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President's Message

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Eleanor Roosevelt wrote a syndicated newspaper



column from 1935 to 1962 which she called My Day. For 27 years she penned her thoughts consistently six days a week, reaching far beyond what women typically

contributed in public about labor, politics, war, and pop culture. She wrote about women's struggles to achieve economic independence and

equal opportunity worldwide. In 1962, the year she died, Eleanor Roosevelt wrote: The dignity of women's equality when they meet in government, professional and industrial work is important the world over, not just in the U.S. "My Day," 1962

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established the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award in 1989 to honor an individual who today continues to pursue the dignity of women's equality through education. I would nominate each and every AAUW- Arizona member for this award if

I could. Why? Because I am inspired by member contributions to AAUW Funds and local scholarships and by the creation of the many meaningful mission related programs planned by branches from Flagstaff to Green Valley for the coming year.

Thank you to the branches that share their work in the Arizona Sun. Inspiring! And thank you for the honor to serve as AAUW of Arizona president.

I am amazed at the warm and encouraging reception I receive on your behalf each time I introduce myself as AAUW-Arizona president. This could happen only because of your dedicated and tireless work over the past decades. What a reputation AAUW enjoys in Arizona for the advocacy of education, women's health, pay equity, and social justice! Just yesterday, I introduced myself and was greeted with "I have been looking for you. We want to develop issues forums for the upcoming elections. We will be in touch." Because of this legacy of tireless and responsible advocacy, AAUW of Arizona members are positioned individually and as a group to be powerful voices for empowering women in our state.

Kaleidoscope: Arizona Women & Ever Changing Patterns, the theme for the Fall Forum, October 18, 2014, at A.T. Still University in Mesa is designed to embrace colorful, ever changing, and evolving patterns of the AAUW mission. From a tour of the state-of-the-art virtual anatomy lab in which members will view the human body from the inside out to programs designed to lead the way through issues of diversity and shed light on the influence of money in elections in Arizona, the Fall Forum

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provides opportunities for members to learn and lead in their communities. Registration information and forms appear in this edition of the Sun. A huge salute of appreciation to the nearly thirty members from several branches who are working to make this the best Fall Forum ever. Register today!

Sharon Hettick organized the public policy planning forum in Anthem in June. Thirteen advocates representing eight branches shared ideas and honed the focus for the 2014-2015 AAUW of Arizona public policy agenda. Sharon's article in this Fall Sun issue summarizes the outcomes from this discussion. Legislative Day is February 25, 2015.

Along with ten other AAUW of Arizona members, I attended the Rocky Mountain Regional meeting in Reno in June. Patricia Ho, President AAUW, in her keynote, set the tone for the coming year through the message that her number one goal is member satisfaction at the local level. "How do we add value to our members?" she asked. "How does AAUW add value to our communities?" Join me in taking this message and the related challenges to heart. Let us plan and act together in the coming months to enhance the AAUW of Arizona member experience and to support women in our communities. Thank you Margaret Noser for writing about the conference and providing important links for further information regarding the many helpful programs.

A special note of gratitude to each of you who step up to the leadership challenges for AAUW of Arizona. You fulfill executive and appointed positions, you volunteer to host events and serve as greeters. You craft and answer emails and make phone calls. You respond to the action alerts. No task is too great or small. In these ways we empower one another and others.

Current leaders stand always on the shoulders of those who have gone before. With that, a

special thank you to Sara Wolters, past, past president and Claudette Haney, past president, who continue as a source of information and guidance.

As Eleanor Roosevelt once reflected, "A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water."

Looking forward to the coming months and charting this AAUW of Arizona path together, testing just how hot the water and how strong the tea bag.

