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# President's Message

by Gail Shay



Gail Shay, President

As our AAUW year nears an end, paradoxically, activity seems to be increasing. Our past two meetings inspired a flurry of activity.

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Our April program, ***Dark Money and Its Implication in the Political Process***, presented by former State Attorney General and Phoenix Mayor, Terry Goddard, was a big success. Not only did we have excellent attendance at that meeting, but Mr. Goddard also helped to shed light on the issues surrounding dark money in politics. It inspired a spirited discussion.

The word about AAUW Prescott is obviously getting around. A record total of 7 women became **members** at our April general meeting alone. We have again surpassed our membership numbers over the 200 mark, and are now over 212 members.

Then there are our upcoming events. We're about to begin the first of two **wine tours** on April 21. Both that one and the May 21 tour are now sold out and have waiting lists. Look for a possible tour again in the fall. The Tech Savvy team has worked hard to launch the **Tech Savvy Conference** on April 23 at Yavapai College. We have now extended registration to include 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents in addition to the core 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and parents.

Our **Summer Social** is also coming up, where we celebrate new members, prospective members, and each other. This year it will take place at Yavapai College on **Tuesday, June 14, from 5 to 7 pm** in the Community Room.

Kudos to all AAUW Prescott members who work so hard and who volunteer to support all our programs and events. It's such a pleasure to work with you and I have immensely enjoyed my term as president of such a fine group of women!

## General Meeting: May 14

### WASPS: Women in the Military

Submitted by Annette Gauthier



Although women have played a role in the military since the Revolutionary War they were not an official part of the US armed services until the 1940s. Please join us on Saturday, May 14, when Embry-Riddle professor Natalie Stewart Smith will talk about the history of the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII. Professor Smith served five and a half years in the army as a WASP and logistics officer in the States and Republic of Korea.

We will begin our morning with refreshments and social time at 9:00 followed by our general meeting and Installation of Officers for 2016-2017. Our meeting will be held in the Community Room of Yavapai College.

## Annual Summer Social Is Scheduled for Tuesday, June 14



Summer Social: Flag Day, June 14.

Prescott AAUW's annual Summer Social is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**, in the Community Room (Building 19) at Yavapai College. This event provides an opportunity to share the value of AAUW membership with potential new members as well as to touch base with current members before we disperse for the summer.

Do you know of someone who might be interested in joining AAUW? Think of women (men are eligible, too) you encounter in your career, volunteer efforts, church, gym, and social activities. Potential members must hold a degree—associate's, bachelor's, or higher—in order to join. If you know of someone you would like to invite, please send the name, email, phone number and full address (for written invitations) to Marlene Walsh. Her contact email is in the AAUW Prescott directory. In addition, please indicate whether you plan to accompany your guest. You can also pick up invite forms at the May meeting. They will be available at all the tables. The Summer Social Committee will mail invitations to the June 14 event.

**As a reminder: There are no general meetings in July or August.**

Contact a member if you have any questions. Committee members include Gail Shay, Patti Allen-LaFleur, Sandra Bennett, Melinda Anderson, Kathy Lopez, Anne Jacques, Eileen Cotter, and Marlene Walsh.

# Membership Renewal



Submitted by Gayle Rumble

Membership renewal time is here. Good news – the dues have not changed. They remain at \$85 (\$49 to National, of which \$46 is tax deductible; \$9 to State; and \$27 to our branch). **The deadline for renewal is June 30.**

You should have received an e-mail invoice for your renewal that identifies two ways to pay: either on-line, by credit card, or by check.

To pay by credit card, click on the word “here” in the e-mail instructions. It will take you directly to the website and to your specific membership information. Then you only need to complete and confirm the credit card information and submit it. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you.

To pay by check, please make the check payable to AAUW Prescott Branch and send it directly to the Treasurer (Gayle Rumble) or to our local AAUW mailbox: **AAUW Prescott, PO Box 10881, Prescott, AZ 86304**

If you have any questions, be sure to contact me, Gayle Rumble, Treasurer ( my information is in the directory).



## Change for Change

Submitted by Lynne Murphy

Do you remember at the September 2015 meeting, after the tour of the Family Enrichment Center, Anne Barton, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, challenged members to give up a cup of Starbucks each week and put that amount in one of the decorative containers available at the meeting? Anne described how our “Starbucks Savings” would benefit Family Enrichment parents who were in need of financial help: our **change** would help provide scholarships to the Center.



**Well, it's time to bring that *Change* to the May 14 meeting!** Count what you've saved, then write a check for that amount, made out to the Yavapai College Foundation, with “AAUW” on the memo line. Bring your check to the meeting and we'll add it all up!

Naturally, since you have a good habit started, keep collecting change for next year. With our **change**, we can cause a positive **change** for some deserving students!

## Coming in October: The Children's Author Luncheon



Author-Illustrator, Diane Iverson

The Scholarship Committee is hard at work planning an exciting literary event which will take place on **Saturday, October 22, 2016**, in the Yavapai College Community Room. The event will center on books for children of all ages and stages. Local author-illustrator Diane Iverson will tell us about her creative work and Karen Hughes, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, will speak about the importance of reading to and with children and how it correlates to their success in school.



Lincoln School principal , Karen Hughes

Not only will there be a delicious luncheon, but each interest group will create a gift basket based on a favorite children's book. These will go home with some lucky attendees. All proceeds of the event will go to benefit our two scholarships: The Mary Alice Moulton Scholarship and the Centennial Scholarship. So, mark the date on your calendar now!

