanding members by nominating them to serve in a position that reflects their talents.

The Nominating Committee will be sending out a nominating form to all branch presidents by November 1; these forms must be returned to the Chair to be shared with committee members, no later than January 15. Branches may nominate candidates from other branches, and individual members may nominate themselves or others. Branches also nominate members to serve on the nominating committee. Elections are held during the Spring State Convention, April 14, 2012 in Prescott.

Branch Presidents and members, please think about members around you who are knowledgeable about AAUW, and who will use their talents and spirit of service to promote AAUW-AZ. Raise your hands, members!

Carol Dow, Chair, Nominating Committee  
[nominatingcommittee@aauarizona.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@aauarizona.org)



Your Face Here

## AAUW-Arizona Special Grants to Branches 2010-2012

AAUW - Arizona has accumulated substantial funds over the past several years. Some of these funds are being made available to branches in the form of one-time grants for mission based programs. These grants are in addition to and separate from the Community Action grants. No limit has been established as to the number of grants available.

These mission based programs must support women or girls in the areas of equity, education, advocacy, equal pay, or equal opportunity in the work place. They must address outreach, education or mentoring activities and may additionally benefit the community in other ways. Special consideration may be given to programs or events that make AAUW known in the community. National AAUW has some *Programs In A Box* that could qualify for such grants. Grants will be discussed and approved at each of the state board meetings. This program may extend over several years. Termination will be announced well in advance of the end date.

Grant requests must include the following information:

- Branch name and contact person with address, phone and email.
- Project/Program title.
- Summary of project or program; identify how it meets the mission of AAUW. Include the start and end dates of the project.
- Amount requested: include a simple budget.

While no definite cash limits have been set for these grants, the funds approved in the 2010-2011 fiscal year ranged from \$700 to \$1400 each. Each application will be considered on its own merit.

Applications must be approved by the branch boards and signed by the project leaders and branch president. A percentage of the grant funds may be received in advance or periodically through the life of the project if warranted, requested, and approved. A final accounting is to be presented, including receipts, at the end of the project before the final grant funds are provided to the branch.

Applications should be submitted to a state board member in time to be considered at a state board meeting. The board meetings this fiscal year are **September 25**, in conjunction with the Fall Forum to be held on **November 12**, in **January 2012**, in conjunction with the state convention on **April 14, 2012**, and in **May or June 2012**.

## Call to Convention: 2012 AAUW Arizona in Prescott

Our Prescott Branch is excited to host the 2012 AAUW State Convention during the State's centennial year. The theme will be "Weaving the Future out of the Past." The combination kick off dinner and State Board meeting will be held at **Hotel St. Michael** on **April 13**. The program will be Jody Drake as Sharlot Hall. Sharlot Hall was a poet, journalist, historian and the first woman to hold office in the Arizona Territorial government. The actual convention will be held on the **April 14 at the Wyndham Garden in Prescott**.

Mark your calendars to save the dates so you can join us up here in the Pines. If you are interested in helping in any way please let us know. You can contact *Lynn Ray, Kathryn Madden or Sandra Bennett* through the Prescott Branch. We welcome all offers. We will be telling you more about it in the future so watch for more detail

*Find the application for the  
Special Grants on the website.*



## ***SAVE THE DATE***

**Fall Forum** – November 12, 2011

This year's theme: "***Taking Care of Business.***"

This is a one-day meeting, open to all Arizona AAUW members.



It's a time to :

- Get to know the state officers
- Network with members from other branches
- Discuss shared topics at counterpart tables
- Learn from informative speakers
- Join in workshops to inspire us to be a bigger and better AAUW

There will also be ***lunch!***

We'll meet at Scottsdale Community College in the Turquoise Room.

Look for the **Registration Form** and more details on the website in early October.

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