

President's Message

Wow!! How could it possibly be time for the November/December issue of the "Thumb Sketch?"



Didn't we just gather for our wonderful Summer Social?

I hope that you did not miss either of our first two meetings.

In September, Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter gave us a timely update on the hottest topics in education these days – common core, charter schools, public money

for private schools, and state trust lands in Arizona.

October's program took us to the Verde River via a beautiful and informative video, *Viva la Verde*, produced by former Prescott College student, Hugh Denno, and presented by local advocate, Gary Beverly. Dr. Beverly challenged us to "be stewards of the land and the water, as water is the source of life in the desert." He reminded us that "education is what changes behavior," which meshes well with the mission of AAUW. The film will be available on DVD in early 2015.

Take special note of the November meeting, as we will move to the campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) and gather in the Davis Learning Center Auditorium. The program, "Girl Rising," will speak directly to one of our primary mission components – educate girls, change the world! A map of the ERAU campus is available on our AAUW website HOME page. As always, we will gather at 9:00 for social time, move into announcements at 9:30, and the program will begin at 10:00. There is a parking lot adjacent to the auditorium.

On December 13, we will kick off the holidays with our Annual Holiday Brunch to be held in the Crystal Ballroom at the Historic St. Michael Hotel in downtown

Prescott. At this gathering we participate in the annual Red Envelope collection, through which we support National AAUW programs and grants that support women and girls. These include leadership and advocacy programs, educational opportunities and grants for research. Not only will we be filling our Red Envelopes on December 13, but we will also have one of the recipients of a scholarship funded by these donations as our speaker. You won't want to miss it or the fabulous meal that has been planned by your Program Committee!! Plenty of parking is always available in the Granite Street Garage.

As we close out the year 2014, I wish you all the best in the New Year and thank you for your support of AAUW, an outstanding organization and wonderful group of women. *Happy Holidays!*

--Patti Blackwood, President

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Team includes Stephanie Brown, Janet Orr, Patricia Allen-LaFleur, Edi Taylor-Richards

Don't forget that our neighborhoods supply the snacks at our General Meetings listed below

AAUW meetings 2014 – 2015 Neighborhoods

November 8 C & G-1 - Thumb Butte & Williamson Valley/Southview

December Holiday Brunch

January 10 D-1 7 D-2 - Granite Oaks & Williamson Valley North

February 14 E- 1 & E-2 - East Prescott & Central Prescott

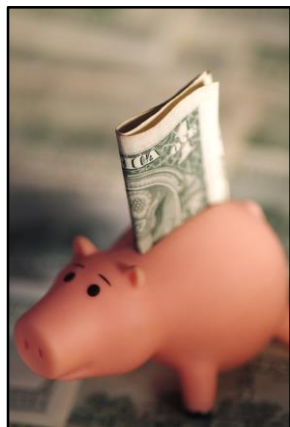
March 14 F-1 & G-2 - Northeast Willow Creek Road & Willow Creek Road

April 11 F-2 & H - Prescott Lakes & Prescott Valley

May 9 Open to anyone who missed her month, but would like to help

A "new" plan will provide delicious beverages for our meetings. We will serve Starbucks coffee from the local coffee shop. Both regular and decaf coffee will be available. We will also offer hot water for tea and iced water. As we did last year, we will request a modest \$1 donation toward the beverage service. By providing the beverage service ourselves we will recognize a substantial savings, while still insuring that the coffee offered is of highest quality.

Donna Gaddy and Randy Clark welcome your comments as well as offers of assistance!!



Why Girls' Education?

Saturday, November 8 – 9:00 a.m. Change of venue to ERAU campus Davis Learning Center Auditorium. (See the map on the home page of the website for directions.)

Why Girls' Education? Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation. Around the world, millions of girls face barriers to education that boys do not. Removing barriers such as early marriage, gender discrimination, and sex trafficking means not only a better life for girls, but a safer, healthier and more prosperous world for all of us.

Claudia Greenwood will present clips from the film "Girl Rising," a most beautiful and powerful message of advocacy for girls' education. Discussions will follow on how "One Girl with Courage is a Revolution!"

