

## President's Message

Ana Nygren



Happy Holidays!

The holidays are upon us and I, for one, seem to have more things on my list and not enough time to accomplish. I wish you and yours a joyous and prosperous holiday season.

I want to thank Ann Mitchell and her amazing committee for the great job they did in organizing one of the biggest Fall Forums we've had. We had 115 participants. The program was well organized and very informative, starting with Secretary of State Katie Holmes and Kendra Davis from our national office. We will have Kendra's presentation up on the website for your review. The higher education panel was encouraging in that our higher education institutions are working very diligently to support all students.

I was a little disappointed when a few of you left before the end of the program, you missed the last three great presenters.

We have a ZOOM webinar scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 10:00 am to discuss how each branch is connecting with our Strategic Plan; therefore I would like to have a representative from as many of the branches as possible. Linda Alepin has been in touch with each

of the branches, and we will have a round table discussion around how we are working together or could be working as a cohesive group.

We have a ZOOM board meeting scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please save the date. Let me know if you have any items that you would like to discuss added to the agenda.

We need volunteers for the nominating committee. Please consider participating on this committee.

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## AAUW-AZ Public Policy Report and Preview

Harriet Young

For those of you who were not able to attend the Fall Forum in Surprise, I'd like to give you a brief summary of the panel discussion on the current state of higher education in Arizona. Our panel of experts came from ASU, UofA, and Pima



County and generally agreed that the primary concern they have is to help students graduate on time and reduce their debt load. All three speakers reported that their institutions had already put plans in place to help students graduate on time with as little debt as possible. This generation of students is being asked to pay far more out of pocket than previous generations which imposes stress on their futures.

I made opening remarks to the effect that Arizona is unique in its population distribution, with an unusually high number of retirees from out of state.

One consequence of this population distribution is that retirees, who generally feel that they have "done their part" back in their home state, tend to vote for Arizona candidates who promise low taxes. The result is that the younger population with children and college students is facing higher tuitions, a needy public school system, and dispirited teachers. To me, this is an educational problem that AAUW might consider addressing.

Most of our membership is retired and many are former education professionals. We can see both sides of the issue and can perhaps play a role in urging our peer group to accept a greater degree of responsibility for the educational system in Arizona. The excuse that "I already paid for my kids' education" doesn't cover the fact that our predecessors paid taxes for our kids, and we have the same responsibility for the future that they did.

In short, I'd urge us to shoulder some weight to counter the resistance to paying taxes for education in the name of paying it forward. We can speak with

some conviction on the value of education for this current generation; after all, they will pay into the Social Security fund that we benefit from. If they default, we'll be ones who pay the generational cost.

Coming up this spring is Legislature Day on February 4 at the state capitol. We will begin to assemble at 8:30 for short presentations by our women legislators. I'll invite the female leaders of the House and Senate to come speak on what is proposed. We still have our five focus items: fully fund education, pass the ERA, stop sexual harassment, guarantee access to health services, and equal pay. We will ask them to give us some insight into what might pass in the legislature.

At 10:00, Secretary of State Katie Hobbs will speak on what her office is doing to insure safe, honest, and secure elections. With the 2020 national elections looming, this is a hot topic for all of us. At Fall Forum, I urged all branches to call their county recorder and pay a visit to that office to learn what the county is doing to insure safe elections. We could help by volunteering as poll watchers, for example.

Finally, when we listen to the college women today, their concerns center on their debt load after graduation, the dire effects of climate change, and juggling a career and a personal life. We might offer to vote for candidates who support public funding for education, equal pay to women, and state support of child care for working moms.

We can take responsibility to educate ourselves on those issues and the candidates who support them. It's our job.

**Have  
you visited the AAUW AZ  
Website? [Click here](http://www.aauwarizona.org) to get all  
your state news!**

## NCCWSL Scholarships Available

Ann Mitchell

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland in College Park, May 27-30, 2020. This life changing experience will focus on leadership development. Early Bird Applications are now open to all college and university students and will save \$100 off the cost of regular registration.

