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President's Message



Greetings,

I hope this note finds you well. I am sure it will find you busy. "Tis the Season," as they say---for lists, and sales, and wrapping, remembering; and, occasionally, missing good friends and family members. It is a time to catch up and plan ahead.

We are busy, and I am excited at what I see poised for AAUW-AZ in 2014.

First, of course, is the January meeting of the board of directors. I have noticed that our state board meetings are more events to be enjoyed than drawn-out hum-drum plodding through 'business.' Our gatherings witness to the energetic busyness of bright women dedicated to "getting to it" to make a real difference in the lives of others. I look forward to the officer reports because our officers are self-motivated explorers. We have fun. SO if anyone offers YOU an opportunity to come out and play with us, I hope you won't hesitate.

Second will be the Legislative Day in February. Many of you remember last year's triumphant invasion of the teal shirts at the capital. What a lot of fun that was, and what a lot of hard detail work that required. Our thanks to Jane Adrian who remains at the helm of this project. Those of us who participated in the Legislative Day in 2012 know that we are expected to contact our legislators before the day of the event. Prior contact is helpful for establishing our relationships and discussing the legislative issues we will be addressing on the day of the event.

Also in February will be the Educational Event hosted by the Southeast Valley Branch. It should be an exquisite luncheon and a captivating panel composed, as it is, of the brightest lights on Arizona's educational scene.

Then, sometime in the spring, we have two new events to engage us. The first is a state-wide gathering of college and university women sponsored by AAUW-AZ and led by our Program V P Harriet Young (Flagstaff). This project is an outgrowth of the panels Harriet has arranged in Flagstaff and

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at our Fall Rendezvous. This will be a "first-time-ever" event for us.

The second is a first experiment with an all-state gathering in lieu of a State Convention. There are people thinking of a day of paddle boating – or a day touring the vineyards near Cottonwood. The idea is to accomplish our business and have more time to enjoy one another and share ideas. Whatever form it takes, this departure from tradition purports to engage and energize our considerable capacities for creativity, friendship and plain good fun.

Finally, in this note, I want to start thanking some of the amazing women whose generosity of spirit and depth of talent have made my term as your president both possible and delightful. First are the two unsung heroines of the Green Valley Branch, Carolyn Morley and Libby Beyrer who have served as the editors of the *Sun*. That is such a huge task, and it is one each volunteered to do for us. They have been brilliant, and I want each of them to know their work is both admired and appreciated.

So Here's To A Spectacular '14.

Claudette Haney, AAUW-AZ, President



AAUW Action Network: You may like and respect your boss, but would you really want him or her to have control over your medical care? Do you want to think about them every time you open your medicine cabinet or take a prescription?

Of course not. But it could happen because the Supreme Court decided yesterday that it would hear challenges to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive coverage requirement.

Take action by writing to your local newspaper about the dramatic impact this case could have on women.



AAUW Green Valley Awards Scholarships to Pima Community College Students

The Green Valley branch has funded scholarships at Pima Community College for the past five years.

Our most recent recipients were Amber Dichard and Michelle Avitia, pictured here with Scholarships Committee Chair, Marilyn Jameson.



Ms. Avitia, on the left, is in a pre-med program and is planning to obtain a bachelor's degree. She has four children.

Ms. Dichard, on the right, is in the two-year nursing degree program. She has three children.

The women are maintaining high grade-point averages while working and caring for their children.

They each received \$1,000. We wish them continued success in their academic endeavors.

Southeast Valley Branch



Current AAUW Funds Recipient, Elizabeth Nelson, speaker at the Southeast Valley Holiday Luncheon.

We are up and running for the 2013-2014 year with another new interest group, Sisters in Art (Appreciation), volunteer trainings for reading mentors at San Marcos Elementary School, and Public Policy Committee planning for Legislative Day. The Great Decisions group has studied “Humanitarian Intervention” and “China in Africa.” Interesting and informative programs were

presented this fall by Terri Kimble from the Chandler Chamber of Commerce on “Chandler: Past, Present and Future,” and by Renee Levin on “Inside Intel.” We held our AAUW Funds Holiday Luncheon and raised \$2850.

