

President's Message

Ana Nygren

An Exciting Year Lies Ahead

Ana Nygren, President

I'm excited and a little apprehensive as I begin my term as President; we have accomplished so much in the last few years. My hope is that we continue our motion forward making a difference in the lives of everyone we encounter.



The last six months have been an experience as we have worked on our strategic plan following the October 2018 board meeting brought to us by Cathy Corbin-Mannino's motion to follow national's lead. Several of us participated in the ongoing process of discover, dream, design, and deliver. Our team put together a webinar that is available on the Arizona website for all of you to view and share with our members. In the webinar we go through the steps we took to reach our new strategy. In summary, our strategy is to promote AAUW statewide and build vibrant communities that look to our past successes and create an inclusive community.

I am hoping to visit as many branches as possible in the coming years as well as having webinars every

Our team put together a webinar that is available on the [Arizona website](#) for all of you to view.

other month the first Wednesday of the month. For example, the next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, followed by

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019, and so forth. The subject of each webinar will focus on events going on throughout our state such as specific programs presented by our branches.

I invite you to attend our Fall Forum— Arizona Woman: On the Road to the Future scheduled for Saturday, October 26th, 2019. The registration is included in this newsletter. Thank you to Ann Mitchell and her committee for working so diligently getting everything set up for us. I would also like to invite you to attend our board meeting Friday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. and our welcome reception and dinner at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Surprise, Arizona, starting at 5 in the afternoon.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you in the coming months.

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Fall Forum 2019 Takes Place October 25 and 26

Arizona Women: On the Road to the Future

Friday evening, Welcome Reception and Dinner, Saturday, Fall Forum 2019

Details below. Register today, late charges apply after October 5.

Flyer and Registration form in [newsletter](#) and on [website](#)!

Friday, Oct 25, 2019

Welcome Reception & Dinner

Lou's Tivoli Gardens Restaurant, Surprise, AZ

5:00 – 6:00 P.M. Welcome Reception. Trays of appetizers will be available. Beverages (wine, beer, well drinks, and soft drinks) can be purchased at the cash bar Happy Hour prices.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dinner. The entrée choices include the following: top sirloin; baked chicken; pork chop; cod; and/or vegetarian.

The dinner includes salad, bread, mashed potatoes, vegetable, entrée, dessert and beverage. Cost: \$20/person, tax and tip included. Indicate your entrée choice and provide payment on the Fall Forum registration form. Make your reservation for the Welcome Reception & dinner early. Space is limited.

No payment for dinner will be accepted at the door.

Saturday, Oct 26, 2019

Fall Forum 2019 8:30am to 2:30pm

Briarwood Country Club, Sun City West, AZ

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Check-in & Continental Breakfast. (Seasonal Fresh Fruit Compote, Fresh Pastries, Orange Juice, Coffee & Tea. Water and Coffee Stations – all day.

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Fall Forum Program (Break at noon for a plated lunch.)

Lunch Menu: Plated Lunch Selections of stuffed boneless pork loin or grilled Atlantic salmon with spinach salad , rolls & butter. Coffee and hot or iced tea

Special cake cutting to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Tucson Branch.

Make your lunch entrée choice and payment for the Fall Forum on our registration form.

Hotel Accommodations

Out-of-town members and guests are encouraged to secure hotel rooms at the Quality Inn and Suites located at 16741 North Greasewood Street, Surprise, AZ 85374.

A group room rate of \$89.00/night for either one king bed or two queen beds is available. The local tax in the City of Surprise is 13.99%.

Group rates for AAUW members may be used by calling (480) 561-2838 or (623) 583-3500. Early check-in is acceptable.

The Quality Inn and Suites is located one block from the Lou's Tivoli Gardens Restaurant, 12555 West Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. The Tivoli Gardens Restaurant is the site of the state board meeting, Welcome Reception and dinner on Friday.