Students may also apply for a National NCCWSL Scholarship, which, if awarded, could cover up to the entire cost of the regular registration of \$585. Students can access more details on the AAUW National website: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). In the search box, type "Attend NCCWSL" to gain more information. Both Early Bird and National NCCWSL Scholarship Applications close on February 16, 2020.

AAUW Arizona is making available four opportunities for students in our state to attend NCCWSL. Each student will be eligible for up to \$1,500 to fund their attendance at the national conference.

Branch College Relations and Scholarship Chairs and members, please make the AAUW Arizona NCCWSL Application available to any college or university student attending a state funded institution. Be aware that the students selected must make their own NCCWSL registration and travel plans. Once they have attended NCCWSL, their expenses are reimbursed. The AAUW-AZ application is due to Ann Mitchell by January 15, 2020.

### ***NCCWSL Details***

- **4 AAUW AZ scholarships available**
- **Applications due January 15, 2020**
- **Up to \$1500 awarded, reimbursed after attendance**
- **Application attached to newsletter and on AAUW AZ website**

Special thanks to the following AAUW members who will be serving on the NCCWSL Selection Team: Kathy Davisson, Green Valley Branch; Karen Ramos, Scottsdale Branch; Margaret Noser, South East Valley Branch; Barbara Neubert, Tucson Branch; and Sara Wolters, South East Valley Branch.



## **Branch Special Project Applications Due December 26**

Gail Garrison

Do you have a special project for which you would like state AAUW assistance? AAUW AZ has accumulated 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.

Applications may be sent by email and are due to the Branch Special Projects Chair, Gail Garrison, **no later than two weeks prior to each state board meeting**. They are then sent by email to all board members. Discussion and approval for timely applications will be at the January 10, 2020, Zoom board meeting. Plan to have a representative from your branch available to answer questions.

Several branches have applied for and been awarded monies to help with a special project. To date, nine of our branches have requested monies for their special projects, and over \$17,000 has been awarded by AAUW AZ. A list of the branch projects with a short description of each can be found on the [state website Special Projects page](#).

Application forms and information are available on the AAUW AZ website [www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org). Send applications by email to Gail Garrison, [treasurer@aauwarizona.org](mailto:treasurer@aauwarizona.org).

## Celebrate 100: Women's Right to Vote

Candace Cox

What did Arizona's Josephine Brawley Hughes, Carrie Chapman Catt, Pauline O'Neill, and Frances Willard Munds have in common over 100 years ago? They were all part of the history of women's right to vote in Arizona BEFORE the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed in 1920!

Come join us for a special evening at 5 p.m., Feb. 17, to hear how and when Arizona lawmakers allowed women to register to vote for the very first time. You just may be surprised! Following a fabulous dinner, keynoter Dr. Melanie Sturgeon, President of the Arizona Women's History Alliance, will give a fascinating presentation about the behind-the-scenes personalities in pursuit of "the vote." Learn their largely untold stories, from suffragists' milestones and saloon men's resistance to the political impacts on the Mexican American, African American, and Native American communities of Arizona.

Bring your family and friends to celebrate this centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment during what promises to be an entertaining and enlightening community event. Individual tickets are \$45. and tables of ten may be purchased for \$450.

Don't miss out; there are a limited number of tickets available. To register for your tickets, send an email to [celebratevote@gmail.com](mailto:celebratevote@gmail.com).



### Save the Dates

Jan 10, 2020	ZOOM Virtual Board Meeting
Feb 1, 2020	Call for articles for AZ Sun, Winter Edition
Feb 8, 2020	Dr. Barry Posner to Speak in Tucson
<b>Feb 4, 2020</b>	<b>Legislative Day at State Capitol</b>
Feb 15, 2020	Submissions due for AZ Sun, Winter Edition
Feb 17, 2020	Women's Right to Vote to Event in Sun Lakes, AZ
April 3, 2020	Spring Board Meeting
<b>April 4, 2020</b>	<b>Spring Conference: Leadership Renewal</b>

Southeast Valley (AZ) Branch, American Association of University Women  
Presents

