



President's Message

Good grief, Charlie Brown!! It's already time for "The Great Pumpkin," Thanksgiving dinners, and can you believe it, the Holiday Brunch!! Time does go by quickly when you are as busy as our AAUW members and we ARE having fun!!



We have already had two fabulous general meetings in September and October. I hope you could see the young women from Embry-Riddle who spoke in September from the perspective I had. As they were sitting in the front, I looked down at their shoes—sensible black pilot lace-up shoes, combat boots, ballerina slippers, and five-inch heels—all representing the differing career directions each one would take. Truly exciting!!

Our cross-country trip in landscape art created the travel urge—to go see the beautiful sights in the paintings that Sherry Koopot showed and discussed with us in October. Not to mention that we had on our undergraduate school colors and we all looked as Billy Crystal would say "Mah-vel-ous, darling!"

Our Interest Groups are up and running at full speed. So much so, that we are considering adding two new Great Decisions groups and two new Book Groups. Please contact Gayle Rumble or Patti Blackwood for more information.

We, AAUW Prescott, have voted to support the Bond Referendums and Budget Overrides for our local school districts. A letter which has been sent to the School Superintendents and the local newspapers can be found on page 2 of the Thumb Sketch and in the Current Event section of the website. Please vote "Yes" to support the educational future of our local students.

AAUW Funds is a national program consisting of funds established to support national programs and grants: leadership programs, legal advocacy programs for women facing discrimination, educational opportunities for women – especially post-graduate fellowships, public policy programs, and grants for research projects regarding experiences of girls and women. Contributions to these funds are tax deductible.

There will be an annual Red Envelope collection at our

Holiday Brunch on December 14 to achieve our goals of supporting educational opportunities and providing legal advocacy for women facing discrimination. For more information look at the AAUW Funds Diagram at <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/AAUW-Funds-Diagram.pdf>

Our November general meeting, "Don't Worry, Be Happy," will highlight the talents and knowledge of five local women experts in their fields of nutrition, physical fitness, intellectual acuity, financial investment choices, and planning for the future. Please wear comfortable clothes and flat shoes if you wish to try out some of the exercises our physical fitness expert will show us.

On **December 14, beginning at 9:15 am**, we will kick-off the holidays at our Annual Holiday Brunch to be held in the Granite Mountain Room at the Prescott Resort. Brunch will be served at 9:45. The breakfast buffet will include a scrambled egg bar with a variety of tasty add-ons, pan fried potatoes, assorted fruits, juices, pastries and other yummy items...all for only \$20.00. MIX, the talented duo of Mary Alberts and Rick Jordan, will serenade us with a wide variety of holiday music. "A good time will be had by all."

I look forward to seeing you at these exciting, fun upcoming events!!

Warmly,

Anne Barton, President

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PUBLIC POLICY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Prescott AAUW Public Policy has been busy during the months of September and October.

Our September meeting was held at Yavapai County Education Service Agency where we were the guests of Tim Carter, Yavapai County Superintendent of Schools. We spent a very interesting afternoon learning how the Education Service Agency functions and interfaces with the schools in Yavapai County. We also had a wonderful opportunity to ask a variety of questions. Yavapai County Education Center is located at 2970 Centerpointe East Drive in Prescott.

In October we met at Yavapai College Agribusiness & Science Center in Chino Valley. The award-winning "green" facility minimizes environmental impact and takes advantage of the site upon which it is built. We had a presentation on the programs currently offered at that campus and then received a tour of the facility and classrooms plus the greenhouse. Our host for this afternoon was Karla Phillips.

For more information on the chino Valley CTECH site visit:

<http://www.yc.edu/v4content/campuses-and-sites/chino/default.htm>

Photos are of Public Policy's tour of the Chino Valley green house and fish hatchery, currently raising tilapia.