Please join us at the Embry Riddle campus, Davis Learning Center Auditorium. Social time starts at 9:00 and we'll be seated at 9:30 for announcements. The program will begin at 10:00. We'll see you there!



The Good News:

The Authors' Luncheon CLEARED over \$7,600 for our AAUW Centennial Scholarship.

“Better Know Your Leaders”

(with a nod to Stephen Colbert’s *Better know a district...a founder...a president.. etc*) Interspersed in each issue, the Newsletter Team plans to include a photos and brief bios for various Board Members and Interest Group Leaders. Wow, we are fascinating, humorous women!

Carol Clayton, Program Co-VP



I grew up in Green Bay WI and moved to Prescott 26 years ago. I like to hike, golf, Zumba, go birding, and play mahjong! I worked at Yavapai College for 14 years and am now retired. I drive for People Who Care and work with

Yavapai Big Brothers and Big Sisters on Bowl for Kids Sake.

Annette Gauthier, Program Co-VP

(Editor’s apologies) This IS Annette Gauthier, but she is our Program Co-VP (not Membership Co-VP as erroneously described in the last issue). Here is a phonetic way to pronounce her name Gauthier= GOTH-EAR, and she is still a transplant from Lodi, California. After 36 years of teaching in the public schools, she retired to Prescott in 2013. She loves to spend her time outdoors and loves the four seasons here as she hikes, golfs, kayaks, and skis. She also knits, sews, quilts, enjoys wine tasting, traveling, reading, and the arts



Marlene Walsh, Membership Co-VP

(contrary to the editor’s error in the last issue!)



I grew up on a farm in southeastern South Dakota and married my high school sweetheart 40 years ago. Originally working as a nurse, I entered the health information field and worked in Compliance. When we retired, we left South

Dakota and followed our children to Arizona. My passion now is spending time with our daughters and grandchildren-- soon to be 3! I enjoy the outdoors here and hike whenever I can.

Jenine Peterson, our Treasurer since 2011



Jenine is responsible for keeping an accounting and record of all of the Branch’s finances. She was born in Oregon, and moved around the US most of her life before retiring in Prescott. Her Accounting education has enabled her to have several accounting managerial positions, including that of Pharmaceutical Project Manager for the VA’s Research Division. She loves travel and is an oil painting artist.



Sara Wolters, *Recording Secretary and leader for 4th Thursday Book Group*



Sara Wolters is the Prescott Branch recording secretary. She records the minutes of all branch board meetings as well as the annual meeting. A past AAUW AZ State President, Sara also held offices in the South Lake Tahoe, CA branch. After

many years as a nomad, living in five states and five foreign countries (Holland, Botswana, Nigeria, Liberia and Ghana) she has settled in Prescott Valley. Now retired following 25 years in hospitality accounting, Sara spends her time in volunteer activities with AAUW. Her un-boring life includes photography, copious reading, cooking, sewing, and arts and crafts. Her efforts to slow down have so far been rather unsuccessful.

Kathryn Madden, *Lunch Bunch Co-Chair*



I grew up in Pasadena, CA. I did my undergraduate and graduate work at Cal State LA. I lived and worked around the LA area teaching school, both regular and special ed. for grades K through 12. I even taught for a semester at East LA College until I moved to Prescott almost 27 years ago

and taught at Granite Mountain. I now substitute teach at Sacred Heart School. I joined Prescott AAUW in 1996. I left and returned in 2000. I am now Lunch Bunch co-chair, but in the past I have volunteered for many things from newsletter, Educational Funds Chair, co-chair of the State Convention and even was in a Christmas parade and wrote an article for the Courier when AAUW had a column. I love Prescott and this group of very special women, many of whom I am privileged to call friends.

Julie Cargill, *Corresponding Secretary*



As Corresponding Secretary, Julie communicates to the community and our members on behalf of the Prescott AAUW Board of Directors. She is a retired Nurse Practitioner, and also a retired Army Officer. She enjoys golf and playing bridge and

volunteers frequently with the local community theater. A member of AAUW since 2008, she belongs to book, hiking and dinner groups. Having lived and worked in Portland, OR, and Wisconsin, she moved here to work at the V.A. Julie says she plans to stay here. "There is sun here!"

