



Issue 4, 2018-19 December 2018



AAUW-NWV Annual Holiday Breakfast

Thursday, December 13, 2018

(Note this is the second Thursday)

SCW Foundation Building

14465 RH Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Breakfast served from 8:30-9:30 AM

At our annual holiday breakfast this year, we are preparing a slide show of past events, old and new members, speakers, and whatever else we can dig up on us, in photos! As you are enjoying your breakfast, we hope you also enjoy reliving some of the Branch’s “historical” moments.

.....Co-chairs: Fran Cohen and Karen Bunting

“Stride into Style”

Our AAUW-NWV Branch Local Education Scholarship Program Fundraiser

Monday, January 28, 2019
Briarwood Country Club

Fashions by Calle Rose



Yes, the luncheon is sold out, but shopping at the Calle Rose boutique begins at 10:30 am and you do not need a luncheon ticket to shop. You may also buy tickets for the amazing raffle baskets and bid on the silent auction items.

Silent auction and Raffle volunteers needed. To volunteer, contact Stephanie Rogall, event coordinator. Everyone, please get Donations for the silent auction. Obtain “Fund-raiser Donation Information” and “Receipts for Donation” forms (both on one sheet) from Stephanie to give donors.

Please note: CASH (no credit cards) for Raffle OR Silent Auction. Please inform your guests. Calle Rose will accept credit cards for purchases.

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AAUW is a community standing 170,000 strong for gender equity. Your membership makes our powerful voice even louder on critical issues affecting women and girls.

EMPOWERING WOMEN SINCE 1881

President's Message



Happy Holidays to all AAUW NWV members and their families. I would like to put AAUW in my wish for you.

A- Angel- Be an angel and encourage your friends, neighbors and acquaintances to join AAUW so they can reap the bountiful benefits and gifts which joining this organization brings.

A- Awesome- Our members are totally awesome. We can and have accomplished a great deal in life, because we work vigorously and smartly together empowering women and girls to reach their highest potential.

U- United- We are united in advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. United we stand. Our Branch has many projects and initiatives which we promote and stand behind.

W- Wish- My wish for you is that you have the best Holiday Season ever. Come back to AAUW invigorated and ready to work as we have our fabulous Fashion Show/Luncheon on January 28th and many other projects that we enjoy and work at.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

.....Rosemary Dougherty, President

Coming Events for December and January

Clip & Post OR Mark Your Calendar



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Saturday, Dec. 8 - Deadline for Dec. 13th Holiday Breakfast Reservations – see coupon on page 8

Monday, Dec. 10 – Branch Board Meeting – 9 am, Birt's Bistro,

Wednesday, Dec. 12 – International Universal Health Coverage Day Observance – 6pm. UU Church – 17540 N. Avenue of the Arts, Surprise. For more info, see page 6.

Thursday, Dec. 13 – AAUW-NWV Branch Holiday Breakfast – 8:30 am. Sun City West Foundation Room, 14465 R H Johnson Blvd. SCW. Cost: \$15.00. Advance Registration required. For additional information, see page 1 & 8

Thursday, Dec. 27th – 8 AM – Deadline for digital newsletter text and photos. Please email to Joye Kohl.

Tuesday, Jan. 1st – *Happy New Year!*

Monday, Jan. 17th – AAUW-NWV General Meeting – 9 am, Location: Sun City West Foundation Room. 14454 RH Johnson Blvd., Sun City West.

Monday, Jan. 28th – “Stride into Style” – AAUW-NWV Branch Education Fundraiser - Briarwood County Club, 20800 N. 135th Ave., SCW, Shopping begins at 10:30 am; luncheon at 12 noon. Luncheon tickets are sold out, but you may still come to shop. See page 1.

**College
Connections**

**Addressing Our Mission via Our College Connections:
Supporting the Education of Women and Girls**
A HUGE THANK YOU

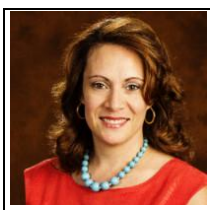
Due to the generosity of many Northwest Valley members we were able to fill the Glendale Community College van from floor to ceiling. Our donations of food,



toiletries and clothing should certainly help support their students. Connie Greenwell, Advisor to Women Rising and Rico Moran, Advisor to M.E.N. (Male Empowerment Network) found their way to our meeting and assisted us with the loading of the donations. Special thanks to College Connection Team members Sharon Willy, Diane Smith and Gail Peterson for their efforts to fill the van.

