



## Newsletter July-August 2016 Vol 65 No 4

### President's Message

by Deb Dillon

Once again the gavel has been passed, and I find it is now my responsibility, challenge, and honor to lead this incredible group of women as your president. As has been mentioned many times in the past, this is a rather daunting prospect, but I look forward with joy to the opportunity.



As many of you know, I love to travel, and I recently returned from an exhilarating solo trip to the Scottish Highlands, driving the glens and backroads, rambling the ruins, communing with puffins, framing photographs. When anyone asks about my trip, I tell them it fed my soul.

While reflecting on my trip, I started to think of all the ways we need to be fed. For me, the "big three" are heart, soul, and intellect. As I re-acclimated to life back in Prescott, it occurred to me that I can, and do, satisfy each of those appetites through my involvement with AAUW. It is my goal that, through AAUW, each of you will also satisfy your hunger, whether it's for learning, belonging, or giving.

AAUW provides a myriad of menu choices. We have an engaging slate of **general meeting programs** coming up this year, starting with a **review of election issues** (not candidates!) in September. We are hoping to add at least **three new interest groups** this year – **Healthy Living, Aging with Grace**, and an **Evening Book Group** – bringing us to at least 28 groups in which members can participate. We reach out to the wider community through our **Community Action programs**, among which are **Sister-to-Sister, Give Teachers a Hand**, and **LEAD mentoring**, and we are looking at the possibility of repeating our Tech Savvy program for middle school girls.

Our **membership has topped 217**, with 23 prospective members attending our wonderful Summer Social. Think of all the new friends we can make! With more members, we are also hopeful we can continue to increase our support for our two scholarships through several fun activities, including our Authors' Luncheon on October 22 and a repeat of our popular wine tour in November.

Finally, I want to thank Gail Shay for doing such a great job as president this past year and giving me an example to follow. I also want to thank each of our members. Whether you are on the board, lead or belong to an interest group, chair a function, attend a meeting or simply pay your dues, you are a vital part of what makes this organization great. Thanks!

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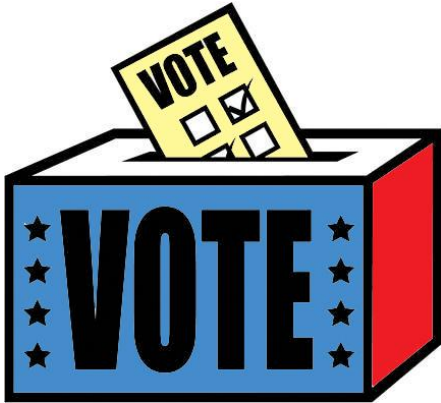
## General Meeting: September 10

### It's Your Vote – Election Update:

#### A Factual Guide to the Propositions on the November 8, 2016, Arizona Ballot

Submitted by Jeanette Polvani

Our first program for the 2016-2017 year will be informative and timely. In Arizona, petitions are being circulated for over twenty-five (25) initiatives and referendums, which, if enough valid signatures are gathered, will make it to the ballot on November 8, 2016. A few of the possible ballot proposition topics include:



- Fair Wages & Healthy Family Act (minimum wage)
- Campaign to Legalize and Regulate Marijuana
- Arizona Clean & Accountable Elections Act
- Proposition 13 – changes to property tax and personal property tax
- Save Arizona Students and Public Universities Act
- Hospital Executive Compensation Act

After July 7, 2016, the propositions that meet the criteria to be on the ballot in November will be finalized. Our speaker will provide factual information on each of the ballot measures. Be sure to join us to learn the specifics about the propositions before you cast your vote.

### Preview of Upcoming Programs

We are excited to give you an initial look at our programs for 2016-17. We know that our members will be informed and enlightened by our fall and spring programs.

- **Banned Books and the Public Library: To Every Reader, Her Books** – Martha Baden, Library Manager, Public Services and Jennifer Kendall, Lead Librarian for Youth Services – Prescott Public Library
- **Local Issues of Crisis in Prescott (safety, recovery homes, abuse)** – Former Police Chief Jerald Monahan
- **The United States Supreme Court – A Brief Overview of the Supreme Court and Current U.S. Supreme Court Decisions and Developments**
- **Choice in Arizona Education – District, Charter and Private Schools** – Tim Carter, Yavapai County Schools Superintendent
- **Women Who Changed the World** – Phoenix Art Museum Docent, Sherry Koopot

To celebrate the season, our **Holiday Brunch** will be at the Club at Prescott Lakes and will feature a short performance by the Song of the Pines women's chorus. Refer to the AAUW Prescott website and future issues of the Thumb Sketch for specific dates and program topics.

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## Scholarship Program

Submitted by Anne Barton

Hear ye! Hear ye!

The **2016 AAUW Authors' Luncheon** will be held in the Yavapai College Community Room on Saturday, October 22. The theme for 2016 will be:

*"Excellent Books for Children of all ages and How I can encourage reading them in today's media world."*

The Scholarship Committee would like to enlist the assistance of our Interest Groups, or any individuals, who would like to put



together a **children's literature-themed basket** for our raffle. Book titles will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

An example might be *Winnie the Pooh*—featuring a basket with stuffed animals, honey, honey jars, biscuit mix, a copy of the book or the movie, etc.

Or *Millions of Cats*—there must be an unlimited number of items that would warm the hearts of cat lovers worldwide.

Creativity abounds in our group! We can't wait to see which books you pick and what you choose to put in the baskets.

Please email **Anne Barton** with the book title you have chosen (and a back-up title in case of duplication) by **August 1**. She will let you know if your title has been reserved for your group so you can have a good amount of time to acquire the items for your basket.

Thank you ever so much for taking part in our **Authors' Luncheon Basket Raffle**. What a great way to raise monies for our scholarships!!



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## Summer Social: Good Company, Good Food, Good Time



Ninety-eight women, including 23 guests, met on Tuesday, June 14, at Yavapai College for AAUW Prescott's annual Summer Social. The room was full, with lively conversation and an excellent meal provided by AAUW members.

President Deb Dillon presided over an introduction of guests, officers, and interest groups. Representatives of the interest groups provided displays and information about the many varied interest groups available. Table hostesses and door greeters ensured that guests were welcomed and introduced to AAUW members.

Thanks go to the many members who contributed to and attended this event. Thanks, too, to the Summer Social Committee.

Submitted by Maureen Walsh

## 2016-2017 AAUW Directory

If you need to change anything in your AAUW Directory listing, please send changes to Dot Williamson by **August 15**. The new printed directories will be available at the September 10 General Meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting, please arrange for a friend to pick up your copy.

### Public Policy



The Prescott Public Policy Committee meets the **first Tuesday** of the month from September to May, **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** at the Prescott Public Library. All branch members are welcome. See the website for more information on each meeting. Contact Molly Divine to be added to the mailing list or to update your email address.

### Dining in all Directions



Gail Shay and Julia Appletree preparing dinner.

The Kick-Off for the **Dining in all Directions** interest group will be held at the home of Suzy and Dan Furlong on **August 6 at 5:30 p.m.** This is the only time the entire group will meet together, so we hope all members (and spouses) will attend.

If you are not yet a member, but are interested in joining, please contact Dot Williamson or Sandra Bennett. RSVP by August 1, and details will be sent to you.

## Wine Tour Photos



If you are interested in attending the wine tour in the fall, please contact Anne Barton who is collecting names.  
[Click here to see more Wine Tour Photos](#)