

Is American Democracy at Risk?
Celebrating the 1965 Voting Rights Act Gains— Losses and Next Steps
October 29-31, 2015
Arizona State University-West Campus • 4701 West Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ

AAUW of Arizona joins with the ASU New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences— faculty and students— and with the League of Women Voters of Arizona— to bring three days of events to:

- celebrate the 1965 Voting Rights Act
- explore why this legislation was needed
- describe what has been lost in the ensuing 50 years and
- determine next steps to ensure access to voting in the coming years.

Thursday, October 29 9:00AM-8:30PM

At ASU West—No Registration Required

Film Festival: See features on Registration Form

La Sala, University Center Building (UCB)

Moderator: Carol Mueller, Ph.D.

Professor of Sociology & Former Director, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Special Guest: Jim Barton, Senior Attorney specializing in campaign finance law compliance and government relations and (invited) Hugh Hallmen, Mayor of Tempe.

Films: *Voting Rights; Iron Jawed Angels; Selma; Recount* (Faculty-led discussions follow each film)

Friday, October 30 2:30PM & 6:00PM

At ASU West—No Registration Required

•2:30 PM *Roundtable: Activism Through the Ages— Then & Now* No Registration Required
 Kiva Lecture Hall, ASU – West Campus

Friday, cont.

Moderator: Marlene Tromp Ph.D., Provost and Dean New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

Special Guests: Arizona Dreamers & Activists, Arizona Congressman Ruben Gallego and Georgia Congressman John Lewis (invited);

Congressman Gallego will confer with 1960's-era civil and voting rights activists to share stories and compare experiences.

6:00 pm – *ASU Oral History Project*

Registration Required (\$40)

University Club Phoenix, 39 E. Monte Vista Road, Phoenix

Saturday, October 31, 2015 8:30AM-2PM

Registration Required (\$40)

La Sala, University Center Building (UCB)

- ***Why Was the Voting Rights Act of 1965 Needed? What Did It Accomplish?***

Dennis Burke, Department of Justice, Former United States Attorney for the District of Arizona

- ***What Has Been Lost in Relation to Voting Rights Since 1965? Why?***

Ann Schneider, Ph.D. School of Politics and Global Studies; Former Dean of the College of Public Programs; Professor in the School of Justice Studies, ASU

- ***KEYNOTE: Why We Must Repair the Voting Rights Act***

Loretta Lynch, U.S. Attorney General; Thomas E. Perez, U.S. Secretary of Labor (invited)

- ***Call to Action – Next Steps***



President's Message

Jane Adrian, Co-President



“Women are like teabags. We don’t know our true strength until we are in hot water!” Eleanor Roosevelt

Resilience and grit. Among the over 1000 attendees to the National Convention in San Diego, more than forty Arizona members heard Lisa Maatz, national Vice-President of Government Relations, praise AAUW of Arizona for its leadership as exemplified by Jody Liggett (Chair of the Phoenix Women’s Commission and AAUW member) and Jean Johnson (Pay Equity Advocate) who tenaciously assisted in passing the Equal Pay Amendments to the City of Phoenix Ordinances and in staging the Equal Pay Day and Birthday Celebration with Lilly Ledbetter this past April.

Why was Arizona grit worth the unexpected but welcome shout out from the national AAUW stage? Because this is an example of Arizona members who used the AAUW funded research data and publications like *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* (2015) to document and cite the reality of the gender pay gap. Because this is an example of what a group of persistent, like-minded women can still accomplish in the name of social justice in such a conservative state, notorious for disregarding women’s health, public education, human trafficking and fair labor practices. Thank you, Lisa. But most of all thank each one of you who through the years have donated and continue to donate to AAUW unrestricted funds that made the research and the publications possible and who continue the fight to erase the gender pay gap.

Fall Forum Hospitality Extended to AAUW Members for Bed & Breakfast!
If three days in the Valley are a longer-than-usual commitment, consider the hospitality offer from Phoenix area members to open their homes as bed and breakfast to you. Contact Joanne Walen (joanne.walen@me.com; (480-213-9967) or check the registration form to sign up to stay or to offer your home to members so that they may attend these events.

That was then; this is now. As branch members and their leaders gear up for another engaging year of mission driven programs and public policy discussions, we cannot wait to hear what is in store all around Arizona. At the state level, AAUW of Arizona joins with ASU New College and the League of Women Voters of Arizona to bring to our Fall Forum, a onetime *Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965* and to ask simply, what did we gain through the featured legislation; what has been lost over the ensuing 50 years and why; and what do we need to do next to safeguard our future democracy through voting.

