



## President's Message



Deb Dillon, President

As I look at our AAUW Prescott calendar for this year, I'm struck by what a vibrant and exciting branch we are. We have so many opportunities for learning, advocacy, philanthropy, and socializing. This is definitely the place to be!

Our January program brought Chief Jerald Monahan of the Yavapai College Police Department to educate us about campus sexual assault nationwide and a program, "Start by Believing," to combat that problem. That was followed in February with Yavapai County Superintendent of Schools Tim Carter, who explained various aspects of Choice in Arizona schools. Our remaining monthly programs will cover Cyber Security and the US Supreme Court.

In March we will hold our annual Neighborhood Meetings. This is one of my favorite events and is a time for members to provide input and direction for the coming year. It's also a great opportunity for getting to know those members who live in your area.

AAUW Prescott is following up our state Legislative Day, held Feb. 21, with a Legislative Update event in cooperation with the local League of Women Voters. All three of our area state legislators have committed to attending this April 1 event to answer questions and hear our views on areas of concern to our organizations.

We have several upcoming events and programs that give us an opportunity to encourage women and girls. We are offering mentoring to women students at Yavapai College, and we will be working with high school girls in Mayer this spring. We will also be holding our popular Tech Savvy program Mar. 25 to entice girls in grades 6-9 to consider focusing on a science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) field.

Our branch is also committed to aiding college women through scholarships, and we will be hosting a fun community event April 21 to raise funds for those scholarships. An Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden will offer tapas, wine, music, art, and flowers in the Yavapai College Sculpture Garden.

To cap the year, we are planning for our annual Summer Social, to be held June 13. The Summer Social is a time for our members to touch base with each other before our summer hiatus, as well as to introduce the organization to potential new members.

Whew! With all these opportunities as well as more than 25 interest groups, it's no wonder our 220+ members have such wide circles of AAUW friends! We're glad you're one of them.

Deb Dillon

## Neighborhood Meetings—March 11, 2017

**Neighborhood meetings will be on March 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

This is when you are given the opportunity to make suggestions to strengthen our branch and to enjoy each others' company in a smaller setting. Each hostess will contact her group members with time, location, directions and a request for refreshments. Please watch for an email from your neighborhood hostess and RSVP your attendance.



NEIGHBORHOOD	HOSTESS
Copper Basin-Timber Ridge, East Prescott	Julie Ellegood
South Prescott	Dot Williamson
Thumb Butte	Joan Brown
W. Iron Springs, Forest Trails	Linda Frith
Willow Creek, NE Willow Creek	Anne Barton
Prescott Lakes, The Dellis	Claudette Krupnick
Wm Valley No, Granite Oaks, Southview	Jean Morin
Prescott Valley	Chris Maxwell



Top row, left, President Elect – Molly Divine; center, Treasurer – Katie Wrigley; and right, Recording Secretary – Anne Jacques. Bottom row, left, Membership Co-VP – Kathleen Hydro; right, Program Co-VP – Paula Fuhst.

## April 8, General Meeting Program

### Cyber Security: Line Between Privacy and Security



Our April presentation will delve into details on identity theft, privacy, ransomware, social media, and phishing, which impact personal lives. Our presenter is Jon C. Haass, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Department Chair of the Cyber

Intelligence and

Security degree program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott. His topic is entitled, “Cyber Security: Line between Privacy and Security.”

Jon Haass was co-author of the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) report 140 on Cyber Security Best Practices for Airports, supported by the National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board. Dr. Haass serves as advisory board member for the Arizona Cyber Threat Response Alliance, a regional information sharing and analysis organization that includes companies in 14 of the critical infrastructure sectors, including aviation. His areas of research interest include the security issues associated

with connected cyber-physical systems that encompass airplanes, cars, industrial controls and more. This ‘Internet of Things’ is likely to open an even larger portion of society’s systems to cyber-based attacks, requiring us to educate our students, developers and leaders on the importance of this relatively new domain.

Previously, Dr. Haass held executive and management positions at Sun Microsystems,

OpenTV and SendMail, where he was responsible for projects ranging from moving map displays and GPS to digital television and prevention of email-borne malware. A native of Wyoming, he continues to work with companies and agencies on both coasts as well as the Rocky Mountain region. His passion is to educate the next generation of cyber security professionals, inspiring integrity, curiosity and shared leadership.

The General meeting will begin with social time at 9:00 a.m., followed by general announcements at 9:30; the featured program begins at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Yavapai College Community Room in Building 19 on Saturday, April 8.

