



President's Message

It's hard to believe I am already writing my final President's Message. It has been an incredible honor and joy to serve as your president this year. But leaders don't have much impact if they don't have support, so I believe a number of thank yous are in order.



Deb Dillon, President

First, I'd like to recognize our numerous committees and activity participants: Give Teachers a Hand, Tech Savvy, LEAD, Sister to Sister, Woman to Woman, Scholarship, Communications, Public Relations, Public Policy, Summer Social, Neighborhood Meetings, and those who provide goodies and beverages for our general meetings.

Our Interest Group leaders also have a major impact on our branch. Without them, we definitely would not have the strong and vibrant branch we now enjoy.

I also need to thank our board. They have been a remarkable group with whom to work.

Every month, as members leave our General Meeting, they "Ooh" and "Aah" over the engaging and enlightening programs our Program VPs, Jeanette Polvani, Nancy DelMar, and Karen Leja have put together. Our Membership VPs, Melinda Anderson and Betsy Peek have been extremely busy

welcoming more than 30 new members this year.

Our Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Kat Cooper and Claudette Krupnick, keep track of us and all that we are doing.

Our Treasurers, Gayle Rumble and Katie Wrigley, have carefully managed our finances and all the paperwork associated with that position.

Our Communications Team, headed by Patti Allen-LaFleur, produces a phenomenally accurate, up-to-date, and informative website and newsletter.

The Community Action chairs, Eileen Cotter and Louise Dubel, have juggled an amazing array of activities.

Every time I pull out my directory, I'm so thankful for Dot Williamson, Suzanne Scudder and Stephanie Brown, who have produced such a handy guide...and oh, those pictures!

In addition to their comments about the programs, members who attend General Meetings are also highly complimentary about the delicious goodies arranged by Hospitality Chairs Kathy Lopez and Katie Wrigley.

Anne Barton and her sidekicks Donna Gaddy and Lynne Murphy, along with a committed committee, have worked tirelessly to increase the funds in our endowed scholarships. An intense focus on education, led by Public Policy Committee Chairs Molly Divine and Deb White, led to the recent Legislative

Update held in cooperation with the League of Women Voters.

And the rest of the board members, Julie Pavri, Kay Shriver, and Edi Taylor-Richards, may have less visible jobs, but their contributions are invaluable.

Finally, I need to thank President-Elect Lynne Murphy. She has provided terrific support both for the branch and for me this year, and I look forward to another dynamic year under her leadership.

As I said in my very first President's Message, I 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!

May 13 Program— The Supreme Court of the United States: A Little History and A Lot of Politics



The speaker for May is Paul F. Eckstein, a partner in the Phoenix office of Perkins Coie LLP, a national law firm with over 1,000 lawyers. A graduate of Pomona College and Harvard Law School,

Mr. Eckstein has practiced law at Perkins Coie LLP and its predecessors since his admission to the Arizona Bar in 1965. He will be speaking on the topic of the Supreme Court.

For the last 40 plus years Mr. Eckstein's practice has focused on civil litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level, with special emphasis on First Amendment, federal

and state constitutional, election (including numerous cases involving initiatives and referenda), antitrust, intellectual property and commercial law issues. Mr. Eckstein is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 1988 he served as co-

prosecutor in the impeachment trial of Gov. Evan Mecham. In the last fifteen years, Mr. Eckstein has devoted substantial time to serving as an arbitrator and mediator.

Mr. Eckstein is a founder and past president of the Board of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, former Chair of the Board of Phoenix Children's Hospital, an emeritus trustee of the Board of Trustees of Pomona College and a member of the Board of Trustees, and a Regional Vice President of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. From 1989 through 1995, Mr. Eckstein served as the Chair of the Rhodes Scholarship Arizona Nominating Committee, was a member of that committee from 1998 through 2002, and was Chair of the Region VIII Rhodes Scholarship Nominating Committee in 1996-97.

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, May 13.

Summer Social Scheduled June 13



AAUW's annual Summer Social is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13, 5-7 p.m.**, in the Community Room, Building 19 (Library) 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. They must hold a degree—associate's, bachelor's, or higher—to be eligible to join.

If you know of someone you would like us to invite, please send his/her name, phone number, email, and full address (for written invitations) to Betsy Peek (email address is in your directory). Also, please indicate whether you plan to attend with your guest. Printed invitations will be mailed by the Summer Social Committee.

