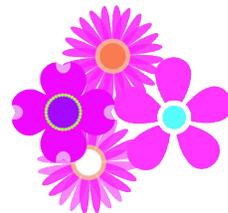


"In the Pink" Celebrating 37 Years of AAUW-NWV Leadership for Women



AAUW-NWV branch members were feeling "In the Pink" while enjoying a delightful spring luncheon on April 19th. Ten past presidents of the organization were recognized for their service to the organization. Ann Mitchell introduced branch College Connection Team guests from Glendale Community College and Ottawa University of Surprise. Branch Scholarship Chairperson, Pat Sweetland, introduced one of the new scholarship recipients who shared her appreciation for the scholarship. To close the event, new officers were installed for the coming year. In accepting the presidency, Rosemary Dougherty, spoke of her excitement and expectations for the year.



Outgoing President Judy Neigoff hands over the President's Gavel to Rosemary Dougherty.



Changing of the Guard!

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New Officers Installed for 2018-19: (L-R) Melva Hull, Lu Marchese, Jean Bramucci, Sandy VanMeulebouck, Pat Telford, Karen Bunting, Sharon Phelps, Mary Jo Blum and Rosemary Dougherty. Missing from photo: Fran Cohen and Pamela Zull.

Have you exercised your voice and input into AAUW by voting in the bylaws election? Voting ends June 9th.

President's Message



A new AAUW year is beginning! I am very ecstatic to be a part of it. As your new AAUW President, I sincerely want to work at implementing the AAUW goals. This is the first Newsletter for my term as President and I want to thank, from the bottom of my heart everyone that stepped up to fill the Board and Committee positions. All of the positions have been filled with very little "begging" on my part. I am fairly new to AAUW, but from the first meeting, I felt like I "belonged". Everyone treated me with respect and I did not find any "cliques", which I abhor and will not tolerate.

I plan on working hard and playing hard, as well as everyone else involved will be doing. Our Our Mission Statement is our goal and all of the Committees are raring to see it through. There will be some changes made---for the good. I do not want anyone to be left out of any of the SIG's. If someone is told something is "filled", then someone in that group will be starting another one. No one should be or will be left out of anything in AAUW if they wish to attend! Our wonderful SIG Chair will be working on this wish of mine all summer.

As our Past President, Judy Neigoff stated in the last Newsletter, some AAUW National issues have to be addressed. This is going to be discussed in this Newsletter and also on Facebook and in an Eblast. If anyone has an issue with anything related to AAUW, do not hesitate to contact me. My door, email, phone is always available to you. I hope you have each used your voice by voting on the proposed AAUW bylaw changes related to organizational membership and board membership.

I want to make this the best ever AAUW year. It can be done with your help and the enthusiasm I have seen from all of you.

My wish is that you have a wonderful, safe summer. If you are away for the summer, we will see in the Fall; if you are here for the Summer, we will see you at the Survivor Luncheons.

.....Rosemary Dougherty, President AAUW-NWV

Coming Events for Spring/Summer Clip & Post OR Mark your calendar!



Wednesday, April 25 - Beginning of voting on the proposed AAUW bylaw changes which will impact organizational membership and AAUW national board membership. Please vote in this important election. (See page 5 for more information.)

Saturday, June 9 - Deadline for voting in the AAUW national bylaws election - Vote early and make sure your voice and input is included.

Saturday, June 30 - Payment of dues deadline -- if you want your name included in the directory! Dues payments are being accepted now and earlier payment of dues will be appreciated. See membership application and address for sending dues, pages 8-9.

Summer Survivor Luncheons: (See article page 5.)

Thursday, May 17 - Contact: Mary Jo Blum and Eileen Soltis

Thursday, June 21 - Contact: Looking for a volunteer.

Thursday, July 19 - Contact: Jean Bramucci and Anne Burris

Thursday, August 16 - Contact: Pat Riffle

Saturday, Aug. 25th - Deadline for September Newsletter Copy. Send digital copy to Joye Kohl.



Hospitality Committee

Members of the NWV Branch Hospitality Committee meeting to plan events for next year and the summer survivor luncheons.