Caution - please do not make your room reservations at the hotel by the same name located on Grand Avenue in Youngtown, AZ.

Public Policy Revs Up Another Year of Action

Harriet Young, State Chair

I've been discussing some ideas for our Public Policy focus for the upcoming year and want to hear what you think.

As you recall, last year we selected five public policy issues/actions to concentrate on: pass the ERA, stop sexual harassment, support public education, secure access to health care, and encourage equal pay.



I have suggested to our new Board that Public Policy focus on these issues again this year and declare October 2019 AAUW Public Policy month. The purpose would be to give our branches a unifying theme to share and develop. For instance, the Flagstaff Branch is hosting Mitra Shahri, a nationally known employment attorney from Portland, Oregon, on Oct. 12. She has her own firm and has tried cases involving Hollywood celebrities and studios. After our lunch, she will offer attendees a workshop on how to stop sexual harassment and bullying. You are all invited and will see our invitation in another part of this newsletter.

Our Fall Forum is focusing on education issues in Arizona, another of our issues. I'd like to see if we can feature what other branches are doing to highlight our AAUW issues and what kinds of programs we are planning for Fall 2019.

Finally, I've begun to search for a good time for our annual Legislature Day 2020.

If we schedule in January, we will have an impact on the legislators before the session begins, so I'm looking at dates in the first two weeks of January.

Let me know if you have someone great to serve as a speaker for the morning session. I can ask Secretary of State Katie Hobbs if that pleases you.

Keep writing and calling your legislators and support our AAUW public policy issues.

NCCWSL Updates

Speaker's Words of Acceptance Overwhelm Student Attendee for Lasting Result

By Tasnim Abdulschlam
Alshuli

One particular event stood out for me and represented the 2019 NCCWSL overall.

I was already sitting in the audience waiting for the *Building Your Legacy: How to Create a Career of Impact* session by Michelle Curtis-Bailey to begin, when others made their way to their seats. As soon as the speaker started her session, and even long after, other students continued to enter the session. Each time someone came in, Ms Curtis-Bailey stopped her presentation and welcomed them with the heartfelt phrase, "Come on in. There's room for you!" This simple, yet powerful, phrase affected me deeply. Though I was already sitting in the audience and eagerly holding on to every word of her inspiring presentation, the speaker, with her warm phrase, made me feel that I, too, was welcome. I felt included and embraced with every iteration of her welcoming statement. That is exactly how I felt throughout the NCCWSL. Every session I attended empowered me, increased my confidence in myself and my abilities, and most of all, gave me a sense of community and belonging. This profound experience inspired me always to reach out to others, even non-directly, to help them feel that there is always room for them when they are interacting with me. This way, understanding, respect, and love are spread from one person to another. And eventually, peace conquers.



NCCWSL Updates Continued

Another Exuberant View about NCCWSL

by Jenifer Frost

Many share a given experience together, yet isn't it amazing how each individual person involved may come out of that experience with a unique interpretation of what transpired? I couldn't help but marvel at the unity the NCCWSL women's conference offered, energetically embracing every woman's individuality. The conference was a place of safety, respect, and appreciation—a melting pot of cultures, nationalities, social economical levels, preferred pronouns, style, and background. Acceptance, no matter what, was the overriding principle. Chaotic, yet beautifully blended together, we were all out of our comfort zones, yet we all also felt welcomed and accepted without prejudice.

The classes, discussions, seminars, and all-around environment helped me realize that we, as women, have many accomplishments and are influenced by our cultures and subcultures without even realizing it. The keynote speakers offered inspiring messages, touching me deeply. I found strength in the knowledge that no matter what I have been through in the past, I can still lead a meaningful life.

Classes in public speaking and one called *Radically Unfinished* were highlights of the 3-day event. These two classes showed me how I had been limiting myself and that it's okay to be assertive, both personally and professionally. Within weeks of getting home, I was offered employment by using the life skills learned during my NCCWSL experience. Attending NCCWSL helped me to realize it's not what we take from life, it's what we give back that defines who we are as a person and how we will be remembered.

