



Issue 8, 2018-19 April 2019

# AAUW NWV Annual Spring Luncheon

## Celebrating 38 Years of AAUW-NWV



Leadership for Women

Thursday, April 18, 2019

11:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Luncheon served at 11:30 AM

Briarwood Country Club

20800 N 135<sup>th</sup> Ave, Sun City West, AZ

Luncheon \$22.00, Reservations Required by April 10th.

See page 11 for a printable reservation form.

Honoring Past Presidents

Honoring Our Membership

Introducing Scholarship Recipients

Installing New Officers



## AAUW Arizona Fall Forum



Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Hosted by AAUW-NWV Branch

**Challenge to Branch Members: Participate – We Need Your Support!!!!**

Friday Evening October 25<sup>th</sup> - Tivoli Gardens Restaurant  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Location - Briarwood Country Club

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**AAUW: Empowering Women & Girls**

### *President's Message*

President of YOUR AAUW NWV Branch has been very exciting for me.

Right from the beginning in April, after my installation-----an almost unsurmountable amount of work had to be done. A few of us met and walla, a new improved website was created with all and any information you would need for information regarding our Branch. A Budget Committee was formed with a new budget, an Audit Committee was formed and the books were audited. I truly believe in publicity, publicity, publicity. And that we had, thanks to our Publicity Chair. All in all, this was a fabulous year with 50 new members! It was a very busy year and it is hard to believe it is coming to an end.



My Board and Committee - Chairs have been fantastic and they all did their jobs as true AAUW members, knowing what had to be done. I am so grateful to all of them and owe them all a huge thank you. I was just the trunk of the tree, and all the branches were blooming.

Our Branch did so many things, reaching our AAUW Mission goals and having fun and fellowship in our various Special Interest Groups.

Get involved! That is the way to enjoy your Branch.

I will be turning over the gavel to Sharon Phelps at our Spring Luncheon on April 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope you have a fabulous Summer and I will see some of you at the Summer Survivor Luncheons.

Fondly, Rosemary

### ***Coming Events for April/May*** ***Clip & Post OR Mark your calendar!***



**Membership Dues are due at this time.** See the membership form, pages 9 & 1..

**Thursday, April 6 - AAUW Arizona State Conference - Arrowhead Mall Community Room 9a-2pm**

**Tuesday, April 9 - National Pay Equity Day!**

**Monday, Apr. 15 - AAUW-NWV Board Meeting** - 9 am, Birt's Bistro

**Thursday, Apr. 18 - Annual Spring Luncheon** - 11:30 am, Location: Briarwood Country Club, SCW  
Reservation required by April 10th. See page 11 for a printable reservation coupon.

**Monday, Apr. 25 - Deadline for May Newsletter.**

**Tuesday, April 9 - Unhappy Hour,** 6 pm At Glendale Community College. The focus will be on Gender Pay Equity.

Stay Tuned for a listing of the **Summer Survivor Luncheons** planned for the brave souls who manage the heat and don't run north to cooler temperatures.

***Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer!***

**Looking Ahead to Fall -- **SAVE THE DATE!**** The AAUW Arizona Fall Forum will be hosted by our chapter on Friday evening, October 25, and from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Saturday, October 26. This is a perfect opportunity to meet AAUW members from around the state and to learn more about AAUW in Arizona and nationally.

# MEMBERSHIP



## Northwest Valley AAUW Honors and Celebrates our New and Prospective Members from 2018 and 2019

Thursday, April 25, 3:00 — 4:30  
Beardsley Park  
20011 N 128th Ave  
Sun City West  
Please RSVP by April 19



Pat Telford or Beryl Flathman-Braaten, Membership Co-Chairs  
(Please see directory for contact information.)

