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"Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies" **February AAUW-NWV General Meeting**

9 am -February, November 21, 2019
Sun City West Foundation Webb Room
14465 RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West

What is all the hype about blockchains and cryptocurrencies? I've heard about bitcoins, but what is this new technology? What do the terms mean? What will it mean to me? How safe are the various tokens used to send value and pay for transactions

To help you make sense of it all, our February general meeting program will focus on ***"Blockchains and Cryptocurrencies"*** and will be presented by Dr. Gary Marchant.

Dr. Marchant's talk will address the excitement with this technology? Although the first major application of blockchain is cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, there are numerous other applications ranging from energy and healthcare to real estate and financial services and more.

Dr. Marchant is uniquely positioned to present and synthesize information from a number of perspectives. Join us for what promises to be a most informative presentation focused on a technology that will have profound and widespread applications and implications for our entire economy and society.

Dr. Marchant, Ph.D., J.D., M.P.P., serves as the Regents' Professor and Lincoln Professor of Emerging Technologies, Law & Ethics, and Faculty Director of the Center for Law, Science & Innovation, at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (ASU). He also serves as a Professor at the School of Life Sciences and Distinguished Sustainability Scientist at the Global Institute of Sustainability at ASU.

.....Fran Cohen, Co-Vice President for Programs

**Returning
in March!**



Benefits our Scholarship Program.

Box up your used books to sell at the booksale.

Drop them off for the sale sometime after the fashion show.

Put the dates on your calendar, attend and buy.

For more information, see page3.

AAUW: Empowering Women & Girls Since 1881.

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President's Message

Happy February!

First of all, thank you to Stephanie Rogall, Coordinator for our 'STRIDE IN STYLE' Fashion Show and Luncheon Event to benefit our AAUW-NWV BRANCH LOCAL EDUCATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. Also, a big thank you to all the "helpers" which are too numerous to mention. Our models sure strode in style! The event was a HUGE success.



Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds. We are being honored by AAUW STATE. They are so impressed how our branch has grown, that they would like our branch to lead AAUW AZ Strategic Plan to increase membership in AAUW. Wow, what an honor!

Our Branch is really growing and our members are so enthusiastic that they are volunteering for committees and events and also having fun with our great number of SIG groups. We are a well rounded entity.

We had a great visit from State Officers in January and plans for our Branch hosting the Fall Forum on October 25 and 26 and being completed. You will be hearing more and we would like a great attendance from our members.

The Nominating Committee is working to get Officers for 2019-20. Please step up to take a Board Position and help on a committee.

Please see page six to view the many areas which AAUW supports.

Have a great February. All my best to you, our wonderful members

.....Rosemarv Dougherty

Coming Events for February/March ***Clip & Post OR Mark your calendar!***



Thursday, Feb. 14 - New and Prospective Member Coffee - Please RSVP.

Monday, Feb. 18 - AAUW-NWV Board Meeting - 9 am, Birt's Bistro

Thursday, Feb. 21 - General Meeting - 9 am, Location: Sun City West Foundation Room, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd., Sun City West. Remember to bring your food donation items for Valley View Food Bank.. See pages 1 & 3. .

Monday, Feb. 25 - Deadline for March Newsletter Email digital text (no pdfs please) and photos to Joye. Please indicate for the March AAUW newsletter on the subject line. See contact info in directory.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - AAUW Arizona Legislative Day - Location: State Capitol - for more info see page 8.

Friday, March 1 - Read Across America Nationwide Observance - Stay tuned to see how you can be involved.

Wednesday, March 6 - College Bridge Pathways Meeting -Location: Rio Salado College. See page 6.

Saturday, March 9 - STEM Festival, Location: Canyon Ridge School

Thursday, Mar. 14 - West Valley Education Forum - 6 pm, Location: Dysart Education Center, 15802 N Parkview Place - Surprise. Cosponsored by AAUW Arizona. See page 11.

Monday, March 18 - AAUW-NWV Board Meeting - 9 am, Birt's Bistro

Thursday, March 21 - General Meeting - "Much About Mars" - 9 am, Location: Sun City West Foundation Room, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd., Sun City West.

Thursday, March 28 & Friday, March 29 - AAUW-NWV Book Sale. 8 am -1pm. Location: 19823 N Stardust Blvd., SCW. Private Preview Sale with wine and appetizers for membrs and their guests- March 27 - 4-6 pm. \$10/person.

AAUW Northwest Valley Branch EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Rosemary Dougherty
 President Elect: Sharon Phelps
 Co-Program VPs: Fran Cohen &
 Karen Bunting
 Co-Membership VPs: Pat Telford &
 Beryl Flathman
 Co-Finance VPs: Jean Bramucci &
 Lu Marchese
 Recording Sec: Suzanne James
 Corresponding Sec: Sheryl Saddoris

"What's Old is New Again"

OUR AAUW-NWV BOOK SALE!