In addition to a daylong film festival, sponsored by ASU New College on Thursday, Friday features a panel of 2015 Dreamers and activists in conversation with seasoned 1960’s vintage movers and shakers who advocated and fought for civil and voting rights. Friday evening, members seize the opportunity to share experiences and memories through the ASU West Oral History Collaborative. The Saturday program features a frank and daring look at the Voting Rights Act of 1965 then and now. AAUW Valley members are opening the Valley Branch Bed and Breakfast to guests from the north, south, east and west. Check the box on the registration form, and Joanne Walen will share the possibilities and, of course, a cup of tea, with you. See you at the Fall Forum!

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Public Policy Plans Outreach to Prisons

By Sharon Hettick



Below is an article written by Nancee Noel who has agreed to help members who want to be more involved with our public policy outreach regarding prisons and prisoners. If you have questions or would like

information, Nancee has agreed to be our Point Person. Her email address can be found on the AAUW-AZ website.

In addition, two of our members have agreed to be the Point Person for Paid Sick Day Leave; Debra Lukac is on the Tempe Coalition and Shirley Muney is on the Tucson Coalition. If you would like more information about getting a city ordinance passed in either of these two communities, please contact these members. (Email addresses also on website). In September I will send out a synopsis of the Public Policy information discussed at the National Convention to the Branch Public Policy Chairs to share with their members.

Women and Prison

by Nancee Noel

On the PBS series *Who Do You Think You Are*, actress Lisa Kudrow discovered that her three times great-grandmother had been imprisoned for killing her abusive husband with an axe. At that time, in the 19th Century, there were no prisons for women, so the woman was put in a men's prison. How times have changed! Now, not only do we have large federal and state prisons just for women, but women are the fastest growing segment of society being imprisoned. The incarceration of adult women has increased in the USA by 800% since the late 1970's according to The Atlantic. In youth detention facilities, the rate of males has decreased, but the number of girls incarcerated has increased. Arizona ranks high, second, among the states for the most sentenced females – 101 per 100,000 female residents. America now houses 1/3 of the world's female prisoners!

Kudrow's great-grandmother became pregnant while imprisoned and gave birth to a daughter. I can only assume that she was "used" by one or more of the men, likely the guards since they would have had access to her. Abuse of women was rampant even in the beginning of the 20th Century. However, it is not a thing of the past. Physical and sexual abuse of women still occurs mostly in jails, but also in state and federal prisons.

After Kudrow's great grandmother gave birth, she kept the child in her cell, and there is evidence that the officials at the prison may have been trying to have the child die so that they would not be found out. They refused food and heat for the child and mother, but both survived. When the child was about a year old, the mother was released to raise her daughter.

How do prisons deal with childbirth now?

In Arizona, the mother is taken to the hospital to give birth – so that is an improvement. However, it is not all roses. At the Maricopa County jail the mother is not allowed to touch or hold her child. In Perryville, Arizona's women's prison, the mother may have a few minutes with the baby before it is handed over to a friend or family member or put into the foster system. Only five nations, including the USA, do *not* provide accommodations for babies. Women who were allowed to keep their babies with them in such units had ½ the recidivism rate of the general prison population. These units literally pay for themselves since it costs \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually to house a prisoner. Also, when these women don't return to prison, they become tax-payers rather than tax burdens.

Eighty percent of women arrested have children, over half of whom are under 18 and often living with the mother. The economic and psychological effect of female incarceration is tremendous. Not only must taxpayers foot the bill for the mother being in prison, often the children left behind need state provided social services. With only seven federal prisons for women in the USA, frequently the mother is incarcerated hundreds of miles away from her children and never receives a visit from

them during her stay. Also, once incarcerated, women are more likely than men to lose their parental rights. One in 28 children in the USA, about 2.5 million, has a parent in prison.

When I was volunteering at a class in Perryville Prison, the presenter asked how many inmates (all women) had been sexually abused as children. Nearly every hand in the room shot up. Approximately 62% of women in federal prisons are identified as having mental health problems. Childhood abuse is known to often cause emotional/mental health problems, yet many of these go unidentified and untreated in prisons.