AAUW Initiates New Fundraising Policy

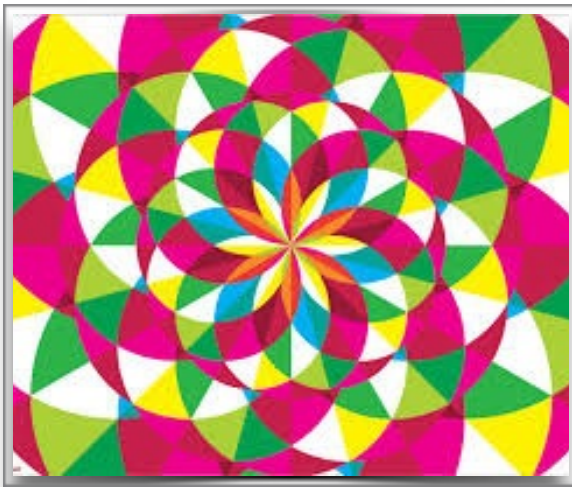


A critical document, effective July 1, 2014, is now on the AAUW website: *AAUW Fundraising Policy 501*. AAUW and all its branches derive their tax status from the IRS and these new guidelines cover all that the IRS and AAUW require of the branches to maintain their 501(c)(4) tax status.

The policy includes IRS regulations that affect our fundraising, donor intent, donations to the branch, local scholarships and monetary awards, etc. The policy also covers AAUW's guidelines for contributions to other organizations, collaboration with other organizations, and the reasons why we should consider financial support of AAUW Funds our priority.

On the AAUW website are the *AAUW Fundraising Policy 501* and *AAUW Fundraising Policy 501 Guidelines*. The guidelines explain each policy section and answer many questions. To view and download, go to the AAUW website at www.aauw.org. For the policy with guidelines, click on this link: [Fundraising Policy and Guideline 501](#).

***AAUW of Arizona Fall Forum
Kaleidoscope: Arizona Women
& Ever Changing Patterns***
Saturday, October 18, 2014
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Cougar Classroom
A.T. Still University
5850 E. Still Circle, Mesa Arizona
85206



Ever Changing, Ever Evolving – like Patterns in a Kaleidoscope is the theme for the 2014 AAUW of Arizona Fall Forum. Members will thrill to visions of human anatomy from the inside out as they tour the new and only virtual anatomy laboratory in Arizona. Speakers promise to shed light on the role of Dark Money from sources outside Arizona as those dollars impact state and local elections. A panel of experts will address why diversity is in all our interests and suggest strategies for energizing our communities through multicultural programs and events.

Join AAUW of Arizona members in leadership activities and discussions. Table topics include membership, public policy — women’s health, human trafficking, pay equity and education, fund raising, mission driven program development, and community action.

The Fall Forum will take advantage of the technology rich Cougar classroom, designed for the medical students of the ATSU School of Osteopathic Medicine. A.T. Still University (ATSU) is the founding institution of osteopathic healthcare, established in 1892 by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO. As a leading health sciences university, ATSU is comprised of two campuses on more than 200 acres located in Mesa, Ariz., and Kirksville, Mo. ATSU’s six schools include the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health, Arizona School of Health Sciences, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health, and the College of Graduate Health Studies.

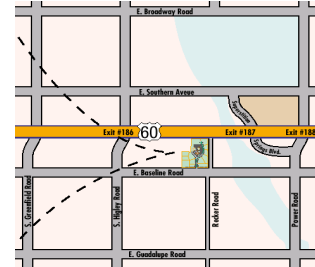
Learning environments include residential and online healthcare and health sciences degrees, as well as community-based partnerships worldwide. ATSU has more than 700 employees dedicated to its not-for-profit mission and an average annual enrollment of more than 3,100 students from 35 countries.

ATSU is renowned for its preeminence as a multidisciplinary healthcare educator. The University focuses on integrating the founding tenets of osteopathic medicine and advancing knowledge of today’s science. ATSU continually earns distinctions as the graduate health sciences university with innovative curriculums and a community outreach mission to serve the underserved. The University has a rich history of leadership in both healthcare education and correlated research.

***Get Ready to Go!
Fill out the registration form on the next
page and mail it with your check to
Peggy Owen
6520 N. 81st Place
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250***

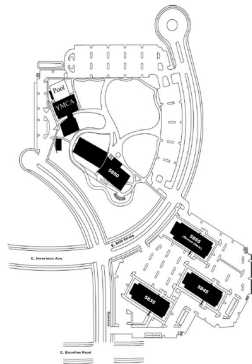


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Directions

Take Highway 60 (also called the Superstition Freeway) east. [Highway 60 runs east from I-10 a few miles southwest of the airport.] From Highway 60 exit south (right) on Higley Road. Travel south on Higley, and turn east (left) at the third stoplight - Baseline Road. Travel east on Baseline, and turn north (left) onto Sunview at the light, turn right on E. Still Circle.



