



# Thumb Sketch

Prescott, AZ

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## President's Message:



**Happy New Year! Feliz y Próspero Año Nuevo!  
Bonne et Heureuse Année! Felice Anno Nuovo!  
Frohes Neues Jahr!**

The start of each new year is such an up-beat, optimistic time. We set new goals for ourselves; get a chance for "do-over's;" plan trips and events; make lists for upcoming activities; and set up our calendars for the coming months.

We, as the Prescott Branch of AAUW, get to do all of those things in conjunction with our goal of breaking through barriers for women and girls. 2013 will be an exciting time for all of us to explore, to learn, to grow, and to develop new interests and new friendships; all the while pursuing our organization's mission.

Whenever I walk into a gathering of our branch, I am always impressed by the incredible amount of "intellectual capital" there is in the room—a gathering of accomplished women, who use their knowledge, skills, and resources to provide opportunities for others to reach their goals in a complex world. We use these gifts of intellect and purpose, with creativity, good humor, and a wonderful sense of bonhomie. I feel like there is nothing that we cannot accomplish whenever we set our minds to completing a task or a goal.

It is a privilege and honor to be a part of AAUW. I look forward to this next year, with the expectation that we will use our talents for the benefit of others, all the while enjoying the company of such Awesomely Accomplished, Unique Women.

Anne Barton,  
President



Installation of President Anne Barton and VP Programs Lynne Murphy  
by Past President Sharon Groves

## January Branch Meeting

On Saturday, January 12, Lisa Schnebly Heindinger, great-granddaughter of Sedona Schnebly (for whom the city of Sedona is named) will present a program featuring six historical women of Arizona: Sharlot Hall, Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, Isabelle Greenway King, Sedona Schnebly, Mary Riordan, and Emma Lee. Some of these names may conjure up thoughts about Arizona places you've visited.

Though Lisa's love of Northern Arizona is deep, she and her family reside in Phoenix. She wrote the state's official centennial book, "Arizona! 100 Years Grand," which was voted One Book AZ for 2012.

*Join us in January for this fascinating program at the Community Room, Yavapai College Library at 9:15*

**"First Snow--at Thumb Butte,"** a lovely oil painting by well-known local artist Sheila Savannah, AAUW Prescott member, was first viewed at the recent Holiday Brunch. Sheila donated her painting to benefit our Centennial



Scholarship. Ticket purchase for the raffle of "First Snow" will be offered at our January meeting and at the March neighborhood meetings, a representative will also be selling raffle tickets. The final opportunity to

purchase tickets will be at the April meeting. Our tickets will range from \$5 for one ticket, \$10 for three tickets and \$20 for 10 tickets!

*The drawing will be at the May general meeting.*

## February Branch Meeting

Please join us on February 9, 2013  
9:15 to 11:30 at the Yavapai College Community  
Room at the Library and support AAUW Funds

*“Hoops and Bustles and Corsets so tight,  
Suck in, hold on and we’ll lace you up right  
Pantaloons, Parasols, Feathers and Bows  
All in the wardrobes of ladies you’ll know  
Taffetas, Silks, Muslins & Lace,  
Work-a-day clothing for ladies of grace  
Come to our Tea and be entertained  
As Ladies of History stroll memory lane.”*

**Jennifer Bartow, Penny Cramer &  
Barrington House Educational Center Present**

### SOMEWHERE IN TIME IN AMERICA

An Historical Retrospective of Women and Fashion as it  
Influenced our Progression toward Equality  
American Women of note are portrayed in authentic  
period clothing Revolutionary War to World War I

**This February meeting is our Branch Fund Raiser in  
support of the Five AAUW Funds:**

**Public Policy Fund  
Legal Advocacy Fund  
Eleanor Roosevelt Fund  
Leadership Programs Fund  
Educational Opportunities Foundation**

Add to the ambiance of the morning  
Wear your **RED** in celebration of **FEBRUARY**  
**the “Heart” Month.**  
In keeping with the theme,  
Hospitality will be serving **TEA & SCONES**

### Bring your own ‘Special’ Tea Cup



It will be such fun to see the variety  
of personal tea cups on our Victorian  
themed tables

A Door Prize Surprise! Awaits one  
lucky member who donates that day!