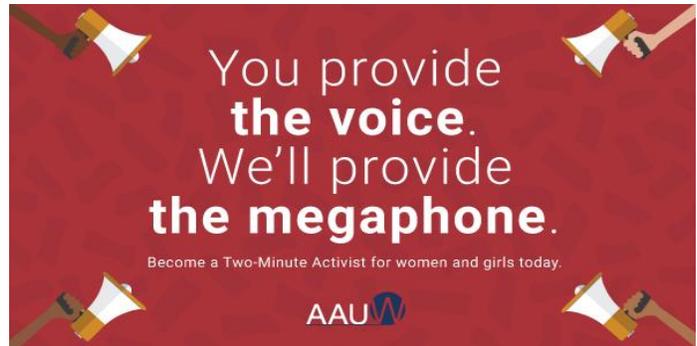


A Great Big Sunny Arizona Welcome to the following new members:

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| Sherry Douglas | Barbara Jewett |
| Kathleen Long | Gail Peters |
| Claire Frame | Joyce Keane |
| Joyce Olson | Fran West |

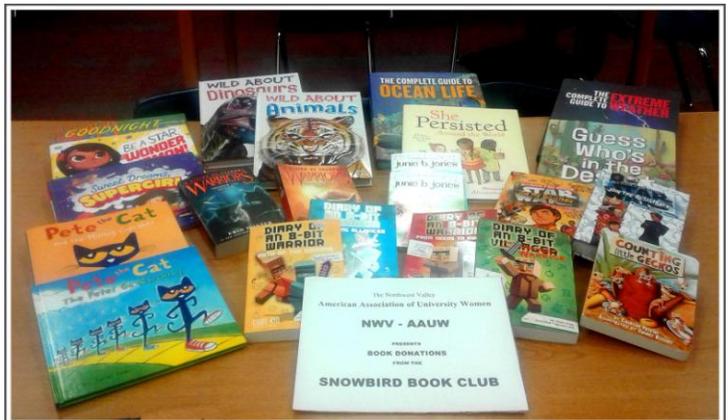
Please take time to introduce yourself and remember, when you see a "Red Heart" on a name badge, it signifies a new member.

Take action on issues impacting women and girls by joining the AAUW Action Network. It simply takes two minutes and an internet connection!



To sign up and become involved, go to: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Snowbird Book SIG Donates Books to Canyon Ridge School



The Snowbird Book Club made their annual book donation to the library at Canyon Ridge Elementary School Thursday, April 5, 2018. Pictured left to right, Lorie Lux, Snowbird Chair, Jill Hoppe, Principal. and Liana Gillespie, Librarian.

Addressing Our Mission: Supporting the Education of Women and Girls

Read about and hear from our Scholarship Recipients



Currently a master's student who will be obtaining her degree in Legal Studies in May, Stephanie is grateful for the support of AAUW in helping further her educational goals since she had to put herself through school due to falling into the category of students whose family income did not qualify for substantial assistance but still unable to finance her college education. She writes, "From a young age, the values of hard work, collaboration and lifelong learning were instilled in me. I have always had a passion for learning and knew that I had to work hard to finance my education. Receiving this scholarship has made all the difference because without it, my academic success would not have been possible.

Paying for tuition and essentials such as food, books, tuition/fees and law school applications made all the difference in my academic career and because of this support, I was able to make it through my masters degree and have obtained admission into law school to ultimately pursue my dream of becoming a Criminal Prosecutor."

As an active member in the Tucson community and former Commissioner on the Pima County Women's Commission, I am honored to be a recipient of an award that promotes young women in academic pursuits and it is a future aspiration of mine to be able to giveback to others the same way that was done for me. I am forever grateful for your faith in my education and support of my goals. Although academic and employment obligations are why I was unable to attend today (branch spring luncheon), it is my hope in this letter that you feel my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your generosity and advocacy. I am forever grateful and appreciative."



Salwa moved to the U.S. from the Sudan 23 years ago. After a failing marriage and with three older children, Salwa said she decided to start all over again entering Mesa Community College (MCC) in the spring of 2013 to get an Associate of Arts degree. She says that as an immigrant with English as a second language, being a stay at home mom for 25 years with no computer skills and her own religious dress code made her question her decision to go back to school. "This was one of the hardest decisions in my life. At the beginning I was relying on student loans and financial aid for tuition and living expenses" wrote Salwa. She also credits her volunteer work with Goodwill of Central Arizona and a job with the Multicultural/ESL program at MCC with experience in the customer service field improving her language skills and gaining self confidence. After completing her associate degree, she enrolled at Northern Arizona Univ. (NAU) to pursue a bachelor's degree in humanities and graduated in 2016 with a 4.0 GPA. Last fall she enrolled at NAU in the educational leadership program. She says, "My goal is to work as academic advisor or counselor to help the much-needed students in the community colleges such as older adults, immigrants, minorities, and women to overcome their life struggles and improve their standard of living by finishing their higher education."



"The success in school as well as in my work boosted my confidence level and I started receiving scholarships and awards for my academic achievements and activities in school." She received awards from Goodwill of Central AZ, a Mesa city scholarship, a Maricopa Foundation scholarship and she writes, "of course the dearest to my heart, the American Association of University Women. I hope my story would encourage other women to make their dreams come true not matter what the situation is, no matter how old or how late in life. It's not too late to restart your life and strive for the career of your dreams. At the end I would like to thank the donors and scholarship committee of AAUW/Northwest Valley Branch for awarding me this scholarship, which helps me to complete my higher education, achieve my career goals."



