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## President's Message



Greetings,

A few days ago while driving across Arizona, I happened to cross the C A P canal three times. Naturally, I noticed the way the efforts of a lot of people created a novel pathway through the desert in order to carry the precious water from the Colorado River to outposts south. Without it, would we have the super-sprawling Phoenix or the southern outpost of Tucson? Water is Life. It needs to be used wisely and well...always with a thought to the future.

This is the time of year when many of us feel that way about the organizations we support. They are valuable: life affirming and hope producing, like streams of vitality in the social worlds we inhabit. They deserve our attention, and they require our serious thought. AAUW is no exception. As you know, your Board of Directors is very satisfied with the progress AAUW-AZ has made in the areas of political involvement, social justice, expanding our influence, and creating new avenues of communication and connection. We have a sound place from which to plan and create our future. And we have a solid cadre of state officers. This is the election issue, so let me take a minute to explain that we are doing elections differently this year. Three officers are already elected: Jane Adrian will automatically move from President Elect to President, Sharon Groves is midway in her term as Membership Vice President and Rhysa Davis is midway in her term as Recording Secretary. The other two elected officers are Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Because we had no Nominations Chair, because neither of the two current office holders has termed out and because each has agreed to serve a second term, Donna Haugland is on the ballot for Corresponding Secretary and Susanne Burgess as the nominee for Treasurer. Elections will be by mail (e-mail or paper ballot). This will fulfill the requirement for "One Member-One Vote" and will cast the widest net. The Appointed Officers will be appointed by President, Jane Adrian. Our bylaws empower her to reconfigure the roster of appointed officers to meet the needs anticipated by our future.

On April 26, 2014, the state board will meet from 9 a.m. until noon. After that, we hope to share an afternoon of fun, fellowship and idea-sharing. We will be in the Cottonwood area, and I personally hope you ALL can be there.

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**Board of Directors Meeting of the State of Arizona**  
**Community Room, Anthem Center, Anthem, AZ**  
**January 20, 2014**

**Summary of Minutes**

- ◆ The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the State President, Claudette Haney.
- ◆ A total of fourteen members and six guests were present at the meeting.
- ◆ The minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting was accepted as emailed out.
- ◆ The treasurer's report was accepted as emailed out.
- ◆ Sara Wolters was appointed as the auditor of the treasurer's reports/accounts.
- ◆ A grant of \$600.00 for the Green Valley Branch was approved for a Stem Conference for middle school girls.
- ◆ \$100.00 was approved to be added to the current Prescott grant of \$450.00 to supplement the funds to cover the cost of bus transportation for students of Chino Valley High School for the Sister-to-Sister Event on February 11, 2014 at Yavapai College.
- ◆ A stipend for participants was approved in the amount of \$1,500 for the ASU Conference on "The Status of Women in AZ."
- ◆ AZ AAUW agreed to host a reception prior to the Clinton Initiative meeting at ASU in March 2014.
- ◆ AZ AAUW will request funds not to exceed \$500 from National for the reception for the Clinton Initiative Meeting at ASU.
- ◆ It was announced that Claudette Haney was recognized as "Reaching for the Moon" for "Being a Star" with the Inter-Club Council of AZ.
- ◆ Legislative Day will be held on February 20, 2014 at the Old State Senate in Phoenix. AZ AAUW will provide lunch for the Legislators and Palm Cards not to exceed \$1,600.
- ◆ Proposed Bylaws changes were announced by Sara Wolters. They will be subject to a membership vote.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Rhysa Davis, Recording Secretary



## President's Message *continued*

(Your branch presidents will be provided the details when they are firm.) There is something so positive and revitalizing that happens when we meet and mingle. We inspire one another and encourage one another. We generate the vision and energy to help us take those important next steps on the pathway to equity for all women and girls. In addition, I think we will learn about the special events being hosted by the SE Valley and West Valley branches. Both of them have much to celebrate and to share.

AAUW-AZ is doing well, and our future should be even brighter.