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR RED AND BRING  
YOUR ‘GREEN’ !**



**The Best  
Sister-to-  
Sister  
Ever!”**

How often those words were spoken as members and students said good-bye to newly made friends on November 7<sup>th</sup>. “Yes, you can!” was the message that carried across a roomful of tables at Yavapai College when we hosted students from Chino Valley High School for their annual Sister-to-Sister luncheon. Teen author (and AAUW member) Stephanie Jefferson told the young women that she sees all of them in her heroine, a young woman facing many challenges and choices, but approaching each with the “Can do!” attitude.

Two current Yavapai College students—a mother and daughter-- addressed the group, offering suggestions about choosing classes, budgeting time, accepting responsibility for academic performance, becoming active in campus activities, securing financial aid—and, yes, even having fun.

Reflecting on the experience, one of the students stated: “I really enjoyed the women at my table and the stories they shared. I could relate to them. They very much inspired me.” Another: “I enjoyed discussing my future plans with women who have gone through the college process.” A third appreciated “how the ladies helped and supported us and encouraged us to try hard to reach our goals. Their stories motivated us to go to college knowing that we can do or be what we want.”

The next Sister-to Sister luncheon has just been scheduled for February 5 – *watch for details.*



Remember: we will meet on  
the **SECOND SATURDAY,**  
**at 9:15 AM** in the **Susan B  
Webb Community Room,**  
**Building #19 (library  
bldg.)** at Yavapai  
Community College.

A map is on the website.



Steven Ramsey, a 16 year old young man who recently

provided the accompaniment at the December AAUW meeting as well as accompanying other groups such as the Community Chorale and Festival Choir won the Yavapai Symphony Guild young artists' contest.



### Scholarship Fundraising—Almost There!

At the recent Holiday Brunch, over \$800 was contributed to the Centennial Scholarship, bringing our total to over \$9600 as we approach the \$10,000 base required to inaugurate the Centennial Scholarship.



**More year-end contributions are, of course, welcome. They may be sent directly to our treasurer**

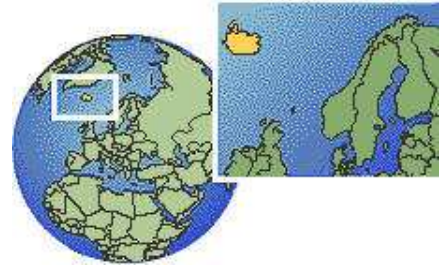
**Jenine Peterson, with a check made out to Yavapai College Foundation.**

Also at the Holiday Brunch, speaker Vickey LaMotte, director of the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center, shared information about students at Yavapai College who have benefitted from our Mary Alice Moulton Childcare Assistance Fund. One of the recipients, Lianne Rydell, also spoke giving keen personal insights into the great value of our Fund in helping with tuition for children at the Del E. Webb center. Lianne, having graduated the day before our Brunch, expressed her deep appreciation for the tuition scholarship which enabled her to maintain her son Benjy at the Center. Also this month, we awarded two more MAM Scholarships for two women who are sending their children to the Center. Both women plan to continue to bachelor degrees in Early Childhood studies.



AAUW Centennial Scholarship Fund

### A Cool Program



There will be a change in location for the next travel

discussion group meeting. Because the Founders' Suite at the library is not available that day, we will meet instead at Gail Shay's home. Our meeting will be on January 8th at 1:30 pm. We will be talking about some really cool places - Iceland and Switzerland. We will also have a discussion about planning travel for families. If you are interested, please contact Gail so she will know how many people to expect, and also let me know if you are planning to attend and also if you have been to either of these countries in recent years.

*Bonnie Waterer*, Travel Group facilitator

### Books for our Little Sisters

As we will not be having a book exchange this spring, our source for gently used books to give the students at Sister-to-Sister lunches is no longer available to therefore, save or soft cover them to monthly 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.

AAUW State Legislative Day  
At the Arizona Capitol  
Thursday, February 7  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



*Carpools will leave Prescott at 7:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating should contact Cathy Cunningham or BJ Forshee.*

### January Public Policy

Because of the Holidays, the January Public Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 in the Founders' Room of the Prescott Public Library.

In January, PP will be discussing the new Common Core Standards. These Federal Standards have been created to improve public education and make American students more competitive; they are also designed to raise all public education to the same minimal standards.

Because Arizona will be following these new standards, the impact on education will be felt in this state. In order to participate more fully in the discussion, members are urged to access some of the following sites about Common Core: [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org), [www.azed.gov/azcommoncore](http://www.azed.gov/azcommoncore), and you can Google: Common Core State Standards, Library of Congress Primary Sources. Deb White will be facilitating this meeting.