We are now looking forward to our 25th Anniversary Celebration on February 22. We hope many AAUW members who live in the Phoenix area will be able to join us. For the latest information and registration form, please click on link:

[AAUW 25th Anniversary Celebration | Southeast Valley \(AZ\) Branch.](#)

Jeannine Reynolds

I am not belittling the brave pioneer men, but the sunbonnet as well as the sombrero has helped to settle this glorious land of ours.

~ Edna Ferber
American writer (1885-1968)

AAUW – Tucson Community Action

Co-Presidents Betty Jett and Nieves Miljure responded to an invitation from the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona to participate in an activity called an “Investiture Ceremony” at the Katherine Van Buskirk Elementary School on November 20th.

Betty and Nieves accompanied Michelle Higgins who is the senior director of education & corporate development for the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona. When the school day was over, the students gathered in the gym-cafeteria. While waiting for the event to begin, Betty and Nieves were able to greet the arriving parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters.

Kim Flores, the leader for this activity, reported that there were 44 students involved: 19 Daisies (Kindergarten to first grade); 15 Brownies (second and third grade); and 10 Girl Scout Juniors (fourth and fifth grade). Kim explained that the girls met and worked on projects each Wednesday for about an hour and a half.

After this traditional “moving up” observance was completed, the two younger groups of girls performed a skit to celebrate the occasion.

Some of the group then participated in making “gorp” [trail mix] which they shared with their guests.

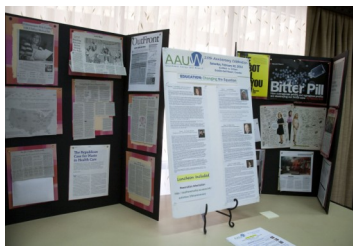
Participating in school community activities such as the one described above gives us opportunities to meet and connect with young girls. Our presence illustrates to these young people our interest in their development through their activities.

Nieves M. Miljure

FYI Photographers are acknowledged when known. Ed.

East Mesa Branch

We had the honor of hosting the 2013 Fall Rendezvous at Leisure World on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Eighty-two members and guests were in attendance. If any member from AZ was unable to attend, you were missed. The agenda was outstanding thanks to the program committee headed by Harriet Young, AZ State Program Vice President. The program booklet, *“Members Make a Difference”* was produced and edited by Donna Haugland and handed out to every member in attendance.



Branch display boards at the Fall Rendezvous

A lovely photo of “Not-So-Gentle Tamer” by Sculptor Deb Gessner appeared on the cover. This sculpture appears in the Prescott Valley Civic Center.

Recently, our Branch LAF Director, Sandra Lackore, asked the branch membership to consider raising funds for LAF this year with a “No-Bake Sale – Bake Sale.” Instead of baking actual items to sell, the branch voted to try this new approach which is called a Virtual Bake Sale. We joined with the rest of the Association membership of 165,000 across the country to raise funds for this program. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$650 at the November General Meeting to support LAF. Additional donations from our “No-Bake Sale” are still forthcoming.

The East Mesa Branch is now preparing for the fifth Annual Author’s Luncheon on January 25, 2014 to raise funds for local scholarships. Our guest author is James Rollins. Mr. Rollins is the bestselling author of nine Sigma Force thrillers, two connected novellas, and the novelization of Lucasfilm’s blockbuster movie, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

Tickets are available after November 6, 2013 from our Development Director, Judy Shahanian at 480-354-3170. Individual tickets are \$35.00 each. Last year our branch raised \$10,000 from this special event, which includes a sit-down luncheon, a silent auction, and sale of raffle tickets. Baskets are created by our branch interest groups in addition to items donated to us from local companies/shops in the community. Please note that pre-paid reservations are required due to space limitations.

Rhysa Davis



L to R: President Rhysa Davis, East Mesa AAUW; Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa; Public Policy Director Dixie Guldner, East Mesa AAUW; and President Claudette Haney, AAUW~AZ. Mayor Smith brought greetings to AAUW.

Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick Updates AAUW Members

On October 17, Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Maricopa Community College District, updated AAUW members and others about higher education in Arizona.



