



# Thumb Sketch

## President's Message

### HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!!



March means Neighborhood Meetings!! Not only do these small, neighborhood gatherings give you the chance to visit with members in your neighborhood that you know and enjoy, but more importantly, these meetings also provide an opportunity to meet members

who live close to you, but that you may never have met. You will also have a chance to talk with other members about how you think our branch is doing and to have input into the future direction we can take. A representative from the Board of Directors will be present at each meeting to help answer any questions. If you are relatively new to AAUW, this is an enjoyable and helpful meeting, and the food is great!!

Our **April 11<sup>th</sup>** meeting promises to be most beneficial and informative. The guest speaker will be John Amos, President and CEO of Yavapai Regional Medical Center. Not only will he give us the most up-to-date information regarding the health care delivery system in the Tri-City area, but he will also specifically discuss the state of women's health care in our community. You don't want to miss it!!

Look for notices in the next few weeks from our state organization regarding an AAUW Arizona event in Phoenix on **April 14**. AAUW Arizona will join the Phoenix Women's Commission and other equal pay advocates in celebration of **Equal Pay**

**Day with Keynote Speaker, Lilly Ledbetter.** (See page 5 for additional information.) Ms. Ledbetter is a women's equality activist. She sued Goodyear Tire and Rubber in 1998 for paying her significantly less than her male counterparts. In 2009, the US Congress passed the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act*, to change time restrictions for filing a discrimination lawsuit. This is a rare opportunity to participate in a national-level event right here in our own backyard. Stay tuned for more information.

Now, take care of yourselves and enjoy the beautiful spring days ahead. See you in the neighborhood **March 14<sup>th</sup>!!**

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### MEETING ALERT!

**The April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will not be in our usual location at Yavapai College. Watch the website and your emails for the announcement of the new location.**

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### New Members of AAUW Prescott

On Saturday, January 17, seven new AAUW members and eight board members met at Marlene Walsh's home for an enjoyable morning of refreshments and informal social discussion. The board members shared their current involvement in Interest Groups or various committees. One or more of the board members, representing all of the many AAUW Interest Groups, gave the new members a nice overview of what is available in which they can participate. They also shared stories of the good fellowship of AAUW members.

It was a pleasure to spend time with the new members, learning more about them in turn. These gatherings are just one more opportunity to celebrate our new members and our very special branch of AAUW.



Welcome two AAUW Prescott members who are joining the Thumb Sketch editorial team: *Cindy Cassidy and Desiree Perez*. You will be hearing more from them soon.

### Neighborhood Meetings March 14<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m., AAUW members will meet with their neighbors in a member's home. In this more intimate setting, you will have the opportunity to get to know each other better, discuss subjects relevant to our branch, and complete an interest survey.

Your hostess will be sending you an email invitation that will include time, location, directions, and a request for refreshments. Please send an RSVP to her so that she can plan to have enough chairs for everyone. The hostess and neighborhood names are listed on the web page, which you may have already seen. Please plan to be there, as you're an important part of your neighborhood!

Neighborhood(s):
Copper Basin - Timber Ridge
East Prescott - Prescott Valley
Prescott Lakes
South Prescott
Thumb Butte - Central Prescott
West Iron Springs - Forest Trails
Northeast Willow Creek - Willow Creek
Williamson Valley North-Granite Oaks-Southview

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SUMMER SOCIAL



Wednesday,  
June 10, 2015,  
in the Community Room at  
the YC Library in the evening!

## **Be a Difference Maker!**

Please join our growing team of AAUW Prescott members offering to participate in a summer program (June and July) at Yavapai College named “The Lead.”

Yavapai College will implement “The Lead,” an 8-week program that will help disadvantaged students transition to their first year of college. “The Lead” will serve recent high school graduates who are facing challenges such as low income, minimal parental guidance, geographic isolation, and low academic self-confidence, with services that provide critical college-going skills, connections to college resources, and supportive peer and mentor networks.

The 12 female participants will examine barriers to success and current women’s issues in symposia led by knowledgeable speakers. Adult female mentors will develop one-on-one relationship with students to provide guidance and support.

AAUW members will serve as mentors. While we have few details at this early point, we would like to have a sizeable pool of volunteers that we can call upon to join the students on specific occasions. Our first step will be to contact each potential volunteer to determine when she would be available.

Your first step would be to sign up at meetings or email Claudia Greenwood to offer your help. The AAUW Lead committee will be meeting with YC planners in the coming weeks and will have more information at spring meetings. Now, all we need is your name and contact information, if you are interested.

Please help! This is a special opportunity to do what we can’t do through Sister-to-Sister: spend more time one-on-one with a future student so that we can make a greater difference.