See You In Cottonwood,

Claudette Haney, President

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## Salsa Surprise

Arizonans Interested in AAUW

- ◆ SALSA is an e-advocacy database that sends e-blasts to its supporters and subscribers
- ◆ The Salsa database may or may not include Arizona Branch and National members
- ◆ The National SALSA database contains 4375 Arizona AAUW **supporters** who follow the national Action Alerts or other AAUW notifications
- ◆ 3200 of the supporters are **subscribers** who have asked to receive Action Alerts
- ◆ Arizona has 1200 branch members
- ◆ Arizona has 540 National members (formerly Member-at-Large)
- ◆ Arizona has 60 Student Affiliates who attend Colleges and Universities within AZ or in other states
- ◆ It may be possible to find potential new branch members by paralleling the Salsa database and with our branch membership lists. Only an AAUW AZ board member can request this list. The branches may then be offered the names of these potential new members who live in their area.

## Glendale Branch Changes

Maggie Henderson is moving back to north California; consequently, she had to resign as our branch president.

For the remainder of this year, I will be the Glendale contact for national and state business.

Members of the board will take turns presiding over meetings until a new president takes over in July.

Pat Zajicek

## AAUW Arizona State Elections 2014

The state elections for officers and bylaw changes will be conducted via an e-ballot enhanced by mail-in ballots for those members who have selected not to use email. The voting will take place between March 13 and April 12. Watch for your e-ballot to arrive from [electionbuddy.com](http://electionbuddy.com) between those dates.

The ballot will include instructions for voting for officers whose information appears in another article in this newsletter: Harriet Young, Program VP, Donna Haugland, Corresponding Secretary, and Susanne Burgess, Treasurer. The officers elected will be installed at the April non-convention gathering in Cottonwood. The details of this gathering will be circulated later via branch meetings and other notices.

Additionally, there are seven proposed bylaw changes which will appear on your ballot in the form of referendum questions, requiring a yes or no vote. These proposed changes in the bylaw format are attached to this article and are on the website [aauwarizona.org](http://aauwarizona.org).

One set of changes would allow for the election of a co-president as an alternative to a

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## AAUW Arizona State Elections 2014 *continued*

president-elect. This would effectively shorten the term of this leadership officer to two years as opposed to the current three years. It could provide clearer continuity in leadership as the co-presidents would work more closely together during their terms of office. Their terms would be staggered, so two co-presidents would not be elected in the same year. This change would affect Article VII Officers, Sections 2 and 5, as well as Article XI Rotation of Officers, Section 2.

The second major change would be in the selection of the nominating committee for candidates for state office. There have been years when there was difficulty selecting the nominating committee. This proposed change would allow the executive committee to request committee volunteers from all branches. They would then select five members from this list of volunteers. They would select their own chair and proceed to identify candidates for the open state offices. This proposal would change Article IX Nominations, Sections 1 and 6.

A third proposed change would cover the announcement of candidates for office in an upcoming election. Future elections may not routinely be held at state conventions. This change would require that names of candidates be published at least 30 days before an election, regardless of how the election is to be held. This proposal would change Article X Elections, Section 1.

The other two proposed changes to the bylaws are for clarification purposes.

Article VII Duties of Officers, Section 7, will note that the corresponding secretary is responsible for the preparation and publication of the convention program/business booklet. This has already been the responsibility of the corresponding secretary. This is clarification for future officer candidates.

The second clarification appears in Article XIV Committees, Section 2. This provides a vote on the board of directors for special committee chairs that are not already on the board of directors, but are temporary board members. This board vote would be valid during their period of committee activity.

Full statement of proposed bylaw changes in bylaw format follows.

### **Proposed Bylaw Changes, subject to membership vote.**

(underlined words are being removed and/or replaced )

#### Article VII Officers

Section 2 The elected officers of this organization shall be a president, president elect *or co-president* in odd years, program vice president, membership vice president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer.



## AAUW Arizona State Elections 2014 *continued*

Section 5 No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same elected office. The president-elect shall serve for one year in that office and two years as president. *In the case of co-presidents, the term would be two years and there would be no president elect.*

### Article VII Duties of Officers

Section 7 The corresponding secretary shall (a) be responsible for such correspondence of the organization as the president or the executive committee shall delegate; (b) notify the branches of all meetings of the state; (c) maintain a roster of branches, including branch officers and committee chairs; (d) be responsible for the publication of AAUW-AZ directory *convention program/business booklet*; and (e) perform such other duties as shall be assigned by the president.

### Article IX Nominations

Section 1 A nominating committee chair shall be elected by vote of all members prior to or at the annual convention, and serve a term of one year. Four committee members shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the executive committee and shall serve for a term of one year. *The president or executive committee shall solicit volunteers from the several branches. A committee of five shall be selected from these volunteers by the executive committee. The committee of five members shall select the chairman. Their term shall last until the slate of officers to be elected has been filled.*

Section 6 Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the convention provided the written consent of the nominee has been obtained.

