



President's Message



Welcome to Fall!

Lynne Murphy, President

With the monsoons behind us and the weeds growing profusely in our yards and gardens, it must be nearly time for AAUW Prescott to get the new year going!

Your AAUW officers, both elected and appointed, have enjoyed the annual board retreat during which time we discussed our goals for the coming year. The programs that are planned are, as usual, thought provoking, interesting, and educational. Feel free to invite your friends to join us at a regular meeting.

On **September 9th**, we will get acquainted with Prescott's new Chief of Police, Debora Black, and learn about the challenges for women in law enforcement. She'll also inform us about the most recent scams in Prescott. Just when you thought they couldn't possibly think of anything else, the scam artists are using their minds for more negatives. Can you imagine what those creative minds could do if their goal was to work for the good of the people?

Dr. Pat Mann will offer young women an amazing experience on **Thursday, September 14**, when she leads AAUW women in operating **The Reality Store**. This has little to do with actual shopping, but everything to do with educating students on making good choices in their futures beyond schooling. They may be surprised that it's not realistic to think a new college grad can afford a big house and a new Lexus!

The fall fundraiser for our Yavapai College scholarships will be unlike the usual Author Luncheons! Anne Barton, chairperson, must stay awake half the night thinking up new and creative

ways to entice and entertain us! We will travel "**Around the World in 80 Books**" on **Friday, October 27** at Yavapai College. There will be travel exhibits, reading challenges, prizes, and speakers....plus international food for lunch! Plan to attend and bring a friend!

Looking ahead, AAUW Prescott is hosting the state's **Fall Forum on November 4th** right here on campus in our usual meeting room. The program being planned is exceptional. Members from around the state will attend, and, of course, you are urged to join in on an incredible day and take the opportunity to show off our own branch!

Fall is ahead and another exciting year with AAUW is upon us!

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General Meeting: September 9, 2017 Meet Prescott's Police Chief



Prescott Chief of
Police, Debora Black

Chief Debora Black joined the Prescott Police Department in July of 2016, bringing with her more than 36 years of professional law enforcement experience. AAUW Prescott is pleased that Chief Black will be our guest speaker at the September 9th monthly program. She will share information about her

background and career, challenges for women in law enforcement, and current safety and scam information in our community. There will be time for questions from the audience also.

General Meeting: October 14, 2017 Dawn Penich Thacker *Communications Director of Save Our Schools (SOS) Arizona*



Dawn P. Thacker

Dawn Penich Thacker will be our featured speaker at the October 14, 2017 meeting. Dawn is the Communications Director

and Spokesperson for Save Our Schools, a statewide, grassroots volunteer group of Arizona citizens who want our state to prioritize public education. Dawn began her career as a U.S. Army Public Affairs officer, serving in the Strategic Communications at the Pentagon and elsewhere. She holds a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Linguistics.

General Meeting: November 11, 2017

Learn about the Senior Peer Prevention Program



Connie Boston

Connie Boston, MSW, is the Manager of the Senior Peer Prevention

Program of West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. It is an innovative, evidence based program that has been a part of the clinic for 29 years. It provides free services to older adults who are vulnerable to depression and possible suicide because they experience little social connection due to isolation. Connie will provide information about the program and will include some information about depression and suicide in older adults. The physical and mental health benefits of volunteering will also be discussed. General information about all the behavioral treatments services of West Yavapai Guidance will be shared.

2017-18 Directory Distribution

The electronic copy of the 2017-18 Directory will be sent to all members by email around September 1st. Those members who requested a hard copy in addition to the email copy may pick them up at the first General Meeting on September 9th.

AAUW State Fall Forum: November 4, 2017 in Prescott



AAUW Arizona is busy preparing for an exceptional **Fall Forum Nov. 4** in Prescott. So far, we have speakers lined up to talk with us about the generally neglected topic of women's health care in rural areas and on Indian reservations. We also have Yavapai College Police Chief Jerald Monahan who leads an organization that seeks to "Start by Believing" in supporting victims of sexual assault. (Chief Monahan was a hit when he spoke at an AAUW Prescott General Meeting last year). Finally, we hope to send attendees home with positive thoughts and ideas on promoting civil discourse.

AAUW Prescott is hosting this event, and we are hoping for a large turnout from among our members. Registration information will be available soon, and we encourage you to attend!

Community Action

Submitted by Sara DeRouchey

Have you heard about AAUW's study and report entitled ***The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap*** which shows that the pay gap between men and women is still alive and well? According to AAUW pay gap won't close until 2152! As a result of this study, AAUW has developed two salary negotiation workshops, Start Smart and Work Smart. Both workshops are designed to empower women with the skills confidence they need to successfully negotiate their salary and benefits.