## Public Policy Report



Submitted by Deb White

The focus of Public Policy Committee Meetings for April and May has been on school finance.

At the April meeting, Yavapai County School Superintendent Tim Carter gave an informative presentation on Arizona school finance laws. He presented information regarding the school budgeting formulas that are currently in place. He talked about the different categories of school budgets, how they are divided, and what expenditures fit into each category. Mr. Carter also addressed the concerns and difficulties being created by the state's change to current-year budgeting rather than basing a budget on the previous year's enrollment. Additionally, Terri Farneti, president of The League of Women Voters, Prescott, was on hand to provide information about Proposition 123. Since her presentation, the League of Women Voters at the state level has taken a stance against this proposition.

At the next meeting, which will take place on **May 3, at 1:00 pm** in the Elsea Room at Prescott Public Library, Christian Palmer of *YesProp123* will discuss and answer questions about Prop123. All branch members are welcome to attend. May will be the last meeting of Public Policy until September.

## Your Photo is needed for the Directory by June 30, 2016!



Submitted by Stephanie Brown

The next printed directory will be distributed in **September**, which gives us about 4 months to gather photos for new members and to redo a photo for anyone who would like a different pose. There are a few

guidelines and options for producing these photos:

- In the camera, choose high quality setting and email the full size image
- Try to have a solid-color wall background without other people or clutter
- Avoid having one side of the face in dark shadow
- We only need a photo from the top of the head to just below shoulders
- Send it in color and we will convert it to black and white for the directory
- Email the digital file at least 200 kilobytes in size, scan a print and email, or snail mail a print that you like to Stephanie Brown (check the directory for her address)
- You can contact Stephanie Brown and have us take another one of you.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Most people have found the photos in the directory to be very helpful.

## New Interest Groups Considered!



Submitted by Deb Dillon

The March neighborhood meetings generated suggestions for a variety of new interest groups. If there is enough interest in a group (minimum of 5 members and someone willing to lead the group), that group will go to the board for approval.

Sign-up sheets were offered at the April general meeting and will be available again at the May general meeting. Also, anyone wishing to sign up for one of the groups may contact Deb Dillon.

**The suggested groups are:**

- Aging with Grace
- Art
- Couples Bridge
- Evening Book Group (with wine)
- Finances
- Healthy Living
- Music



## Genealogy interest group: Who do you think YOU are?

Submitted by Elaine Lawson

Have you ever wanted to find out about your heritage and ancestors? If so, you should check out our Genealogy interest group. The group is open to all members who desire to build a family tree or investigate their family history. Our members range from total beginners to seasoned genealogists. The group meets monthly to share our experiences, research tools, and recent discoveries, and to help each other break through “brick walls” in our research. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the library. Contact Elaine Lawson for more information.

## Report on March Neighborhood Meetings

Submitted by Deb Dillon

More than 60 AAUW members attended our annual Neighborhood Meetings on March 12 in the homes of eight of our members. We extend a huge thank you to those members who hosted these gatherings! Thanks, too, to the members who attended the meetings. Your input is invaluable!



Discussion at the meetings centered on a variety of questions relating to AAUW and to our branch in particular. Members offered a wide assortment of insights and ideas. Among them were:

1. **Our branch agrees with and supports the AAUW mission, especially through our many outreach programs.**
2. **Our branch has many strengths:**
  1. Personal relationships among our members
  2. Strengths and experiences of our members
  3. Many, varied opportunities for participation
  4. Outreach through Community Action programs
  5. Valuable general meeting programs
  6. Excellent communication through our website and newsletter
  7. Welcoming of new members

**3. Some areas for improvement are:**

1. Connections with state and national AAUW, other AAUW branches, the community, and like-minded groups (e.g., League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, NOW)
2. Lack of diversity
3. Large membership makes personal connections more difficult

**4. Some suggestions:**

1. Create a better understanding of and connection with state and national AAUW
2. Focus on education in Arizona
3. Develop greater community awareness of AAUW
4. Provide support to non-university-bound girls and to women returning to school
5. Evaluate the results of our Community Action and Tech Savvy programs
6. Add Start Smart to our Community Action programs

**Many ideas/topics were suggested for general meeting programs, interest groups or short-term study, especially relating to issues of aging and opportunities for socializing.**

## **Tech Savvy Wins The Day!**

On Saturday, April 23, 2016, AAUW Prescott and Yavapai College hosted its first annual Tech Savvy Conference from 8:30AM to 4:30PM at Yavapai College. Over 50 sixth through ninth grade girls, their parents, and teachers registered for the event. You can view pictures taken by the photography interest group [here](#).



Arizona Science Teacher of the Year Marni Landry poses with Tech Savvy participants after her keynote speech. With dynamic presenters, who were all women, representing each of the STEM fields, every attendee was inspired and enthused. This conference marks a step in the right direction for girls in our community.

### **VOLUNTEERS MADE THE DAY!**

The Tech Savvy Committee had lots of help from many AAUW Prescott members, YC students, and community members. A hearty 'Thank you' to everyone who helped make this day possible.

### **TECH SAVVY ACROSS THE COUNTRY!**

In the meantime, find more about this exciting event and how it can inspire and invigorate STEM curriculum in our community by going to the [AAUW National Tech Savvy Page](#)



## Wine Tour A Big Success!



The bus tour to the Yavapai College-Verde Valley Wine Center was a big hit in April and the May tour is sold out. [See photos from the April tour.](#)

***Still interested? Contact Anne Barton who is collecting names of those who would like sign up for a possible tour in the Fall!***

Participants were all smiles  
on the April Wine Tour