### Article X Elections

Section 1 The names of the nominees for elected office and nominating committee chair shall be published and sent to every member with the call to convention *at least 30 days before the election is to be held.*

### Article XI Rotation of Officers

Section 2 The president-elect *or co-president*, membership vice president, and recording secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

### Article XIV Committees

Section 2 Special committees considered necessary by the board of directors, may be appointed by the president with the consent of the board. Special committee chairs appointed from the branch representatives already on the board have a vote. *Special committee chairs appointed from non-board status shall have a vote during the time of their committee activity.*

Sara Wolters

## [AAUW – AZ Candidates for the Board of Directors](#)

### **Donna Haugland** **Candidate for Corresponding Secretary 2014-2016**

I was born and raised in Butte, Montana. I attended Gonzaga University's campuses in Spokane, Washington and Florence, Italy. Following graduation from GU, I returned to Butte to teach at West Junior High school. I also got married, had three great children, earned an Associate Degree in Business and Computer Science from Montana Institute of Technology and Mineral Science, and joined AAUW. I was a member for about 10 years, serving on many board positions including branch president.



Then we moved to Mill Creek, Washington where I became very involved with PTA and the Dr. May B. Guy Guild for Seattle Children's Hospital. I served in many positions on both boards including president. I also became a realtor associated with John L. Scott Real Estate.

After raising our children we moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona. Currently I am an associate with West USA Realty Revelation, and I occasionally substitute for the Chandler School District. I am the current president of the Sun Lakes Italian American Club and Publicity Chair for the Sun Lakes Garden Club. Over the past years I have served AAUW's Southeast Valley Branch as Co-Chair for the Lunch Bunch Committee, as Recording Secretary, and as Co-President for two years. Now I am the Co-Editor of our branch Newsletter and Corresponding Secretary for AAUW-AZ. I am proud to serve all of you for another term as AAUW Arizona State Corresponding Secretary.

### **Susanne E. B. Burgess** **Candidate for Treasurer 2014-2016**

After retiring in 2009, I joined the West Valley Branch of AAUW. I am a graduate of the University of Arizona with a B.S. in Business Administration, majoring in General Business Administration with a minor in international law. I also graduated from the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington.



My 34 year career included over 23 years in banking at what was to become Wells Fargo. I held management positions in Retail & Consolidated Operations, Business Services, Loan Operations, and Electronic Payments. I spent 8 years at eFunds, Inc. with the last 4 years, as Vice President of Project Management worldwide with teams in 10 countries. Finally I was with Early Warning Services as Vice President of Project Management.

My avocation is the world of pure bred show dogs. We have been breeding and showing English Springer Spaniels under the Windsor prefix for 36 years. I am the current president of the ESSFTA Foundation, which is a non-profit charity providing financial support for projects that focus charitable, education and research efforts on dogs and English Springer Spaniels.



## Harriet Young

### Candidate for AAUW-AZ Program Vice President 2014-2016



President, AAUW Flagstaff Branch \* Member Flagstaff-Coconino County Library Board \* 2012 Honoree, Planned Parenthood of Northern Arizona \* Past Chair Commission on the Status of Women, NAU \* Adjunct Professor of Politics and International Affairs, NAU \* Ph.D. Political Science, Rice University \* BA Political Science, Vanderbilt University

## AAUW – AZ Board Members Elected/Continuing their Terms



### Jane Adrian

#### AAUW-AZ Incoming President 2014-2016

Public Policy Chair  
AAUW Arizona and Scottsdale

I spent 35 years in a clinical laboratory as a Director for Schools of Clinical Laboratory Science and Histology and as a laboratory director. I graduated from the University of Illinois and earned a Master's degrees in Education and Public Health. Ed and I blended our families in 1992, and have five children and five grandchildren.

I joined AAUW when I moved to Scottsdale in 2006. I served as Scottsdale branch president, and I am currently the public policy chair for Arizona. I am devoted to education at all levels and to social justice. I am interested in politics and the process by which voters impact how democracies work. I am continually amazed at how AAUW advocates effectively to support women and girls in all phases of their lives. I am grateful to be an AAUW member.