"My experience thus far as a student nurse has been nothing short of fascinating. I grow as a nurse every day and my abilities and progress strengthens my belief that I can one day be the best possible Registered Nurse I can be" says Sandra. "At my clinicals, I have practiced my skills and fine-tuned my communication skills with patients. Not only is knowing how to do nursing, skills essential but equally important is knowing how to use therapeutic communication. Another benefit is being bilingual (Spanish is my second language), my interaction with each patient is individualized and in the language they can understand. I plan on continuing my improvement as a nurse and by next year I will receive my Associate of Science in Nursing degree and Bachelors of science in Nursing degree."

"Thank you, American Association of University Women, for believing in me and in my dream."

NOTE: A report and photo from our current fourth recipient was not received in time for the newsletter.



Each one of us, as an AAUW member, has a unique opportunity to shape the future of our organization through AAUW's national bylaws amendment vote. We urge you to exercise your right to help shape the future of AAUW.

The national AAUW board proposes to change our association bylaws in several ways: **1) by creating three-year staggered national board terms, 2) opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and 3) eliminating the degree requirement for membership**. While the first bylaw change does not have a major impact on the organization, the next two would involve major changes. The proposal to eliminate the requirement for college degree attainment for membership would be a significant departure. A degree or commensurate education would no longer be required. The question before us is very simply a question of whether we believe our organization should maintain the requirement for educational degree attainment beyond high school or do we want to open the membership to include anyone who wants to join. With the one member, one vote procedure, each member must vote individually rather than as a group.

The AAUW-NWV Board voted unanimously on Monday, April 16th, to recommend to our NWV branch membership a **YES** vote on **bylaw change #1** (staggered board terms) and a **NO** vote on **bylaw changes 2** (opening board service to those outside of AAUW membership **and 3**) eliminating the degree requirement for membership.

If you want or need more information, we suggest you go to the national website at www.aauw.org and review the bylaw change rationale presented by the national board.

When national AAUW advises members to cast their vote for this issue between April 25 and June 9, it will be important that your voice be heard. As voting begins April 25, members will be receiving voter guides in the spring *Outlook*. **Please read, reflect and vote in order to make the association what you want it to be.**

To cast your vote: The voting process is online, and you'll need your I.D. number. It's easy to get; just follow the steps below. If you have a problem, call Lorie Lux.

1. Go to Google, or whatever search engine you use and type: CONNECT@AAUW.ORG
2. Scroll down to, and click on: AAUW:EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881
3. Click on: FORGOT PASSWORD

You'll get an email then that gives you your I.D. number. Record your number somewhere like in your AAUW Directory, or wherever you keep passwords and have it ready for use when needed. For those who have difficulty obtaining their ID number, contact Nancy Wilson.

Summer Survivors' Luncheons

The Summer Survivor Luncheons are designed to provide continuing AAUW-NWV contact and companionship during the warm summer months when some members "skip away to cooler locations." Flyers will be sent as reminders before each luncheon with the time, name of restaurant and any other pertinent information. All are welcome but in addition, Carol Ebert volunteered to be an extra greeter at luncheons. New members, look for Carol. She wants to assure you are introduced to your table mates and are made to feel welcome.

THE SCHEDULE: **May 17** - Contacts: Mary Jo Blum and Eileen Soltis, **June 21** - Contact: Looking for a volunteer, **July 19** - Contacts: Jean Bramucci and Anne Burris and **August 16** - Contact: Pat Riffle

How much do you know about AAUW Priorities and Issues?

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. The Public Policy Priorities underscore AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and speak to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span.

We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these principles. We work to increase the number of women and other underrepresented populations in policy- and other decision-making positions. AAUW is committed to working in collaboration with diverse allies and coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. The priorities are to:

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates

- ▶ Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- ▶ Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- ▶ Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including strong promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and comprehensive sexual health education
- ▶ Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- ▶ Increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women and disadvantaged populations
- ▶ Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in STEM fields

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

- ▶ Pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits
- ▶ Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- ▶ Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance, including quality and affordable dependent care
- ▶ Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including nontraditional occupations and women's entrepreneurship
- ▶ Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- ▶ Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- ▶ Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including affirmative action and expanding voting rights
- ▶ Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions
- ▶ Increased access to quality, affordable health care and family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights
- ▶ Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- ▶ Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns
- ▶ Freedom in the definition of self and family and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures
- ▶ Passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Useful Links

www.aauwarizona.org (State website)

www.aauw.org (National website)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/612025398992133>

<http://www.northwestvalley-az.aauw.net>

AAUW-Arizona-NWV Branch (closed facebook group) (Branch website - in process of updating)

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/ Become a Two-Minute Issue Activist: Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact the Arizona Congressional delegation via your inbox. Join the AAUW Action Network! You can sign up by going to the link shown above.