Most women are incarcerated for low level or drug related crimes. Despite the fact that women drug offenders generally sell only to support their own addiction, their average prison term is over seven years, often longer than international drug dealers. Why is this? Typically, women using drugs earn less than men and major drug dealers so they cannot afford private attorneys. Court-appointed attorneys rarely have time to study their defendant’s case and often push them to accept a plea bargain. Also, those who furnish “valuable information” get reduced sentences. Most women do not have such information. Gina, for whom the non-profit organization Gina’s Team (Ginasteam.org) is named, was given a 3 ½ year prison sentence for a \$3000 1st offense crime. Taking the lower estimated cost of imprisonment of \$25,000, her stay cost the taxpayers \$87,000. Gina died in prison at age 25 due to lack of medical care. She left four minor children who were fortunate to have grandparents willing to raise them. Not all children are so lucky.

AAUW Represented on Inter-Club Council

by Karen Ramos and Jane Adrian



Image from Interclub Council Webpage: <http://iccofaz.org>

Karen Ramos, Shirley Talley and Jane Adrian represent AAUW of Arizona at the Inter-Club Council of Arizona. The Inter-Club Council gathers similar-focused organizations. Current member groups include (in addition to AAUW Arizona and AAUW Phoenix) Zonta International, League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women (BPW) and American Business Women’s Association (ABWA). The goal of the Inter-Club Council of Arizona is to promote civic betterment through combined action of member organizations of Arizona.

The Inter-Club Council of Arizona holds five general meetings each year: September, November, January, March and May from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the ASU Karsten Golf Course – Trophy Room Restaurant. Click on the ICC link on the AAUW of Arizona website to R.S.V.P for lunch. All AAUW members are welcome.



The difference between prisons and jails. Prisons house people convicted of a crime and are overseen by the state. Jails are local. Annually almost 12 million people cycle through local jails, such as Maricopa County Jail with its notorious “tent city.” Most of the 722,000 people in local jails at any moment have not been convicted of a crime, but are being held for trial and are too poor to afford bail or are there briefly until they make bail. The remaining are in for minor offenses with sentences of less than a year.

AAUW and Colleges Share Need for Perseverance and Patience

By Sue Pervi, College/University Relations

I share this brief reflection of the challenges our colleges and universities face to inform our



members and invite feedback as we continue our work with current and potential institutional partners. “Perseverance and Patience”

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are qualities I believe we share with our institutional partners.

It has been another tough year for the higher education community in Arizona. Campus leaders have had to scramble to meet numerous national compliance and risk management requirements and to adapt to additional state budget cuts. They have had to do so while demonstrating they remain focused on providing high quality student learning, delivering essential student development services, sustaining enrollment, and responding appropriately to emergency situations.

I trust it comes as no surprise that the close of the 2014-2015 academic year was a welcomed

opportunity for campus professionals to pause from the day to day pressures for much needed time off and professional renewal. As preparations for the fall term have begun, our partnership conversations have resumed. Campus leaders have been expressing gratitude for the outreach initiatives,

large and small, offered by our branch members during these difficult times.

During the summer I have also been in contact with the two recipients of our 2015 state academic scholarships and the one recipient of funding to attend a national student leadership conference. As you may recall, our

selection and post-award processes included clear expectations for follow-up from students receiving these awards. The student advisors and mentors were also apprised of these expectations and asked to assist the students with meeting them. A summary of the examples of AAUW engagement activities to meet the award conditions will be forwarded to the college/university institutional representatives and branch chairs in early fall.

Again, I invite our members to offer feedback as we move forward with our conversations and initiatives.



Save the Dates!

| Date | Event Details | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sep 29, 2015 | 9AM-2PM | BOD Meeting, Scottsdale Comm. College |
| Oct 24, 2015 | Deadline | Fall Forum Registrations Due |
| Oct 29-31, 2015 | FALL FORUM | ASU WEST—SEE PG 1 FOR DETAILS! |
| Nov 15, 2015 | Deadline | AZ Sun— Winter Submissions Due |
| Dec 1, 2015 | Published | AZ Sun— Winter Issue Release |
| Feb 15, 2016 | Deadline | AZ Sun— Spring Submissions Due |
| Feb 23, 2016 | Legislative Day | Phoenix Capital |
| Mar 1, 2016 | Published | AZ Sun— Spring Issue Release |
| May 15, 2016 | Deadline | AZ Sun— Summer Submissions Due |
| Jun 1, 2016 | Published | AZ Sun— Summer Issue Release |

The 2015 National Conference: *Insights and Observations*

By Paula Fuhst

The AAUW convention was a great experience for me. As one of the Yavapai College partnership representatives, my goal was to gain information for starting a student affiliate and to learn which AAUW programs could be implemented on campus.