The days I spent at NCCWSL helped me make lifetime friends I never would have met otherwise. Women from all over the world shared their personal experiences and gave me exposure to many perspectives. Thank you AAUW for making my future better due to my NCCWSL 2019 experience.



AAUW-AZ NCCWSL Scholarship awardees (l to r) Tamara Goebbert, Jenifer Frost, and Tasnim Alshuli.



“I Would Do It 100 Times Over Again!”

By Ann Mitchell

This quote from Chyna Rendon, who attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders known as NCCWSL (fondly, “nick-whistle”), displays her enthusiasm for the event. Eight college students from Arizona were given the opportunity to attend the conference. NCCWSL was hosted by AAUW at the University of Maryland, May 29-June 1, 2019.

NCCWSL offers students the chance to hear nationally recognized speakers on topics of concern to young women. They are provided with a variety of experiences to build their leadership skills. Chyna says, “The conference was phenomenal! I liked the Career & Graduate School Fair. I was walking

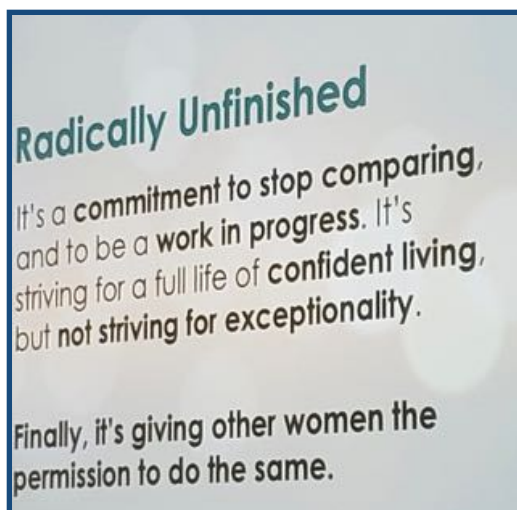
around and thinking they didn't have a Vet school booth and then, all of a sudden, there was the booth. It was absolutely enriching and entertaining.”

Of the eight Arizona college students, two were funded by AAUW-AZ and six by the Maricopa County Community College District.

Attend the upcoming Fall Forum and hear more about Chyna's experience at NCCWSL. She is a STEM major who graduated recently with her AA degree from Estrella Mountain Community College and is currently attending ASU.



China Rendon at NCCWSL



Clockwise from top right: Inspiring poster, AZ NCCWSL group, Jenifer Frost with more inspiring posters, Ms Frost with Erin Fisher.



Flagstaff Branch Embraces Proposed AAUW Public Policy Month *Nationally Known Speaker Highlights the Annual Public Policy Luncheon*

By Susan Peters

The Flagstaff Branch of AAUW is pleased to announce that on **October 12, 2019**, it will host **Mitra Shahri** for its annual Public Policy Program Scholarship Fundraiser.



Ms. Shahri, founding partner of the Employment Law Firm Mitra Law Group of Portland, Oregon, will deliver a dynamic program entitled *The Power Within: From Status Quo to Hell No!*

Mitra Shahri began her law career in medical malpractice in Los Angeles, but after being harassed, she became a fierce advocate for those suffering sexual harassment and job discrimination. In Los Angeles, she handled suits against Hollywood celebrities and movie studios. Then she moved to Portland where she has won a reputation for going after harassment and discrimination cases as well as corporate corruption. She's a member of the National Speakers Association and has twice been voted the "funniest lawyer" in Oregon. Her hobbies include writing legal humor and performing stand-up comedy.

Come up to enjoy the fall weather in Flagstaff and attend this riveting and entertaining presentation. A group of rooms is available at the Doubletree Inn by Hilton Hotel for a reduced rate of \$149.00 per night for AAUW. Rooms must be reserved by September 12. To reserve, contact the hotel at 928-773-8888 and mention AAUW to reserve your room.