(l to r) College/University Relations Chair Ann Mitchell AAUW~ Arizona; Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Maricopa Community College District; and Director of Communiversity@Surprise Dr. Todd Aakhus.

She used several graphs and visuals to point out the need for education beyond high school to secure a better life, the financial situation for college students in our state, the challenges college students face, and the success rate for males, females and persons of ethnic groups as they work toward their certificates or degrees.

Northwest Valley Branch members were joined by AAUW members from the West Valley branch as well as the Sun City/Peoria and Glendale branches. In addition staff and students from Rio Salado College's Life Long Learning campus were in attendance.

While branch President Mary Jo Blum conducted the branch meeting, the other guests were invited to an informal conversation. Students Amber Arnold and Francis Owens, shared their college experience thus



Students Amber Arnold and Francis Owens

far. Both are close to graduation and spoke from the heart. They encouraged the students in their audience to continue with their education.....in the end, it's worth it!



Joye Kohl and Sue Pervi

Branch members Joye Kohl and Sue Pervi then shared their findings. Joye was a fortune teller who focused on Fair Pay for Women. Her flashing magic ball and one dollar bill worth only 77 cents were a hit with the students. Sue personified the woman engaged in a STEM career. She had her facts "down pat" as she discussed the challenges as well as the pay offs of a STEM career. The Rio Salado College students were thankful for the opportunity to attend the higher education program.

Ann Mitchell



AAUW Action Network: The FAMILY Act would strengthen the economic security of working people, their families, and businesses – and when individuals, families, and businesses are secure, our economy as a whole benefits.

Twenty years ago, AAUW advocates like you made the Family and Medical Leave Act possible. Let's stand up for workers and their families again by passing the FAMILY Act – [urge your representative to co-sponsor the FAMILY Act today!](#)

Casas Adobes Tucson Branch

The fall months have been busy and satisfying ones for the members of the Casas Adobes Tucson Branch. We have added new members and participated in community events.

We began with a potluck brunch in September and co-sponsored “Running and Winning.” We also co-hosted an “Information Table” at the convention of the Black Women’s Task Force.

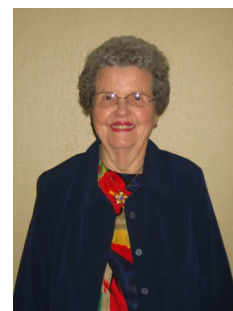
The October meeting brought us The Honorable Ethan Orr, State Representative for District 9. He discussed legislative efforts to change funding and evaluations for education at the college and K – 12 levels and outlined some of his concerns. Also in October was the very enlightening AAUW State “Fall Rendezvous” which was attended by three of our members who gave very favorable reports of the event to the branch.

Laura Penny, Executive Director of the Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona was the guest speaker at the November meeting. She described how her agency through research, grants and policy formulation fosters women’s economic self-sufficiency. The branch has plans to discuss opportunities for cooperation with the Women’s Foundation in the future. Later in November, Women Graduates – USA invited AAUW members to attend a teleconference on

“Strategies that individuals and groups can use to overcome the global problems of Human Trafficking.”

On the agenda was Dr. Ray Umashankar, U of A, Director of ASSETS India Foundation. His topic was, “Family Foundation Work in India with Trafficked Girls.” He was interviewed by a Casas Adobes Branch member, Rowena Hardinger.

December, always a special month for members, was more so this year as we celebrated the branch’s 25 anniversary at our annual Holiday Luncheon at the elegant Skyline Country Club. Ella Waltz, a charter member, delighted us with her memories of the branch’s early years. We also recognized our past presidents and were amused with a recounting of “The Travels of the AAUW Casas Adobes Branch” – all the venues where we have held our meetings.



Ella Waltz

We close 2013 proud of our contributions towards the mission of AAUW. We anticipate continued and new projects and growth in 2014.