### **AAUW Prescott Board Nominations for 2017-18**

**AAUW Prescott Nominating Committee has developed the following slate of nominees for 2017-2018 officers. Election for these offices will be held during the annual business meeting in April. Nominations may also be made from the floor at that time – with the nominee’s permission.**

## **AAUW Business**

### **2017-18 Approved Budget**

**The budget is based on an average of 190 members throughout the year. In February 2017, there were 204 actual members. Click here for a printable version of the [AAUW Prescott Approved Budget for 2017-18](#).**

## AAUW Dues – Income Tax Deduction Information



This is just a reminder that a portion of your AAUW dues is tax deductible. If you paid the full amount of \$85 for the year, your deduction is \$46. For those of you who joined between January 1 and March 15 and paid \$42.50 for half the year, the deductible portion of your dues is \$23.00. If you are uncertain as to what your status is, please

feel free to contact me, Katie Wrigley, by phone or e-mail (see Membership Directory).

## Public Policy

### Legislative Day February 21



AAUW Arizona's Public Policy Committee organized an insightful day at the legislature on February 21. When the event is being organized weeks in advance, no one knows what will actually

be happening in the Arizona Legislature on the day of our scheduled visit. This year, it turned out to be a particularly busy week for the legislators, and none of those from Prescott was available for any private time, which I understood.

We did have an informative session for the entire group of members from all over the state. We

heard a brief recap from Katie Hobbs, Senate Minority Leader, and a very thoughtful report from Jodi Liggett, Vice President of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood, AZ. Two legislators, Representative J.D. Mesnard, House Majority Leader, and Senator Sean Bowie, gave a recap of the legislative session from their different points of view, and took questions from the floor. There were no committee meetings for us to attend that day.

I appreciated the work that went into organizing this event, having the opportunity to see where Arizona laws are made, and meeting and talking to a couple of the key players, both elected and those who lobby for concerns of particular interest to AAUW, including education, pay equity, and women's health and reproductive rights. I strongly encourage more participation in the future.

Molly Divine

## Make Your Voice Heard

AAUW Prescott and the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County are cooperating to offer a **Legislative Update event on Saturday, April 1, 10-11:30 a.m.**, in Room 119, Building 3, at Yavapai College. All three of our area state legislators, Senator Karen Fann and Representatives Noel Campbell and David Springer, have committed to attending this event to answer questions and hear our views on areas of concern to our organizations. Please plan to attend!

## Community Action

### TECH Savvy – March 25, 2017

AAUW Prescott continues to move forward with our Tech Savvy Conference scheduled for March 25, 2017, at Yavapai College. We are currently in the process of having our workshop curriculum approved by AAUW STEM National and getting the workshop and registration up and running for our event. We anticipate opening registration around February 25.

We have many of last year's workshop presenters returning, plus some great new workshops for this year. Our Keynote address will be from The University of Arizona's Arizona Project WET, which provides education about water resources from a local, regional and global perspectives. In addition, we have two counselors from Prescott High School who will be providing information to the girls and parents regarding preparation during high school to pursue STEM fields in college.

Susan King is coordinating volunteers for the event. If you would like to volunteer to help with preparation or on the day of the event, please contact her.



One of last year's many TECH Savvy activities.

## Community Action

### Sister-to-Sister Traveling Team to Visit Mayer High School

Exciting changes have occurred in our partnership with the Federal TRIO program, Educational Talent Search (ETS). For over ten years our primary activity was the Sister-to-Sister luncheon which occurred once or twice a year.

As a result of new leadership in ETS and a new government grant that emphasizes community involvement in mentoring young people who participate in ETS, we have been asked to become more involved. We will still host students once a year at a luncheon and are looking at February 2018 for that event.

In the meantime, this spring we will visit Mayer for a day, meeting with students in all of the English classes. Many of you volunteered to make such a visit. Claudia Greenwood will contact those who signed up at the January meeting to confirm their availability on April 10 and explain our purpose.

Several workshops are in the planning for summer break when ETS staff is now required to provide programming. As these events take shape, we will participate as appropriate. The goal is to create the opportunity for more meaningful mentoring relationships with AAUW members.

So, stay tuned....it seems that there is fun in our future!



### February Meeting Highlight

Tim Carter, Yavapai County Schools Superintendent, discusses school choice and clarifies funding for district, charter, and private schools at the February General Meeting

## Scholarship — Art-Full Afternoon



### Spring is coming!!!

The Prescott AAUW Scholarship Committee is planning an “art-full” event to celebrate spring with a party in the Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College.