Wendy Jones, *Dining in all Directions, Co-Chair*

I grew up in Toledo Ohio, and moved to the Bay Area for 20 years, working in advertising and sales. Now, here I am in Prescott AZ. In my new career, I am working in Real Estate and spend my free time gardening, cooking or with photography.



Geocaching Success with Kaye Shriver, Jean Morin and Linda Schmidt (cache hidden in the little red mail box!)



Patti Allen-LaFleur,
*leader of the 3rd Monday
 Book Group, Newsletter
 Editor for Prescott AAUW
 and Arizona AAUW,*

Patti was born and raised in Tucson and moved to the Prescott area in 1983. She enjoys hiking, traveling and reading (not necessarily in that order). She joined AAUW after retiring from teaching and has enjoyed meeting new people and reconnecting with friends who are also members.

Janet Orr-*Newsletter Editor*

Growing up in Denver/Boulder area, Janet had ample opportunity to learn and enjoy outdoor sports – hiking, camping, skiing, and ice skating. This adventurous spirit has taken her all over the world working in programs that benefit young learners. Along the way she learned to organize information into a newsletter - a skill she contributes to AAUW Prescott.



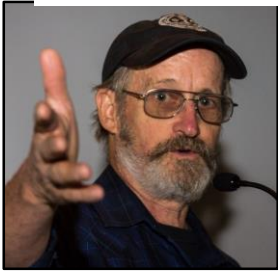
AAUW Prescott New Members Gathering

On Saturday, Sept. 6, six new AAUW Prescott members and nine board members gathered at Deb Dillon's home for an informal social discussion. Besides enjoying refreshments and beverages, the group shared accounts of how they came to become members of AAUW. All were seeking the good fellowship they found in our branch despite the varied ways they came to join.

It was a pleasure to get to know these new members. They, in turn, expressed their gratitude for having the opportunity to get to know us better, learn more about our organization and our many and varied interest groups. These gatherings are just one more opportunity to celebrate our new members and our very special branch of AAUW.



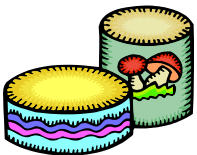
New members who attended were (L to R) Louise Dubel, Eva Denys, Jeanette Polvani, Diane Shrager, Susan Goe, and Bonnie Sekenske.

CWAG Presented “Viva la Verde”

On Saturday, October 11, the Citizens Water Advocacy Group and *Gary Beverly* showed the film, “Viva la Verde” to AAUW. If you missed this presentation, you can view the movie on CWAG’s website:

www.cwagaz.org, where you can also point and click your way to almost any water topic that interests you.

In recognition that water is a limited resource, CWAG promotes a sustainable water future in the Upper Verde River Basin and the Prescott Active Management Area by educating the public, encouraging citizen action, and advocating for responsible governmental decision-making. If you would like more information, please contact *Delores Manburg*.

**Collection for Food Donations**

We are so gratified to report that at the October AAUW’s meeting, 69 food items were collected. This number included a wide array of beans, fruits and vegetables, meats, pastas, soups, and an assortment of miscellaneous items that will greatly benefit the homeless and low-income families. After the meeting, AAUW Prescott’s donation was delivered to The Coalition for Compassion and Justice, which serves many different groups in our community. A huge thank you! And, hopefully, before our members leave their homes to attend each month’s meeting, they will check their cupboards. This donation box will continue until at least mid-2015. This is not an expectation of members, it is merely a service to those who would like to donate a non-perishable food item, knowing it will be delivered to a worthy organization. Contact Kat Cooper if you would like to help or donate.

October Public Policy Meeting

The October meeting for the Public Policy Committee was held on Tuesday morning October 7 at Yavapai County Education Service Agency. The meeting was a candidate forum for the two candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. David Garcia was in attendance, Diane Douglas choose not to attend. All members of the community as well as the Prescott Branch were invited to this event.