Great Decisions is Expanding in 2014

Great Decisions groups are a wonderful way to learn about foreign policy. We discuss foreign policy issues while staying away from political positions. Booklets and DVDs, which highlight major world issues that affect the United States, are purchased from the Foreign Policy Association. Before the meetings we read the articles in the booklet to help us understand the issues. At the meetings we watch a short DVD then have wonderful and enlightening discussions. You can get more information about Great Decisions from the Foreign Policy Association website <http://www.fpa.org>.

Since Gretta Larson's first Thursday group and my fourth Wednesday group are full, we are adding another day group. Preliminarily, this will meet the third Thursday of the month at 1:30. There is a charge for the books and DVD, which I expect to be between \$25 - \$30. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me, Gayle Rumble. When I have sufficient feedback, I'll e-mail those wishing to join with additional information.

Take this opportunity to learn more about Foreign Policy around the world

Great Decisions

2014 Topics

Defense Technology

Israel

Turkey

Islamic Awakening

Energy Independence

Food and Climate

China's Foreign Policy

U.S. Trade Policy

New Member Gathering Set for November 16th

Gail Shay and Deb Dillon, Co Vice-Presidents of Membership for AAUW Prescott, will be hosting a new member gathering at Gail Shay's house on Saturday, November 16th at 10 AM to noon. This is an activity that we hold periodically to help welcome and orient our newest members into our organization. It is a chance to socialize and get to know the people behind the organization as well as fellow new members, with a nice mix of seasoned board members and "newbies." Invitations will go out soon, and if we somehow missed anyone, please feel free to contact Gail at gfshay@gmail.com to indicate interest in attending.

Sherry Koopot, Docent at the Phoenix Art Museum, shared an insightful view of American landscape painting in her "*From Sea to Shining Sea*" presentation at the October meeting.



Share Your Story—Inspire a Little Sister!

Please help me update our collection of letters to the students we host through our Sister-to-Sister program. Next fall we will celebrate our 10th year of sharing our stories about college and career when we meet around tables at Yavapai College.

Consider, please, that those few hours are most effective when supplemented by the collection of 50 letters that we give students to take home, extending our influence among her family members and friends.

Your one-page letter might contain a single nugget that could inspire a young woman toward educational goals beyond high school that she had not considered.

Open your writing program or pick up a pen today, then type your text into a document for sending via e-mail to me: Claudia Greenwood. I will remind you in every *Thumb Sketch* and at every meeting by asking: “Have you written your letter yet?!” I have heard your stories at the luncheons. I know that you have a lot to say! Please don’t disappoint!

Some first lines from our original collection follow as a prompt to help you get started:

“As I write this letter I am remembering that day, long ago, when my parents’ car pulled away from the dormitory where I would be spending my first year of college.”

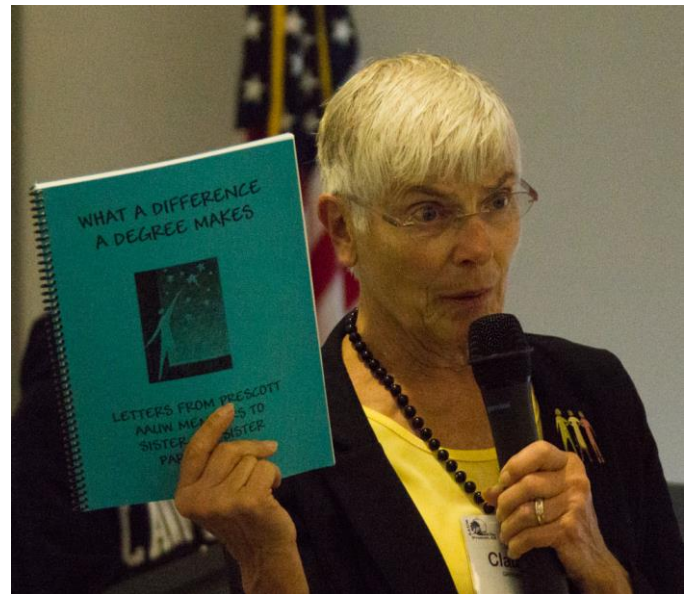
“Being the first in your family to attend college is awesome!”