Be sure to like the organization on Facebook ---- <https://www.facebook.com/AAUW.National>

NOTE: Stay tuned for an updated, new branch website during the summer!!



IN OUR SIGHTS

In the sights of the branch **College Connection Team** is the development of plans to support female students at Ottawa university in Surprise and Glendale Community College next year. A planning core made up of branch members Joan Meagher, Jo Beth Stevens and Sharon Treinen will assist with this process. The summer months are then dedicated to completing a grant application to fund the projects.

The branch hosted the following college guests at their Spring Luncheon: Monica Castaneda, Interim V.P. Student Affairs, Glendale Community College; and from Ottawa University in Surprise, Associate Professor of Teacher Education; Lisa Buccigrosse, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education; Kandi Tyner, Graduate Assistant; and students, Kelsey Marchant; Madison Tjadon.

If you would like to join the **College Connection Team** please contact Ann Mitchell at: awmitchell@hotmail.com.



Ann Mitchell meets with Monica Castaneda, GCC; and new AAUW President Rosemary Dougherty.



Luncheon student and staff guests from Ottawa University in Surprise shown with Ann Mitchell and Rosemary Dougherty.



Membership Application
2018-2019

Information is used in the NWV AAUW Directory, for use by only AAUW members.

New Member _____ Renewal Member _____ Date _____

Name _____

RENEWAL MEMBERS do not need to complete this form BEYOND THIS SECTION unless they have INFORMATION CHANGES for the DIRECTORY.

Dual Member _____ Dual State _____ Telephone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Address: _____

_____ 2nd Address _____

Full Name of College(s)/University(s)for AAUW National Roster _____

Degree(s) Earned _____ AD _____ BA _____ BS _____ MA _____ Med _____ MS _____ PhD _____

Other Degrees _____

Major or Specialization _____

How did you hear about AAUW? _____

Positions held in other AAUW Branches _____

Return this form with your check for the fiscal year, July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Annually, Fiscal Year Dues are \$90.00. This includes National Dues \$59.00 (\$56.00 tax deductible); State Dues \$9.00; and AAUW-NWV Branch Dues \$22.00). For Dual member or Life Member branch dues are \$31.00; Honorary Member Dues is \$22.00.

Please mail this form along with your dues to NWV-AAUW, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 115-217, Sun City West AZ 85375.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check Number _____ Amount Paid _____ Date Received _____

Refer to back of form to select ways you wish to be involved in advancing our AAUW Mission





Membership – Get Involved in Advancing Our Mission

Name _____ Contact Number _____

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The NWV-AAUW offers a variety of ways for you to follow your passion, contribute to your community, explore your interests and meet engaging and empowered women.

Please indicate your chosen activities by placing a check in front of your interests of choice.

Branch Projects and Initiatives

- Major Scholarship Fundraiser
- Public Policy (*Pay Equity, Educational Issues, Human Trafficking, Voter Education, Lobbying/Legislation*)
- College Connection Team (*An opportunity to raise awareness of AAUW for college women*)
- Scholarship (*Awarding scholarships for local women*)
- STEM (*Science, Engineering, Technology, Math*)

Branch Support and Committee Volunteer Opportunities

- Hospitality Committee
- Membership Committee
- Publicity/Marketing
- Newsletter
- Photographer
- Newsletter Reporter

Special Skills you can Share in Supporting a Successful Organization

- Leadership (*Officers, Chairperson, Meeting Leaders, Organization*)
- Publicity/News Releases/Writing
- Finance/Budgeting/ Accounting
- Marketing/Brochures/Graphic Design/Exhibits/ AAUW Outreach Activities
- Computer Programing/Managing and/or Developing Website
- New Member Support
- Programs/Program Planning/Writing
- Fund Raising (*major and small events*)

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS) – An opportunity to participate, enjoy, and build friendships.

Groups with no time specified meet at 1 PM; Complete information available in SPI Trifold and the Directory.

- Travel and Adventure:** Arizona Adventures (*time varies*) Hiking Club (*time varies*)
- Arts and Hobbies:** Culture Club (*event time*) Creative Writing Foreign Film Club
- Food and Wine Club (*4 PM*) Memories into Memoirs Genealogy (*9:30 AM*) Solos
- Book and Card Clubs:** Monday Book Club Tuesday Book Club Evening Book Discussion (*7 PM*)
- The Open Book (*2 PM*) Snowbird Book Club Bridge Euchre Mexican Train Dominoes
- Mah Jongg

Other areas of interest: _____