I am excited about the possibility of offering a Tech Savvy program on the Yavapai campus.

I enjoyed Kate Farrar’s guidance about promoting an AAUW student organization. I plan to promote a student organization for Yavapai students during our fall Club Fair. Students will benefit from participation because:

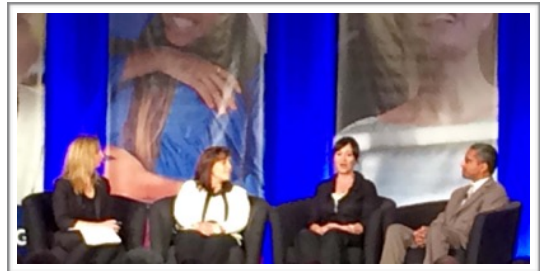
- It is an opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills
- It provides them with free e-affiliate membership to AAUW
- It is an opportunity to raise awareness about current issues such as the gender pay gap
- They will be involved in the implementation of programs on salary negotiation and STEM careers
- They might qualify for scholarship opportunities and the NCCWSL leadership conference

I am excited about the possibility of offering a Tech Savvy program on the Yavapai campus. There are many faculty, staff, and administrators who would be perfect for such a program. We are implementing stronger recruitment efforts with middle school students, so this program would be a great addition to those efforts.

I was inspired by the many speakers at the convention. Catherine Lhamon spoke about the progress that has been made with Title IX and indicated that we still have a long journey ahead to

prevent hostile environments and sexual violence. Noorjahan Akbar from Afghanistan, who is studying public affairs at American University, demonstrated wisdom beyond her years as she advocated for progress for all women, especially those in her home country. The opportunity to hear Lilly Ledbetter speak was a special treat. The AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Awardee, Juanita Johnson-Bailey, told stories of her encounters with racism as well as the sources of support that sustained her. She stated that a common factor in cultures around the world is the oppression of women. Her work in academia was personally meaningful for me.

Jane Adrian hosted a lively AZ Reception. Pictured are Betty Jett (Tuc), flanked by Joanny Dewey (I) and Barbara Caswell of EMesa.



The Pay Equity Panel Discussion was one of the highlights of the conference.

The AZ Reception was well attended and fun! At right: Ana Nygren with Sue Pervi, Cathy Mannino and Nieves Miljure sitting in background.



Convention Attracts Large Arizona Contingency

By Shirley Talley

San Diego was crawling with AAUW members,



young and old! The Harbor Island Sheraton did a fine job of accommodating the 1000 + women and men for our 48th

national convention. The weather was wonderful, and the workshops were all very well attended and packed with valuable information and action plans.

Our Arizona contingent of over 40 members attended many of the workshops, and the difficulty we all had was deciding which of the over 70 special events and workshops to attend. On Friday evening, AZ State President Jane Adrian and her husband, Ed Moticka, graciously hosted an open house where state members could get better acquainted and share what they had learned at the various events. We were treated to some terrific wine and a variety of beer and hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Ed and Jane. We were also pleased to see Lilly Ledbetter there and talk with her in this informal setting.

A take-away item of most importance is that we are slowly and painfully making headway into areas of most importance to women of the entire nation: education and the workplace, supporting and growing women in leadership, achieving pay equity, and increasing diversity of membership. However there is still much work to do.

Another take-away challenge was for us to attract younger members. We must get on the technology bandwagon with virtual branches, Facebook, Instagram, and above all, we must stay current with the latest communication technology.

The workshops, plenary sessions, special panels, and guest speakers encouraged us to keep marching

and make things happen on the local, state and federal levels.

National AAUW awarded over \$3.7 million in grants for scholarship, research, and action in

2015-16 which does not include local branch scholarships that were awarded in our individual branches.

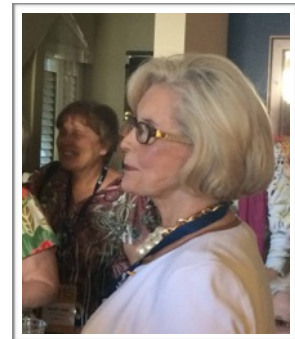
The good news is that there is an army of us! 170,000 if you count all members and supporters!