## 2019-2020 Officers Elected

President - Sharon Phelps

Pres. Elect - Sharon Astle

Co-Program VPs - Brenda Gimán and  
Karen Bunting †

Co-Membership VPs - Beryl Flathman-Braaten and  
Linda Stryoll

Co:Finance VP - Melva Hull and  
Jean Brarmucci †

Recording Secretary: Sheryl Saddoris

† continuing second year of previously elected position.

All new elected officers are for a two-year term.

New Officers will be installed at the Spring Luncheon.

*Thanks to each of our new officers for the willingness to take a leadership position.*

## An Opportunity for You

Our branch is looking for someone with an interest in editing the branch newsletter. Are you someone who wants to learn more about the branch and to use your creativity in designing and editing the news- letter?

This issue is my final newsletter to edit. I have appreciated the chance it has provided over the past few years. My goals for the newsletter were multi-faceted: 1) to provide timely, accurate and informative articles and photos each month to members; 2) to highlight and show-off the quality, breadth and depth of our branch; 3) to create a comprehensive historical record of our branch, and 4) to try to entice branch members to explore some of the amazing resources available on the national website.

It was very rewarding last month to have an all-time high of 11 members contributing articles and photos for the newsletter. A special thank you to each of you who have supported our branch newsletter as contributors and readers. But, it is time to finish some other projects and take on new challenges.

*Thank You!*



## Addressing Our Mission via Our College Connections: Supporting the Education of Women and Girls Northwest Valley Members Learn About College Bridge Pathways

On Wednesday, March 6, ten members of the College Connection Committee, organized by Ann Mitchell, visited the College Bridge Pathways program at the Rio Salado College campus in Surprise. We heard presentations by several members of the Rio Salado staff telling us about their ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED (General Education Development) prep classes for adults who want to improve their English skills and complete high school equivalency classes to receive a GED and take courses to prepare for jobs with higher incomes.

Jennifer Shaffer, Instructional Services Supervisor, explained that the students in their GED and ESL classes include language arts, math, social studies/civics, and science. Retired volunteers help in the classrooms and mentors meet a student once or twice a month to encourage them to stay in the program and meet their goals. More are needed. The majority of their students are between 16 and 65. College Bridge Pathways have both morning and evening classes. They also help students after they complete their GED to become college and career ready. Counseling is provided and students are made aware of disability resources. There is a graduation every May with students wearing caps and gowns. Names of those who have completed the program are listed on a tablet.

Jennifer Walker, Outreach Specialist, is one of several employees who are former students. She uses her own experience as a student to encourage potential students to join the program and points out what they can learn from it. She said the basic reason that most students join is to increase their income.

Teri Smith, GSC Instructor, teaches a two-week GSC (GED Success Class), an introductory class to help students set realistic goals for being in the GED program, learn to break big goals into smaller ones, and to celebrate their successes. Students learn time management, money management, and take basic tests to determine what classes they need to take.

Elizabeth Martin, Program Manager, manages the facility and staff. She helps students get started in the program that condenses the K-12 content into two years of classes for most students.

Veronica Gutierrez, Administrative Services, welcomes new students and keeps the customer service standards high. She administers tests in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

These presentations were followed by visits to Foundation classes, the computer lab, the credit lab, and the testing center.

The AAUW group and the professionals then joined together for lunch at Birt's Bistro, adjacent to the RISE building where the College Bridge Pathways meet. The AAUW members who attended were Beryl Flathman-Braaten, Suzanne James, Joye Kohl, Melinda Lewandowski, Sarah Maxwell, Ann Mitchell, Sharon Phelps, Eileen Soltis, Sally Thomas, Sharon Treinen.

.....Sally Thomas

Seated L-R: Jennifer Shafer, Sharon Treinen, Ann Mitchell, Sally Thomas. Back row L-R:



Suzane James, Sharon Phelps, Beryl Flathman-Braaten, , Jennifer Walker, Teri Smith, Veronica Gutierrez, Elizabeth Martin, Sarah Maxwell. Eileen Soltis. Melinda Lewandowski and Joye Kohl.