WHAT: Public Policy Luncheon on Sexual Harassment and Workplace Harassment and Discrimination.

WHEN: October 12, 2019, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Workshop at 2pm.

WHERE: Doubletree Inn by Hilton Hotel, Flagstaff

Who: Mitra Shahri, founding Partner Mitra Law Group, Oregon Employment Law Attorneys.

Cost: \$75. Per person. Includes Luncheon and Workshop.

Or \$600. Per table of 8

Tickets can be purchased via [Eventbrite](#).



Save the Dates	
Oct. 12, 2019	Flagstaff AAUW Public Policy Program
Oct. 25, 2019	AAUW AZ board meeting
Oct. 25-26, 2019	Fall Forum hosted by AAUW-Northwest Valley in Surprise and Sun City West
Nov 1, 2019	Call for articles for AZ Sun, Winter Edition
Nov. 15, 2019	Submissions due for AZ Sun, Winter Edition

New Strategy for AAUW Arizona

By Linda Alepin



In mid-July, the Arizona AAUW strategy committee met to complete their work using Appreciative Inquiry principles. We reviewed the many inputs from state members who

participated in the **Discover** the Best and **Dream** about the Future phases. We reflected on the high level of dedication that AAUW members have to the mission of the organization, to serving Arizona through providing scholarships and other services, and to socializing with intelligent, educated women and men.

After evaluating various designs, the team decided that adopting a community-centered approach would enable the overall organization to fulfill its mission – to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Overview of the strategy

AAUW Arizona is building vibrant communities of commitment for AZ women leaders that lift everyone!

- We ourselves are a strong community
- We embrace others

Our branches are stronger because we support each other

- Accessibility is easy, frequent, and always helpful
- Communication is timely, informative, responsive, positive, and makes people feel important

- Adopting new technologies allows us to be inclusive despite distance
- Sharing what works becomes natural and enables our success

New members energize and propel each branch

- Target membership increase @ 12%/year for Arizona – doubling the membership in six years
- Membership growth is a vital goal for each branch
- We shout out success stories about branches' new members

State and local partnerships expand all our influence and forward our mission

- We listen to learn and connect with everyone
- We create environments that foster leadership capacity building

The next step is for each branch to discuss ways that it can link to and support the state strategy. Ana Nygren, the AAUW Arizona president, will be at your branch sometime in the coming year to lead a discussion of how we move forward – together!

More information

Links to the recording of the August 7th Zoom webinar and to the script/slides can be found on the AAUW Arizona homepage. In addition to the strategy overview, NW Valley's strategy to increase membership is featured.

Share your thoughts

Online at <https://aauwarizonabulletin.home.blog/2019/08/02/aauw-strategic-plan-2019-2021/>

Email me at AAUWTucsonPresident@gmail.com.

Thanks to my fellow committee members – Patti Allen-LaFleur, Cathy Corbin, and Ana Nygren.



Branch Reports



Northwest Valley Looks Ahead

Sharon Phelps

AAUW Northwest Valley is looking forward to a busy fall schedule of exciting programs and special interest group activities. Our General Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. We meet at the Sun City West Foundation Webb Room, 14465 R.H. Johnson Boulevard in Sun City West. Upcoming programs will focus on Artificial Intelligence (9/19), AAUW STEM activities (10/17), Harmonizing With Your Doctor (11/21), and the Annual Holiday Breakfast (12/12).

In addition, our special interest groups have many exciting programs and activities scheduled. The Public Policy group is focusing on issues related to gender equality, economic security, and education for women and girls. Some topics to be discussed are ERA, Healthcare, Environment, and Voting Rights. Anyone interested in attending our meetings is welcome to do so. For more information please visit our website at www.northwestvalley-az.aauw.net. You can also [contact our Membership Chairs](#) for more detailed information.



