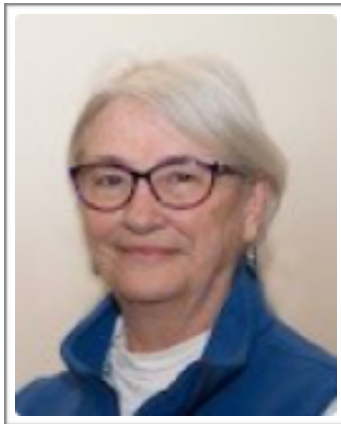


President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year Dear Members.



Molly Divine, President

I would like to begin my column with congratulations to the winners of our branch awards, which were announced at our delightful Holiday Brunch in December. Our Mover and Shaker award went to Katie Wrigley, who is currently serving as our Treasurer. Her willingness to assist

the branch in a broad range of activities over the years has been always appreciated. Our Rookie of the Year Award went to Sue Marceau, who is currently chairing our Public Policy Committee. Sue has jumped right into this role as a new member, with both expertise and enthusiasm. Since no one wrote an article recapping the brunch, the Red Envelope articles can appear just before or just after the award articles.

January dawns with a full calendar of events that offers members many opportunities to engage in branch activities. Our first general meeting of the year will be on Saturday, January, 12th, 9:00 am in the Community Room at Yavapai College. Our topic is Helping the Homeless and Teens in our Community.

Community Action has a busy schedule with two sessions of Girls Rock-it Day scheduled at Embry-Riddle Aeronautics University on February 5th, and March 12th. Volunteers have been solicited and should be in the process of getting their security clearances. The Sister-to-Sister event has been

scheduled for February, 26th, at Yavapai College. Sandra McKnight and Colleen Jensen are working on coordinating these projects. Please contact them directly with questions.

The Arizona Day at the Legislature event has been scheduled for February 26 in Phoenix. There will be car pools organized for the event. The Public Policy Committee meeting on February, 5 will offer an overview of the current legislative session which will also serve as an introduction to the day of action later in the month.

Moving forward on two possible new branch projects we are looking for members willing to work on two ad hoc committees. The first is to work with Pat Mann to examine the possibility of expanding the successful Reality Store beyond our current

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yearly event with Yavapai College. I am looking for a couple of members to help brainstorm and organize our new Community Field Trips group. These are short term, limited time commitments.

We have a dynamic branch whose work is guided by the mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. We do this while supporting each other and enjoying the relationships we build through our activities. All of this is possible only through the participation of our members. Make sure to look for opportunities to find the places that match your interests. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. In gratitude.



January 12, 2019: General Meeting

Helping the Homeless and Teens in Our Community

Courtney Osterfelt, the founder and director of [The Launch Pad Teen Center](#), will discuss the positive impacts provided by this free and safe place for quad city youth. Tutoring, teen-centered events, activities, music, art, dances, and internships are offered by the Center, which is open from 3:00 – 6:00 on Mondays through Fridays in leased space on the Prescott College campus.



Jessi Hans, the director of the [Coalition for Compassion and Justice](#) (CCJ), will share CCJ's impact on addressing the basic needs

of the homeless and low-income residents of our community. To support their mission to “provide vital services, education and advocacy for people living in poverty, leading to a fair and just community for all.” CCJ provides programs that include emergency shelter for men and women, a diaper drive, providing school supplies, and a winter coat drive.



February 9, 2019: General Meeting

The State of Women's Health in Yavapai County



Leslie Horton, Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services

For our February 9 program, we are honored to welcome Leslie Horton (MA, Master

Certified Health Education Specialist), Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services and County Health Officer. Based on the findings of a recent Yavapai County Community Health Assessment, women in Yavapai County have an average life expectancy of 81.6 years, which is higher than the national average of 79.8 years. Within those years, women living in Yavapai County have some opportunities for better health and longevity than other areas of the country, while they may also suffer from some health problems at higher rates than other areas. Some of the primary health concerns for women in Yavapai County are mental health and suicide, drug overdose, unintentional injury, and breast cancer. The presentation will examine these issues, as well as some of the factors and health behaviors that may lead to the increased rates.