## CELEBRATE 100: WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE!

Honoring the  
100th anniversary  
of the 19th  
Amendment  
and the amazing  
AZ women  
who made it  
happen

**SAVE  
the  
DATE:  
February 17  
5 PM**

Cottonwood Country Club  
Sun Lakes, AZ

Questions:  
[celebratevote@gmail.com](mailto:celebratevote@gmail.com)

Supporting AAUW's mission to advance equity for women & girls



## **Spring Conference Set for April 4, 2019 Enhancing Leadership, Embracing our Strengths**

***Save the Date—Information and Registration in January 2020!***

**Keynote address:** Diversity and Selectivity: Envisioning a Dynamic AAUW

**Whole Group:** Review of Strategic Plan

### **Break-out Sessions**

- ◆ **Leadership component woven throughout**
- ◆ **Conclusion: Session Take-Aways and Action Plans**
- ◆ **Exit-Interview strategies**
- ◆ **Problem personalities in your branch**

**Whole Group:** Session Take-Aways and Action Plans

### **Sun Newsletter Editors to Step Down in May 2020**

Sun Newsletter editors Angie Ulrey and Patti Allen-LaFleur will be resigning as The Sun newsletter editors after the Spring 2020 issue.

If you are interested in this position, Angie and Patti will be happy to share files, images, and other archived materials. This job works well with 2 editors but a team effort of more than two is also possible.

Please contact Ana Nygren if you are interested in volunteering as a newsletter editor. You do not need to find a fellow editor—if more than one member expresses an interest, then the board will help volunteers to get together. Thank you for your interest and for considering this position.



# Branch Reports



## Phoenix: Informing Its Constituency

Sue Enright

The AAUW Phoenix Branch invited Arizona Auditor General, Lindsay Perry, to speak at our October general meeting. She informed us about the workings of the Auditor General's Office and how it investigates entities like school districts and businesses. The information was made more relevant when three days after our meeting her office was prominent in local news stories about current auditing activities. The information presented was informative and appreciated by the membership.

On November 19, Dr. Jim Lee, former Superintendent of the Unified Paradise Valley School District, spoke about *The State of Public Education*. On December 17, Victoria Gray, representing Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors, will speak on Community Action and Charitable Giving. On January 21, Kristin Roberts, Executive Director of Civics Beyond Voting, will discuss the 2020 Legislative Session. All general meetings are held at the Beatitudes Retirement Center, 1616 W. Glendale Avenue beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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a Two-Minute Activist!**  
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to contact your members of  
Congress right in your inbox.  
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Network today!](#)

## Prescott: Scholarship Funding a Major Goal

Becky Gunn

The Prescott Branch has had a great beginning this year. Our primary goal will be to fully fund our two endowment scholarships. We are trying to raise an additional \$20,000 and are well on our way having raised about \$7,000 through our Literary Lunch event and our push to donate our IRA minimum distributions directly to the Yavapai College Foundation where our endowments reside. In February we are hosting a "Taste of Mardi Gras" event which will also fund our scholarships. And we have also created a matching donation challenge.

Our Community Action group has held two 'Reality Store' events at Yavapai College and Prescott High School in which students select a career and learn the monthly salary of the job. Then they enter the 'store' where they spend their salary by making housing, clothing, transportation, and other choices to support their adult lifestyle. This event helps students learn the real cost of living and whether their occupation will provide the lifestyle they expect and want. It can be a real wake-up call.

In the Spring we will be repeating the event at Prescott High School and also offering it at our teen center (Launch Pad) in Prescott. We will be participating in a STEM activity at Embry Riddle University in February and March, too.

We celebrate the holidays with a Brunch at which we announce our annual awards – Rookie of the Year, Mover and Shaker, and Ongoing Stamina. This year we will also recognize our new 50-year member.



## Green Valley: Vibrant and Growing

Phyllis Debertin

Our Green Valley group continues to grow, adding new members every month. We are now at almost 140 members and usually have around 100 attending each meeting.