News from Flagstaff

Sue Peters

We've had a quiet summer with folks off enjoying their vacations! But we're excited to announce an outstanding program to coincide with October as AAUW Public Policy Month. So we invite everyone to come to the cool pines and enjoy a weekend in Flagstaff!

Our Fall Luncheon will host a dynamic program on Employment Law including sexual and workplace harassment and job discrimination. See the article about this in this newsletter.

This event is our primary fundraising event for our scholarship fund each year to support deserving and motivated women attending community college who plan to continue their education at a 4-year college/university, many planning to go on for Masters and Doctorate degrees.

We hope you can attend the luncheon and encourage your friends, students, colleagues, and employees to attend. Please consider buying a table of 8 for yourself, friends, and students.



Phoenix Branch Reports In

by Pam Kohnken

The Phoenix Branch has scheduled some informative programs to start the 2019-2020 year. Our general meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at The Beatitudes Retirement Center. The scheduled programs are *Reading: Everything Depends on It* (September), *The Arizona Attorney General's Office* (October), *The State of Public Education* (November), and *Community Action and Charitable Giving* (December).

Our World Travelers group will share their experiences in India (September), Romania (October) and Peru (December). Coffee and Conversation is our social group that meets for breakfast the last Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at Scott's Deli in Phoenix. It requires no reservation

and provides an opportunity for new and prospective members to get acquainted. If you are interested in attending our general meetings, please go to our [website](#) for contact information.

In other Phoenix Branch news, Mary Beth Lemons, after a brief illness, passed away peacefully in her home on July 15, 2019. She was an active member of AAUW having recently served as Membership Vice-President with the Phoenix Branch.



Green Valley Branch Happenings

Sharon Rezac Andersen

Our Green Valley branch is gearing up for another fabulous year. Our program committee has designed excellent general meeting programs for 2019-2020. We believe each month addresses provocative issues. Educational programs like we had last season helped increase our membership.

Again this year, AAUW will design a float for our Green Valley annual parade. Being present with signs that name our mission and values has increased knowledge of who are and what we represent in this community. Held in October, it is also a way to highlight our season together while enjoying each other's companionship and the spectators along the parade route.

We continue to make sandwiches each month for St. Andrews. We make sack lunches for patients and their families traveling long distances from Mexico to the Nogales health clinic for needed medical care. Touring this facility has helped us realize the volunteerism within the medical profession. Doctors even come from the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale to care for patients who otherwise would not be treated for their serious medical problems.

Our Public Policy Committee continues to keep us informed of upcoming issues we need to address. All of us recognize that gender equity is still not a

reality as we witnessed our USA Women's Soccer team win first place in the world, receiving \$5,000 per game while men make upwards of \$13,000 per game. And look who has the winning team! As some media harshly judged the women for criticizing the country they represent, the women were actually naming AAUW's mission: advancing gender equity for women and girls. Women still make on average 80 percent of what men are paid. Therefore, AAUW statewide and nationally suggest we support the Paycheck Fairness Act. Fair employer practices are essential for us to meet our goals.

Recently I had a conversation with a staff member at the National Institute for Civil Discourse who will be coming to speak at one of our AAUW general meetings. Her message: "Reviving Civil Discourse. Our Democracy Depends on it!" Together let us examine the hateful rhetoric we hear that relates to four Congresswomen, immigrants, and people representing other than the white culture.

We can meet these challenges when we work together. I am proud that AAUW is always on the forefront of trying to make this a more humane world. I find comfort in Maya Angelou's Poem: "Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now."

Thank you for traveling our journey together!



**Become
a Two-Minute Activist!**
Receive urgent e-mail notices
to contact your members of
Congress right in your inbox.
[Join the AAUW Action
Network today!](#)

East Mesa “Imagines the Possibilities”

Sandra Kelley Lackore

The East Mesa Branch has chosen the theme “Imagineering Our Possibilities” for our 2019-2020 season. This phrase, most often associated with the Walt Disney Corporation, seeks to encourage us to use our imagination and envision a future with hope.