### February Public Policy

**AAUW State Legislative Day, February 7**, will be an interesting, educational day for all of us who travel to the State Capitol to learn more about important issues relevant to our mission, to hear exciting speeches, and to meet with our legislators. Jane Adrian, AAUW's lobbyist at the Capitol, will be providing important

information about the session and what issues we need to be following. She will also be explaining the new State-wide Legislative Alert system, whereby members can send emails to their legislators on important bills.

We will invite our representatives to either meet with us in their offices or join us for a free box lunch (we pay for our own). Our agenda will be discussing their legislative priorities and determining how we can work together to strengthen Arizona. Improving public education will probably be one of the topics we cover.

Members are asked to wear teal so the visual impact of AAUW is greater; we will be representing over 1,000 members in Arizona and want to ensure that our membership numbers are known. Additionally, a historical tour is being planned for those who are interested.

To participate, please contact Cathy Cunningham or BJ Forshee.

In preparation for Legislative Day, the Public Policy meeting on February 5th will be devoted to discussing up-coming legislative issues and determining what we want to talk over with our representatives.



Give yourself some "luck of the Irish." All members are invited to Yavapai College For "Women of Ireland" Saturday evening, February 22, 2013 at 7:30pm with Special Events. We'll meet for dinner prior to the Show. Please respond to **Jo-Ann Johnson or Laury Shayne** if you are interested in joining us for this innovative and exciting concert production.

## Fall Forum 2012

This was a wonderful meeting. The facility at Scottsdale Community College was comfortable as usual, and the buffet filled us with energy for the second half of the meeting. The lunch-time roundtable meetings served to assist new branch officers with their responsibilities, and provided an opportunity to meet the state public policy chair, Jan Adrian, Scottsdale, and learn about state public policy plans for the year. Another round table discussed the possibility of starting a Tech Trek program in Arizona. This ad hoc committee has begun plans for presentation to the State Board at their meeting in January.



Claudette Haney  
President AAUW-  
AZ

Both speakers were excellent and the one who lingers in my head a month after the meeting is Jodi Liggett, the Senior Policy Advisor on Homelessness in the Office of Mayor Greg Stanton of the City of Phoenix. It is a huge title for Jodi. Her expertise comes from her years as CEO of the Arizona Foundation for Women (AFW) and her talk was based on the research AFW did in 2010 on the status of women. She brought copies of this publication with her for the attendees. (I have one and would be willing to share it with branch members who were not in attendance. It would be a LOAN only!)

Jodi was a dynamic speaker with a passion for her work and the work of AFW. The publication covers many areas, and I will only highlight some of them in this article; they all fit with our AAUW mission: economic, education, health, social justice and political participation. These data reflect the position of Arizona women in national ranking. Arizona women rank 21<sup>st</sup> in median income and 26<sup>th</sup> in women over the poverty line. In education AZ ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in women with a high school diploma. AZ is also 49<sup>th</sup> in available prenatal care and 45<sup>th</sup> in health care coverage for women. In the category of Social Justice, AZ is 29<sup>th</sup> in affordability of infant child care and 46<sup>th</sup> in child support enforcement. We are 43<sup>rd</sup> in women voter registration.



Jodi Liggett

These statistics say a lot about the status of women. However, the statistics that absolutely made me cringe were in relation to single mothers: 27% of single mothers get no child support. If there is welfare for the child, there is no child support required. Welfare was just cut to \$277 per month, and the lifetime cap was adjusted downward to two-and-a-half years. There can be no change to this until 2014, and any change is not guaranteed.

To itemize more about what the Arizona legislature does for and against women, Jodi referenced several bills: SB1359, HB2036, HB2625, HB2800, HB2627. Feel free to look them up at ALIS, Arizona Legislative Information System. We can also register there to testify on bills presented for legislative action.

Our other speaker was Claudia Richards, AAUW Senior Grant Field Relations Manager. For new attendees, she provided a lot of information about how the AAUW National office functions. Her particular position supports membership growth and retention. She recommended that branches check Programs in a Box (PIAB) online to find programs and projects for events to bring in new members and get past members to re-join. There are some programs that are

designed to be fund raisers as well. She specifically mentioned the Princeton Review program for SAT reviews, and the film "The Invisible War" about sexual abuse in the military.

The program that allows members to pay their dues online also has the capability to create invoices for dues.

