

President's Message

Deb Dillon, Co-President



As Co-President Joanne Walen indicated in her column this summer, I am also delighted and humbled to have the opportunity to serve as your Co-President this year. Since my term will be for just one year, I'm doing my best to "hit the ground running."

Our primary task at the moment is preparing for

an exceptional [Fall Forum November 4](#) in Prescott. So far, we have speakers lined up to talk with us about the generally neglected topic of women's health care on Indian Reservations. We also have the national leader of an organization that seeks to "Start by Believing" in supporting victims of sexual assault. Finally, we hope to send attendees home with positive thoughts and ideas on promoting civil discourse.

Registration information will be available soon, and we encourage you to attend!

After hearing at the National AAUW Convention about the positive impact of Title IX on women's

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The registration form for the Fall Forum is on page 7 and 8 of this newsletter. Register today!

lives, far beyond the arena of sports, I've decided to spend my year shining light on this topic. Each month I will be sending information to Branch presidents about the law and about actions branches and individuals can take to support it. Please take the opportunity to educate yourselves and to make a difference for women and girls in your community.

Please keep in touch with us with your questions, suggestions, concerns or comments. We are here for you.



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AAUW National Announces Leadership Options for University Students

Patricia Allen-LaFleur, College/University (C/U) Partnership Program Chair

Nominate a Student to Serve on the Student Advisory Council:

Nominations Due September 25, 2017

Every academic year, AAUW selects ten inspiring college students to serve on the prestigious National Student Advisory Council (SAC). This unique feminist team builds leadership skills through campus activism projects, monthly conference calls, and peer leadership during AAUW's annual [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL).

Applications are due September 25, 2017.

Why apply for the AAUW SAC?

This program gives ten passionate college students the opportunity to advise a national women's organization and [represent the diverse voices](#) of students on their campus. Through campus activism projects and community outreach to [AAUW student organizations](#), SAC members develop leadership skills and gain valuable [résumé-building experiences](#). Most important, members form lifelong connections to their team and hundreds of [SAC alumnae](#).

SAC members receive two all-expense-paid trips to Washington, DC. In the fall the SAC attends a leadership retreat at AAUW's national headquarters, and in the spring members serve as peer leaders at AAUW's [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL).



[Fill out the form in this link to nominate an inspirational student you know!](#)

AAUW National will send that student a customized message with more information about the SAC and how to apply. Applications to serve on the 2017–18 SAC close [on September 25, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. PT.](#)

Campus Action Projects Open to Campus Groups: *Applications Due October 2*

AAUW Campus Action Project (CAP) grants will provide ten to twelve campus teams of students, faculty, and staff with up to \$5,000 to promote women's leadership and gender equity in the spring of 2018. Previous CAP teams have promoted [AAUW's mission](#) through artistic visual campaigns, networking events, mentorship programs, and the use of on-campus speakers. However you decide to take action, AAUW wants to help you [close the gender leadership gap](#) on campus and beyond. **Applications are due October 2, 2017.**

Applications for these programs close in the fall, so please contact your local campuses and encourage them to get their nominations in soon. Thanks to all who promote AAUW and its valuable mission to the next generation!

[Campus Action Project Grant Application](#)

The 2016–17 SAC members outside the Supreme Court during their fall leadership retreat.

NCCWSL 2017 Scholarship Attendee Enthusiated About Seminars

By Stephanie Lane

I attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland this past June. I attended several very meaningful workshops: Managing Stress, Thinking Mindfully, Making Conscious Choices, The 10 Commandments of a Young Professional, Résumé and Interview Skills (presented by the FBI), Assert Yourself: Stopping Harassment and Getting What You Want, and Thinking about Grad School? Advice from a Ph.D. in STEM.

I gathered lots of valuable information from these wonderful women presenters; the two workshops which most impressed me were the 10 Commandments of a Young Professional and Résumé and Interview Skills. In both these workshops, the presenters provided information on the do's and don'ts of resumes. After listening to their talks, I completely reformatted my resume, achieving a more professional and concise look. One of the presenters even offered to look over our resumes for free, an offer which I accepted that same night.

In the Managing Stress workshop, my biggest takeaway was learning to give myself a 'brain break,' by meditating for a few minutes and relaxing my entire body.

In the Assert Yourself Workshop, after examining our own stances, we reviewed how important our body language is, especially when asserting oneself.

In Thinking About Grad School, I received good advice about establishing communication with professors from whom I might seek a recommendation. I got excellent information on what to do prior to actually applying, on getting help and feedback on my applications, and on making sure the program/institution of my choice supports women. I was encouraged to reapply for

programs I really wanted if I didn't get in the first time.

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders was, indeed, a meaningful experience.