We believe we are as vibrant as we are because of the interesting programs at our meetings such as learning about women in history, understanding immigration issues, and developing and encouraging civil discourse. We have varied and active interest groups and a commitment to helping new members integrate into our various activities.

Upcoming for us is our one fundraiser of the year, Lunafest, on February 22, 2020. Lunafest is a traveling film festival of short films showcasing films for, by, and about women. This is paired with a catered luncheon. We are also planning an International Women's Day Celebration on March 8, and our members will again be placing flags up and down our main street honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on January 20.

We are also very excited about our Public Policy activities under Peggy Hendrickson. This year, we are focused on supporting the passage of the ERA, pay equality, immigration, and women's health issues.

There were five of our members at Fall Forum, and we all had fun and inspiring time. Our members who had attended previously said it was the best one ever! So much to learn and collaborate about. It was a terrific conference and many thanks go to the Northwest Valley Branch!

Topics for meetings for the next several months include Adopted Twice: Finding My Birth Family; U.S. Immigration: the Basics; First Person Story of an El Salvadorian Refugee; Revive Civil Discourse: Our Democracy Depends on it; and a celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote.

See our [website page on programing](#) for more information.

## Green Valley: State President Pays Visit

Sharon Rezac Andersen

Ana Nygren attended the Green Valley Exploring Women's Culture interest group, November 7th, at the home of Co-President, Sharon Rezac Andersen.

Ana discussed the value of AAUW Branches across the state working collectively to share resources and what is advantageous in a chapter. She talked about her family immigration to this country and her personal experiences as a result. Ana also provided information about the AAUW Work Smart and Smart Work programs that provide information, resources, and research on the gender pay gap. Women are still working full-time for take-home pay about 80 cents for every dollar a full-time male worker is paid. Work Smart Workshops are being held across the country to train women in salary negotiations, raises, and promotions in the workplace. Currently, Ana is working with Start Smart in the Tucson area. We can all take advantage of Start Smart online.

We appreciate Ana's time with us and hope for additional opportunities in the future. We are proud to have such a qualified professional to lead us onward.



AAUW AZ president Ana Nygren (center) paid a visit to the Green Valley Branch in the Fall.

## **Tucson: Dr. Barry Posner, Leadership Author Set to Speak in February**

Linda Alepin

At the heart of The Leadership Challenge® by Barry Posner and Jim Kouzes is the premise that leaders are **made**, not born. We are honored that Dr. Posner will be our keynote speaker at the AAUW Tucson branch luncheon, Saturday, February 8, from 11 to 1 PM at the Viscount Hotel, Tucson, AZ. This will be our special “young professionals” event since leadership is such an important topic for them.

The Leadership Challenge® is the result of work that the authors have been conducting since 1982 with hundreds of thousands of people around the globe. The distillation of their research has produced simple, effective, and easy-to-follow practices: Model the Way; Inspire a Shared Vision; Challenge the Process; Enable Others to Act; and Encourage the Heart.

As an Executive Professor at Santa Clara University, I was honored to work for and with Dr. Posner. I promise that attending the luncheon will bring you new ideas about how to achieve extraordinary results. Everyone can be a better leader in a community or organization by learning about and adopting one or more of these practices.

The Tucson branch will be announcing details in early December, including a series of 1-hour ZOOM webinars in December and January ahead of the luncheon. Think of these as online book clubs!

The webinar dates and ways to connect for these “previews” will be posted on the state website and emailed to your branch presidents. Watch for the information to tune in on a webinar, to reserve an “in person” seat at the luncheon, to pre-order the book, and to take advantage of special rates at the Comfort Inn for out-of-town attendees. NOTE: Tucson fills up during the February gem show, so reservations will need to be made by early January.