This summer our year-round residents enjoyed monthly lunches and met twice a month for conversation and refreshments in the Leisure World Café. These informal gatherings helped build community among our members and welcomed new members to the branch.

We start our year with something new. Our first ever ice cream social with door prizes will be held at the Leisure World Cafe on October 23, from 1:00-2:30. The cost will be \$5.00. Members will have the opportunity to sign up for seven continuing and three new special interest groups.

The first regular meeting of the season will be held on Wednesday, November 6. Jeanmarie Bishop will present a one women show Heretic: The Mary Dyer Story. The meeting will be from 12:00-3:30 in the Club Room at Leisure World. Members and guests are welcome. More information about her and the presenter, Jeanmarie Bishop, can be found on the internet.



Prescott Branch Focuses Efforts on Scholarships, Community Action, and Public Policy

Becky Gunn

The Prescott Branch will begin its year with a focus on Scholarships for Yavapai College women. Currently we are funding two endowments – one focusing on assisting those with child care needs and the other with a focus on women in STEM programs. Our goal is to add an additional \$20,000 to the endowments through events such as our

Literary Lunch which will be held on Oct. 25. Our theme for this year’s event will be *Literature Empowering Young Girls*.

We also begin the year with one of our excellent Community Action programs called ‘Reality Store’ which is designed to help young junior and senior high school women understand the realities of our economic world. Each student selects a career and marital/child status and then manages her finances based on salary and living costs. The process can be quite the revelatory experience for these young women. This event will be held on October 22 at Yavapai College. We also plan to offer this same event to other non-profit organizations in the Prescott area during the year.

This year, our focus in Public Policy will be on full funding for Education in Arizona. Our first event will be a tour of Mountain Institute, a Career Technical Education District (CTED) on Oct. 1 in conjunction with our Community Action team. As in the past, we will also do advocacy for the ERA and Pay Equity.

Our General Meeting Programs will be diverse. The September meeting will feature the Superintendent of the Mountain Institute Career and Technical Education District which centers its efforts on job and technical training for students in Yavapai County. At our October meeting, the Yavapai County Recorder and Elections Director for Yavapai County will present essential voter information.

Our Board had its annual retreat in late July and feels it is ready to make this year one of the best ever for our members.

Have
you visited the AAUW AZ
Website? [Click here](#) to get all
your state news!

Southeast Valley Branch Glad to Have Active Summer

Joyce Ellenbecker

This past summer was a busy one. Although a good portion of our members leave for the summer, we have continued some of the social programs. I believe that the interaction between members during the summer strengthens our community. We get to know each other in a more personal way. For instance, our two book clubs combine as one for the summer months.

This past summer has also been a time for working on upcoming projects. The annual Holiday Luncheon will be held December 14, 2019. This year Nicole Watson, who received the Career Development Grant, will be our guest speaker.

Southeast Valley Branch is also planning to celebrate the centennial anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in the United States on February 17, 2020. This evening event, *Celebrate 100: Women's Right to Vote*, is open to the public, and we invite and encourage you, your family, and friends to mark your calendar and attend. More information will follow.

On September 30, Mary Humecke and I will host an informal gathering of the new Board and Past Presidents. Our Board consists of some very new AAUW members as well as some seasoned past presidents and board members, a good way to combine new ideas with the experience of the seasoned members.

Our first membership meeting is October 21. The majority of our members will be back in town by then, and the year can get into full swing. To encourage more participation at our meetings, we have changed the time to 4 p.m. At this time, the place of the meeting is yet to be determined as the contract for our meeting room has been cancelled.

The only thing constant is change. Change can shake up the old and allow new energy in.