Claudia outlined the focus of AAUW in each aspect of the mission. In education, the focus is on \$tart \$mart, Elect Her and NCCWSL. In philanthropy, it's scholarships and Tech Trek. (Funds are available from National to support a program in new states.) The research focus is on the recently released "Graduating to the Pay Gap." And there are two new research projects: an update to the Simple Truth about the Pay Gap is due out on April 17<sup>th</sup>, in time for equal pay date, and a study on Community Colleges is also due out in 2013.



Claudia Richards

Finally, she encouraged us all to use the website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) to find information that is useful for branches, individual members, and new officers. One item she pointed out that was new to me is a form for contributions to AAUW. It will allow members to designate the fund to which they contribute.

There was much information packed into a day that was only about 5+ hours long. Scottsdale Community College is not far away, and the college president, Dr. Jan Gehler, is always very welcoming to us. She is an AAUW member, as is SCC and they make their facilities available for us without charge. The registration for the day is reasonable and includes the meal.

I have been attending AAUW-AZ meetings for four years. This one was excellent! I recommend to all members that you try one sometime. The next one will be the annual convention in Tucson in April 2013. I suspect it will be just as motivating.

Sara Wolters

[This article can also be viewed on our website, on the right side of the home page, under AAUW Links, at State Fall Forum Report.]

### Help needed for March Neighborhood meetings

Get to know the AAUW members who live in your area at the neighborhood meetings on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Will you serve as a hostess for your area and welcome members into your home? There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. A board member will be present at each meeting to facilitate, and attendees will help with refreshments.

This is an opportunity to get to know other members in a more intimate setting, give suggestions to strengthen our branch, and enjoy each other's company. We hope you'll plan to attend!

## AAUW Prescott January 2013 Calendar

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**Check your directory for phone numbers and email addresses and please remember to **RSVP!****

DAY	DATE	TIME	GROUP/MEETING	LOCATION	TOPIC	RSVP
Wed.	Jan 2	1:00pm	Public Policy	Founder's B, PPL	Education Issues: Common Core Standards	Deb White
Wed.	Jan 2	1:30pm	Book Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. Afternoon	Founder's A, PPL	A Woman in Charge by Carl Bernstein	Nancy Del Mar
Fri.	Jan 4	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Afternoon	Julie Cargill		Julie Cargill
Sat.	Jan. 5	10:00am	Geocaching	Founder's A, PPL	Planning meeting	Sara DeRouche
Tue.	Jan 8	10:00am	Books 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Morning	Bump Room, PPL	The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje	Kathy Lopez
Tue.	Jan 8	1:30pm	Travel	Gail Shay	Cool Places: Iceland, Switzerland;	Gail Shay
Wed.	Jan 9	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Chef Bryan's Bistro 436 W. Goodwin,		Carol Stafford by Jan 6
Thur.	Jan 10	10:00am	Photography	Barbara Kyte	Water	Barbara Kyte
Thur.	Jan 10	2:00pm	AAUW Board Meeting	Anne Barton's house	Call for directions	Anne Barton
Fri.	Jan 11	1:00pm	Ladies Duplicate Bridge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Afternoon	Sharon Groves		Sharon Groves
Sat.	Jan 12	9:15am	AAUW General Meeting	Community Room. Yavapai College Library	Indomitable: Early Arizona Women	No RSVP necessary
Sun.	Jan 13	1:00pm	Singles	TBA	Salon	Alex Paeff
Mon.	Jan 14	1:30pm	Genealogy	Founder's B, PPL	TBA	Sharyn Baker
Mon.	Jan 14	5:00pm	Movies	TBA	TBA	Sandra Hennigan
Wed.	Jan 16	7:30am	Hiking	Short city trail with rocks	Meet at the Starbucks on Montezuma by Albertson's	Carol Stafford by Jan. 14
Fri.	Jan 18	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday Afternoon	Kathryn Madden		Kathryn Madden
Fri.	Jan 18	5:30pm	Singles	TBA	Dining Out: Dinner at a local restaurant	Sandra Bennett
Sun.	Jan 20	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Evening	Sandy Ozols		Sandy Ozols
Mon.	Jan 21	1:30pm	Books 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Afternoon	TBA	TBA	Cathy Cunningham
Tue.	Jan 22	1:30pm	Gardening	Kathryn Madden	TBA	Kathryn Madden
Wed.	Jan 23	10:00am	Books 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Morning	TBA	In the Garden of the Beasts by Erik Larson	Joy Evans
Wed.	Jan 23	1:30pm	Great Decisions 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. Afternoon	Gayle Rumble	Distribute books	Gayle Rumble
Thur.	Jan 24	1:00pm	Books 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Afternoon	Kathryn Madden	Quiet: the Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking	Susan King
Fri.	Jan 25	1:30pm	Community Action	Carol Clayton	Planning meeting for the Feb. Sister to Sister	Carol Clayton
Sun.	Jan 27	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening	Sharon Groves		Sharon Groves
Mon.	Jan 28	1:30pm	Geocaching	Founder's A, PPL		Sara DeRouche