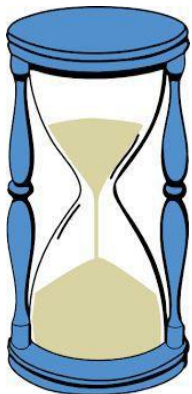
March 28 and 29
 Thursday and Friday
 8:00 – 1:00 P.M.



Books may be dropped off ANYTIME after the Fashion Show @ 19823 N Stardust Blvd or brought to the February and March General Meetings.

Contact Sharon Phelps (612-799-5474) for a special pick up of large quantities at your home.

AAUW Arizona Fall Forum Save the Date: Oct. 26, 2019



**The Countdown
Begins!**

AAUW Arizona sponsors a state wide meeting twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. The Northwest Valley Branch volunteered to be the host branch for the Fall Forum 2019. The location for this event will be Briarwood Country Club which our President Rosemary Dougherty was responsible for securing. Topics of importance to Arizona women will be explored and could include pay equity, health care, education, ERA, Title IX, or mounting student debt.

.....Ann Mitchell

AAUW's Mission:

**To advance gender equity for women & girls
through research, education and advocacy.**

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SAY HI & CONNECT

The Northwest Valley branch of AAUW (NWV-AAUW) promotes a diverse membership. Our membership continues to grow. We now have members from the Sun Cities and 10 other surrounding communities.

Please introduce yourself to our newest members, extend a hand and make interesting new friends.



West Valley Food Bank

**Donations Requested at
February General Mtg.**

A food drive to benefit West Valley needs via the Valley View Community Food Bank will be held at the February 21st General meeting.

Valley View has been serving the West Valley community for ten years. Due to shortages of non-perishables, we are encouraging AAUW-NWV members to bring items to the February meeting. Needs include -- canned products: hearty soups, vegetables (corn, green beans), tomato products (tomato sauce and paste, tomatoes, spaghetti sauce), beans, dinner products (ravioli, lasagna, chili, stew), tuna fish or chicken or ham, peanut butter and jelly, fruit, and condiments. Dry goods: oatmeal individual packets and canisters, top ramen, packages of potato, rice and pasta mixes, snack bars, crackers, cookies, cold cereal, macaroni and cheese mix, tea bags, hot chocolate, and coffee. For further information, contact Merle Baisden. Thank you for your support of this important community resource.



Addressing Our Mission via Our College Connections: Supporting the Education of Women and Girls Looking Forward

The spring calendar for the branch **College Connection Team** is packed with activities in support of students at Glendale Community College and Ottawa University.

Yard Sale: Remember the clothing we donated last November to Glendale Community College? In February students members of Women Rising and M.E.N. will conduct their "Free to You Yard Sale". We hope our donations will be used by college students who are seeking a more professional look as they apply for jobs and enter the work force.

Women Rising: It is their turn. The students and advisors of Women Rising are "knee deep" in the planning for the Women Rising Conference, February 22nd at Glendale Community College. Close to 300 students from the other nine campuses in the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) are expected to attend. Also invited are their advisors, speakers and guests. AAUW-AZ is a co-sponsor for this district wide conference.

Mentors/Mentees: Once a month eighteen Ottawa University students meet their mentors who are members of the **College Connection Team**. Over lunch, provided by OUAZ, the conversation flows as mentors and mentees exchange news. Next on the schedule for this group is participation in "Read Across America" at Canyon Ridge School.

NCCWSL: Scholarship applications, available from national AAUW and AAUW Arizona for NCCWSL, are now online. The AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, known as 'Nick-whistle', will be held at the University of Maryland, May 29 to June 1, 2019. Nearly 900 college females attend this exciting leadership development conference. We have our fingers crossed our college partners will be able send some of their students.

.....Ann Mitchell, College Connections Chairperson



Making a **strong showing of support** were MCCCD staff from the left: Alexander Camacho, Senior Services Specialist and Co-advisor to Women Rising, Estrella Mountain Community College; Jaclyn Gonzalez, Administrative Specialist Senior, Office of the VP of Student Affairs, Estrella Mountain Community College; Dr. Harper-Marinick; Monica Castaneda, Interim VP of Student Affairs, Glendale Community College; and Nuria Sanchez, Student Services Analyst STEM, Estrella Mountain Community College.

"Transforming Lives.... Transforming Maricopa"

Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Chancellor, Maricopa County Community College District, was the guest speaker at the AAUW NWV General Meeting Thursday, January 17th.

A long time AAUW member and the first female Chancellor, Dr. Harper-Marinick discussed the Maricopa Community College District. MCCCD's main goal is to provide a gateway to the American dream by providing needed learning resources to sustain Maricopa's economic vitality and productivity. She is a proven scholar and leader in charting a path to success for all students.

.....Sharon Treinen



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