

President's Message

The year has flown by and AAUW Prescott is ready for its new president and board to take over. Molly Divine and her elected and appointed Board of Directors are ready to go, and I know they'll do a fantastic job of continuing the good work of our branch!



Lynne Murphy, President

When I was in fourth grade, my name was on the chalkboard as class president. I can see it now: "Class President-Lynne

Handkins." How cool was that? As president I had no real responsibilities or jobs. But it was on the front chalkboard, and it spoke volumes to me! During the time between then and March 2016, I flatly *refused* to be the president of anything else!

Then I got a call from Deb Dillon. Presuming my husband would discourage me from such a task, I was overwhelmed when he said, "That's fantastic! You should absolutely do that!" So, I said I would serve as President-Elect and President of AAUW Prescott. It proved to be very different from fourth grade!

During this past year our programs have, once again, been phenomenal. As a matter of fact, the entire branch is phenomenal! I liken it to a bee-hive. I served as the "queen" for this past year and I was surrounded by "worker-bees." I always knew I could depend on members' doing a thorough job on whatever they were asked to do. When I came into a general meeting, I always saw women busily getting everything ready for the onslaught of members and guests. When it was time to clean up after the

meeting ended, not one person was asked to clear the tables. It just happened! All those "worker-bees" took care of everything.

A main goal of mine was to encourage new members to get involved in our branch. I'm pleased that three brand new members will serve on the new board! Hooray for them!

Much has been accomplished this past year. Some new activities have flourished and some old ones have faded. Our branch hosted the AAUW State Fall Forum in November, our Holiday Brunch was a big success, we worked with the League of Women Voters on a Prescott City Council candidate forum, and our second annual Artful Afternoon in the Garden/Mad Hatter's Tea Party was not only a thoroughly fantastic scholarship fund raiser, but we had a ton of fun dressing up in Alice in Wonderland attire.

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Tech Trek was one of those activities that faded, but something even better came along. Thanks to Molly Divine for connecting us with the Girls Rock-it Day at Embry Riddle and involving our branch volunteers! They were happy with our help, and we were invited to participate in it again, as well as in other future programs that address the career choices of young girls.

I could name everyone who helped make this past year one to remember, but you all know who you are. A special thanks goes to Edi Taylor-Richards for always being right there beside me, whispering in my ear, so that I appeared to know what I was doing. Her help was invaluable!

So, I've stepped out of my comfort zone and survived. Perhaps you should do the same when you're asked to serve on the board! You'll be glad you did!

Annual Business Meeting Held, Officers Installed



Newly elected officers include Jan Herbert, Becky Gunn, Claudia Krupnik, and Carol Dosse.

The annual business meeting of the Prescott Branch was held as part of the April general meeting. President Lynne Murphy presided. Treasurer Katie Wrigley presented and explained the 2018-19 budget. Nominees for President-Elect, Program Co-VP, Membership Co-VP, and Corresponding Secretary were introduced and elected for 2018-2020 terms. President-Elect Molly Divine was introduced as the incoming President for 2018-19.

May Program Highlights Indigenous Women's Rights

Examining Women's Participation in the International Indigenous Movement

Carmen A. Mestizo-Castillo is our speaker for the May General Meeting. Her presentation will review the influence of the international indigenous movement, specifically on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It will also include an analysis of women's participation in that process.



Ms. Mestizo-Castillo is from Colombia. Her career has been focused on defending women's rights and indigenous peoples' rights. She has litigated on violence against women at domestic and international levels. She also has been a lecturer at Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

More about Carmen Mestizo-Castillo

Carmen A. Mestizo-Castillo is a recipient of the [AAUW International Fellowship award for 2017-2018](#). International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Originally designed to provide Latin American women opportunities for graduate and postgraduate study in the United States, the AAUW International Fellowships program awarded its first fellowship in 1917. The program now includes women from around the world, and International Fellowships have been awarded to more than 3,600 women from more than 145 nations.

Ms. Mestizo-Castillo holds a Bachelor of Laws degree, a Masters in History, a Master of Laws degree, and is a candidate for Doctor of the Science of Laws at the University of Arizona.