To learn more about Yavapai County Community Health Services, visit <http://www.yavapai.us/chs/>

January and February 2019 General Meeting info:

Where: Yavapai College Community Room in Building 19

When: Social time begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by our general meeting announcements. Programs begin at 10:00 a.m.



Spotlight On Our Members

The PR Committee is doing a series of articles on long-term active members as well as our current board members.

Long-Term Member Annette Schiller Dedicated to AAUW



Arriving in Prescott in 1993, Annette Schiller immediately joined AAUW. Annette had twice been president of AAUW branches in Texas, and she knew AAUW would give her the opportunity to connect with women with whom she shared common goals and

interests.

In the years since, Annette has held every AAUW Board office in Prescott except Treasurer and has attended numerous AAUW national conventions. Annette and Doris Piatak were the first pair to serve as Co-Presidents in the Prescott branch, and Annette helped to start the Garden, Movie and Gourmet Interest Groups. She is also a 25-year member of her Book Group.

Earlier in her Prescott AAUW experience, Annette remembers more AAUW activities centered around

children. Membership included a higher percentage of former teachers in those years.

Annette has contributed to the growth of the branch through recruitment of many new members. She still tries to meet new members at each general meeting, which she faithfully attends.

Annette and her husband Don moved to Touchmark this fall but she will not leave AAUW behind. She has developed long-term, caring friendships, and knows those friends will always be there when someone needs help.



Past President Wini Daniel: Long-time Advocate for Women



Wini Daniel moved to Prescott in 1996. Her search for women who are “bright, engaged, life-long learners” brought her to AAUW. Although her mother had been an active member in the San Fernando Valley of

California, Wini didn’t join the organization until 1997. The group, then fewer than 100 members, found Wini to be willing and able and within two years elected her president.

During her tenure she even edited, printed, and mailed the Thumb Sketch! She remembers how divisive an issue the use of computers and internet became, members splitting along lines of experience. The “Internet Freak-Out” was eventually managed and slowly the organization came to rely on the technology for communication.

Two very different events stand out for Wini: antique auctions and the Christmas parade. The first were successful fund raisers; the later was a fun way to acquaint the community with the organization.

Even before becoming an AAUW member Wini was an advocate for the organization's mission. Activism was a natural outcome of her undergrad degree in Political Science and Masters in Social Work.

"So much has changed" in Prescott's AAUW because the community itself has changed since 2000. Wini is concerned about the rapid growth of both. She encourages new members to become active in all opportunities offered by the branch to support the national mission, as well as the local and state efforts. She encourages leadership to find ways to involve greater numbers of members in branch projects.

Wini is planning to return to California in the near future. We wish her well!



Introducing President-Elect Becky Gunn



Born in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and raised in Logan, Utah, Becky is a Westerner at heart. She celebrates the western culture that recognizes the importance of community AND individuality.

Recipient of a Girls' State scholarship, Becky began and completed her undergrad education in Wyoming. An interest in political science led her to complete a Master's program at the University of Pittsburgh, her first experience in living east of the Mississippi. Following graduation she quickly learned that a political science degree didn't qualify her for many jobs, so she took advantage of the one skill that most of us mastered as a "fall back" essential: typing. Employment opportunities opened after she passed the Civil Service exam, and she moved to Illinois to work for the government. Increasingly distressed that her work supported war efforts, she explored an entirely new path: the wine industry!

Not only did Becky learn the industry, she was able to pursue an MBA and join the management team. Seizing the opportunity, she participated in all of its aspects including strategic planning, marketing, purchasing and systems analysis. Ultimately, she transported all of these skills to the tech industry and spent the rest of her career in California as a member of a male-dominated international management team.

From her work experience Becky learned the value of mentoring. Lacking the support of female mentors herself, she developed strong mentoring programs for those who followed. Her passion for empowering women ultimately led to criticism by her colleagues: "caring too much about people and not enough about the bottom line." Following her heart, she left the tech industry and entered the ministry.