Save the Dates!	
9/22/17	BOD Meeting, TBD: Anthem Outlet?
9/1/17	Fall Edition of Sun Published
11/4/17	Fall Forum in Prescott
11/15/17	Submissions due for Winter Edition of Sun
12/1/17	Winter Edition of Sun
1/19/18	BOD Meeting, TBD Scottsdale Community College?
April 2018	BOD Meeting and Leadership Conference



Apply for Community Action Funds by March 1, 2018!
Contact Claudia to get informed!
Click on this link now!
[AZ-AAUW Community Action](#)



Branch Reports



Casas Adobes Tucson Branch

Pat Lee, President



Casas Adobes has already begun the year by joining with Tucson and Green Valley AAUW, the Pima County/Tucson Commission on Women, NOW, YWCA, LWV, and other women's groups to sponsor *Courageous Conversations*, a special public event for Women's Equality Day on August 26. We appreciate Jan Rosenberg's representing us on the planning committee for this event.

We are also co-sponsoring Running and Winning in early September, introducing high school girls to what it's like to run for office in schools and communities. We look forward to our annual potluck brunch this month and to our October general meeting which will feature two recent winners of our local scholarships at Pima Community College.



East Mesa Looks to Power-Packed Year

by Joanne Walen, President



AAUW East Mesa is already gearing up for a power-packed season focusing on "Advocacy"—of women's health and well-being, of education, of STEM and science, and of AAUW. All our programs are open to everyone interested and especially to other AAUW members who would like to attend.

Once again we will host a Scholarship Fund-Raising Luncheon with a well-known keynote speaker—yet to be decided. The date is Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 10:30AM at Leisure World Hopi-Pima Rooms, Recreation Area 2. This event will be listed on the state calendar along with directions. Tickets will go on sale in December with the lunch being catered by AJ's Fine Foods.



Have you visited the State website? Don't miss this great platform for your state news! The link can now be seen at the top of every AZ Sun page! Or click here: www.aauwarizona.org.

Phoenix Schedules Autumn Programs

by Mary Beth Lemons



The Phoenix Branch generally holds its meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Avenue. The November meeting will be on the 2nd Tuesday, same location.

September 19— Health and Welfare

Featuring our own member and past president of NOW, Eric Ehst will speak on *The Advantages of Successfully Aging in Place*. Ehst is the director of Neighbors Who Care, a nationally respected nonprofit organization providing volunteer services to allow the homebound and disabled elderly the dignity and independence of living in their own homes.

October 17— Education

Long term AAUW member (dual member of Scottsdale and Phoenix Branches), a former Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction, her party's nominee for Governor of Arizona, and best-selling author, Dr. Carolyn Warner will speak about *Our State's State of Education*. Carolyn has authored four books. The most recent is *The Last Word: A Treasury of Women's Quotations*. The book will be for sale at a cost of \$12.

November 14— Service

JFK: "...ask what YOU can do for your country." Peace Corps and AmeriCorps Regional Recruiter, Sophia Ewing, will review the history and accomplishments of these corps and delineate the opportunities and benefits of volunteering. Yes, we still have the Peace Corps!



Prescott Feels Excitement of Fall

By Lynn Murphy



An exciting fall is near, and we're ready to jump right in. With the board retreat behind us, our first board meeting and regular general meeting are soon ahead.

On September 9, we will meet to learn more about Prescott's new Police Chief, Deborah Black, and the challenges for women in law enforcement. She'll also talk about current safety issues and the latest scams in the Prescott area.

The following week, **on September 14**, member Pat Mann, PhD, will conduct a [Reality Store](#) event for local high school girls. With our years of life experience, we can help girls realize that careful planning is necessary to attaining their career goals, desired housing, and all things related. They'll hopefully realize that their parents were right when they said, "Money doesn't grow on trees!" and their experience at the Reality Store will help them plan their futures.

You're invited to join us at our fall scholarship fundraiser **on Friday, October 27, at 11:30**, in the Community Room of Yavapai College, for a new twist on author luncheons. We're excited to present the travel-themed book event, *Around the World in 80 Books!* Not only will we enjoy an international luncheon, but we'll have exhibits and displays, participate in a book challenge (with prizes), and hear speakers. Join us for a fun event!

Prescott is making preparations to host an exciting Fall Forum **on November 4**. Members from around the state will converge in Prescott to enjoy excellent speakers and a taste of fall in the mountains. We hope to see you then and look forward to showing off our wonderful city!

West Valley Combines Speaker, General Meeting, and Book Club

By Barbara Bailey

The West Valley Branch has an exciting year planned. Continuing our focus on bringing new members into our group, we have exceptional programs scheduled. Most of our meetings begin at 10 a.m. at [Toscana's](#) in Pebble Creek in Goodyear on the third Saturday of each month. Our special programs are followed by the general meeting and Book Club. The book for September's discussion is *Marilyn in Manhattan: Her Year of Joy* by Elizabeth Winder.