Even better news is that there are many young people engaged in the mission.

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Jane Adrian welcomes members at the AZ Reception held in her suite.



Lilly Ledbetter listens to Jane's welcoming speech at the AZ reception.



Gail Shay, Deb Dillon, and Pamela Evans, all from Prescott, enjoyed several meals together.

WORK \$MART: A Family Affair

By Jean Johnson

On July 30, a Work \$mart workshop was held at the new headquarters of the Arizona YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix located at 2999 N. 44th Street. The YWCA workshop was presented in partnership with AAUW. The Work \$mart event attracted a variety of women where they explored the personal cost of the wage gap and gained the tools, skills, and confidence needed when negotiating a salary and benefits increase.

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In attendance was a mother-daughter duo: Regina Edwards, CEO of the YWCA and AAUW member and her daughter, Emmi, a recent graduate of the Eller College of Business at the University of Arizona. This workshop was highly beneficial for Emmi as she was able to gain a new perspective and knowledge about women's salaries, financial barriers and past experience of the other attendees in the working world. When the opportunity arises, she will be well-equipped to enter into her negotiations for a raise.

This workshop was insightful and beneficial for the attendees. The women were highly supportive of one another and provided their advice to Emmi as a young woman starting her career.

The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. The Work \$mart workshop is part of the YWCA's financial empowerment programs and is in its second year of a three-year partnership with AAUW to offer salary negotiation workshops in the community.



Register now for the Fall Forum!

Out-of-towners have the option of home-stays with local AAUW members!

If you're a Phoenix/Scottsdale resident, be sure to indicate if you can host a member for one or more days!



Regina Edwards, left, and Emmi, find a quiet place to role play during the Work \$mart Workshop held July 30, 2015.





Branch Reports



No Summer “Idling” in East Mesa Branch

By Joanne Walen



Greetings from East Mesa Branch AAUW!

Here we are—halfway through 2015. Another AAUW season is just around the corner, beginning in full force for us on October 7, 2015, with a visit from AZ-AAUW Co-President Jane Adrian who will lead a panel on “The Best of AAUW: What Can We Use Here,” a review of the spring National AAUW Convention in San Diego. Looking forward from that, our Program VP has an exciting lineup of speakers for the year, highlighted by Terry Goddard, speaking in February on *Dark Money and the 2016 Election*.

We were not idle during the summer, however. In addition to sending four members to the San Diego Convention, our branch sponsored three summer “Gatherings”: an explanation/demonstration of 3-D printing; a discussion of end-of-life alternatives; and a presentation on child trafficking. For the second year in a row these sessions have been well received and attended. They will continue in May and June of 2016 on the topics of the 2016 election: *What Women Need to Know: Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport* and *Water: Will AZ Be the Next CA?*

What is enough? Enough is when somebody says, “Get me the best people you can find,” and nobody notices when half of them turn out to be women.

Louise Renne

Phoenix Branch Installs New Officers, Sets Up Activities for Coming Year

Gretchen Peniska



The Phoenix Branch started its last meeting with installation of several new officers. Emily Jurmu, President Elect, and Marilyn Schiedat and Sue Ziegler, Co-Membership chairs, were installed and joined Co-Presidents Barbara Presler and Gretchen Peniska, Treasurer Mary Beth Lemons, Program Chair Dorothy Ward, and Corresponding Secretary and By-laws chair Carolyn Maxon as the board for the coming year. After the installation, the membership was happy to again hear Mary Jo Pirtzl present her always complete and informative Legislative Roundup.

An activity close to the hearts of the membership was the naming of a scholarship for our departed member Mary Palsma. She had chosen the last recipient of our scholarship, and in her memory more funds were raised to give to our student. It is a fitting memorial for Mary who worked very hard for many years to guarantee scholarships for young women.

Our first meeting of the year will feature Eric Ehst, executive director of Neighbors Who Care. He will present a comprehensive nonpartisan review of Arizona ballot measures. Eric will address “Behind the Scenes: Fun Facts and the dirty truth about Arizona Ballot Measures”. As always we invite interested persons to attend our meetings held the third Tuesday of the month at the [Beatitudes](#).