## **Flagstaff: Holds Successful Fall Scholarship Luncheon**

Sue Peters

We are happy to report that our Fall Scholarship Luncheon Fundraiser on October 19 was very successful. The money we raised is used to support women attending Coconino Community College to complete their Associate's degrees so they can continue to NAU or other 4-year college/university. Our guest speaker was Mitra Shahri, an employment lawyer from Portland, OR. She did an outstanding job discussing sexual harassment and job discrimination based on her own experiences and on clients for whom she has advocated over the years. She discussed many issues including the ramifications of pay inequity – low pay for women affects everyone since women's pay contributes also to family income and wellbeing, whether that be for a single mother or a 2-parent family. She emphasized that women need to be more assertive in fending off harassment. Don't accept excuses such as wearing attractive clothing. We are women and should dress as such rather than “professionally” as men! Don't be afraid to confide in other women or sympathetic men – chances are they've also experienced or seen these behaviors and can be valuable supporters, either for moral support or, if necessary, in legal proceedings. If you can't yourself advocate for women who have been harassed or discriminated against, just don't make excuses or hinder their efforts.

We welcomed about 50 participants at the luncheon including Colleen Smith, President of Coconino Community College, along with other CCC representatives. Bill Ring, Coconino Co. Attorney, and Jamie Whalen, Flagstaff City Councilwoman and candidate for Flagstaff mayor, were also in attendance. Patrice Horstman, candidate for Coconino Co. Board of Supervisors, introduced the speaker. Also attending was Ana Nygren, President of AZ AAUW. We've heard nothing but excellent reviews from many participants, and we look forward to future events. We hope in the future that



members from other Branches will be able to join us.

Since the Fall Luncheon, our monthly meetings have resumed. We recently met with two women who gave presentations on Women's Health. Lisa Kearny, MD, is a naturopathic physician who gave us great information on the goals and approaches of naturopaths. With our encouragement, she is planning to develop a newsletter to which we can subscribe so accurate information about nutrition and herbals can be easily accessed. Our other participant was Sarah Schildecker, MPH. She gave us insights into the recent increases in opioid addiction and sexually transmitted diseases in Coconino County and the fact that severe underfunding is affecting the ability of Public Health staff to provide the much-needed services to combat these epidemics. Since guaranteed access to health services is an AZ AAUW priority, we encourage everyone to contact our State Legislators and advocate for increased funding, especially at Legislature Day coming up on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol (see Harriet Young's Public Policy notice for more information).



### **Southeast Valley: Program Highlights**

Joyce Ellenbecker

We have had our first Branch meeting at Sun Lakes United Methodist Church at our new time of 4p.m. with many favorable comments and a few glitches. Change seems to be challenging as well as an opportunity for creativity.

The Sun Lakes Community has three open houses to acquaint people with all of its organizations and activities. Our branch had a display at each event and spoke to many people. So far we have had two new members from those efforts; in total we have 5 new members this year.

December 14 is the Holiday Luncheon and Nicole Watson, a Career Development Grant recipient, will be our speaker. She is the community-health nutritionist with the Gila River Indian Community, which is located in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Ms Watson is a member of the Navajo tribe.

Come join the Southeast Valley branch on February 17 for the *Celebrate 100: Women's Right to Vote* dinner. Dr. Melanie Sturgeon will give a presentation about the women and events in Arizona leading up to and beyond the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Women in Arizona obtained the right to vote in 1912. See the *Celebrate the Vote* flyer at the end of this newsletter and contact Candace Cox to attend at [celebratevote@gmail.com](mailto:celebratevote@gmail.com).

Enjoy the coming Holidays.



### **West Valley: Local Projects Inspire**

Pat Zajicek

West Valley is small but thriving. We meet the second or third Monday at 9:00 for a breakfast meeting. An ongoing project is to provide books, games, and knitting materials to the women at Perryville Prison.

We also took a page from the Northwest Valley Playbook and began a project to provide fifth grade classes and libraries in the Litchfield Park District with the Dr. Seuss book on voting. Members will take the books to the districts and speak to the students about the importance of voting.

At Christmas, members will donate books to a local reading program. In January, we will have an Outreach program at Ground Control to let the community know what the AAUW mission is and to contact prospective new members.

## Sun City/Peoria: Helping Hands Support Community

Kathleen Karol, President

As I work my way through the responsibilities of being President of our Branch of many wonderful women, my first joy is getting to know everyone. My second joy is the support I am receiving at our meetings and project developments. So many helping hands!