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Fri.	Feb 1	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Afternoon	Sandy Ozols		Sandy Ozols
Tue.	Feb 5	1:00pm	Public Policy	Founder's B. PPL	Upcoming Legislative Issues	Cathy Cunningham
Wed.	Feb 6	1:30pm	Book Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. Afternoon	TBA	In the Land of Invisible Women by Qante A. Ahmed	Nancy Del Mar
Wed.	Feb 6	2:00pm	AAUW Board Meeting	TBA	Changed due to Legislative Day	Anne Barton
Thur.	Feb 7	7:00am	Public Policy	Old Senate Room, AZ State Capital, Phoenix	AAUW Legislative Day, 9 am - 4 pm, box lunch included. Meet and greet legislators,	Cathy Cunningham or BJ Forshee
Thur.	Feb 7	1:30pm	Great Decisions 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	TBA	TBA	Gretta Larsen
Fri.	Feb 8	1:00pm	Ladies Duplicate Bridge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Afternoon	Tamara Voss		Tamara Voss
Sat.	Feb 9	9:15am	AAUW General Meeting	Community Room. Yavapai College Library Bldg. 19	"Somewhere in Time"; AAUW Funds event	No RSVP necessary
Sun.	Feb 10	1:00pm	Singles	TBA	Salon	Alex Paeff
Mon.	Feb 11	1:30pm	Genealogy	Founder's B, PPL	TBA	Sharon Scanlan
Tue.	Feb 12	10:00am	Books 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Morning	Bump Room, PPL	Main Street by Sinclair Lewis	Kathy Lopez
Wed.	Feb 13	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	St Michaels, Prescott		Laury Shayne or Carol Stafford by Feb 10
Thur.	Feb 14	10:00am	Photography	Gail Shay	Reflection	Gail Shay
Fri.	Feb 15	1:00pm	Ladies Bridge 3rd Friday Afternoon	Sara Werner		Sara Werner
Fri.	Feb 15	5:30pm	Singles	TBA	Dining Out	Sandra Bennett
Sun.	Feb 17	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 3rd Sunday Evening	Sharon Groves		Sharon Groves
Mon.	Feb 18	1:30pm	Books 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday Afternoon	TBA (PPL closed)	In the Garden of the Beasts by Eric Larsson	Cathy Cunningham
Mon.	Feb 18	5:00pm	Movies	TBA	TBA	Sandra Hennigan
Wed.	Feb 20	8:00am	Hiking	Butte Creek Trails	Meet at Starbucks in the Joann's Center	Carol Stafford or Laury Shayne by Feb. 18
Fri.	Feb 22	5:00pm	Special Events	TBA	Dinner; <i>Women of Ireland</i> concert at Yavapai College	Laury Shayne or Jo-ann Johnson
Sun.	Feb 24	6:30pm	Couples Duplicate Bridge 4th Sunday Evening	Ovita Franz		Ovita Franz
Mon.	Feb 25	1:30pm	Geocaching	TBA		Sara DeRouche
Tue.	Feb 26	1:30pm	Gardening	TBA		TBA
Wed.	Feb 27	10:00am	Books 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday Morning	TBA	The Professor and the Madman by Simon Winchester	Joy Evans
Wed.	Feb 27	1:30pm	Great Decisions 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. Afternoon	TBA	The Sacred Cow: Defense in the Age of Economic Restraint	Gayle Rumble
Thur.	Feb 28	1:00pm	Books 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Afternoon	TBA	TBA	Susan King

## MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



### Income Tax Deduction Information



### Concerning Dues

Just a reminder that a portion of your National AAUW dues is tax deductible for the year 2012. If you paid the full amount of \$85 for the year 2012-13, you can deduct \$46. If you paid the 1/2 price of \$42.50 (those who joined between January 1, 2012, and March 15, 2012), the portion of your National Dues that is deductible will be \$23.00.

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

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