Ed and I travel whenever we get a chance.

## Sharon Groves

### AAUW-AZ Membership Vice President 2013-2015

My three sisters and I grew up living on military installations around the US and overseas. I attended Mankato State College in Minnesota where I met and married my husband Jim. After earning a BS in Business Administration, I worked for various employers over the years including the Girls Scouts and the U of WA on a project sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Jim and I lived mainly in the Midwest although we spent several years in the Seattle area. We have two daughters and twin granddaughters. In my early fifties, my daughters encouraged me to return to college to complete my accounting credits. I passed the CPA exam and worked as an auditor in Chicago before moving to Prescott in 2005. I joined AAUW- Prescott in 2008, was elected to a board position and served as President in 2011-2012.



I am deeply devoted to the AAUW mission and women's issues. I enjoy playing golf and bridge, reading and traveling.



**Rhysa Davis**  
**AAUW-AZ Recording Secretary 2013-2015**

AAUW AZ Branches: East Mesa & Scottsdale  
Current Position in East Mesa: Branch President  
Current AAUW-AZ Position: Recording Secretary

I retired to AZ 4-1/2 years ago after having a successful career as a news reporter and editor.

I attended CA State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Reporting & Editing.

I continued my education and received my Master of Mass Communication from USC and my MLA degree from Cambridge, having produced my thesis on “The AAUW Educational Foundation Programs: Fund Raising at the Grassroots level.” I studied to be a Registered Parliamentarian and follow the practice of what is known as “Action Minutes.” I have been a member of AAUW since 1975 and is also a member of P.E.O. in the EZ Chapter in Mesa, AZ.



**AAUW – Prescott Branch**

At our Prescott branch, we are already off to a great new year! Our membership continues to grow, our community action activities continue to expand, our interest groups continue to increase, and our programs for our general meetings continue to engage and entertain us.

Forthcoming action this spring includes an expansion of our reading groups, an additional Great Decisions discussion group and an extra “Dining in All Directions” mini-group. Our Community Action Groups have been quite inspiring, and we’ve had lots of participation and support from group members. Notably, in February, our Sister-to-Sister Action Committee hosted 25 girls from Chino Valley High School with a program that highlighted the benefits of a university education. Twenty-five members were on hand so each young lady had an advocate with whom she could chat, sharing stories and aspirations.



*Prescott  
President Anne  
Barton*

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, AAUW Prescott will participate in a “Reality Store” and Career Fair, which will be held in one day. This event is targeted to girls and young women, 8th grade through college in the Prescott area.

Check our excellent website regularly for news of up-coming meetings, activities and community action events.

Patti Allen-Lafleur





## Casas Adobes Tucson Branch

“Victims of Sex Trafficking,  
Prostitution and Legislation”

This was the subject of the program Beth Jacobs of Tucson brought to our branch for the January meeting. Beth, herself a victim, told her story and the great need for legislative and legal action to protect victims and to punish the perpetrators. She also spoke of the need for services and support programs for survivors.

The meeting was well attended by our members, and prior publicity brought us 15 guests. Our membership is steadily growing. We feel this is due to interesting programs which are publicized in several area newspapers, a variety of interest groups, and members who bring guests to our activities.

Our February program featured Marcy Euler, Executive Director of the Tucson Festival of Books. The festival is held at the U. of A. and draws authors and visitors from all over the country. This is certain to be a well-attended event!

We held a brunch in February for all of the members who have joined the branch since last July and for potential members. The branch officers and chairmen in attendance will talk about the activities and policies of the branch and the association. It is also an opportunity for new members and board members to get to know each other in an informal setting.

Several members attended the AAUW State Legislative Day.



*L to R: Guest speaker Beth Jacobs, founder of Willow Way; Abby Marier and Ann Ellsworth, co-program vice-presidents, Casas Adobes Tucson Branch*

### Save these Dates

**Arizona State Conference**

April 12, 2014 ASU West Campus

**Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**

June 6–8 2014 Reno, Nevada

**AAUW National Convention**

June 18-21, 2015 San Diego, California

## East Mesa Branch

We recently passed a Bylaws change to add a president-elect to the board of directors. It was decided that a year of involvement before becoming president of the branch would serve as a smooth transition from one year to the next with a better prepared leader coming into office that is aware of the connection between the branch, the state, and the National Association. The first president-elect will be elected at the March General Meeting and installed by the immediate Past President Deanna Long, at the April General Meeting.