Our membership is just short of 30 women and we are working on an uptick of that number. An emphasis this year will be aligning our energy and activities with the strategic plan. Recently, through the Dr. Seuss book (*One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote*) we have partnered with two large school districts, two AAUW branches and a Rotary Club to donate over a 200 Seuss books in school libraries and in fifth grade classrooms. This joint venture also evolved into mock elections being held in sixteen fifth-grade classrooms.

Our branch membership may be small, but we have years of supporting our broader community with service and donations. Members' generosity is legendary! To list a few:

EVE'S PLACE—Household goods and toiletries are gathered to support safety and empowerment services for victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse.

HELPING HANDS—Financial support for scholarships to low-income single moms to further their education leading to financial independence.

IRONWOOD PIG SANCTUARY—Yearly visits of members bearing blankets, peanut butter, pain relief medications, etc. to eliminate the suffering of pot-bellied pigs abandoned by owners. This sanctuary near Marana helps over 600 pigs. (Google it!)

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE—Aluminum can tab openers are saved to support the mission of RMH of providing a home-away-from-home for families facing the challenges of being with a sick or injured child.

Treasurers for Teachers—Donations to provide free school supplies and teaching aids to teachers in the Valley of the Sun. Members save paper towel and toilet rolls, old electronics, wiring, slightly used tablets, crayons, etc. Teachers work magic with donated goods!

Valley View Community Food Bank—Wholesome, nutritious food stuff given by members to help diminish the needs of the hungry near us.

At each monthly luncheon, liaisons for each service bring boxes and bags to hold the various donations members bring to help community needs. These projects help spread the AAUW mission of women helping women and advances the idea that recycling helps everyone.

Happy, healthy holiday seasons to one and all!



Kathleen Karol and Arlene Schindler have fun putting AAUW stickers in Dr. Seuss books.

## Northwest Valley: Extremely Productive

by Sharon Phelps

September began with our branch adding six new groups to help broaden the activities we offer to our branch members: Great Decisions, a new Non-Fiction Book Club, a third Wine and Food group, another bridge group, an Arts Adventure group, and *AZ Women Rise & Shine: Celebrating the Woman Suffrage Centennial* group.

We began our year with a Welcome Back Breakfast catered during our General Meeting. Over 100 of our members attended and were rewarded with a very exceptional program by Dr. Heni Ben Amor who taught us about artificial intelligence and what happens in his ASU lab. He has volunteered to help us with our STE(A)M initiative and is willing to host a tour for us at his lab at a later date.

October's General Meeting provided another super program featuring STE(A)M and helping our branch learn about ways we can help our branch schools support their curriculum. STE(A)M Chair Joyce Keane and her team presented a program entitled *Inspiring Girls to Envision Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*. -Guest speaker Dr. Linda Elkins-Tanton, Principal Investigator for the NASA Psyche Mission and Managing Director of the Interplanetary at Arizona State University, did not disappoint! We all enjoyed her dynamite presentation.

Throughout the fall there were lots of meetings, activities and planning for hosting the Fall Forum. Ann Mitchell kept us all on task to produce an exceptional event. THANK YOU ANN and all of your committee. Thanks to our State Board who made it a grand event for everyone. As Kendra Davis from National stated, "You have the largest state forum I have yet attended."

Our Public Policy team under the leadership of Becky Sayler, have been sponsoring a comprehensive activity program for our local 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms bringing structured and fun activities into the classroom. We donated 250 copies

of the Dr. Seuss book, *One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote* to two large school districts and a community center. They also did a total of 20 mock elections in 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes in Peoria and Dysart Unified school districts and one at Dysart Community Center. Students were sent home with "I Voted" stickers to encourage conversation with friends and family about the importance of voting.

This month, on Nov. 21 we will feature a program *Harmonizing With Your Doctor*. All our monthly meetings are at 9:00 a.m. at the SCW Foundation building, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd., SCW. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend. Please join us if you are in our neighborhood.