**We are meeting in
the 5850 Building
in the Cougar
Classroom on the
third floor.**

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Branch: _____

Preferred Name on Name Tag: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current Office: State _____ Branch _____

Registration Fee: Must be postmarked by October 10, 2014. \$35.00

***Late Registration Fee** postmarked October 11 or afterward \$40.00

Includes: Continental Breakfast andBox Lunch

Check payable to **AAUW of Arizona:** Mail to: **Peggy Owen**
6520 N. 81st Place
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250

Influencing Public Policy *Making the Difference* by Jane Adrien

AAUW of Arizona members impacted public policy in Arizona during the 2013 Fiscal Year. Arizona AAUW members and supporters sent **3,757 messages** to Congress and the President through the [TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST](#).

At the National level these contacts supported the passage of the bipartisan Violence Against Women Act and influenced the Obama administration to ensure that over the counter emergency contraception remained available to women. AAUW successfully lobbied the U.S. Department of Education's Civil Rights Data Collection survey to ask schools whether they have a Title IX coordinator and how many students were bullied because of sexual orientation.

AAUW successfully lobbied during the January 2013 fiscal cliff deal to return to the Clinton-era tax rates for high income earners while continuing the current rates for middle-class individuals. AAUW member responses to national calls to action influenced the extension for the American Opportunity Tax Credit, the protection of Social Security, and the extension of federal unemployment insurance.

At the State level, there are currently 2,900 Action Network subscribers as this issue of the SUN goes to press. Of these, 943 members are part of the Arizona action network.

AAUW of Arizona, with the assistance of the National Government Affairs staff, conducted two action alerts at the state level. The first asked Governor Brewer to veto HB 1062 – Relating to Free Exercise of Religion - which permitted an individual to cite religious beliefs as a defense against a potential law suit in the face of claims that the refusal of service is based on discrimination. 267 members of the action network contacted Governor Brewer's office to ask for veto, which she did. Although AAUW of



Take Action

Become a Two-Minute Activist

Arizona cannot claim to have influenced Governor Brewer's decision exclusively, still members can take credit for adding voices to silence HB 1062.

AAUW of Arizona's second action alert asked members and supporters to oppose HB 2284, misleadingly titled – Women's Health Protection Act - that singled out reproductive healthcare providers for surprise inspections that potentially threatened women's medical privacy and the closure of clinics. 194 members and supporters sent messages and asked Governor Brewer to veto the bill. In this case, the action alert was unsuccessful as Governor Brewer signed HB 2284 into law.

If you are not already a part of this dynamic and growing network of advocates who monitor and impact legislation and public policy decisions to support a strong system of public education; to ensure the pathway for self-sufficiency for all women; and to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society, add your voice by visiting the AAUW National web page and sign up for the [TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST](#).

Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. Join the [AAUW Action Network](#) today.

June Regional Conference Provides Meaningful Experience

by Margaret Noser, Southeast Valley (AZ) Branch

The Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, held on June 6-8, 2014, in Reno NV and attended by eleven AAUW Arizona members.

Opportunity to meet face to face with AAUW National x4

Although not unusual for one or perhaps two National representatives to attend our AAUW-AZ conventions, this Regional offered four representatives from National to provide information and, perhaps more importantly, listen to members' ideas and concerns: **Deepti Guipati**, AAUW VP Membership Leadership Program; **Lisa Maatz**, AAUW VP Government Relations; **Katherine Yelle**, AAUW State Organizer, and AAUW President **Patricia Fae Ho**.

Ideas for keeping branches vital and growing ([click here](#) and scroll down)

Guipati presented *No More Shooting in the Dark*, a detailed strategy for identifying and targeting new members. She also outlined a coordinated approach to marketing our branches by telling people who we are, what we do, why we should care, and what we want them to do. She emphasized that a key element of marketing involves **multiple** board positions — membership, program,

publicity, website, newsletter. Specific ideas for the program choices and website design were covered.