Dr. David Garcia made a presentation to the group and then took questions from the audience. He shared with the group his background as a native Arizonan and a product of Arizona Public Schools. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at ASU. He emphasized that he is running for the office because he is a parent of public school children and he is concerned about the dismantling of public school education in Arizona. He talked in depth about the issues he feels strongly about. These include: measuring what matters and that a single test score should not be 96% of a school’s evaluation, school funding and the need to revise the current funding formula in AZ, flexibility and diversity in our schools, and the need to let districts and schools be creative in meeting the needs of their student population and Common Core.

For members who would like to learn more about Dr. David Garcia and what he supports and stands for as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction visit his web site at: <http://dg4az.com>

Community Action Update:

- Reminder to save appropriate books for Sister-to-Sister and bring to general meetings.
- Watch for Sister-to-Sister story and photo updates on the website after the event on November 13th





Bill Williamson, Chip Shay, Barbara Kyte, Jack Wolter,
Zibbie Wolter & Art Manburg

Group assignments were handed out and now the five subgroups, consisting of 5 to eight members each, will arrange their dining dates for the rest of the year. This is a group that includes partners of the members and meets in members' homes. Each member hosts one dinner a year and decides the theme for her event. Singles are welcome too, and each group still has room for expansion. Anyone interested in joining should contact **Dot Williamson** or **Wendy Jones**, co-chairs for 2014-15.

Left to Right: are Art Manburg, Barbara Kyte, Dot Williamson, Delores Manburg, Terry Kyte and Bill Williamson

The ***Dining in all Directions*** interest group is off and running after a Kick-Off on August 16th, where 19 members gathered at the home of Gail and Chip Shay to sample delicious snacks and desserts.



I opened a **Book**

"I opened a **book** and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the
ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and
bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a **book** inside me."
-Julia Donaldson

*Dot Williamson found this poem and
thought we might enjoy it.*

It's time to Plan ahead for the National Convention—

June 18-21, 2015 San Diego, California

Fall Forum Covers Diversity and Dark Money

Five members of AAUW Prescott attended the AAUW Arizona Fall Forum, “Kaleidoscope: Arizona Women and Everchanging Patterns,” on Saturday, October 18 in Mesa. The gathering covered exercises on building a more inclusive culture, an explanation of dark money in elections, comments from a candidate for Arizona Secretary of State, and a tour of the Virtual Anatomy Lab at A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The Prescott contingent – Patti Allen-LaFleur, Sara DeRouchey, Deb Dillon, Edi Taylor Richards, and Sara Wolter – focused on a discussion of ways to expand membership to younger members. They brought home several ideas for reaching out to working women through community action, electronic interaction and “happy hour” events.



Dr. Robert Kelly, (left) former County Superintendent of Schools for Coconino County, presented an in-depth look at dark money, how it influences elections, and why it appeals to contributors. Kelly was followed by comments from Terry Goddard, candidate for Secretary of State, who discussed his concerns regarding the influence of dark money. Candidate Michelle Reagan had also been invited to speak, but she was unavailable.

The day concluded

with a review of AAUW Arizona’s four Public Policy emphases: pay equity, education, human trafficking and women’s healthcare. Members were reminded to plan for the next *Legislative Day on February 25*.



Left to Right: Sara Wolters, Deb Dillon, Patti Allen-LaFleur, Sara DeRouchey, & Edi Taylor-Richards

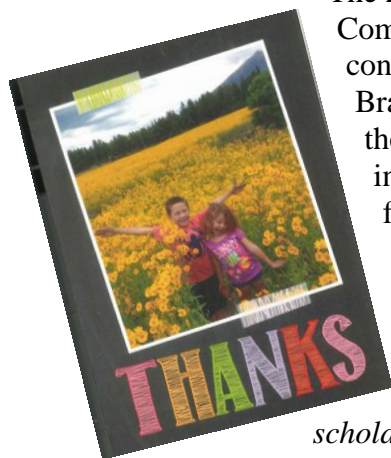
What’s the News?

Our Thumb Sketch is one of the many ways our members learn the news. It is created by 3 layout editors who gather the information from all of you and using Microsoft Word, fashion it into an informative and enticing newsletter. ***We are looking for another editor who would only be involved in two issues during the year.*** If you like creating newsletters, are fairly fluent with Microsoft WORD, can organize data, and are curious to know more, please contact Stephanie Brown. You will not need to chip away rock, just type on the computer!!