Ingrid Ketcham and
Janice Rosenberg, Co-Presidents

Save these Dates

Rocky Mountain Regional Conference June 6–8 2014 Reno, Nevada

AAUW National Convention June 18-21, 2015 San Diego, California

Flagstaff Branch



Harriet Young at the Northern Arizona University fall faculty/staff welcome

We had a very active year and sponsored some interesting programs. The presenters at our monthly luncheons included Andrea Houchar who spoke about “Disagreeing with Civility,” FUSD Bullying Prevention Coordinator Theresa Freas who gave a very informative talk on the topic of bullying, Dr. Margaret Hatcher who charmed us with her personal account of “Life as a Work of Art,” and Dr. Cindy Beckett who spoke about “Patient and Family Care.” We also had a group discussion regarding the future of AAUW.

Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick was the keynote speaker at our public policy lunch, which was held in the summer. Rep. Bob Thorpe and Sen. Chester Crandell both spoke briefly on their upcoming agendas. Mayor Gerald Neighbors welcomed the group with a warm opening presentation.

Speakers in the fall included Dr. Marcie LePicque who discussed the Affordable Care Act, a panel of students from the women’s studies department at Northern Arizona University who reviewed the status of the women’s movement, and Editor Randy Wilson of the *Arizona Daily Sun* who talked about the role of a community newspaper.

We continued our cooperative relationship with the Commission on the Status of Women at NAU in hosting a welcome breakfast for new faculty and staff, and will continue participating in a spring “brown bag” with new faculty on coping with classroom issues.

We look forward to a productive 2014 with another selection of great speakers and stimulating ideas.

Harriet Young

A Perspective to Ponder

Lady (noun) *woman* Many good people have had trouble understanding the objections to “lady.” But isn’t that a *nice* word?” they ask. “Lady” defines women as ornaments or decorations rather than real people, as arbiters of both manners and morals, as members of some leisured class, as needing protection from real life, as “too good” or “too special” to “dirty their hands.” According to the unspoken operating instructions that come with a “lady,” a “lady” doesn’t go into combat, do construction work, organize a union, argue publicly with a co-worker, make more money than the men she knows (or even earn a salary at all), or pay for her own lunch. “To want ‘equal pay for equal

work’ and at the same time be treated ‘like a lady’ are inconsistent and incompatible objectives” (Laurel Richardson, in *Feminist Frontiers: Rethinking Sex, Gender and Society*). “Lady” is classist, condescending, trivializing, anachronistic, and oppressive. It has served to keep women on a tricky pedestal, in a neatly disguised servanthood — and out of the workplace. Fran Lebowitz says: “The word LADY: Most Often Used to Describe Someone You Wouldn’t Want to Talk to for Even Five Minutes.”

~ Maggio, Rosalie. *The Bias-Free Word Finder/ a dictionary of nondiscriminatory language*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1992, pg. 159.

Tucson Branch

Past Presidents of AAUW-Tucson Honored at Luncheon

For over 100 years, AAUW Tucson Presidents have led the branch through their emphasis on community service, education, and aiding the cause of women and families in the Tucson community and Arizona. On October 30, 2013, **Co-Presidents Betty Jett and Nieves Miljure** put together a special luncheon to honor the ladies whose leadership reflected the spirit of the American Association of University Women - Tucson.

This special luncheon took place at Betty Jett's beautiful northwest Tucson home, with a peaceful view of the mountains and the city. Betty and Nieves were wonderful hostesses,

providing a three course meal, with a large selection of beverages. Tucson's past presidents reminisced about their leadership efforts, establishing opportunities for women through some challenging times. An example: working to provide day care service to allow women with families to attend scheduled meetings. Through the enjoyable afternoon, we got to know each other, strengthening our bonds.

As we enter the next chapter of AAUW-Tucson, we gather inspiration, direction, and strength from the leaders who came before us. Thank you, ladies!



*Top row, L to R: Jean Brady (1981-83), Lou Bagnara (1965-67), Connie Harrison (2007-09), Pat Spoonamore (1983-85) and Nancy Woodling (2009-11)
Bottom row, L to R: Jeanne Clarke (2003-07), Carol Dow (2011-13), Barbara Neubert (2001-03), and Marybeth Carlile (1973-75)*

Nieves Miljure, Co-President and Carol Dow, Past President

Arizona Town Hall Findings About Higher Education

On October 1, 2013 the Arizona Town Hall came to the Community@Surprise. Members of the Northwest Valley branch including Bonnie Boyce-Wilson, Ann Mitchell and Mary Jo Blum, branch President, were in attendance.