Guidelines to keep AAUW 'political but not partisan' and information about women as a voting bloc in this election year. ([click here](#) and scroll down to "Public Policy")

An election year presents branches with a number of special opportunities and certain responsibilities. **Yelle** emphasized that it is important that AAUW members be reminded of the specifics. *AAUW is a nonprofit 501c3 organization, and many of the state-level organizations and branches are 501c4. In order to protect this tax status, [there are rules we MUST follow.](#)*

Patrice Hauptman & Jill Hanover from the research company, *Project New America*, provided interesting historical [voting information](#)

[and impact of women](#) as well as information on the attitudes and anticipated political implications of the 18 - 30 year olds — the Millennials (the largest generation).

Maatz 'entertained' us with a recap of AAUW's efforts on Capitol Hill and the White House on ERA, pay equity, campus sexual assault, and Violence Against Women Act. She reconfirmed AAUW's efforts on all fronts when Congress reconvenes after the holiday. She thanked all members for responding



From Left to right: **Jane Adrian**— Scottsdale; **Joanne Walen**— East Mesa; **Gail Shay**— Prescott; **Sara Wolters**— Prescott; **Lisa Maatz**— Vice President Public Policy and Government Relations AAUW Washington, D. C.; **Gail Garrison**— Green Valley; **Sharon Hettick**—Northwest Valley; **Patricia Ho**— President AAUW; **Peggy Owen**— Scottsdale; **Shirley Muney**— Tucson; **Margaret Noser**— Southeast Valley; **Mary Jo Blum**— Northwest Valley (Not pictured: **Shirley Andreatta**— Tucson)

Regional Conference Continued

to *AAUW Action Alerts* and appealed for a renewed push to get more members to sign up as [Two Minute Activist](#) and subscribe to the [AAUW Washington Update](#)

W Opportunity to explore a new city and a chance for members from similar geographic states to share solutions to similar challenges.

We discovered how other Rocky Mountain states have met specific challenges created by large, often mountainous, distances between branches. Each state presented a different project or emphasis. **Jane Adrian**, AAUW-AZ President, cleverly led participants ‘Down the Rabbit Hole’ like a modern day Alice to explore the trials and frustrations of dealing with the Arizona Legislature and efforts to ‘reshuffle this deck of cards’. Participants were provided a personalized tour of the historical parts of Reno plus frequent opportunities to socialize with members from Nevada, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico.

W Get the ‘inside track’ on upcoming AAUW events and goals.

President Ho stressed the goals of AAUW as we “Move Forward in 2015”. She extended a personal invitation to all to attend the 2015 AAUW National Convention in San Diego, CA on June 18-21, 2015, convention.aauw.org including details on the chance to win free registration by making the *pledge to register now*. The western states will have the convention in their own ‘backyard’ –what a great opportunity!

W Convinced yet? The next Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will take place in **Albuquerque**, New Mexico, June, 2016 - only a six-hour drive from Phoenix. Wouldn’t it be super to double the Arizona attendance?

Save-the-Dates

2014

- August 9** Special Branch Grants Deadline
- September 9** AAUW of Arizona Board of Directors Meeting Scottsdale Community College
- September 17** Special Branch Grants Deadline
- October 17** AAUW of Arizona Board of Directors Meeting Leisure World (Dinner at Arizona Golf Resort, Mesa)
- October 18** *Kaleidoscope: Arizona Women & Ever Changing Patterns*—Fall Forum, A.T. Still University, Mesa
- December 1** SUN Winter Edition Deadline for submission of articles
- December 13** Special Branch Grants Deadline

2015

- January 13** AAUW of Arizona Board of Director’s Meeting
- February 25** Legislative Day
- March 1** SUN Spring Edition Deadline for submission of articles
- April 11** Arizona Women’s Conference Scottsdale Community College
- April 14** Pay Equity Day
- April 17** AAUW of Arizona Board of Directors’ Meeting
- April 18** AAUW of Arizona Spring Meeting
- May 1** SUN Summer Edition Deadline for submission of articles
- June 16-18** AAUW National Convention—San Diego



Branch Reports



Tucson Branch Report

By Betty Jett, co-President

The Tucson branch has spent the summer months planning for a dynamic start to our new year in September.