Scottsdale Branch In Action

Joan Gold

Although it is summer, AAUW Scottsdale is hard at work as always. Karen Ramos has planned wonderfully diverse programs for the coming year. On September 21, Chris Coffman and Layla Maroufkhani from Helping Hands for Single Moms will present a program on Economic Security for Women. On October 19 the subject is Successfully Aging in Place with Eric Ehst from Neighbors Who Care, and on November 16 Annie Rogers from the Association of Arizona Food Banks will focus on Food Safety and Security Issues in Arizona.

With our Community Action Projects, we are working to make lives better for Scottsdale residents. We welcome other branch members who would like to donate to the projects below.

The Scottsdale STEAM Project, chaired by Barb Esses, is an ongoing project that will provide new MAKERSPACE at Navajo Elementary, a Title 1 School in our community. This space will allow students a place to work on hands-on projects.

To raise money, we are collecting men's, women's, and children's gently worn shoes. Every kind of shoe except flip-flops will be accepted. The heavier the shoes, the better because the organization to whom we donate pays by the pound. By collecting 150 bags (with each bag containing 25 pairs of shoes) by December 1 we expect to meet our goal so we can furnish the MAKERSPACE.

Since Camille Schmidt started our Adopt-a-Book drive many years ago, we have been proud to collect books and donate them to local Title 1 schools. Last year, Hohokam Elementary School in Scottsdale received over 400 books. Now, we are starting this drive again, focusing our efforts to benefit another school. We'll be collecting new and gently used books throughout the school year ultimately providing reading material to more children who don't have many books of their own.

Finally, Jennifer Quinn and Joan Gold, our co-presidents, met with Robert Martin at the Scottsdale Community College to learn about the college's efforts to fight student hunger. The school has established Artie's FIT MARKET food pantry, and we are on board to collect non-perishable items for the food pantry this fall.

Tucson Branch Welcomes Exciting Luncheon speakers



Alma Cota de Yanez speaks on Sep 14.

Our co-Vice Presidents of Programs (Alice Brantley and Kay Buckler) have arranged a great lineup of luncheons for the coming year. Here are the first three:

Alma Cota de Yanez, Executive Director of a community foundation in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico will speak about social investing on the "Other Side of the Border". The luncheon

is on Saturday, September 14, at the Viscount Hotel, 4855 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ.

October's luncheon on Saturday, October 12 will feature graduates from Desert View High School telling their stories of studying in the STEM field. These young women are always inspiring.

We will be at the lovely Yume Japanese Gardens on November 9. This is an opportunity to experience ancient culture through visiting the gardens. Non-members of the Tucson branch will be asked to pay their entrance fee to the gardens (\$13.00) at the door. Luncheons must be pre-paid.

Note: All luncheons are from 11 AM to 1 PM and cost \$20. You can go to our [website](#) to get more information about these events or login onto our [AAUW Tucson PayPal](#) portal.

Northwest Valley Branch Fall Beginnings

by Sharon Phelps

The Northwest Valley branch has had a very busy summer with all sorts of planning and activities going on. Many of our members stay in the Northwest Valley during the summer, and even though a lot of our activities have taken a "summer break", other activities are ongoing.

Our most exciting upcoming event for the NWV Branch has been the involvement and planning for hosting the annual AAUW-AZ Fall Forum on October 25 and 26. Thanks to all State board members who have worked with our proficient and exceptional event planner, Ann Mitchell. All worked tirelessly to get things ready for this event and it should be AWESOME. We look forward to meeting ALL OF YOU throughout the State of AZ at the event. BE SURE to SAVE THE DATE and make your reservations. We can't wait to greet you all.

Our branch, for the last few years, hosts what we call *Summer Survival*, luncheons where individual members plan an event and send out e-blast flyers that publicize the upcoming luncheon. This summer there have been four successful events scheduled. They've been scheduled on the 3 Thursday of each month, (May through August) with the intention of connecting with members during the summer months. Guests and new prospective members are invited to these functions and we have lots of fun. Usually we have at least thirty or more participants at each one, so the functions provide a great opportunity to get to know one another in a more relaxed setting. Participants enjoy "lunch out" at a time when most members are not as busy. (Our September through April schedules are filled with our monthly meetings, Special Interest Groups, and fundraising events.)