For over 50 years, Arizona Town Hall has engaged, educated and empowered Arizonans to create solutions to critical policy issues. This past year the focus has been on Higher Education.

In a background report prepared by the University of Arizona, it found that, "in the future, the most in-demand jobs will require education beyond a high school diploma. Arizona currently ranks 40th in the nation in the percent of high school students who go on to higher education. Arizona ranks near the

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Arizona Town Hall *continued*



L to R: Northwest Valley Branch President Mary Jo Blum and members Bonnie Boyce-Wilson; and Ann Mitchell

bottom of the 50 states for state-funded financial aid for undergraduate students."

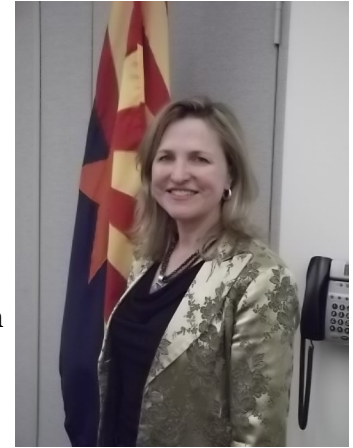
In April, 2013 Arizona Town Hall in partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges held a Youth Town Hall that drew hundreds of high school and college students from around the state. The youth noted that, "the main obstacle to accessing higher education is the cost. Many students must work at least part-time to

afford higher education or support their families and this creates scheduling and studying challenges."

You can access the entire report on higher education by visiting the website at:

www.aztownhall.org. The report is provided under "Highlights of the 102nd Arizona Town Hall."

Ann Mitchell



President Tara Jackson, Arizona Town Hall

Legislative Day Thursday February 20, 2014 (Save-the-Date)

Lisa Maatz, vice president AAUW Government Relations, will join us from Washington, D.C. and lead Arizona members through an issue-based Legislative Day.

In preparing to attend this round of Legislative Day, please verify your Arizona Legislative District # at <http://www.azleg.gov/alisStaticPages/HowToContactMember.asp> and identify your Senator and two Representatives. Make a note of their contact information, email addresses, mailing addresses and phone numbers. Note the name of the administrative assistant for each legislator.

The AAUW of Arizona Public Policy members and Branch leadership are developing suggestions for ways to engage legislators in their local districts prior to visiting them at their offices at the Capitol.

Based on AAUW 2013-2015 Public Policies <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/07/Public-Policy-Program-Brochure-2013-2015.pdf>, what questions are you interested in asking our legislators? Call Jane Adrian at 480-275-4040. We will collect the questions, select a suggested 3 to 5 that we can all ask and gather responses. This exercise will help us to focus our lobbying efforts on February 20, 2014.

Thank you to each of the policy chairs and designees who have agreed to rally and lead each of the branches on February 20, 2014. If you have suggestions about how to make Legislative Day most purposeful and interesting to you, please contact Jane.

Jane Adrian

Branch Special Projects Awards: Applications Due by January 6

Does your branch have a **special project** that it would like state AAUW help with? 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.

Several branches have applied for and been awarded monies to help with a special project. At this point in time AAUW-AZ has supported branches with monies totaling over \$6,000. Outstanding as of now are approved monies to SE Valley and NW Valley branches totaling \$\$4,015. Projects are as follows: SE Valley - 25th Anniversary Celebration of AAUW in SE Valley - \$1,515 and NW Valley – Film Series and discussion: From Suffragists to Senators: A History of Women’s Rights in America - \$2,500.

Applications must follow published requirements and must be received by the Branch Special Projects Chair and Board of Directors members no later than two weeks prior to each Board of Directors’ meeting. **The next board meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2014. Application forms and info can be found on the AAUW-AZ website – <http://aauwarizona/org>. Send applications by email to Gail Garrison, gmgaz@cox.net no later than January 6, 2014.**

You may also contact the individual branches for information on the programs they received monetary help with that may be of interest to your branch.

Gail M Garrison
AAUW-AZ
Branch Special Projects Chair

Lights! Cameras! ACTION!