Please invite a friend and join us for *An Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden,*” which will be held from 5:00– 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.

Come and walk the paths and admire the sculptures and spring flowering plants, including the stunning award-winning irises. Yavapai students will be available to tell you about the sculptures and the sculptors. There will food stations around the garden with tapas selections—both savory and sweet—paired with wines from the Southwest Wine Center (the Yavapai College teaching winery). As you amble through the garden, you will hear up-beat tunes provided by our own local music group, “Not2Shabby.”

The tickets for the event are \$45.00 per person. **ALL** proceeds will go to AAUW scholarships for Yavapai College students. Tickets may be purchased on line at:

<http://bit.ly/2jVWG7Q>

You may also write a check made out to: **Yavapai College Foundation** (please write Spring AAUW Event on the notation line) and send to:

AAUW Prescott P.O. Box 10881 Prescott, AZ 86304

All tickets can be picked up at the Will Call desk at the Sculpture Garden entrance at the time of the event.

## New Member Gathering January 23, 2017

Contributed by Melinda Anderson



Nine of our newest AAUW members and six experienced members met at Melinda Anderson’s home on Saturday, February 4, 2017, for an enjoyable morning of refreshments and informal discussion. Current and former board members

welcomed the newer members and presented an overview of AAUW programs, interest groups and activities. We had an

interesting, in-depth discussion about current and past mentoring programs to promote education for women, including our Sister-to-Sister program for high school girls, Woman-to-Woman, and Tech Savvy. New members were enthusiastic about our programs for educating and empowering women, and several volunteered on the spot!

Our experienced members shared experiences with interest groups and various committees, and all expressed the added benefit of forming lasting friendships through becoming involved in these ways. New member questions were answered, and all left with a greater understanding of AAUW.

It was a pleasure to spend time with the new members, learning more about them in turn. We have some interesting, intelligent women joining our dynamic branch! These gatherings are just one more opportunity to celebrate our new members and our very special branch of AAUW.

## Prescott AAUW History



Kathryn Madden

This will be the first article in a series that will give a very brief history of our branch in Prescott. We have a long history of incredible women doing important things that promote our mission of “AAUW advances equity for women and girls

through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.” We have also been an important part of our community, making many contributions to benefit it. I am not going to focus on our presidents per se. We would not be able to do much without the wonderful leadership we have had; however, I have limited space and know it takes all of us to get things done. We have many unsung women who have made impressive contributions. In that vein, I want to thank the many people who have given me the benefit of their research and work, especially Claudia Greenwood and Stephanie Brown. Most of this series will be from their contributions. I will

use information from Claudia most of the time from her impressive work on the Centennial program. She organized the material by decade and I am going to follow her lead.

We became the 10th branch in Arizona on March 12, 1949, with 26 members. We “seek to unite alumnae of different institutions for practical educational work, for the collection and publication of statistical and other information concerning education, and in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education” stated the first charter. The first meeting in the 1950s was attended by 45 women with the first president being Mrs. Al Culhane with Rose Brodie serving as vice-president and program

chair. The study groups were international relations, status of women, education, arts and legislation. During the first year the branch studied the United Nations, women in leadership roles in government and education, and the Navajo culture. The group raised money for national scholarships, which then supported foreign women students at our American universities.

Prescott AAUW also hosted the state convention. Many of our leaders then were teachers at Prescott High School and did much to promote girls in sports. Their efforts did much to promote physical education and opportunities for local girls and made changes in the high school’s curriculum. From the beginning our branch supported AAUW Foundation programs.

Quoting Claudia Greenwood, “during the first decade, AAUW Advocacy and Action agendas included, in 1953, providing leadership to secure the passage of the Equal Pay Law. In 1955, AAUW supported the first legislative proposal for pay equity, citing the inequity of women earning only 65 cents to men’s dollar.” Ten years later it was law, but there is still a pay gap today, and it is still an issue. We have been at the forefront of supporting pay equity for over half a century. In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus. It was the beginning of the civil rights movement and we supported it. Today, there is a Rosa Parks organization that supplies materials to schools on diversity and civil rights.

Dues in 1949 were \$5.00 per year including local, state and national, and were up to \$6.50 in 1955. The silhouette of Thumb Butte was used as the cover art on our directory from 1955 to 1966. The accomplishments of our members were impressive, including Hanna Gray who in 1954 received the AAUW Fellowship Achievement award, but also went on to receive the Medal of Liberty and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

From the beginning, our members' contributions to the community and to our branch were incredible and set the standard for decades to come. Next time, the 1960s.