At our recent Prescott AAUW Board retreat, following a presentation about the workshops by Sara DeRouchey, there was much interest in having Prescott AAUW host some Start Smart workshops, which are geared toward women about to graduate from college who are entering the job market for the first time. The idea is to host the workshops for the benefit of and in conjunction with our local colleges.

Stay tuned for more developments, and contact Sara DeRouchey for up-to-date information.

PublicPolicy

Submitted by Becky Gunn



Becky Gunn

The Public Policy Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month beginning in September from 1 – 3 pm in the Elsea Room at the Prescott Public Library. Our first meeting, **September 5**, will focus on setting the topical agenda for the year. We ask that you bring your ideas and resource considerations. We hope this year to work toward greater

visibility of our public policy positions with increased interaction among our branch members. If you have questions or ideas or wish to join the committee, please contact the Public Policy co-chairs, Deb White and/or Becky Gunn.



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Scholarships Around the World in 80 Books



Please join the Prescott AAUW and the Yavapai College Foundation for an Authors' Luncheon in support of Scholarships for students at Yavapai College.

Our exciting 2017 theme is Travel—of the mind, local, state, domestic, international and space! We'll talk books—fiction and non-fiction, travel tips, photography, internet access for library books and information, and dine on international foods! There will be a Challenge of reading eighty books in twelve months, with prizes, of course!

When: Friday, October 27, 2017

Where: Yavapai College, Building 19, Room 147

Time: 11:30am–1:00pm

Cost: \$35.00 (ALL proceeds after expenses will be added to the Mary Alice Moulton and Centennial Scholarships)

Reservations must be made by October 20th!

There are four ways to reserve: at the September or October General Meeting; by contacting Treasurer Katie Wrigley; or you can simply click on the following URL—www.yc.edu/aauwauthors to register.

Checks for the event should be made out to the Yavapai College Foundation, with a notation *AAUW Authors' Luncheon* on the Notes line.

Interest Groups

Dining in All Directions

The Dining in All Directions group held a Kick-Off on August 11th at the home of Suzy and Dan Furlong. Hors-d'-oeuvres and desserts prepared by members were enjoyed by the 25 members and spouses who attended. Several new members have joined this year, so it was a chance to get acquainted. Now the group divides into smaller dinner groups for the rest of the year. We have space for more members, so if you are interested please contact Dot Williamson or Sandra Bennett.



Help Is Needed for The Reality Store, September 14

Submitted by Pat Mann



AAUW-Prescott's Community Action experiential event "The Reality Store" is coming up **Thursday, September 14 at 8:00 a.m. to around 1:00**, in collaboration with Yavapai College. It is targeted to girls and boys, 7th grade and up through high school and college.

At The Reality Store®, students select a career. They then learn the monthly salary of that job. Then they enter "The Reality Store" where they will spend their salary by making choices on housing, clothing, car, and much more, that they envision as part of their adult lifestyle. This event helps students learn the real cost of living and whether their occupation will provide the type of lifestyle they expect and want. If not, what could they do differently?

Many of you helped "man" the event previously and offered feedback for improvements, which we are implementing. On the evaluations, everyone said they really enjoyed interacting with the students!

We are calling out for your help again in September. "The Reality Store" is Thursday, **September 14 at 8:00 a.m. to around 1:00**, in the Yavapai College Community Room. Details will follow in an email to those who volunteer. Each of you will be specifically assigned to a task and briefed in advance of what you need to do. We will also have a training hour at the Prescott Library a week before the event for those who have never worked this event in the past.



Women's Equality Day was August 26th

Women's Equality Day on August 26 is an annual observance that commemorates the anniversary of the first time **voting rights** were extended to women in the United States.

A Night of Terror Remembered



In 1917 (a hundred years ago) suffragists were imprisoned after picketing the White House.

They suffered violent attacks at

the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia. They were members of the National Woman's Party; affidavits claim they were brutally beaten and abused. Lucy Burns was handcuffed and forced to hang from the top of her cell, while some witnesses say Dora Lewis suffered a heart attack. The abuse was ordered by the superintendent, W.H. Whittaker, in an attempt to teach the suffragists a lesson. The courage and conviction expressed by the National Woman's Party inspired more volunteers to join the picket line and eventually convince the public and elected officials to support the suffrage amendment.

Read more about this incident and the bravery of these women at the links below.



Read more at the Wikipedia link:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_of_Terror_\(event\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_of_Terror_(event))

or the Snopes link: <http://www.snopes.com/politics/ballot/womenvote.asp>

or the Google page link: [the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917,](#)