It is this rich background that Becky brings to Prescott's AAUW. Attracted by the AAUW mission, she joined the Prescott branch believing that she had found a group of like-minded women who advocated for their values. In most regards, she has. She is concerned, however, that AAUW at all levels has not sufficiently directed the energy of members toward a focal point. Locally, she aspires to stimulate the energy she sees and feels among Prescott's members toward goals demonstrating our mission to the community.



Mover/Shaker and Rookie Awards Presented at December Brunch

Award History

The state AAUW organization used to have an "Agitator Award." A silver-painted agitator from an old washing machine was awarded each year to a person active at the state level. In 2004, after returning from a state meeting, Susan King and Edi Taylor-Richards were inspired to create the Mover

and Shaker award for a member who is very active in the Prescott Branch. They awarded it for a couple of years and then turned it over to the branch to decide the recipient. Edi picked up the maracas on a trip to Southern California – there wasn't much choice, so that's the reason we have green maracas!

In 2013 the board decided to create the Rookie of the Year award to honor a fairly new member, who became very active in the branch soon after joining.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

Presenting Our Two Award Winners – Katie Wrigley and Sue Marceau

Our Mover and Shaker award winner, **Katie Wrigley**, is one of those people who just says yes when asked to do something – she is always willing to step in and help. About 2 years ago, when our then current Treasurer resigned mid-term and we needed a person who could step up and be our new Treasurer, Katie almost without pause said YES. But it is not only her willingness to say yes, it is also the fact that she does an excellent job in a complex and time-consuming position. We have never heard her complain. Her energy and commitment are phenomenal. Previously she had also been active creatively helping the refreshment committee making sure that things look appropriately festive. Katie is also involved in some interest groups – one wonders where she finds the time – she works full time – and she always has a smile on her face. Thanks to Katie for her ongoing energy and commitment to AAUW Prescott.



Our Rookie of the Year, **Sue Marceau**, joined us in early 2018. She immediately became involved in Public Policy and Community Action. One of her first activities was to attend Legislative Day in February. Soon she was selected as

Chair of the Public Policy Committee and has had a huge, positive, invigorating impact. Sue also represented AAUW in organizing and presenting the Ballot Initiative Forum, working with the League of Women Voters this fall; she also attended the Fall Forum. She hasn't limited herself to Public Policy – she has also participated in community action projects. She is clearly a dynamic advocate for the vision and mission of AAUW Prescott.



Public Policy

Agenda for Advocacy

Thank you to members who responded to our survey regarding the statewide Legislative Agenda for 2019. Voting confirmed agreement with the top three issues

identified by the Prescott Public Policy Committee (PPC) for our advocacy efforts. The outcome was a tie for Economic Security and Establishment of a Funding Stream for Education, with Passage of the ERA a very close second. Those results were shared with AAUW-Arizona Public Policy leadership, which tallied responses from all the branches. These five very important topics will guide our statewide PPC advocacy for the year ahead: Public Education Funding; Economic Security/Equal Pay; Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); Women's Health; and



Title IX. For more information on these initiatives and how to participate, email publicpolicy@aauwprescott.net.

Legislative Day 2019

Planning is underway for AAUW-Arizona's Legislative Day, Feb. 26 at the State Capitol. We are turning the tables this year with our own strategic lobbying campaign versus passively hearing speeches from lawmakers. We will be sharing with legislators the direction we would like to see them take in their lawmaking. Mark your calendars for this very special day in Phoenix, and email publicpolicy@aauwprescott.net with your commitment to attend; your preference for being a driver, passenger, or managing your own transportation; and ideas regarding how you would like the day to unfold. Then, join us at our monthly PPC meeting in February to finalize the plan.

ERA Arizona Push

Consensus among statewide AAUW Public Policy leaders is that AAUW-Arizona should focus immediately on advocacy for ratification of the ERA. A communications campaign is being undertaken to provide support and encouragement to branch members in drafting and sending letters to key decision-makers regarding how ratifying the ERA to the U.S. Constitution will benefit all Americans. More information will be forthcoming about this and many other opportunities to demonstrate support for the ERA and move the process forward for Arizona to become the 38th and milestone state to ratify.