We are also looking for people willing to provide a **salad or dessert** for the event, to serve as **table hostesses** and **greeters**, and to help with **set-up** and **clean-up**. Contact Anne Jacques to volunteer to bring food and Deb Dillon for any of the other functions. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the May General Meeting.

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

Contact a Summer Social committee member if you have any questions. Committee members include Deb Dillon, Lynne Murphy, Sandra Bennett, Melinda Anderson, Betsy Peek, Kathy Lopez, Anne Jacques, Kat Cooper, and Claudette Krupnick.

Report on Legislative Update

A Legislative Update, sponsored by AAUW and the League of Women Voters, was held on the Yavapai College campus April 1.

One hundred twenty-six people attended the 1 1/2-hour event, in addition to the three legislators: Senator Karen Fann and Representatives Noel Campbell and David Stringer. It appeared that 50-60 percent of the attendees were likely members of the sponsoring organizations. A reporter from the *Courier* also attended.

The legislators gave about half an hour of introductory remarks, then responded to pre-submitted questions. Ellie Laumark, a member of both AAUW and League of Women Voters, served as emcee. There was time only for a half-dozen questions. The topics were: Prescott sober-living homes, local control for cities, highway/roadway funding, Planned Parenthood funding, and education (overall funding and Education Savings Accounts [ESAs]). There was no avenue for input from the audience.

Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers was elected unanimously at the April 8 Business Meeting. Officers elected for next year are:

Elected Officers

President Elect	Molly Divine
Recording Secretary	Anne Jacques
Treasurer	Katie Wrigley
Program Co-VP	Paula Fuhst
Membership Co-VP	Kathleen Hydro

Officers who will be continuing next year are:

President	Lynne Murphy
Corresponding Sec	Claudette Krupnick
Program Co-VP	Karen Leja
Membership Co-VP	Betsy Peek

State Officers Installed

Deb Dillon, current AAUW Prescott president, was installed April 14 as co-president for AAUW Arizona for 2017-2018. In addition to Deb, three other AAUW Prescott members will continue with positions on the state board: Claudia Greenwood, Community Action chair; Sara DeRouche, Webmaster; and Patti Allen-LaFleur, Arizona Sun (newsletter) editor.

National Election

AAUW wants your vote in our national election. Through this election, you have an opportunity for your voice to be heard on candidates for national offices and board positions, bylaw changes, the 2017-2019

Public Policy program, and resolutions on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and human trafficking.

On April 17, AAUW members in good standing should have received an email with instructions to vote online. That email contains a unique, personalized link that allows members to vote online without having to provide their member ID or voter pin. Because the personalized email is unique to each member, it **CANNOT** be shared.

Members can also navigate to the online ballot from the AAUW homepage and then enter their member ID and voter PIN. Those numbers were also included in the voter email and on the back of your Spring *Outlook* magazine.

Membership Renewal



It is time to renew your membership for next year. Dues are **\$85** (of which \$49 goes to National, \$9 goes to AZ state and \$27 goes to AAUW-Prescott). \$46 of the total is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

There are two ways to pay your dues:

1. Pay them online. You will receive an e-mailed invoice from AAUW.org in May. Follow the instructions in the email to pay with a credit card.

2. Send or give our Treasurer (Katie Wrigley) an \$85 check made payable to AAUW-Prescott. Our mailing address is AAUW-Prescott, PO Box 10881, Prescott, AZ 86304.

The deadline for renewal is June 30, 2017. Please feel free to contact our Treasurer, Katie Wrigley, with any questions. Her contact information is in the Directory.

Thank you! Let's keep AAUW-Prescott the strongest branch in the State!

Public Policy



The Public Policy committee met on April 4, 2017 at the Prescott Public Library.

Deb Dillon presented a recap of the April 1, 2017, Legislative Forum, which was

held in conjunction with the Yavapai League of Women Voters. The forum did receive good advance publicity and was well attended with 126 people in attendance. All three of our local Arizona elected officials attended. We feel that it did fulfill our objectives of helping to provide local access to our elected officials. Although this format didn't lend itself to an open exchange of opinions, it did offer a chance to see and hear them in person close to home. There was a brief discussion about the cancellation of the Tech Savvy due to low preregistration. Although there were a number of issues that probably contributed to this, one was another Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) event held the same day at Embry Riddle University. As AAUW will not

sponsor this event next year, Molly Divine will contact Embry Riddle to see if there might be a possibility for us to work with them on a similar event in the future. Lenore Hemphill presented a report on a project involving identifying local educators responsible for Title IX administration in the school districts in Prescott, Humboldt, and Chino Valley