284 guests attended the annual “Author’s Fundraising Luncheon” in January. Guest author, James Rollins, entertained the attendees with humorous childhood stories and tales of how his adventure in writing began. Despite rejections from several editors and publishing companies, including heart wrenching comments noted on his letters of rejection, he continued writing and much to the chagrin of his critics, his books

made it to the New York Times best sellers list.

Attendees at the luncheon also heard from three of the current branch scholarship recipients, who expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to further their education,



*AAUW East Mesa Branch President, Rhysa Davis; scholarship recipient, Joanna Dewey; bestselling author, James Rollins; scholarship recipient, Susan Barger; scholarship recipient, Maria Carter; and Rebecca Elliott, AAUW East Mesa branch scholarship chair.*

thanks to the generosity of the East Mesa Branch. Since 1990 the branch has raised, nearly \$200,000 for local scholarship.

Several new interest groups were started this year: A to Z, Movie and a Meal, and On-the-Go.

“Butterfly

Wonderland” in

Scottsdale was the

first outing for the On-the-Go group. It was an exceptional experience in a rain forest environment to be engaged with so many of the lovely butterflies.

The branch will host an open general meeting in honor of Women’s History Month in March. In addition, the branch will host two viewings of the Academy Award Nominated Documentary, *The Invisible War* to the local community.

Rhysa Davis

## Scottsdale Author's Luncheon

The *Author's Luncheon* in February was a resounding success. Members and guests had ample time to socialize before enjoying the delicious lunch that was prepared and served by the students and staff at the Artichoke Grill, Scottsdale Community College's (SCC) Culinary School.

Kala Clark, one of our two SCC scholarship recipients, joined us for the event and briefed us on her current studies and plans to become a nurse. She warmly thanked the branch members for their generosity and for selecting her to receive the scholarship.



*Kala Clark, SCC student,  
and President Janet Larkin,  
AAUW—Scottsdale*

Our guest speaker, Rhys Bowen, AAUW dual member, and New York Times bestselling mystery author, gave us a little insight into her life and her travels, as well as a witty commentary on her creative process. During her humorous and entertaining speech, she described her childhood experiences vacationing in the mountains of North Wales and how they played a formative role in setting her first book series in Wales. In addition, a chance visit to Ellis Island was the impetus for creating her heroine, the smart and feisty Molly Murphy.

She is writing her next novel and basing it on her studies in dream psychology at the University of Freiburg in Germany. It will be a Molly Murphy whodunit set in the art world of post-Impressionist Paris.

Rhys provided us with an invitation to the March 4<sup>th</sup> book launch of her latest book, a Molly Murphy mystery entitled *The City of Darkness and Light*, and generously donated books to our raffle. At the end of her speech, the branch presented her with a customized “Molly Murphy” doll, hand-made by our resident doll-maker Jean Reed Roberts.

In celebration of Camille Schmidt's 10-years as Chair of the Adopt-a-Book Program, she was also honored at our *Author's Luncheon* for her extraordinarily successful elementary book program and was also given a custom-made “Library” doll, created and hand-sewn by Jean Reed Roberts. Camille will begin her 11<sup>th</sup>-year distributing books to students in the Scottsdale Unified School District's five Title 1 schools: Yavapai, Hohokam, Tonalea, Navajo and Pima. We are grateful to have such commitment by our branch to our community programs.

Joyce Yarbrough, Judy Hubbard, Mignon Trice, Helen Frantz, Jean Reed Roberts, and Peggy Owen from the *Author's Luncheon* committee join our board of directors in extending a heartfelt thank you to all our members who continue to generously support our efforts to fund scholarships for Scottsdale Community College recipients and, of course, to those who attended the luncheon. Many, many thanks for supporting your local AAUW Scottsdale branch.

-- Peggy Owen



*L to R: Camille Schmidt, Jean Reed  
Roberts, Rhys Bowen*

## Thoughts on Membership Recruitment and Retention

At the Fall Rendezvous in Mesa there was a good exchange of ideas on several issues pertaining to retention and recruiting of new members. Here is a summary of those ideas.