Membership renewals are up to date, and we have gained some new members, one of whom is Mari Galup, a new GGG and a recipient of an AAUW Fellowship at the U of A. Mari joins Erin Durban-Albrecht and Stephanie Tolbert, also Fellowship recipients, as members of our branch.

Imagine IT (STEM) held a resident camp for middle school girls in early July under the directorship of Michelle Higgins who is the branch Community Action/STEM chair for 2014-15. The Tucson Branch supported three girls with "camperships" to attend the camp.

Two branch members, Shirley Muney and Rita Skillman, attended the AAUW Regional Conference June 6-8 in Reno, Nevada.

Tucson branch member Maxine Goodman coined our program theme for 2014-15: "To the Top!" The branch will have a series of speakers throughout the year, all of whom are successful women in our community. In addition to lunches which featured speakers, the branch will hold special member recruitment events, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Several branch members (Lou Bagnara, Baleka Baker, Pat Gilbert, Connie Harrison and Pat Spoonamore) have worked earnestly and diligently assembling the history of the Tucson Branch. The Tucson branch, the first branch in Arizona, was originally organized as The Collegiate Club in 1909

and became affiliated with AAUW in 1931. The Arizona Division was formed in 1946 to include the Tucson branch and four other Arizona branches. (This could be a trivia question! Name the other four branches!) To quote the group: "During this process, we became great admirers of the women who started us on our path. It is our hope that many of you will want to read about that exciting path." The group is pleased to announce that the book is with the printer and will be available for pre-sale starting in September. Cost will be \$20.00, with checks made out to Pat Gilbert. For further information and to order the book, please contact Baleka Baker at the Tucson Branch website.



It's never all work and no play. Tucson branch members have enjoyed informal get-together summer lunches in June, July and August. (Photo taken at Le Rendezvous on July 17)

Tucson: Imagine IT (STEM) Camp

*Michelle Higgins, AAUW Tucson Branch
Community Action/STEM Chair*

Many thanks go out to NWV-AAUW and AAUW-Tucson for sending girls to camp for a week this summer. A total of 11 middle school girls received a full scholarship to attend Imagine IT resident camp held at the University of Arizona. The camp's theme was search and rescue and focused on how information technology, engineering and robotics can make a difference during natural disasters. The girls worked in groups to build and program robots, incorporating motors, LEDs, and distance and motion sensors. On Friday, groups presented their robot, demonstrated its capabilities, and described their computer program to a panel of women scientists and engineers from the community.

The Imagine IT camp was a partnership program between the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona and the U of A's College of Engineering. Both organizations worked in collaboration to provide an engaging and hands-on engineering experience for the girls. For more information or further details, contact Michelle Higgins at mhiggins@girlscoutsoaz.org.

Northwest Valley Branch

By Claire Drozd, President

The Northwest Valley Branch proudly sponsored 8 seventh and eighth grade girls from Canyon Ridge School (Dysart Unified School District) who attended **Imagine It** Summer Science Camp at the University of Arizona in early July. The University partnered with Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona to offer the the STEM-oriented experience in hope of encouraging girls' interest in the STEM disciplines.

Twenty-five girls participated in cooperative activities which explored natural disasters like fires and earthquakes. Working cooperatively, teams built a robot designed to assist in a specific search and rescue operation to be used during a natural disaster.

On Thursday, September 18, at the Northwest Valley Branch general meeting, several of the girls sponsored by the branch, along with their principal, Dr. Shelley Isai, will discuss their camp experience and show a short video of them at work on their robots.

STEM has been an ongoing Northwest Valley Branch project. The branch maintains close ties with Canyon Ridge School which features an integrated STEM curriculum. We are proud of the work we are doing to bring awareness of the need for more women in the STEM fields.

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

AAUW Diversity Statement
AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW Vision Statement
AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Branch Reports Continued

East Mesa Active Throughout Summer

by Rhysa Davis

Usually our branch goes down after the April General Meeting, and we don't resume our general meetings until October. This year some casual summer meetings are designed to provide those who have not left town with the opportunity to become more familiar with AAUW. Our first summer gathering included a presentation by AZ State Senator Bob Worsley who introduced his program "Arizona Voices" which allows all Arizona voters, no matter their political affiliation, to voice their opinions regarding legislative issues on the State Capital Internet. AZ is the first state in the nation to adopt this interactive program. However, as a result of its success in AZ, other states in the nation are requesting information about the program.