Branch Reports Continued

Flagstaff Branch Celebrates 80 Years With a Humorous Look Back and a Dedicated Look Forward

By Harriet Young



Membership fees were \$2.00 a year! Records were kept in a neat, hand-written ledger. It was 1936, the first year that a branch of AAUW was established at NAU, known then as Arizona State

Teacher's College at Flagstaff.

AAUW was officially founded Jan. 14, 1882, with a roster of fifteen members and five committees: fine arts, outdoor occupations, domestic professions, press and journalism, and higher education of women in the West.

One of the first major projects facing AAUW was dispelling the widely held myth that higher education for a woman could result in feeble health and infertility. This is very hard to believe today but such was the case then!

Today, because of its policies of inclusion and expansion, AAUW has increased in size and power to a nationwide network of 150,000 members, 1,500 branches, and 500 college and university partners.

Our Flagstaff branch of AAUW is celebrating its 80th year! A founding member, Dr. Agnes Allen involved the group in important issues of the day: The Red Cross, Civil Defense, and the Victory Book Fund.

AAUW has always reflected the times. In the 1970s, concerns were about environmental issues, foreign policy, and women's rights. Through the years, AAUW has remained committed to giving women a "leg up" through its scholarship programs, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Educational Foundation.

Many exciting activities are in the works for fall beginning with the eagerly awaited Annual Public Policy Luncheon on Aug. 26 at the High Country

Conference Center. Starting time is 11:30 a.m., and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Carolyn Warner, former Arizona State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Also featured will be State Representatives Debbie McCune and Lela Alston. Tickets are \$50 with all proceeds going to AAUW's Scholarship Fund. Please RSVP to flagstaffaauw@yahoo.com by Aug. 21, 2015.

Other programs in the fall lineup include Eva Putzova, speaking at the Sept. 30 luncheon on "What is a Livable Wage?", a new faculty and staff Welcome Brunch, a celebration of the Voting Rights Act with a Town Hall Forum, and "Arizona's Powerful Women." Details of these programs are pending and will be announced when dates and times become available. Remember, at AAUW, it's always The Year of the Woman!

Southeast Valley Branch

by Janet Cox



It has been an exciting and active summer for the Southeast Valley Branch. Five members attended the 2015 AAUW National Convention: Jan Bobbett, Mary Ann Habib, Margaret Noser, Jeannine Reynolds, and Marjorie Wright. Mary Ann Habib, a new member, experienced the convention behind the scenes as a convention volunteer.

Of her experiences, Mary stated, "...my top experience at the Convention...was the opportunity to mingle with AAUW college women members who are becoming more aware of the importance of speaking up for their own equality. Having them among us, as members, truly injects us with their enthusiasm, ideas and energy, making all of us...together a powerful force for change and equality."

For those of us who were stuck at home, bridge, book club, lunch bunch, singles, and mah jongg kept us busy this summer.

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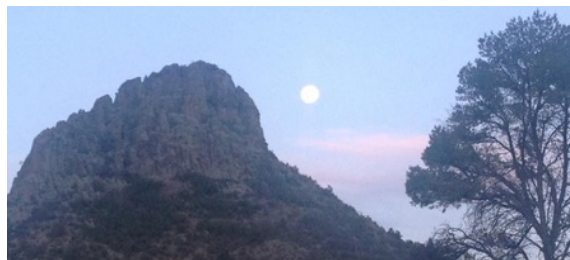
We look forward to the “regular season” of programs arranged by Janet Odle and Judi Edmonds.

In October historian Don Shields presents *Gov. Hunt Live*, an entertaining look into Arizona’s past.

In November we’ll hear from Stephanie Templeton, the engineer in charge of the new Terminal Three at Phoenix Sky Harbor. Her topic will be the future of our airport and women in engineering.

Prescott Report **Accepting the “Lead” Role**

By Claudia Greenwood



Last January, when Yavapai College administrators on the Prescott campus were searching for solutions to the problem of retention through a program that would bridge the summer between high school and fall admission to college, they came upon the AAUW national website and discovered the community action program “Young Women in the Lead.” The fact that Prescott AAUW had been involved in mentoring programs for women and girls on the campus for over ten years, resulted in a call to Patti Blackwood, our president, seeking support.

Prescott’s community action committee wrote a statement of commitment in support of the grant: “To participate in the summer bridge program would extend the positive influence AAUW members initiate through the Sister-to-Sister program. To serve as role models in this additional program, we would, once again, advance our mission.”