1. Have a New Member Table at each General Meeting where new members can sit together. Ask Interest Group leaders and board members to take turns sitting at the table each month to encourage the new members to participate in branch activities. The new members may come early to the meeting to have time to socialize with each other. This is a good time to explain the "How To's" of the branch (i.e. accessing the branch web page, signing up for events, resources available on the National website and how to find them, etc.)
2. Some branches have a weekly coffee and chat gathering at a local coffee house.
3. Honor members who bring a new member.
4. Have a drawing for a free membership for members who bring new members to the branch.
5. Honor long-term AAUW members (50 years, 25 years - they do not have to be consecutive years).
6. Include a member's profile or bio at each meeting or in your newsletter.

Penney Hoodenpyle, Member National Membership Committee, emailed the following thoughts on membership:

*One of the best resources for membership information is the national website. Using the "search" function, type in **membership ideas** and some good information comes up. Also under **Resources** you will find **Leader Essentials**. There under **Membership Recruitment and Retention** are some very useful ideas.*

*I would highly recommend the workshops on membership from the 2013 National Convention in New Orleans. We did four membership workshops and they were well attended. All the membership workshop information is available in either Power Point or PDF formats. Unfortunately, only one of the four interest groups we did is available (**Virtual and Online Branches**). The membership workshops are easily found through the "search" function. Just type in **2013 Convention** and all the convention workshops will come up. The memberships ones (by date) are:*

*June 10 - **Secrets Exposed and Hook, Line, and Sinker***

*June 11 - **Retention Is For Rock Stars and If My Hair Was Blue***

In past years, Membership VPs sent an annual membership report to the State Membership VP. If you have one that you would like to share, please let me know and I will forward the information to other branch membership chairs.

Sharon Groves  
AAUW-AZ Membership Chair





## AAUW ARIZONA: CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF ARIZONA WOMEN 2014

Sala Room at ASU West Campus

**April 12, 2014**

**9-2 p.m.**

Free Parking one block away

In order for AAUW to fulfill its mission to remove the barriers to the success of women and girls, from time to time we need to make an assessment of where we are and where we want to go.

Since 1881, AAUW has led the movement for equality for women in education and in the work place. In 2014 we face a mixed environment for women in Arizona. While we can celebrate the successes of women in academia, business, and political office, we see increased violence against women coupled with attacks on access to reproductive health.

In an effort to find solutions, we need to understand causes. For this reason we turn to our academics in the field of women and gender studies for answers. As we search for meaningful insight, we invite our principal investigators within women's studies to shed light on the current situation for women in Arizona and offer their views on a way forward.

With this in mind, we have invited the chairs of the Women and Gender Studies Departments at University of Arizona, Arizona State University, ASU West Campus, and Northern Arizona University to participate in and lead a conference on the status of women in Arizona 2014.

A draft of the program envisions two student panels presenting in the morning of April 12. The first panel would be composed of a student from each university presenting a report on "where we are now." A second panel of a student from each university would follow on the subject of "where we want to go." Keynote speaker at the lunch break will be CEO of the Arizona Foundation for Women, Sara Presler.

The finale would be a panel discussion by the chairs/faculty of the WGS to give us their insights on potential actions by women for women.

Below is a draft of the program:

9:00 greetings from AAUW-AZ President Claudette Haney

9:15 remarks from Jodi Liggett, Public Policy Planned Parenthood

9:30 Panel 1 Students from the four state schools on "Where are Arizona Women?"

10:30 break

10:45 Panel 2 Students from the four state schools (different women) on "where do we want to go?"

11:45 q and a

12:15 lunch keynote by Arizona Foundation for Women CEO Sara Presler

1:30 wrap up with the chairs of the four university Women and Gender Studies departments "Is there a women's agenda for 2014?"

2:30 Farewell remarks from Claudette Haney

Harriet H. Young, Vice President



**Dear Arizona Members:**

I am excited to announce that AAUW members, supporters, friends, and neighbors from around the Rocky Mountain West will be gathering in June for a regional conference. This event will feature speakers and authors addressing the theme "The Western Woman." Workshops and presentations facilitated by AAUW staff and members are also planned.

Come and find out more about the exciting work going on around the region. We will cap off the weekend with a very special keynote address from AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho.

**It's time to save the date: This year's Rocky Mountain Regional Conference will be here before we know it! We will be gathering Friday, June 6, to Sunday, June 8, at the [Siena Hotel](#) in downtown Reno, NV.**

We do hope you will join us. Please stay tuned for more information!