Christi Worsley, wife of Senator Bob Worsley, will be our guest speaker at our October general meeting. She will discuss her project "Consolari." This program is a music project soon to be introduced in Mesa that originated in Brazil. This fall, "Consolari" will engage Mesa Elementary school children in the second and third grades with music, art, and the performing arts in a special all day long program that will be integrated into their regular school subjects.

Our second summer "Gathering" topic introduced a step by step presentation about how to navigate our new website at home. This presentation will be repeated by our Webmaster Deanna Long when the snowbirds and those on vacation return in the fall.

Our branch will host the October AZ State Board of Directors Meeting on Friday, October 17, 2014, in the Lakeside Room, Rec 1, at Leisure World. Attendees will have the

opportunity to stay for supper at the AZ Golf Resort following the board meeting.

Our branch is delighted to announce that our guest author for our sixth annual local scholarship fund-raising luncheon this year will be Rhys Bowen. Ms. Bowen has been referred to as the "Modern Day Agatha Christi mystery writer." She has an international following with her books which include the "Constable Evan Evans" series; the "Molly Murphy" series; and the "Royal Spyness" series. The luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at Leisure World, Mesa, AZ. Registrations are required and all branches are invited to attend.



Glendale Chapter Report

by Pat Zajicek

Glendale has 15 members for the coming year, but only 11 are active. Attendance at the Thursday breakfast meetings had dropped off, but the Lunch Bunch was still well attended, so the board decided to combine the regular meeting with the lunch bunch and meet at different restaurants for lunch every month. We will order lunch then have a brief meeting while we are waiting for our meal. We enjoy each other's company and hopefully, we can maintain the branch in this way. West Valley, also a small branch, has followed this model for several years and they are still active and dedicated.

Glendale members have indicated they still want to promote the AAUW mission, so we are investigation community projects that can be managed by a small group.

By the time regular meetings resume in the fall, we plan to have a project in place.



Branch Reports Continued

Prescott Area Branch

Patti Blackwood, President

Submitted by Newsletter Staff

The Prescott Branch is looking forward to an exciting and educational year ahead. The Program Committee has been hard at work



planning for the 2014-15 calendar. The following events are scheduled for the fall: On **September 13, Yavapai County Schools Superintendent Tim Carter** will give his thoughts on the state of education in Yavapai County. Topics will include common core, charter schools, public

money for private schools, and state trust lands in AZ. On **October 11, we will be treated to the film *Viva La Verde!*** Running diagonally across central Arizona, the Verde River provides a ribbon of life through the harsh desert to form an important and rare ecosystem. Will citizens accept their role as stewards of this emerging national treasure before it's too late? Filmmaker Hugh Denno explores this question in *Viva La Verde!* Photographer and Verde River activist Gary Beverly will be at our meeting to answer questions. On **November 8, Claudia Greenwood** will present clips from the film *Girl Rising*, a most beautiful and powerful message of advocacy for girls' education. Discussion to follow. The Prescott Branch always welcomes AAUW visitors from other branches. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in attending any of our engaging programs.

Southeast Valley Branch

by Paulette Schutes, Co-President

Exciting things are happening in the Southeast Valley Branch this summer. Book club, bridge, lunch bunch, mah jongg, and other activities continue and are well attended. Jan Bobbett, our College/University Liaison, is busy coordinating AAUW participation and student growth opportunities with her contacts at Central Arizona College. Our AAUW Funds Luncheon, chaired by Tunny O'Rourke and Karen Kenyon, as well as our International Dinner, chaired by Judy Bauer, Susan Meer and June Wagner, are scheduled and almost fully planned. They both promise to be educational and entertaining events.

Our Co-VP's of Programs, Judy Edmonds and Gail Jones, have secured an exciting group of speakers for our general meetings this year, and we invite you to attend any or all of the events. Please refer to our website, <http://southeastvalley-az.aauw.net> for the schedule. By the way, Margaret Noser, our website manager, continues to do a fabulous job keeping the site current, easy to use, and interesting.