Unified Districts. Molly Divine presented a brief recap of selected current educational issues both specific to Arizona and nationally. The next meeting of the Public Policy committee will be Tuesday, May 2, 1:00 p.m. in the Elsea room of the Prescott Public Library. The tentative agenda will include a discussion of the final state budget as it relates to education issues and updates of national education issues. The May meeting will be the last regularly scheduled meeting of the 2016-2017 year.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Divine Co-chair, Public Policy

Community Action

A Chance to be Who We Are!

This summer we will have, perhaps, the last chance to contribute to the success of the students who are participating in the summer lead program at Yavapai College. We have been asked to be mentors/role models for a small group of first-generation college women who are taking classes during the summer to ensure their success when they enroll full time in the fall. AAUW national is one of the sponsoring organizations for the coming year.



Our participation will involve attending a welcome barbecue on the Prescott Campus on June 6, meeting the students and exchanging cell phone numbers. We are asked to check in via text with the students once a week to see how they are doing. If they express interest in meeting with us over lunch we are encouraged to join them in the campus cafeteria on occasion. We are also invited to join them in their celebratory event at the conclusion of the program in late July. The Verde Campus is participating in the welcome event on the Prescott Campus so that we can meet their students. Our engagement with those students, however, will be primarily via text. Our attendance at the Verde Campus celebratory dinner is encouraged, but optional.

Specific dates for these and/or additional activities are not yet available but will be provided to those who offer to help.

Please, ladies, take this opportunity to reach out to these young people. AAUW mentors can make all the difference in their ability to succeed!

Email Claudia Greenwood now or sign up at the May Meeting.

Prescott AAUW Among the Winners!

Our branch was recognized at the annual meeting of the state AAUW for continuing to partner with Yavapai College. A state grant for \$500 will be available to support the Sister-to-Sister and Woman-to-Woman mentoring programs during 2017-18. The continued success of Prescott's Community Action programs depends entirely on branch participation. With the help of volunteers, the mentoring committees look forward to a very good year.



Tech Savvy Cancelled

In spite of significant work by committee members, AAUW's Tech Savvy program, scheduled for March 25, had to be cancelled for low enrollment. The national AAUW organization has decided not to fund this program in the future.

Scholarships

Art-Full Afternoon

Art-Full Afternoon Slideshow not shown

About 160 guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon in the Yavapai College-Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden on April 21, strolling with wine and appetizers, viewing interesting sculptures and irises in full bloom, listening to lovely music, and indulging in a delicious chocolate fountain! It couldn't have been a better evening.

Neighborhood Meetings



On Saturday, March 11, eighty-two Prescott AAUW women met in homes for the annual Neighborhood Meetings and, in many cases, had very thoughtful

and insightful discussions about our past, present, and future.

The general consensus was that our branch is doing well in fulfilling our mission and that our outreach has improved. We have a close connection with Yavapai College, a growing and active membership, an excellent web site and newsletter (Thumb Sketch), multiple interest groups, new and improved welcoming tactics for new members and visitors, as well as mentoring programs for young women in the community.

In the future, members would like to see more joint efforts with the League of Women Voters (such as was held in early April),

formulating a Women's Conference or Fair, more long range planning, more work on education and school concerns, increased publicity (which has not been for a lack of trying), and possibly seeking scholarship gifts from local businesses.

Why do members keep coming back, some after fifty years of membership? It's the intellectual stimulation through the excellent programs, the well educated women in the chapter, the wide range of activities and interest groups, the connection with National AAUW, and the strong relationships that have been built over the years.

It was agreed that the programs this year have been outstanding! A number of suggestions for programs were shared and were forwarded to the Program Co-Chairs. Members look forward to more stimulating speakers in the coming year!

A big thank you goes to those who hosted and those who led the Neighborhood Meetings this year. What a wonderful way to get to know members, especially newer ones, in a more intimate setting. Next year it is hoped that more members will join in on the fun! Besides that, the food always promises to be fantastic!

Lynne Murphy President-Elect

Photo Request

Your Photo is needed for the Directory by June 30th, 2017

Contributed 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 redo a photo for anyone who would like a different pose. There are a few

guidelines and options for producing these photos:

Camera photo works better than cell phone photo

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.