In addition to the variety of fiction and non-fiction books we discuss this year, we will have some local authors as our program guest speakers. One of our members has a new mystery novel available in September. *Who Killed Love? A Stratton and Davis Mystery*, by Barbara Bailey, is a comfortable one-sit read, but a reader can take as long as desired.

The Saturday, September 16, program, general meeting, and book club will begin at 10 a.m. and take place at our president's home. Call 623-386-5238 for information.

We wish all Branches a successful year and will post more about our activities in coming issues.



Sun City/Peoria Looks to Own Members for Summer Programs

By Cathy Corbin-Mannino

Although down in our numbers due to our seasonal Snow Bird migration, the Sun City/Peoria Branch of AAUW had a wonderful summer line-up of speakers from our very own membership, all following the theme of "Don't Just Sit There".

June 8: *Don't Just Sit There—Do Something*, with inquisitive Arizonian, Joan Mason.

July 13: *Don't Just Sit There—Go Somewhere* with traveler extraordinaire, Arlene Schindler.

August 10: *Don't Just Sit There—Read Something* with former ASU Professor, Carol Beckett.

And coming up in September:

Sept. 14: DON'T JUST SIT THERE—MEET SOMEONE – Hear from six members of our Branch who have lived spectacular lives that you never imagined.

We are looking forward to an exciting new year with our new board. Members were officially, and inspirationally, installed by past AAUW AZ President, Jane Adrian, at our May meeting.

below, l – r: Carol Beckett, AAUW Funds; Arlene Schindler, VP Programs; Ella Broderick, VP Membership; Mary Ellen Fosket, Treasurer; Jane Adrian, Past President, AAUW; Carina Santoro, Public Policy; Cathy Corbin-Mannino, President



Northwest Valley Branch Initiates Plans For Its Holiday House Tour

by Joye Kohl

The NWV Branch will begin the holiday season with an AAUW Holiday House Tour fund-raiser to support our local educational scholarship program. **The private tour for members and their guests will include four theme-decorated homes.** Whether walking down memory lane or learning and seeing something new about the holidays, participants will be delighted with the Holiday Houses scheduled for the tour **Saturday, December 2.**

At the *Santa's Workshop House*, participants will see an eclectic mix of everything Christmas while at the *Hanukkah House*, they will discover the history of this 2000+ year old Jewish celebration and learn why it is considered a miracle. Heading to the *Scandinavian Heritage House*, tour members will see the influence of a Scandinavian heritage in a collection of Swedish wooden horses, red, white, or blue furniture pieces, a collection of Lucia dolls, figurines, and more. Finally, when walking downtown Main Street USA at the *Christmas Yesteryear House*, participants will be treated to a collection of over sixty "Department 56" Christmas houses strategically placed throughout the home. Tickets will be available at \$15 per person. Branch coordinators for the fundraiser are Ann Mitchell and Barbara Lashment.



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The American Association of University Women strongly supports the vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education agencies, libraries, and museums. Music classes or choirs, sex education classes, and sports involving bodily contact are exempt from Title IX, as are religious institutions if the law would violate their religious tenets. Admissions policies at private undergraduate institutions are also exempt.

ANNUAL FALL FORUM

It's All about Health: From the Individual to Society

Kindly complete information below.

Please note that the name and title you give here will be printed on your badge and the participants' list.

Date: November 4, 2017

Time: 8:30 am – 1:45 pm

Venue: Yavapai College, Building 19, 1100 E. Sheldon, Prescott, AZ 86301

Cost: \$35* (includes program, continental breakfast and buffet lunch)

Please mail your payment by Friday, October 20 to:

Joanne Walen
AAUW AZ Co-President
2780 Leisure World
Mesa, AZ 85206

*Please note: Late registration fee (registrations **received** after October 20) is \$40, and no registrations will be accepted on the day of the event.

Agenda: Fall Forum speakers will address various aspects of health. Our first speaker will be Venay Uecke, Navajo Health Service, Tuba City, who will address issues of medical care for women on the reservation. She will be followed by Jerald Monahan, Yavapai College Chief of Police and President of the Board of Directors for End Violence Against Women International. Our keynote speaker will be Raquel Goodrich, Associate Director of the National Institute for Civil Discourse. Ms. Goodrich will share information and ideas for the institute's Revive Civility Initiative.

Accommodations: Accommodations will be available at the Hassayampa Inn in Historic Downtown Prescott. Call their reservation department at 928-778-9434 or 800-322-1927 or go online to www.hassayampainn.com. Room rate is \$169.00 (Suites \$200); weekend packages or specials may also be available upon availability. For the group rate, request reservations for American Association of University Women.

Questions: Please contact Vice President for Programs, Dr. Jeanne Clarke, jnclarke@email.arizona.edu, or Co-President, Deb Dillon, debsdropoutprevention@gmail.com

Participant Information

Title: _____ Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs. Other: _____

First name: _____

Last Name: _____

Name of Branch or Organization: _____

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