Equal Pay for Economic Security

Economic Security/Equal Pay is one of the five issues identified for advocacy in 2019 by AAUW Arizona. The wage gaps between women of all ethnicities and white, non-Hispanic men are calculated each year to identify the milestones at which pay equality is reached. Those dates range from April 2 to Nov. 20, according to AAUW National. Women in the United States earn from 85 to 53 cents for every dollar paid to men, according to the data. Here are the breakeven points for 2019:

- March 5: Asian American Women's Equal Pay Day (85 cents);
- April 2: All Women's Equal Pay Day (80 cents);
- April 19: White Women's Equal Pay Day (77 cents);
- August 22: Black Women's Equal Pay Day (61 cents);
- September 23: Native Women's Equal Pay Day (58 cents); and
- November 20: Latinas Equal Pay Day (53 cents).

Next PPC Meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1 to 3 pm, Elsea Room, Prescott Public Library

Topic: Preparation for Legislative Day

(Note: there is no meeting in January)



Deeper In Debt—Women and Student Loans



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Published in 2017 and updated in May, 2018, **Deeper in Debt** is an in-

depth study of women graduates of colleges and universities and the role student loans play in their lives.

The AAUW report *Deeper in Debt* is available free of charge. Click on this [Link](#) to access the full document and to receive an email with a copy of the report.



Community Action

Annual Sister-to-Sister Date Set



Our Prescott AAUW branch will be joining efforts with Yavapai Community College's Trio program for the

Sister-to-Sister luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019, (exact start time will be announced).

The theme of this year's program will be "Acting Mindfully." Those attending are Trio middle school and high school students from our local area schools.

The program will start with a tour of the theater's back stage operations, followed by a speaker, then on to student powered "charades" and of course lunch.

There will be an opportunity for Sister-to-Sister volunteers to meet students enrolled in the Trio program on a field trip to ASU's MARS Center on January 30, 2019.

GIRLS ROCK-IT! Day Coming!

AAUW will be joining with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University this next Feb. and March to

present two STEM programs. These programs take place on the campus of ERAU. *The first program will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and will be geared to middle school age girls. The second program will be Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM and will be geared to high school age girls.* There will be workshops conducted by instructors from ERAU.



The volunteers from AAUW will assist with sign-in, directing students to different venues, and completing evaluations. There will be NO cost to either the students or AAUW volunteers.



Scholarships

3rd Annual Art-Full Afternoon Scheduled – SAVE THE DATE!

The Third Annual *Art-Full Afternoon in the Garden* will be held on Thursday, April 25th from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm in the Sculpture Garden on the Yavapai College Campus. Our theme for this year will be *From the Rhine to The Rhône*.



Communications Team Seeks New Team Members

The Communications Team works together to manage the AAUW Prescott website and to produce the newsletter. We are looking for members who would like to join our team. We split assignments among team members so no one is overwhelmed or overworked. The Communications Team is lots of fun and the support cannot be beat! Join our team for a meeting and see if it will fit for you. We next meet on Friday, January 4, in the Elsea Room of the Prescott Public Library. *If you're looking for a stimulating and engaging activity that supports AAUW Prescott, consider joining our team! Contact Patti Allen-LaFleur Or Sara DeRouchey at webmaster@aauwprescott.net. Also, you can always catch up with one of us at the general meetings.*

Interest Groups



New Potential Interest Group— Couples Bridge

Are you interested in joining a monthly Couples Bridge group? Diane Shrager is willing to organize the interest group but needs to know of those who might be wanting to participate. The group would meet on the second Sunday each month from 6 – 9 pm at rotating homes. It is intended to be a social, fun evening of bridge with husbands. All levels would be welcome! The potential first meeting would be January 13 at the Shragers'. Please contact Diane Shrager if you would like to be involved.

Information regarding Interest Groups

Leadership Changes: Lunch Bunch will now be headed by Margie Crider and Marty Lewis; the Healthy Living Group will be facilitated by Linda Crider. Many thanks to those who agree to facilitate Interest Groups!

Interest Groups that are no longer: The Golf Group and the 2nd Wednesday Evening Great Decisions Groups have been dissolved.

How Do I Start an Interest Group?