## Scottsdale: Projects and Programs

Joan Gold, Co-President

Like all other Arizona branches, we are busy as usual. Our emphasis on recruiting 20 new members in 2020 has begun. Our first new member, Zabetta Furlough, has already volunteered to attend the College Connection Team Liaison Meeting.

Our annual Holiday Luncheon chaired by Judy Hubbard will take place on December 7 and will be full of good cheer and delicious food.

Karen Ramos, Vice President Programs, continues to schedule interesting speakers. Guests are welcome to join us. On January 18, Karen McLaughlin from the Children's Action Alliance will be speaking about Children's Education and the Status of Education in Arizona. We are also looking forward to March 4 when our annual Author's Luncheon takes place. Connie Mariano author of *The White House Doctor: My Patients were Presidents* will be speaking. Of course, on February 4, our branch will be joining others for AAUW Arizona Legislative Day at the State Capitol.

Each semester students from Scottsdale Community College apply for our chapter's scholarship. Jennifer Quinn and I had a difficult decision to make after we read the applications. This winter we are proud to bestow two scholarships of \$1000 each to two excellent recipients.

As always, we continue to collect books for Adopt-a-Book and food for the Scottsdale Community College's FIT Food Pantry.

If you would like to join us for any of our events or meetings, please go to our [Programs & Meetings page](#) for more information.



### **Glendale Branch: Monthly Meetings Continue**

Our small branch is continuing to meet monthly over lunch at a variety of local restaurants. In October we visited The Phoenix Art Museum as a group and enjoyed the European, Modern, and Miniature Rooms exhibits. The clothing in the Fashions exhibit was off exhibit due to the museum's ongoing sprinkler system repairs. Also we saw a couple of preview cars of their new Legends of Speed historical racing cars exhibit that was being installed for a November opening and some members planned to go back with their husbands to see that exhibit.

On December 1 we will be holding our annual Holiday Brunch for all current and former branch members and their guests at Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City.



### **East Mesa: First Meeting Informational and Fun**

Sandra Lockore

The East Mesa Branch of AAUW substituted an informational "Ice Cream Social" for its first meeting of the season. 40 members attended including five new members. Our interest groups were present to sign folks up and to share their group's activities. From dining, reading, quilting, social action, there is something for everyone. The room was a buzz of activity and discussion until time for the door prizes when we quieted down to listen for our number.

Many thanks to Jan Kelly, who coordinated the event; Cindy Deatsman, who contributed raffle prizes & ideas; Doreen Nystedt, posters & interest group tents; Betsy Flaten, membership & raffle; and Joanne Walen, cash & treasury. And a special thank you goes to all the interest group coordinators.

At this writing we await an exciting November program and look forward to December's program which will highlight our scholarship activity with chair of that committee Judy Taucher-Lewis coordinating. The work of our scholarship committee has been very rewarding both to our members who mentor our scholars and to all who raise the funds for scholarships.

Remember we are "Imagineering our Future Possibilities" Share with me your "Imagineerings."



#### **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.



## Fall Forum Well Represented!





### AAUW Arizona NCCWSL Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**On a separate page, respond succinctly to the following questions:**

1. What do you hope to gain from the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and how would you potentially use your experience on your campus and in your community?
2. Community Involvement and Leadership Experience: Please list any community/ civic involvement or extra-curricular activities in which you have participated during the past two (2) years, including dates of the activity and leadership positions you have held.
3. You are required to be available during the 2020-2021 academic school year to speak to the members of AAUW Arizona and/or college student groups about your experience at NCCWSL. How do you propose to complete this obligation? (for example, virtual presence, attendance at meetings, via multi-media presentation, etc.)?
4. Please itemize your proposed expenses and the amount of AAUW Arizona funds you are requesting. Depending on the number of applicants, and as approved by the state board, a limited number of scholarships of up to \$1500 each will be awarded.
5. Provide letter of recommendation from one of your college professors who can speak to your character, qualities, and career aspirations.

**Please email your completed application and recommendation to Ann Mitchell at [awmitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:awmitchell@hotmail.com).**

**\*Your application must be received by January 15, 2020.**