Although this Newspaper Rock in Utah lasted over 2,000 years, the Thumb Sketch takes less time to create!



AAUW Makes a Difference



The 2014-15 Scholarship Committee will be continuing to focus on our Branch efforts to increase the principal amounts in each of our endowed funds at Yavapai College. *(The greater the principal, the greater the interest generated for the annual awards of the scholarships.)*

We plan to increase our contributions through events such as the recent Authors' Luncheon; through individual and corporate contributions and through a new Legacy Program (more information to follow soon).

Prescott AAUW provides funding for two local scholarships:

- a. The first is the *Mary Alice Moulton Childcare Assistance Fund*, which provides monies to help defray the costs of the on-campus Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center tuition for the children of female students at Yavapai College. These funds are awarded on a needs basis. Pictured at left are two of the Daycare Program participants. Their mother was a recipient of one of our scholarships.
- b. The second is the *AAUW Centennial Scholarship*, which is given to a female Yavapai College student, enrolled in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) program. The student must have completed at least one semester and have earned at least a 3.0 GPA

We also contribute to National AAUW Funds at our annual Red Envelope Event, held during our December Holiday Brunch—*Anne Barton, Scholarship Chair.*

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Join us **Saturday, December 13**, arriving at 9 AM, for a great breakfast at the historic Hotel St. Michael. Located in the heart of Arizona's Christmas City, there is plenty of parking in the city garage with a pathway to the Banquet Hall. Look for the teal AAUW signs at the alley entrance.

Our speaker will be a fellowship recipient from University of Arizona, Tucson. Katherine Silvester's Phd project is "Elephants Don't Get Big by Learning English: Language Desire as Community Construct among Refugee Women in the United States and Nepal."

This year will offer a *served* breakfast with three choices of entrees, including coffee, tea and water.

Cost per person is \$20. **Please send your check made out to AAUW Prescott (with Holiday Brunch on the memo line)** to Jenine Peterson **and INCLUDE** your entrée choice. (See below)

Red envelopes will be available for members to make contributions to the AAUW Funds. This is the only time our fundraising benefits the valuable National AAUW programs. Please make these donation checks payable to **AAUW Funds**. Throughout the year, other events benefit our local scholarships.

If you wish, you may specify on the memo line on your check which of the 5 funds you wish to benefit: Legal Advocacy, Education, Advocacy, Research or Leadership. Or, you can make a general donation and it will be distributed as needed. For more detailed information, see our National AAUW website <http://www.aauw.org/contribute/>



Please tear off, make your choice of entrée, and mail with your check for \$20 to Jenine Peterson (address in Membership Directory) no later than November 26, 2014.

- _____ **Deluxe American:** Scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese, breakfast potatoes, house baked muffin and bacon.
- _____ **French Toast:** French toast, breakfast potatoes, and seasonal fruit served with Canadian ham.
- _____ **Breakfast Quiche:** Vegetable quiche served with a corn muffin and seasonal fruit.

Printing the AAUW Home Page Calendar

You may have noticed that, beginning with the July-August issue, the Thumb Sketch discontinued the calendar pages. We have moved to a new approach for displaying and printing your AAUW monthly activities calendar. Members can access and print the calendar from the AAUW website home page, just as you can access and print the Thumb Sketch. You will even have a choice to print it with full details about each event or with just the event titles.

Complete illustrated directions that you can print out and use to help you print the calendar are available by clicking on this link. [Printing the AAUW Calendar](#)

The directions are in a .pdf file, and also can be accessed by clicking on the “Calendars” tab on the home page. This is exactly the same type of document as the Thumb Sketch. If you usually print the Thumb Sketch you already know how to print the calendar directions. However, if you need help, please contact Sara DeRouchey or any other member of the web team. They can help guide you through the process.

We know this will be a big change for some members who were comfortable with the old way of doing the calendars. We hope, with these directions and a little practice, you will find the new calendars are just as easy to access and print as the old ones. The new calendars can give you more detailed information about each event.

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