The college received the grant, and on May 31 at a barbecue on campus, many of the Prescott AAUW members met the young women who would

participate in the eight week summer program designed to help them overcome the challenges of entering and staying in college.

As this was a new experience for all involved (Yavapai College, AAUW, and the students), it challenged everyone. As time went on and kinks were straightened out, comfortable relationships took hold that served the students well.

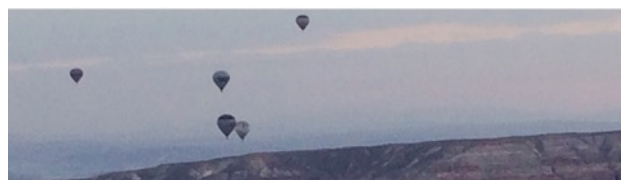
One AAUW mentor reported that her student was at first quite apprehensive, but gained the confidence to negotiate college successfully. “I believe that our visits have contributed to that confidence.” Another AAUW mentor wrote that she enjoyed having the opportunity to encourage a young woman prepare herself for “a productive life and career” and for giving her reasons to complete her education.

We have not yet had a debriefing with the college advisors to the program, but most AAUW mentors agree that The Lead program was a success. Some of them will keep in touch with the students. Their extended contact will provide additional insight into the benefits of our participation.

That AAUW national provided the funds to support a community college program involving AAUW branch members in Prescott, Arizona, reminds us that our contributions have an impact on many levels.

Glendale Reports In

By Pat Zajicek



The Glendale Branch continued its popular Lunch Bunch meetings throughout the summer. In September we return to regular lunch meetings at local restaurants. Plans are in progress to continue working with Doves, a domestic violence shelter for women.





IS AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AT RISK?

Registration form
October 29-31, 2015

Thursday October 29, 2015, 9:00 am - 8:30 pm

ASU West campus - University Center Building (UCB), La Sala A

Film Festival featuring the following films and documentaries related to voting rights

The Struggle to Vote - with faculty led discussion following each film

9:00 am - 9:30 am *Voting Rights* • 10:30 am - 12:30 am *Iron Jawed Angels*

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm *Selma* • 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm *Recount*

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Discussion led by election law expert, **Jim Barton**, Senior Attorney specializing in campaign finance law compliance and government relations law.

No Registration Required - Parking is \$3.00 per hour, maximum \$12.00 per day, Event/Guest Parking Lot

Friday, October 30, 2015, 2:30 pm

ASU West campus - Kiva

Activism Across the Years Forum moderated by **Dr. Marlene Tromp**, ASU, Vice Provost and Dean

A panel discussion including Activists from 1965 and Dreamers of today

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Friday, October 30, 2015 - 6:00 pm

University Club at 39 East Monte Vista, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Keeping Memories Alive/Stories from 1965 - an Oral History Project by ASU students

6:00 Open cash bar / 6:30 Reunion Dinner for all who participated in (and those who are interested in) the activism of the 1960s era.

We invite you to bring your pictures and scrap books to share. Advance reservations and payment required.

See registration form below, cost **\$40.00**. Limited to 75 people.

Saturday, October 31, 2015, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Fall Forum ASU West campus - La Sala Ballroom

Guest Speaker - **Tom Collins**, Executive Director, Arizona Clean Elections Commission

Registration at 8:30 am, breakfast and lunch \$35.00 per person.

We'll end the program with an action plan based on what we've learned about voting issues in Arizona and how we can make an impact. Registration deadline is October 24th.

Note: ASU Free parking on Saturday only in the Event/Guest Parking Lot.

Please register below and mail with check payable to AAUW Arizona
c/o **Margaret Noser**, 10903 E. Michigan Ave., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.
Contact **Shirley Talley** with any questions: Shirley.ann.talley@gmail.com or 623 694-0113



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Name _____ Phone _____

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Name of Branch or Organization _____

Friday evening dinner - \$40.00 each. Check choice: Grilled Salmon Chicken Cordon Blue Vegetarian Lasagna
Registration fee includes Saturday Breakfast - \$35.00 (Danish, fruit, juice, coffee and tea) and **Lunch w/ beverages** (Deli meats, breads and salads, iced tea, water and cookies)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Branch Bed and Breakfast Program: If you are interested in hosting out-of-town attendees OR if you need a room for the night, please contact **Joanne Walen: Joanne.walen@me.com** or 480-213-9967