## **Reactivating the Craft Group**

On **March 17<sup>th</sup>** there will be a planning meeting for any members interested in participating in the Craft Group. We will meet in JoAnn’s craft room at 10:00 a.m. We will discuss reactivating the group, if there is enough interest, and suggestions for craft projects. Our craft project that day is “finger knitting” scarves out of yarn. If you are interested, please contact Edi Taylor-Richards - her email in is the Membership Directory.

The photo below shows the results of the efforts of several members of the Craft Group who recently made glass pendants at Cindi Shaffer’s studio.



## **Public Policy Session: March 3, 2015**

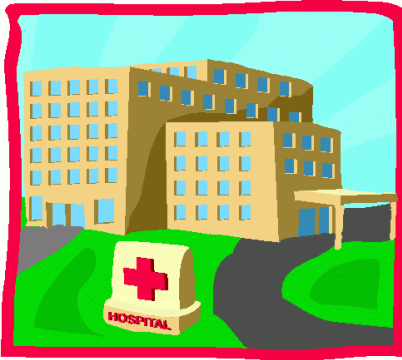
Desiree Perez, AAUW Prescott member and Outreach Coordinator for Planned Parenthood in our region, will be the guest speaker at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Room at 1 PM. See you there!

## **Travel Group Meets March 10, 2015**

Discussion will focus on travel to the Southeast United States and selecting transportation upon arrival in various locations. Prescott Public Library, Founders Room, 1:30-3:30, join the discussion.

Please join us **April 11** to learn about

## Yavapai Regional Medical Center!



**John Amos,  
President  
& CEO of  
YRMC** will discuss what's new in medical services for women in our communities, and job opportunities

at YRMC.

In October 2013, John Amos assumed his role as YRMC's new President and CEO. John began his career at YRMC in 1992 as Director of Physical Rehabilitation Services. He was integral in creating the East Campus hospital in Prescott Valley from the ground up. John's 21 years at YRMC has enabled him to get to know the organization and our communities very well.

Social time starts at 9:00 and we'll be seated at 9:30 for announcements. The program will begin at 10:00. So be sure and join AAUW – Prescott on Saturday, April 11, 2015. **We will not be in the usual location – watch the website and your email for the new site for this meeting.**

### *Bring Canned & Dry Food Items on April 11!*

The January collection went to the Coalition for Compassion and Justice. Deb Dillon delivered it. ALL future collections will go there because they feed the homeless and they distribute food to other pantries.



**AAUW Evening Book Group** will have their first meeting on March 19th in the Elsea Room at the Prescott Public Library from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.



They plan to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the same location, at the same time. The group is looking to add more members and welcomes suggestions for books.

### **Congratulations!**

Honorary member Elisabeth Ruffner is to be one of the first living inductees into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame. She and Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor are to be inducted on March 12. We are honored to have this outstanding Prescottonian as a member of our branch.



The Phoenix Women's Commission and  
AAUW of Arizona are hosting:

## Equal Pay Day

April 14, 2015

Lilly Ledbetter: Equal Pay Day and  
Happy Birthday Celebration

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown

Keynote: Lilly Ledbetter

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

The purpose of Lilly Ledbetter's appearance is to raise awareness of issues of equal pay for equal work in Arizona. President Obama, signed the two executive orders on April 8, 2014, to increase pay protections for women in federal operations and settings. **APRIL 15 IS NOW EQUAL PAY DAY!**

To celebrate, AAUW Arizona is staging an equal pay day luncheon. The luncheon tickets are set at **\$100** to cover the cost of the lunch and contribute to Lilly's speaking fee. The budget calls for 100 guests at the luncheon. The room can seat up to 300.

Peggy Owen, Scottsdale, will take reservations for the luncheon. Harriet Young, Vice President Programs is finalizing the luncheon menu, after which a registration form will be available.

Carolyn Warner, Scottsdale Branch, has graciously offered her home to host a private reception for Lilly Ledbetter and AAUW members Monday April 13, 2015.

Go to the following website to learn more about Lilly Ledbetter and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. <http://www.aauw.org/article/aauw-lilly-ledbetter-call-for-action/>



## VOTE – ELECTION – VOTE

The election of AAUW State officers will occur in March and April 2015. Three positions are up for election: Co-President, Recording Secretary and Membership VP.



## Income Tax Deduction Information on AAUW Dues

This is just a reminder that a portion of your National AAUW dues qualifies as a charitable tax deduction for the year 2014. If you paid the full amount of \$85 for the year 2014-15, you may deduct \$46. If you paid the ½ price of \$42.50 (those who joined between January 1, 2014, and March 15, 2014) the portion of your National dues that is deductible is \$23.00.

If you are uncertain as to what your status is, please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Jenine Peterson, by phone or email (see Membership Directory).