“I’d like to share my experience with you in hopes that it will encourage and inspire you to be tenacious in pursuing your dreams.”

“I wasn’t prepared for what was ahead in college, but I went—and that has made all the difference.”

“Stories help when you’re facing challenges. Here is a short one.”

“Out of high school and into college: what an amazing journey lies ahead for you!”

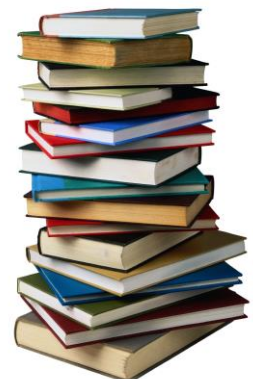


Books for our Little Sisters

Our source for gently used books to give students at Sister-to-Sister lunches is based on your generosity. Please, therefore, save appropriate hard or soft cover books and bring them to monthly meetings.

Beginning this month, a box marked **BOOKS FOR GIFTING** will be available on the registration/information table. Please contribute all year long so that we can continue the tradition of giving books at the Sister-to-Sister luncheons.

If you have questions, contact Claudia Greenwood.



Help Wanted for the Web!!

If you can type and use WORD, you can work on the website. It's fun and easier than you would think. WordPress, the powerful software package that we use for our AAUW website, lets anyone, regardless of technical know-how or experience, create a fully functioning, professional looking website. If interested, contact Sara DeRouchey. Come join our team!!

How are our two Scholarship Funds doing?

Mary Alice Moulton Childcare Assistance Fund, named for our branch president of 2001 and 2002, awards a financial scholarship for childcare at the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center to a female student at Yavapai College. In September 30, 2013, the fund balance was \$45,770.44 after awarding \$1,500.00 in scholarships.

Our newest fund, *The AAUW Centennial Scholarship*, is designed to award a financial scholarship to a second semester female student at Yavapai College, studying in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). It has a balance of \$11,697.11 as of September 30, 2013.

Reminder: Sister-to-Sister Luncheon November 7th.

For those of you who have reservations, the luncheon will be held at the Yavapai College Community Room. Please arrive NO LATER THAN 10:15 AM and remember to wear your nametag and your college colors.

This luncheon is a gathering of some of our members and high school girls (who if they continue on to attend college) would be the first in their family to do so. On Nov 7th the invited girls will be from Bradshaw and Camp Verde High Schools. We hope that our enthusiasm for education will rub off and inspire them to continue to college.

We're Mad about Unfair Pay, and We're Not Taking It Anymore!

Recently, America learned that women are [still paid 23 cents less](#) than men are — the same pay gap we were facing a decade ago. Check out [your state's rank](#) in the 2012 census data. Use this information as a springboard to engage in conversation with friends, colleagues, and potential AAUW members. You can also use your social media outlets to share AAUW messaging on the issue of unequal pay. Making connections through critical issues is a great recruitment and retention tool, helping us all build a community that empowers women and girls. Be a membership ambassador: Engage new and potential members so that we create a lasting AAUW legacy.

Your branch can continue the conversation by hosting a [Cocktails and Convos](#) event. Invite friends, community leaders, and anyone else interested in or affected by this issue. Not familiar with Cocktails and Convos? It's a social event where you can engage members and nonmembers alike on a topic of your choice. Branch leaders should remember to offer half off national dues at public events using the [Shape the Future campaign](#). Remember, membership is everyone's business, so do your part by showcasing your local and national activities.

For more information, visit www.aauw.org, e-mail connect@aauw.org, or call 800.326.2289 (Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Eastern).



The AAUW Fayetteville (AR) Branch hosted a Cocktails and Convos event.