Community Action project applications are due March 1, 2014. Don’t miss this opportunity to fund an activity that supports the AAUW mission and engages your members!

The spotlight will shine on branches that submit a winning proposal. Photos of the activity will be featured in the AZ Sun.

Projects may be new or continuing. CA funds are reimbursement funds, so branch boards must be able to cover the costs associated with the activity until reimbursement is requested and awarded.

Procedures and Forms can be obtained from the AZAAUW website Community Action link or from branch Community Action chairs.

Claudia Greenwood, state CA Chair, will be happy to answer any questions about the program or the application procedure.

Announcement of the recipients will be made at the spring state event.

Claudia Greenwood



Fall Rendezvous

The Fall Rendezvous held on October 26 in East Mesa had the most vibrant programs in many years. They were mission based and thought provoking. There were 82 attendees and the day was busy. It is regrettable that other members were not present to participate in the energizing day. East Mesa did an excellent job and State Program Vice President Harriet Young made use of her university contacts to arrange the programs. Fine work, all!

The Programs

AAUW members often ask about how to connect with younger women. The panel discussion at the Fall Rendezvous was an opportunity to learn about how we could be of service to 20 to 30 year-old women.

The panel was “Across Generations: What Today’s Women Want and Need from AAUW.” It was moderated by Mary Logan Rothschild, PhD, Professor Emerita, Women and Gender Studies at ASU. As she introduced the program, she told of her appreciation for AAUW. She had served as a Title IX examiner, and had received an AAUW study grant for her oral history project on the founding of the field of American Women’s History.

Carrie Robbins is studying for a master’s degree in the field of Public Administration at ASU, focusing on the non-profit sector. She shared information on networking and its value. Networking is defined as an activity that generates success, and it is viewed differently by men and women. Men say that networking is informational; women see it as building relationships. Certainly a time investment is required to get networking results. Carrie pointed out that non-profits are all about relationships, hence her interest in communication and collaboration.

Meredith Clark is a PhD candidate in Women and Gender Studies at ASU. She attended NCCWSL as a sophomore and reported that it was an excellent leadership growth program. Meredith was instrumental in starting a feminist program. When asked to define “feminism” she explained that it means equity for all, regardless of race, class, age, sex, etc. It does not have to be woman-centric. She spoke about problems from a feminist view and gender issues in the classroom, including censoring of topics and views from the curricula, and the “boys’ club” in gender politics.

Alicia Woodbury is a doctoral candidate in Gender Studies within the School of Social Transformation at ASU. She is scheduled to defend her research in November this year. She spoke about a generational memory gap for the feminist movement. Women students are in an academic bubble where there is little political support for women and a definite lack of support for families. Women are not taught critical thinking and they don’t learn how to be an active and engaged citizen. They need to be mentored. They need assistance in learning how to plan their lives beyond the academic bubble: how to use their education, how to be independent women, gain freedom from strictures and how to handle their large financial concerns.

In the Q and A, an important question was posed: How can AAUW form networks with young women? Young women want to know everything, but the issues must be relevant to them. On a more

practical level, AAUW could offer PhD internships and form relationships with departments such as Women's Studies, communications and journalism. Encourage women to join organizations to get face-to-face information instead of from Facebook and Tumblr.

Dr. Rothschild noted on the financial topic that students don't expect to be poor while attending college as did women of her age (and the ages of the women in the room.)

Most students have "their heads in the sand" about social and political issues. "There is too much stuff. We are overwhelmed and apolitical. It's too easy to find "fluff" so there's no need to think about what's real. It takes a major crisis to get our attention. We are okay with the status quo."

So how do we take this information and use it to make an impact on these young women? Perhaps AAUW's focus should be on college/university partnerships with student affiliate branches. Maybe we should invite such women as these to lead round-table discussion programs about issues of relevance to them.

The keynote speaker was Anne Schneider, retired PhD in political science. She served at ASU from 1989 until retirement as Dean of the College of Public Programs and as a professor of Justice Studies and Political Science. Her topic was Arizona 51st Legislature in Review. She produces a Legislative Watch Newsletter on Arizona, so knows her subject well.