## The Dreams to Reality Event



On **March 21, 2015**, Prescott's Community Action Project "The Dreams to Reality" event will take place at **Embry Riddle from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

The event is targeted

at girls and young women, 14 years old through college. This event is collaboration between AAUW-Prescott, Girl Scouts of Prescott, Embry Riddle, and North Star Youth Partnership.

In the Reality Store portion of the event, the girls will assume the role of 25 year-old women, with families and chosen careers. They will each pay taxes and make their own choices in purchasing food, clothing, housing, transportation and anything needed for their family for the month by budgeting their salary. AAUW members will act as storekeepers at the 22 tables where the girls will try to limit their spending to stay within their monthly paychecks. Girls will actively make choices as to how much to spend at each table and manage life surprises that come their way. In the wrap-up session they will discuss which choices they found difficult, what surprised them in the process, and what sacrifices they made when their career salary did not cover their needs. The result is that their eyes are opened to the cost of living and the struggles to make ends meet. Some even come to the realization that their chosen career has a direct effect on their lifestyle. They are encouraged to think about the possibility that they could extend their education in order to have a higher-paying job that will bring a better lifestyle for their family.

After a pizza luncheon, the Career Fair portion of the day will run from about 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. with the girls rotating through classrooms about every 30 minutes where panels of speakers will

describe their careers and their journeys: what path led them through their career or careers; what failures and risks they faced; what new things they explored; what guided them; and how crooked were their paths? Careers will include non-traditional fields, STEM, social service, medical, arts, and business, among others.

We are seeking volunteers for the morning, to run the tables for the Reality Store portion of the event. Each person will have a specific assignment and will be interacting with the girls and helping them to make choices in spending their paycheck to provide for their family's needs, something we all do every day.

Each volunteer must have an email account to receive and respond to event information. Contact Pat Mann if you can assist at this event.

**IT MUST BE VALENTINE'S DAY -  
LOOK AT ALL THAT RED AT  
THE AAUW MEETING!**



The AAUW-Prescott budget for 2015-2016 was approved at the February 12, 2015 Board Meeting. Please review it. If you have any questions you may contact the Treasurer, Jenine Peterson.

**The First Annual AAUW-Prescott Antiques Appraisal Fair!!**

**September 26, 2015  
10:00AM to 3:00PM**

**Yavapai College Community Room**

Have you ever wondered what that ugly “cache pot” that your Great Aunt Suzy gave you for your wedding is worth? Have you always wanted to throw it away but were afraid to do so in case it is actually valuable?

Well, here is your chance to find out! On September 26, 2015, AAUW will host an antiques appraisal fair right in the Yavapai College Community Room, where we hold our regular General AAUW meetings. In addition to appraisers, we will have vendor tables, delicious light lunches or snacks, and short talks on key topics about antiques and other household valuables.

How will it work? And who will be the beneficiary of the profits? Let’s start with the logistics:

- Participants may buy an entrance ticket, which will entitle them to wander through the booths and listen to a talk or two.
- Lunch, snacks, and drinks may be purchased a la carte.
- You might even find an item you can’t live without at one of the vendor booths.
- If you wish to have an item appraised, you may buy tickets for up to five items. The appraisals will not be formal, insurance appraisals, but the information about the items will let you know if you should have the items insured or if you can throw that ugly “cache pot” away.

Profits will benefit the students who receive Yavapai College Scholarships – either through our Centennial Fund or our Mary Alice Moulton Fund. Our goal is to dramatically increase the amounts in these funds so that we may assist more of the worthy women students in their academic endeavors.

<b>AAUW-Prescott Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016</b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	
Dues Based on <b>190</b> members* @ \$85	\$16,150.00
<b>Total Income/Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,150.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Association Dues for <b>190</b> @ \$49	9,310.00
State Dues for <b>190</b> @ \$9	1,710.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$11,020.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Branch Expenditures</b>	
Thumb Sketch Newsletter	120.00
Member Directory	500.00
Liability Insurance	180.00
Directors' and Officers' Insurance	870.00
Program Expense	300.00
Summer Social (Membership Tea)	250.00
Installation	35.00
Officers' Retreat	100.00
Community Action (Sis to Sis, etc.)	600.00
Office/Adm/Supplies	1,090.00
Conventions/Conferences/Meetings	400.00
Fundraising Expense	300.00
Memorial Contributions from Branch	140.00
Website Maintenance	245.00
<b>Subtotal of Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,130.00</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Branch Expenditures and Disbursements</b>	<b>\$16,150.00</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

\*Current membership (2/2015) is over 200.

**The larger the Endowment Principle,  
the larger the Endowment Income =  
the more students helped!!**

**AAUW Prescott**

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