Co-VP's of Membership, Jana Greene and Helen Semple, along with our VP of Finance, Karen Melching, have been hard at work ensuring our membership list is up to date and ready for publication. Judy Manley is our branch directory editor.

In addition, we have scheduled Jason's Deli to cater our Fall Forum event with a continental breakfast and salad/sandwich lunch. Members of the Southeast Valley Branch, along with co-president Janet Cox and I, look forward to seeing you there on October 18 where we will serve as your food and beverage hostesses.



Casas Adobes Tucson Alive and Well in Northwest Tucson

by Cheryl Raff

As incoming President of our Branch, I have some big shoes to fill. Fortunately, we have an active and committed group of members who are willing to put their time and effort into supporting our Branch, and I look forward to working with them all.

As I reviewed what our Branch has accomplished in the last year, I can't help but be impressed. Our membership increased from 67 in September to 80 in April, and we held a new Members Coffee in February. Our programs last year included Common Core, the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona, Trafficking in Women, the Tucson Festival of Books, and the Laurel Clark Earth Camp (named after Captain Laurel Clark, who perished in the Columbia shuttle disaster in 2003). In addition, we opened our year with a Potluck Brunch, celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a Branch at our Holiday Luncheon, raised over \$3,200.00 at our AAUW Funds luncheon in March, and awarded four (4) full and one half scholarships to women returning to school at Pima Community College at our May Installation Luncheon. (The half scholarship was granted to a woman who had only one semester remaining before graduation.)

Our members support a variety of Interest Groups. In addition to a new Scrabble Group, members continue to attend the Book Discussion Group (which is so large it must meet at two locations), Bridge Group, Drama Group, Foreign Screen and Cuisine Group, and Mah Jongg Group. We have a Website - and a Webmaster who is dedicated — which attracts attention and helps to bring us new members and provides us with branch information.

We continue to support Running and Winning with the League of Women Voters of Greater

Tucson and with the participation of Political Science graduate students from the University of Arizona. This workshop is intended to acquaint high school girls with the possibilities of running for political office and includes presentations by women who hold office in Pima County and the Tucson area. Running and Winning will be held this year on September 11 at Flowing Wells High School in Tucson. Our members also supported AAUW-AZ activities, attending the Fall Forum, Lobby Day, and the Conference on the Status of Women.

I look forward to the coming year. With such a dedicated group of women, we can't miss!

Branch Special Project Applications Due by August 25 and October 3

Gail M. Garrison,

Branch Special Projects Chair

Do you have a special project with which you would like state AAUW help AAUW-AZ has accumulated substantial funds over the past several years. Some of these funds are being made available to branches in the form of monies for mission based programs. These monies are separate from the Community Action Grants.

Applications are due to the Branch Special Projects Chair, Gail Garrison, **no later than two weeks prior to each state board meeting.** They are then sent to all board members. Discussion and approval will be at the board meetings which are scheduled for September 9 and October 17, 2014. Applications may be sent by email attachment.

Several branches have applied for and been awarded monies to help with a special project. At this point nine of our fourteen branches have requested monies for their special projects, and over \$11,500 has been awarded by AAUW-AZ.





Application forms and information can be found at [AAUW-Arizona Branch Grants PDE](#), or send applications by email to Gail Garrison.

Provide Free Gift of AAUW Membership

By Sharon Groves

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them.

With a gift of AAUW membership, you will...

-  Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.
-  Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
-  Keep them current on the events and people that affect their lives as they receive Mission & Action, AAUW Outlook, Action Network alerts, and more.
-  Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

Additional Information

1. No one pays a National membership fee for this membership. If the grad will be associated with a branch, branch and state membership dues will apply.
2. The grad will be a full National Member for one year — unless (as above) the grad is associated with a branch.
3. Any Start Smart participant may receive a gift at the time of her graduation.
4. The grad may be a relative and does not have to be a graduate of a C-U partner.
5. There are NO limitations as to how many "Give a Grad a Gift" memberships a current member may provide.
6. The application for this campaign is on line and any member may fill one out. (See the link below to download the application)
7. An article about this campaign often appears in the Membership Matters newsletter.

If you have questions, email Sharon Groves, AAUW AZ Membership VP

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