.....Ann Mitchell

Meet Representatives of our College Partners



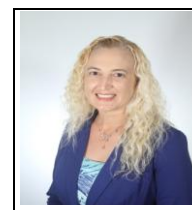
Monica Castaneda
Glendale Community College
Interim Vice President of Student Affairs
(Oversees Dean of Enrollment Services & Dean of Student Life)

EdD in Higher Education Adm. – Grand Canyon University
Masters of Higher Education – Northern Arizona University
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Language & Literature -ASU

Monica joined Glendale Community College in December of 2012 as Associate Dean of GCC North Campus. Since January of 2014 Monica has served in the capacity of Dean of Student Life and as Interim Vice President of Student Affairs since August 2016. Her current responsibilities include supervising all areas of enrollment services and student life, including admissions and records, financial aid, recruitment, veterans services, academic advisement, athletics, disability resource services, and Title IX.

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Lisa Buccigrosse
Ottawa University Arizona
Assistant Professor in Teacher Education
Lead Faculty - Elementary Education
Designated School Official (DSO)
International Student Advisor



Enrolled in EdD program, Univ of Phoenix
Masters in Elem. Education - Saint Joseph's University
BA in Spanish - Rutgers University

Lisa has been with Ottawa University since 2011. Her current responsibilities include providing academic oversight and mentorship to students in a variety of majors, establishing and maintaining community relationships to support program development, collaborating with local school districts for student teaching and practicum placements, and providing instruction in liberal arts studies, English, and teacher education.

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Monica Castaneda – profile continued

She has served in various leadership roles across the Maricopa Community College District since 2001. She began her Student Affairs career at Phoenix College, she continued serving students through various programs district-wide in her position at the Maricopa Community College District Office in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs. She has also served as adjunct Spanish faculty at both Phoenix College and Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Monica is passionate about serving students and strongly believes in the empowerment that higher education provides. She resides in Phoenix with her husband Jorge and 10 year old son Sebastian Mavis.

Lisa Buccigrosse – profile continued

She has been an educator in a variety of capacities (teacher, professor, administrator, instructional coach, and mentor) since 2001 at both the elementary (K-8) and higher education levels. She has both online and face-to-face teaching experiences as well as course development and curriculum development for both modalities of instructing and learning. She is a National Board Certified Teacher, renewed in 2018, in the area of Early and Middle Childhood with a specialization in English as a New Language. She is certified in the State of Arizona with Principal and Elementary Teaching Certificates and endorsements in Early Childhood, English as a Second Language, Bilingual Education (English/Spanish), and Gifted Education. Lisa also serves as a national presenter and course facilitator with the National Education Association.

For fun, Lisa enjoys traveling. She has traveled to 27 foreign countries to expand her cultural awareness and understanding. Additionally, she enjoys taking care of her adopted rescue animals including dogs, cats, parrots, and horses.

Academic partner profiles contributed by Joni Williamson.



“To advance gender equity for women and equity through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”



With progress under threat, we all must make our voices heard. That’s AAUW’s mission, and education has been central to our work since we were founded in 1881. That’s why Title IX is such a big part of our history — it was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education and opened classroom doors for women and girls.

Since Title IX’s implementation, schools have made huge strides in providing equal access to education. Keeping schools free from sex discrimination is key to opportunity. Without the protections of Title IX, schools can discriminate, and women students are less likely to succeed.

Title IX is central to AAUW’s mission — and we need your help to make sure it continues to protect women and girls from discrimination in education.

The Department of Education announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX’s regulations, which would have significant implications for students’ civil rights and for federal enforcement of the law. Title IX protects all students from discrimination — students of all genders, from kindergarten through college. These proposed changes would weaken Title IX’s protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students.

Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their proposed changes. Now is the time to stand up against any rollbacks to students’ Title IX rights.

Take action today. Help AAUW fight for equity in education by protecting Title IX. For the 2 minute activist, go to http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25579/



New Members attending the November General Meeting. ... Photo by Alice Mason.



We are pleased to introduce four new members and two returning members who have joined us since the last edition of the *Newsletter*. Their complete information will be available in the next addendum update to the 2018-19 AAUW-NWV Directory.

Tami Asperita-Mastriona
Mary Beth McGivern
Carmen Reid
Janet Teegarden

Welcome Back: Pamela Zull and Marti Rickard



Pat Telford, Membership VP, represented AAUW-NWV at the Sun City West Newcomers Fair on October 18th. She was excited to have made contact and given information to 13 women interested in AAUW. Four of those contacts have become some of our newest members.