November Meeting

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy!”



You’ve heard many things said about aging, such as: Age happens! It’s great! You get discounts almost everywhere! Birthdays? They’re just a number! Retirement is the best! I’m busier now than I ever was when I was working! and, that popular song, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”!

We are fortunate to have five experts in their fields who will talk to us about various categories related to healthy and happy aging.

Gail Ramsey, Nutritional Health Coach from Natural Grocers, will share information about the importance of healthful eating. She “may” even bring a gift basket of healthful foods which will go home with some lucky attendee.

Our own Marge Rubin will talk to us about keeping our minds active with learning about new things. She’s very active in OLLI and will share news about their role in keeping us all as sharp as tacks and our brains alert.

Suzy Furlong, a local exercise guru, will give us exercises that we can do at home to keep ourselves physically sound and well balanced. So, wear comfortable shoes if you’d like to try out some of them. She’ll also tell us about how keeping active will keep our minds sound.

Since handling our investments and finances is especially important to us as we age, Jodi Pagett, a financial expert, will offer suggestions concerning wise investments and making smart financial choices.

Many of us have remarried and have the “His, Hers, and Ours” challenge. Angela Walker, a Prescott attorney, will advise us on wills and trusts.

Each panel member will speak individually, and there will be, hopefully, enough time at the end for some Q and A.

**Join us on November 11
for this informative opportunity!**

Holiday Brunch



Put on your festive colors and join us at The Prescott Resort on **Saturday, December 14**, for our annual holiday brunch. Before coming into the beautiful dining area, take time to visit the Gingerbread Village out in the lobby.

The dining area will again be decorated with Nutcrackers and greenery. As always, the food at the buffet will be quite a spread of tasty choices. Nobody should go away hungry!

This will be an opportunity for members to bring their checks and put their annual scholarship gifts into the red envelopes, which will be found on each table.

A very special treat this year will be entertainment (not background music) by MIX, a local duo. You may have heard Rick Jordan and Mary Alberts perform around Prescott, but if not, you’re in for a real treat! They will present a program of holiday music for our listening pleasure.

Information about the time and cost will be found on the AAUW-Prescott website in mid-November.

Get your brightly colored holiday clothes on and join us for a beautiful morning with brunch, musical entertainment, and a fantastic view of the city.



AAUW Prescott Supports Public Funding of Education: Letter to the Editor of *The Daily Courier*

October 25 2013

To the Editor,

AAUW Prescott, representing over 200 women from Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley, urges local citizens to support public education by voting in favor of the proposals in each community. In order to remain a great nation, we must continue to build on the foundations of what made us great...and one of those building blocks is public education. A well-educated citizenry is necessary for good government, a strong, vibrant economy, and good medical health care providers.

In order to educate today's students, we need a system of education and facilities that far exceeds what we needed in our youth. After years of budget cuts and neglect, buildings need repair, and the infrastructure is often dangerous and unable to meet the technology needs of today. In the classroom, students need updated texts, science and language labs and access to the rapidly expanding world of information technology. Teachers need to constantly update their skills and knowledge in this changing world in order to meet our students' needs.

An unwillingness to fund these educational needs in all our communities is shortsighted in the near term and disastrous in the long term. America and Arizona and Yavapai County need educated, skilled workers to compete internationally and locally, and to lead the world. Help keep America the land of opportunity for our children and grandchildren. Support the future. Vote for the bonding and override issues in Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley. Vote YES for the future of our Children and our Nation.

Anne Barton, President AAUW Prescott

Debra White, AAUW Prescott Public Policy Chair

Links to the Letter to the Editor:

http://www.aauwprescott.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/VoteYesAAUWDistrib_10_2013.pdf

<http://dcourier.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=124600&SectionID=36&SubSectionID=1119&S=1>

Enjoying the November AAUW Meeting!



Look at those school colors!