We are always open to new Interest groups. Believe it or not, there is a process for how to become an official AAUW Prescott group. When a new group is being formed, at least five members should have expressed interest in the group. That information along with the proposed leader's name, the purpose and timing of the group meetings should be forwarded to the President-Elect who will present it before the Board for approval. Once approved, the President Elect then notifies the group leader and then places the meeting on the master schedule.

Duplicate Bridge: Friendly, Will Train! Duplicate Bridge Group Seeks new Players



Have you by Bridge been afraid what you about fear no

been intimidated Duplicate players or have to try because of have heard Duplicate? Well, more!

People are friendly and supportive. Many of the players also play with the social bridge group. AAUW Duplicate Bridge uses a rotation system so you change partners often just as we do with social bridge.

I was intimidated to play because I didn't think I was good enough and would be embarrassed or humiliated, but I found I enjoyed the little bit of difference with social bridge, and I learned most of the rules the very first time I played. Lots of friendly prompting from the others helped me to get a handle on some simple aspects of the game, mostly technical, but Bridge all the same.

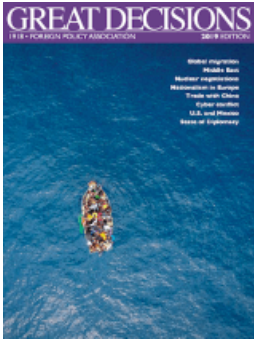
We invite you to give us a try and see if you don't agree that this change up from social bridge is refreshing and you meet a few more people in AAUW.

We play once a month on the 2nd Friday and play in different homes each month. A few light refreshments are provided for your enjoyment.

Give us a try! If we get enough newbies, we can have a small training session before we start the game.

Contact Susan Braverman or Muriel Haverland (contact info in directory) to sign up to receive game notices.

Great Decisions: Second Evening Great Decisions for Couples Accepting New Members



The Evening Couples Great Decisions Group 2 is accepting new members for the New Year. (Group 1 is at capacity.) This discussion group on World and Current events is educational, stimulating, social and can be controversial. Those who

need some intellectual exercise will enjoy reading the book prepared by the Foreign Policy Association and watching the videos with commentators who provide both expertise and historical perspectives on challenging and diverse subjects.

The group meets monthly, in the evening, on a date and time agreed to by the group. Light refreshments are served, and the group members choose a topic and host in their homes. The cost for the book and video will be determined by the number participating. If you have 7 couples, the cost is around \$38 per couple for the year.

Talk to your significant other and see if he or she is ready for the year to get a whole bunch more interesting! Contact Muriel Haverland—contact info in directory.

Leave a message and Muriel will return your call.



2018 Holiday Brunch

Heartfelt appreciation goes to The Rockin' Ukes (subgroup of Prescott Ukulele Guild) for their joyful and humorous performance of holiday and popular tunes at the Dec. 8 Holiday Brunch at The Club at Prescott Lakes. Members also heard the story of Doreen Cocherell, one of The Rockin' Ukes musicians, who has volunteered to help students at Del Rio Elementary School in Chino Valley learn how to play the ukulele.

Doreen reports, "When I approached principal Carolyn Reeder at Del Rio, she said the district already had 15 ukuleles, plus cases — they were just waiting for an instructor! The club started in January 2018 with 15 students." By the end of the semester, six students and Doreen performed at the school's end-of-year talent show. They have learned basic chords (C-F-G7-C7) from which they are able to play many songs and different strum patterns. Doreen gained an assistant from the community who had read about the student club in the local newspaper. This semester the assistant taught beginning ukulele, and next semester he and Doreen will both teach beginning/intermediate. The Prescott Branch has made a donation of \$100 to the Del Rio Elementary School ukulele club. Doreen says, "Thank you so much for caring about the children's music program!"

Annual Red Envelope Event

The contributions for **AAUW Funds** (which supports National AAUW scholarships) received in the red envelopes at the Holiday Brunch, and from several members who were unable to attend, totaled **\$1,165.00**. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

The difference between the cost of putting on the brunch and the paid reservations was **\$116.34**. This was included with the contribution to AAUW Funds.

2018 Holiday Brunch in Pictures