Excellent recruiting Pat! Congratulations to Pat and the Membership Committee.



New and Prospective Member Coffee

Photo above left: L-R Kathie Morgan, Peggy Bell and Carol Ebert.

Photo above right: L-R Mary Beth McGivern, Rebecca _____, Shirley Holland.

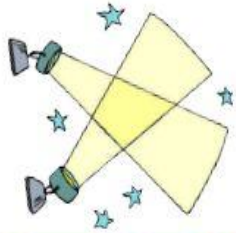
Photo to right: L-R - Pat Telford, Beryl Flathman-Braaten and Carol Ebert



On November 8th, the Membership Committee held a Welcome Coffee at the home of Lorie Lux for 13 new and prospective members. Each guest had the opportunity to introduce themselves, provide personal information, and briefly discuss their interests to help us get to know them. Some had been past members in AAUW, some worked and raised families and did not have time, some lived where there was no AAUW and some heard about us at the SCW Open House.

Board members present contributed current details regarding AAUW-NWV activities. This inspired some animated group discussion with positive results. Many attending were excited about our activities and a few prospective members have joined AAUW-NWV. Thank you to Pat Telford, Beryl Flathman-Braaten, Lorie Lux, and Carol Ebert for this event.

Photos by Ann Mitchell; report by Nancy Wilson.



SPOTLIGHTING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

**FUN, FELLOWSHIP, SHARED INTERESTS, CULTURE, HIKING,
EDUCATION, READING, WRITING AND STIMULATING CONVERSATION.**

Open Book Club

Open Book Club met at the home of Barbara Sausen on Monday, November 19th. We were pleased to welcome Debbie Geske as a new member of our book group. "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones was the selection for this month. The storyline involves newlyweds forced to confront events neither can control. Our discussion centered on the various personalities and their reactions to their situations. We also analyzed our feelings and thoughts about the characters.



Celebrating Girlfriends and More!

Friday, December 14th

All AAUW-NWV members are invited to join us for brunch at 10:30 AM in the private dining room at the Golden Corral in Surprise.

Come, eat, and join the conversation. Together, let's explore your ideas to develop fun group activities providing opportunities to enjoy each other's company in groups from small to large and share our favorite interests. With our membership approaching 200, this "Getting to Know You Group" allows personal friendships to flourish with your peers.

Please RSVP to Dawn Humay by Thursday, Dec. 13th.

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

www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aaup/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>

International Universal Health Coverage Day - December 12 - 6pm

Join in a local observance in conjunction with worldwide celebrations throughout the world of Universal Health Coverage Day. The United Nations, composed by 1003 organizations and 121 countries, has chosen universal healthcare coverage as its major theme next year. Join area groups on December 12th, 6 pm at the UU Church – Surprise. Watch the documentary film which addresses the differences between the Affordable Care Act and "improved and expanded single payer Medicare for All." Then take part in this important follow-up discussion. The public meeting and observance is sponsored locally by the League of Women Voters of NW Maricopa County.

AAUW Programs – for details, go to www.aauw.org/what-we-do/



RESEARCH

We analyze gender equity issues in education and the workplace.

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CAMPUS INITIATIVES

We help shape the lives of the next generation of women leaders.

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STEM EDUCATION

We are leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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PUBLIC POLICY

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EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

We respond to the global development needs of women, helping them contribute to the economic and social development of their countries.

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MEMBER LEADERSHIP

We provide leadership development opportunities to AAUW members.

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SALARY NEGOTIATION

Through AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart, we are fighting to close the pay gap, one workshop at a time.

[Learn more »](#)

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.



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Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9AM

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14465 RH Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Full Breakfast € \$15.00 per guest

Breakfast served 8:30 to 9:30 AM

Entertainment "AAUW-NWV Historical Slide Presentation"



-----Holiday Breakfast Coupon-----

Name _____ Contact Number _____

Guests _____

Check Enclosed _____ Number of Guests _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail Payment to: AAUW-NWV Holiday Breakfast; 13940 W. Meeker Blvd.,
Suite 115-217, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Information Contact: Susan Reeb, 623-972-3666, susanreeb@msn.com

or Sue Rourke, 602-565-8470, lrourke44@hotmail.com

Reservations due by Saturday, December 8, 2018