AAUW Prescott NOVEMBER 2013 Calendar**NOTE: THIS CALENDAR WILL NOT BE UPDATED.****CHECK THE WEBSITE GOOGLE CALENDAR FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.****Check your directory for phone numbers and email addresses and please remember to RSVP!**

DAY	DATE	TIME	GROUP/MEETING	LOCATION	TOPIC	RSVP
Fri.	Nov 1	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 1 st Friday Afternoon	Pat Fox		Pat Fox
Tues.	Nov 5	1:00pm	Public Policy	Founder's B, PPL		Cathy Cunningham
Wed.	Nov 6	1:00pm	Book Group 1 st Wed. Afternoon	Laurel Shunk	The Oath: The Obama White House and the Supreme Court By Jeffrey Toobin	Laurel Shunk
Thur.	Nov 7	10:00am	Sister-to-Sister Luncheon	Community Room, Yavapai College Library Bldg. 19	Luncheon with girls from Bradshaw Mountain and Camp Verde high schools	Claudia Greenwood
Thur.	Nov 7	2:00pm	AAUW Board Meeting	Yavapai Title Co.	Bring a can of food to donate.	Anne Barton
Fri.	Nov 8	1:00pm	Ladies Duplicate Bridge 2 nd Friday Afternoon	Karen Colianni		Karen Colianni
Sat.	Nov 9	9:00am	AAUW General Meeting	Community Room, Yavapai College Library Bldg. 19	Don't Worry, Be Happy A women's perspective- Panel discussions with professionals in the fields of law, financial planning, health, fitness, and education	No RSVP necessary
Sun.	Nov 10	1:00pm	Singles	TBA	Salon	Alex Paeff
Mon.	Nov 11	12:30pm	Genealogy	Palace Restaurant 120 S. Montezuma	D.A.R. representative; luncheon meeting	Sharyn Baker
Tue.	Nov 12	10:00am	Book Group 2 nd Tuesday morning	Bump, PPL	Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver	Kathy Lopez
Tue.	Nov 12	1:30pm	Travel	Founder's A, PPL	Virgin Islands & Puerto Rico; Traveling with a budget, bargaining & avoiding scams	Bonnie Waterer
Tue.	Nov 12	5:00pm	Movies	Kathryn Madden	TBA	Kathryn Madden
Wed.	Nov 13	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Lone Spur Café, 106 W Gurley, Prescott		Kathryn Madden by Nov. 10
Thur.	Nov 14	10:00am	Photography	Yavapai Title Co.	Fall	Calleah Neal
Fri.	Nov 15	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 3 rd Friday Afternoon	Jenine Peterson		Jenine Peterson
Sun.	Nov 17	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 3 rd Sunday Evening	Randy Clark or Sara Werner		Randy Clark or Sara Werner
Mon.	Nov 18	1:30pm	Book Group 3 rd Monday Afternoon	Elesa, PPL	Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai	TBA
Tue.	Nov 19	10:00am	Crafts	Elesa, PPL	Ribbon necklace	Paula Hill-Utz
Wed.	Nov 20	7:30am	Hiking	Sedona	Meet at Starbuck's on Montezuma	Carol Stafford or Laury Shayne
Sun.	Nov 24	3:00pm	Singles	Pat Fox	Annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner	Pat Fox
Sun.	Nov 24	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 4 th Sunday Evening	Tamara Voss		Tamara Voss
Mon.	Nov 25	9:00am	Geocaching	TBA		Sara DeRouche