Dr. Schneider began by telling her audience that "Women get stuff done. We can be tough and kind at the same time." Women are pragmatic and need to be vigilant about radicalism. She made a couple of references to the federal legislature, explaining that the Hassert Rule in the House of Representatives prevents bi-partisanship. They should let the moderates introduce bills.

She divided Arizona legislative action into three categories: *kudos*, *kooky* and *sneaky*. *Kudos* went to Governor Brewer for extending Medicaid which covers mostly women and girls; *kudos* also for increasing funding for K-12 and university education. She added a footnote: ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) supports privatizing education.

Kooky Stuff includes bills which fortunately failed in the legislature. These include the Bathroom bill, a bill to change the recall rules, one regarding an atheist prayer on the senate floor, one to promote driverless cars, and another to regulate drones in Arizona.

Sneaky stuff includes strike everything bills, often promoted by the Center for Arizona Policy. A strike everything bill removes everything but the name of the bill and puts in (usually) totally unrelated subject matter. These bills related to health care, voter suppression and rights for embryos. These bills sometimes pass, and sometimes fail.

Dr. Schneider finally suggested that for Legislative Day we pay attention to what the Governor does. She may want to leave a legacy. We should find something to support.

Julia Brown, AAUW Vice President came to the Rendezvous from Las Cruces, New Mexico. She has visited other AZ state meetings in past years and has always provided good information. She spoke about "Human and Sex Trafficking." She defined this as illegal recruitment of another person for exploitation. The Women's Funding Network has gathered statistics which are available on their

website. Typically the victims do not self-report and they are under the age of consent. Data is difficult to gather.

Education is needed to help stem this problem. Potential victims as well as the community at large need to understand the ramifications of violence against women and girls. Julia explained that the Super Bowl venue is great for sex trafficking, as are all other major sporting events. The profit value for traffickers goes up at these events. AAUW-New Jersey is working with other groups to get training on combating the crime. Arizona AAUW needs to pay attention to their degree of success and to other programs, some of which are noted below.

The Woman's Funding Network has an online tool kit. Other active organizations are Arizona League to End Regional Trafficking, Catholic Charities Dignity Program, and Streetlight USA. The Arizona Governor's Task Force on Human and Sex Trafficking has just issued its report. It contains 27 improvement steps. The report is available online. Five of the significant steps are 1) more penalties for the johns, 2) allow prostitutes to sue traffickers, 3) establish a permanent task force, 4) study Child Protective Services, and 5) create a peace officer training board.

Julia enumerated other steps AAUW can take: write appropriate legislation, contact groups named above, read the task force report and pay attention to its suggestions. Regarding CPS: individuals can become victims when they age out of foster care without a future plan. January is Stop Trafficking month. Watch for events occurring on January 10.

Focused round table discussions completed the agenda. There were officer training opportunities as well as discussions on Public Policy, fundraising, mentoring and college/university partnerships.

Those who didn't attend missed a wonderful, inspiring day, not to mention early muffins and a great box lunch. Kudos to the planning and hosting committee.

Sara Wolters

AAUW Action Network:

We are thankful President Barack Obama [signed](#) a comprehensive Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) into law. We're proud to have helped lead the fight for VAWA's passage, and I thank all of you for your countless messages to Congress about this issue! Please continue to [support](#) AAUW as we help implement the campus safety provisions in VAWA.

Lisa Maatz

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



25th Anniversary Celebration

February 22, 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 22, 2014 11:00 to 2:00
Ocotillo Golf Resort, Chandler
3751 S. Clubhouse Drive

EDUCATION: Changing the Equation

Moderator: [Lisa Maatz](#), AAUW VP of Government Relations,
Washington, D.C.



[Dr. Camille Casteel](#), Supt. of Chandler
Unified School District

[Dr. William Harris](#), President/CEO of
Science Foundation Arizona



[Dr. Doris Helmich](#), President/CEO of
Central AZ College

[Laurie Roberts](#), journalist & columnist
for *The Arizona Republic*



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) **SOUTHEAST VALLEY BRANCH** turns **25** in 2014. **We invite you to our Celebration** to promote AAUW's mission and contribution within the communities of Chandler, Gilbert, Ahwatukee, and Tempe with this **LUNCHEON & EXCEPTIONAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMPROVING EDUCATION**. Each panelist has a unique perspective on education issues and approaches to solutions.