IF you decline to have your photo in the directory, we will place a N/A next to your information.

Please inform Stephanie Brown or Dot Williamson if you decline to have a photo

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

Directory Distribution

Tired of searching for your misplaced Directory? We have the solution!

This year for the first time you will be receiving your Directory by email on your computer as a PDF instead of in the usual booklet form. The electronic copy will be sent by email to all members of our Branch. This will save the Branch the expense of printing and mailing costs, and members can still print any part of the Directory they choose.

If you wish to request a hard copy of the Directory, notify Dot Williamson by August 1.

Master Calendar



Under the “Calendar” tab on our website there is a “Master Calendar,” which lists the regular meeting dates and times of our various interest groups, board meeting, and general meeting. Members planning meeting dates and times for new, or existing, interest groups should consult the Master Calendar to try to avoid conflicts.

When groups change their regular meeting dates and/or times, the President-Elect should be notified, and she will let the keeper of the calendar know to change the Master Calendar.

Geocaching New Schedule

To take advantage of free parking on Wednesdays at parks and trailheads, the Geocaching group has recently changed its meeting day to the second Wednesday of each month. During the cold winter months, the group tends to go out later in the morning or in the afternoon, whereas in the warm summer months, the group heads out in the morning. Stopping for lunch or snacks after the hunt and kibitzing about the geocaches we found (or sometimes didn't find!) is an option many members enjoy!

On March 8, the group set out on a longer than usual geocaching adventure to find 19 geocaches honoring the Yarnell 19/Prescott Hotshots. Each geocache is dedicated to one of the Hotshots. It was a very successful day with a surprisingly gourmet lunch afterward at Nichols West in Congress!

All AAUW members are welcome, whether experienced geocachers or newbies wanting to find out more about this mysterious leisure time activity that sometimes takes us to places in the Prescott area we didn't even know existed to find "tupperware in the woods!" Contact Sara DeRouchev if you would like to join the next Geocaching adventure.



AAUW Geocachers searching near a lonely Joshua Tree on Route 89.

Prescott AAUW in the 60s and 70s



Kathryn Madden

The 1960s was a decade of change in our country especially in the area of civil rights. AAUW was very involved in our nation's struggle by supporting the

Equal Pay and Voting Rights Acts, was against restrictive labor laws, and fought for better working conditions for women. It founded the "Action for a Unified Society: Activities for Civil Rights" in 1968 and supported the founding of Now by Betty Friedan. Nationally, the Coretta Scott King Fund promoting opportunities for African-American Women was created. In 1969, AAUW published a handbook called, "Congress and You: A Primer for Participation in the Legislative Process." AAUW fought hard for women's rights.

We also had outstanding members and leaders at that time who were very active in our community by serving on local boards, which organized the Prescott Community Council that coordinated all service groups in the city. They were instrumental in founding the Yavapai Symphony Association, which brought the Phoenix symphony to Prescott to perform a series of concerts and reach out to the schools to expose students to Classical music and provide scholarships. The Yavapai Symphony Association is this year celebrating its 50th anniversary in Prescott. On the

founding boards of Planned Parenthood and Faith House was one of our presidents, Mary Brooke. In 1963, our branch studied the “Emerging Nations of Asia and Africa”. We also examined the State’s education, especially the drop-out policy. Prescott AAUW now had 93 members.

In the 1970s, Jeri Wagner, an AAUW member, became the first woman in Arizona elected mayor by popular vote, and she became Prescott’s “Citizen of the Year”. Among her many outstanding accomplishments was working hard to establish a local museum for 27 pieces of Solon Borglum sculptures.

AAUW participated in a “Get Out the Vote” project; supported the cause of subsidized housing, which led to the building of Good Samaritan Towers; and backed the Equal Rights Amendment with a huge lobbying force.

An impressive moving force at this time for our branch was president Idelia Riggs. Under her leadership an incredible amount of money was raised to move the Bashford House, which had been donated by Jack in the Box, to the Sharlot Hall Museum grounds. She also was very involved with raising funds for the Lloyd Rowe Adult Center on Aubrey Street, which housed Golden Age Nutrition and Meals on Wheels. The Boys and Girls Club moved in when the Adult Center was moved to its current site. Cooperating with all three colleges, the library and the forestry service, we produced an 8-program story of our community, which was repeated in 1988 at the Adult Center as a scholarship fund raiser.