We are very fortunate here in NWV-AAUW to have a very successful Membership Recruitment Committee who had an outstanding 2018-2019 year recruiting over *54 new members*, bringing our total membership to 228. Through the efforts of Pat

Telford, Beryl Flathman-Braaten, and their team, we experienced significant growth. Our drive for new members was boosted by an influx of publicity, existing members recommending AAUW to friends and family, well-planned, private coffee invitations to new and prospective members, and a community outreach solicitation that was well-received.

Our fall programs will start on September 19 with an *Artificial Intelligence* presentation and Kickoff Breakfast, followed by *STEM for AAUW- NWV* on October 17 and *Harmonizing With Your Doctor* on November 2. All are at 9:00 a.m. at the SCW Foundation building, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd., SCW. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

Our Public Policy team under the leadership of Becky Sayler, is focusing this year on three main topics: Gender Equity, Economic Security, and Education, with continued efforts to include ERA, the Suffragists project, pay equity, climate change, voting rights, Title XI, and prison reform. They are planning many events tackling these important policies.

President Elect Sharon Lee Astle hosted a *100th Celebration of Women's Suffrage* luncheon at her home on Tuesday, August 13, helping remind us all of the hard work women preceding us have done to help advance our important Public Policy issues and the role their efforts play in the future for others. What an enthusiastic fun time they enjoyed celebrating.

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Have you visited local branch websites around the state?

Don't miss an opportunity to be inspired by other branches in AZ! Use the links below to check them out, or click [AZ State Branches](#) to find information about each one.

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Fall Forum Info (Registration next page)



2019 AAUW AZ FALL FORUM

Arizona Woman:

On the Road to the Future

Friday and Saturday

Oct. 25-26, 2019

Surprise & Sun City West, AZ

◆ **Friday, Welcome Reception & Dinner, Lou's Tivoli Gardens**
12555 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ
5:00 to 8:00pm, Friday, October 25

◆ **Saturday, Fall Forum 2019, Briarwood Country Club**
20800 N 135th Ave, Sun City West, AZ
8:30am, Saturday, October 26
Check-in (continental breakfast included)
9:00am to 2:30pm
Program begins (Plated luncheon included)

◆ **Program Highlights Include:**

- ★Katie Hobbs, AZ Secretary of State
- ★NCCWSL 2019 attendees
- ★Gender Pay Gap and Student Debt
- ★Public Policy Updates
- ★Higher Education Panel

More details, including Group Hotel Rates, will be available in August in the AAUW AZ newsletter and on the state website.

[Reserve your place today!](#)

Fall Forum Registration



AAUW-AZ Fall Forum
Arizona Women:
On The Road To the Future
October 25–26, 2019
Surprise & Sun City West, AZ

First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Telephone (_____) _____
E-mail _____

Name of AAUW Branch or Organization _____

Title or Position _____

First time to attend a Fall Forum: Yes No

I will attend the Friday Welcome Reception Dinner: Yes No

Friday dinner (\$20) entrée choice:

Top Sirloin Cod Baked Chicken Pork Chop Vegetarian

Fall Forum Lunch: Salmon Pork Loin

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Registration and Payment due by Oct 7, 2019. Late registration Oct 8-15, 2019

_____ Friday Welcome Reception and Dinner— \$20

_____ Saturday Fall Forum—\$42 (Late fee is \$50 from Oct 8-15, 2019)

_____ Total amount enclosed

(No refunds after Oct. 15, 2019)

Mail check payable to AAUW AZ. Send to Gail Garrison, AAUW-AZ Treasurer, 1931 E. Canyon Wren Way, Green Valley, AZ 85614.