Thank you,  
Joyce Destefanis  
AAUW of Nevada State President

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**[Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Nevada June 6-8, 2014](#)**

AAUW President Patricia Ho will attend the conference and is the Saturday night dinner speaker.

AAUW NV is providing three presentations. The keynote speaker will be a researcher from Project New America talking about the "Western Woman"--her attitudes, values, priorities, etc. There will be a workshop, talk about Politics vs. Partisan, and a follow-up on sex trafficking by Awaken, a non-profit organization in Reno whose mission is to help women who are victims of commercial sex trafficking.

Each state has been asked to make a presentation of about 30 minutes.

Each state may display and sell materials.

For updates on the conference, visit <http://aauw-nv.aauw.net/calendar/>.

**The Mission of AAUW is to advance equity for  
women and girls through  
advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.**





## Prayer for the AZ State Senate

Delivered on February 20, 2014 by AAUW-AZ President the Reverend Dr. Claudette Haney, United Methodist Clergy, retired

Almighty and Gracious God,; Creator of All and ultimate Judge of Each,  
I come before you today to offer prayer for the men and women of the Arizona State Senate.  
You know them.

You knit them together in their mother's wombs.

You were there when they gathered what education they could from the resources provided for them, and you watched as they grew to become the men and women they became –men and women of such integrity that their constituents chose them to bear the burden of public servant hood.

And you know how heavy that burden is: the long drives, the time away from families, the endless need to read and learn , the constant demands and the conflict.

You watch as they combat their fears – for they do have fears.....censure of their colleagues, criticism of the press and the outrages if the abuse of power by those who would coerce consensus.

And you know the private struggle each one has to maintain their integrity in the ever present face of the temptations of financial greed and lust for power ,

Dear Lord, no one knows better than you that the path of personal integrity can lead to a cross --- but that the path of integrity is the only path to real hope for a better future for the widow, the orphan and the strangers at the gate.

And so, Lord, I call your presence into his room and your blessing on these men and women you love so much. Bless them with clarity, conscience, and courage that they may accomplish your perfect will in this imperfect world.

Amen



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**AAUW to Receive \$250,000 Grant for STEM Programming  
from Alcoa Foundation**

*Organization announces new collaboration to invest in girls and communities*

WASHINGTON – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will receive a \$250,000 grant from Alcoa Foundation to address the global gender gap in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce. With this funding, AAUW will expand its successful STEM education programs for girls to new sites where Alcoa has operations: Székesfehérvár, Hungary, and Barberton, Ohio, in the United States. Over the next two years, this collaboration will give hundreds of middle school girls the chance to participate in fun, experiential STEM programs that demonstrate the opportunities and benefits for women in these fields.



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Since 1884, AAUW's corporate structure has established that local members, not national policy staff, set local education priorities. Recently, AAUW state leaders urged the elected national Public Policy Committee to take a position in [support](#) of the [Common Core State Standards Initiative](#) — a state-led, voluntary effort that established a single set of educational standards for K–12 students in English and mathematics. AAUW state leaders supported this effort but were increasingly confronted by misinformation and half-truths put out by politically motivated groups. . . .

Find the rest of this article at  
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### [Green Valley Legislative Day February 20, 2014](#)

AAUW– Green Valley sent 12 delegates to Phoenix for this event, which is an annual statewide opportunity to advocate for issues that are important to our membership.

Lisa Maatz, the national Vice President for AAUW Government Relations, addressed the delegation, which included AAUW-AZ President and Green Valley branch member Claudette Haney and AAUW-Green Valley Co-President Lorna Kitchak.

The two most important issues for AAUW this year are human trafficking and education. Jamie Bennet, policy advisor for Governor Jan Brewer, gave a presentation about HB 2454 which is being supported by AAUW across the state. HB 2454 adds human trafficking and related crimes to the definition of racketeering and makes changes to the crime of child prostitution. One of our branch members, Beth Jacobs, founder of Willow Way, an organization that helps victims of sex trafficking, had an opportunity to make suggestions.

During lunch, members met with Senator Andrea Dalessandro and Representatives Gabaldon and Clinco. They then convened to the Senate. Claudette Haney was given the honor of delivering the opening prayer (see page 15) in the Senate and Lisa Maatz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Dalessandro also introduced the members of AAUW from the floor.

AAUW –Green Valley has 150 members. General meetings and programs are held monthly. The branch offers more than ten special interest groups and community outreach programs.

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