Panelists will be seated among the guests at lunch to allow further discussion. Guests will have the opportunity to explore tables displaying Branch community achievements; view information on upcoming AAUW programs, fellowships, local scholarships and memberships opportunities.

PUBLIC is INVITED RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED

Reservation materials are available at

<http://southeastvalley-az.aauw.net/activities/25thanniversary>

Space is limited to 200

American Association of University Women (AAUW) advocates equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.





25th Anniversary Celebration
February 22, 2014

The Past Presidents of Southeast Valley Branch present

25th Anniversary Celebration

"Looking Back & Beyond"

Saturday, February 22, 2014 11:00am to 2:00pm

Ocotillo Golf Resort, Chandler 3751 S. Clubhouse Drive, Chandler, AZ

cost: \$28 per person

Featuring an Exceptional Panel: **Education: Changing the Equation**

Moderator: **Lisa Maatz**, AAUW VP of Government Relations, Washington D.C.

Dr. **Camille Casteel**, Supt. of United Chandler Schools, Dr. **William Harris**, CEO of Science Foundation Arizona

Dr. **Doris Helmich**, President of Central AZ College, **Laurie Roberts**, Columnist for the *The Arizona Republic*

SCHEDULE

11.00-11.30	Danish, Muffins, Coffee, Ice Tea
	Welcome & Introductions
11.30-12.30	Panel and Q&A
12.30-1.00	Social, No Host Bar
1.00-2.00	Luncheon & Dessert Opportunity for dialogue

LUNCHEON MENU

(includes tax, tip, beverage and dessert)

Spinach Chicken Salad w/ Strawberries, Mandarin
Oranges and Toasted Almonds
Raspberry Vinaigrette Rolls & Butter
Iced Tea and Coffee Bar
25th Anniversary Special Cake

Branch Information: <http://southeastvalley-az.aauw.net>

Reservation Deadline: Friday, February 14, 2014

Please make check (\$28 per person) Payable to: **AAUW Southeast Valley Branch**

Mail to: **Holly DeVinck, 9133 E. Crystal Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

Questions: email hdevinck@aol.com or call 480-895-2083

(Please print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: (for reservation confirmation) _____

The American Association of Women (AAUW) will be taking candid photos during this event. I understand they will be used in publications, on the AAUW website, or in other materials with educational, promotional, editorial or related purposes.

Signature(s) _____





State Website
Www.arizonaauw.org
National Website
Www.aauw.org

The Third Annual Arizona Women's Conference (AWC) will be held at Scottsdale Community College on March 1, 2014. Please save the date. AAUW-AZ is pleased to again be a collaborating sponsor of this event.

The AWC was conceived by like-minded women to *Inform, Inspire, and Ignite* and provide an educational conference for women. The daylong conference (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) includes workshops as well as keynote speakers. The \$50 registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. (A discounted early registration fee will be available once speakers have been finalized.)

In addition, space will be available for vendors. Vendor forms are available on the website. Non-profit vendors (such as your AAUW branch) may purchase a space for \$50, **and** two groups may share a table thus cutting the cost in half. This is a wonderful opportunity to advertise your branch activities and make available those items you have for sale. If you share a table with another branch, it will also give your members an opportunity to network with the other branch. Win. Win.

The inaugural conference in 2012 featured Lilly Ledbetter, a national figure working for equal pay for women. The conference continues to provide workshops on finance, networking, leadership, health, advocacy, education, politics, stress reduction, and inspiration. The committee is at work confirming the program of keynoter speakers and workshop presenters. Although the program is not finalized at this point, we ask you to save the date.

Mary Palsma, Phoenix Branch, is the AAUW-Arizona representative on the AWC 2014 planning committee. She will keep your branch presidents updated on the event. Feel free also to visit the website or contact Mary at maryjpalsma@yahoo.com. Find more information about the AWC at www.azwc1.org.