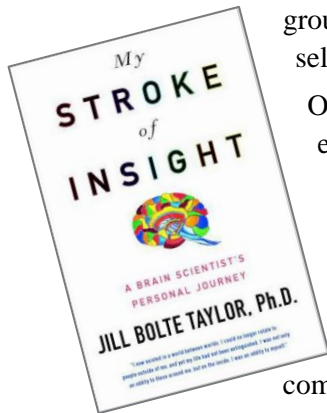
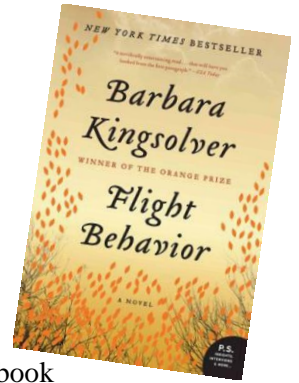
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Tue.	Dec 3	1:00pm	Public Policy	Founder's B, PPL	Jeremy Plumb, Supt. of JTED with an update	Deb White
Wed.	Dec 4	10:00am	Book Group 4th Wed. Morning (special date)	TBA	<i>Flight Behavior</i> By Barbara Kingsolver	Joy Evans
Wed.	Dec 4	12 noon	Book Group 1 st Wed. Afternoon	Prescott Station	Holiday luncheon; no book discussion	Nancy Del Mar
Fri.	Dec 6	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 1 st Friday Afternoon	Sandy Ozols		Sandy Ozols
Mon.	Dec 9	1:00pm	Genealogy	Founder's B, PPL	TBA	Sharyn Baker
Tue.	Dec 10	10:00am	Book Group 2 nd Tuesday Morning	Bump Room, PPL	Calling Invisible Women By Jeanine Ray	Kathy Lopez
Wed.	Dec 11	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Prescott Resort 1500 E. Hwy 69, Prescott	Annual holiday luncheon	Kathryn Madden NO LATER THAN 12/8
Fri.	Dec 13	1:00pm	Ladies Duplicate Bridge 2 nd Friday Afternoon	Tamara Voss		Tamara Voss
Sat.	Dec 14	10:00am	AAUW Annual Holiday Brunch	Prescott Resort 1500 E. Hwy 69, Prescott	Our annual brunch and AAUW Funds event. See article.	Send your check for \$20 to Jenine Peterson by Dec. 7.
Sun.	Dec 15	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 3rd Sunday Evening	Tamara Voss		Tamara Voss
Mon.	Dec 16	TBA	Book Group 3 rd Monday Afternoon	Elesa, PPL	Breaking Clean By Judy Blunt	Cathy Cunningham
Tue.	Dec 17	10:00am	Crafts	TBA	TBA	Paula Hill-Utz
Wed.	Dec 18	8:30am	Hiking	Watson Lake	Lower Granite Creek Discovery Trail; meet by the boat ramp	Carol Stafford or Laury Shayne
Sun.	Dec 22	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 4th Sunday Evening	Susan Braverman		Susan Braverman
Thur.	Dec 26	1:30 pm	Book Group 4th Thur. Afternoon (special date)	Susan Lorant	Sea Runner by Ivan Coig	Susan King

One Book AAUW

In case you've wondered where we came up with that title, we'll fill in the blanks. Most every year, a committee at the state level, selects "One Book Arizona". It has always been a book written by an Arizona author (remember when Lisa Schnebly Heidinger shared her book, *Arizona 100 Years Grand*, at a meeting last year?) and it is usually about Arizona. Book groups across the state read and review the book, and the author travels around the state for that year visiting libraries and such.

Well, for some reason, no book was chosen this year. So, we're filling in the gap at our local level. We are also not being quite as strict about either the book or the author. AAUW book groups were asked to suggest one fiction and one non-fiction book and the book selection committee chose two books from those suggestions.



On January 11, at our regular meeting time, our program will have us all sitting around the tables enjoying a typical book group discussion about one of the books. Each group will have a facilitator to lead it. Members will select whether they want to discuss the fiction selection, *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver, or the non-fiction selection, *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph. D.

Peregrine Books, our wonderful local bookstore (219 N. Cortez), has offered us a 20% discount on the two books. Members who sign up to purchase them will be notified when they come into the store. You can then pick it up and paid for it.

We hope you will enjoy this unusual type of AAUW program

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