June Program: Annual Summer Social

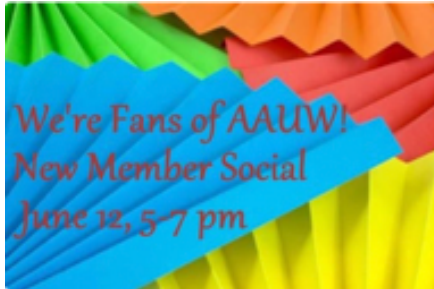
Summer Social Scheduled June 12

AAUW's annual Summer Social is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 12, 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 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 to have us invite, please send his/her name, phone number, email, and full address (for written invitations) to Tracy Smiles (email address in your directory). Also, please indicate whether you plan to attend with your guest. Invitations to your

referrals will be emailed by the Summer Social Committee. Invitation forms will also be available at the May General Meeting.

*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 Lynne Murphy 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.

2018-19 AAUW Prescott Budget is Ready for Viewing

[2018-19 Approved Budget](#)

AAUW Membership Renewal Time

It is time to renew your membership for next year. Dues are **\$95** (of which \$59 goes to National, \$9 goes to AZ state and \$27 goes to AAUW-Prescott). *\$56 of the total is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.*



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There are two ways to pay your dues:

1. **Pay them online.** You will receive an emailed invoice from www.AAUW.org. Follow the instructions in the email to pay with a credit card.
2. **Send or give a check to our Treasurer Katie Wrigley.** The \$95 check should be made payable to AAUW- Prescott.

Our mailing address is AAUW-Prescott, PO Box 10881, Prescott, AZ 86304.

The deadline for renewal is June 30, 2018. Please feel free to contact 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!

2018-2019 AAUW Prescott Branch Directory Emailed as PDF

For a paper copy of the Directory you must contact Dot Williamson.

Again this year we will be emailing a PDF copy of the new Directory to all members. You may print this out if you wish or save it on your computer.



If you want a paper copy of the new Directory, in addition to the computer copy, you must notify Dot Williamson before August 1st. Last year, many members were disappointed because they had failed to sign up for the paper copy of the Directory. **We will have a sign-up sheet at our general meeting in May for those members who wish to have a paper copy of the Directory.**

Remember, if you miss the sign-up sheet at the meeting, you must send a request to Dot Williamson before August 1, 2018.

AAUW Business: Neighborhood Meetings Report

By Molly Divine, President-Elect



I have compiled the responses that were submitted from our March, 2018, Neighborhood meetings. We had meetings at six locations throughout the Prescott area. We had 52 members who attended. It is somewhat disconcerting that attendance was this low—only about 25% of our membership—and that we had difficulty in recruiting hostesses and recorders for the meetings this year.

That being said, the members who did attend were quite outspoken about the value of meeting annually

in small groups, and there was virtual agreement in the desire to continue. Indeed, in one case, there was a request to expand these mini-meetings in the future. I am aware that there were a number of competing events that day that attracted some of our members, as well as an exceptionally high number of members who were out of town that weekend. This year's low attendance could be attributed to an unusual concurrence of events beyond our control.

In general, there were very high marks for the work of our Branch, with very few concerns.

There were quite a large number of suggestions, especially for future program ideas.

Of note, several of the groups reported they did not believe that the increase in dues would cause our membership numbers to drop. This is interesting, as our budget for 2018-2019 has projected a drop in membership to possibly as low as 180 because of resistance to the dues increase. We'll see how that projection pans out.

In conclusion, I was pleased to see so much support and positive comments about the work of our branch.

Prescott Valley neighborhood meeting.



Public Policy Wraps Up Year

The Public Policy Committee held its last meeting of this fiscal year on April 3rd and featured Andy Fraher, the

STEM Outreach Director at Embry-Riddle. The topic was the STEM program at ERAU, which has been growing steadily in strength in recent years. In fact, 25% of the current student enrollment in this program is female students. These women are increasingly involved in student government, sports, and scholarship.

The Public Policy Co-Chairs, Deb White and Becky Gunn, wish to thank all who participated in our monthly meetings and our Legislative Day in February. Our meetings covered the topics of Title IX, Voter Participation, Funding of Public Schools and Vouchers, the Equal Rights Amendment, and Women's Reproductive Rights. Each meeting was well-attended, and the members asked thoughtful and probing questions. One of the goals of the AAUW Prescott Public Policy committee this year was to provide information and education on key topics and issues. As the year draws to a close we can say that the committee achieved that goal.

Both co-chairs of the Public Policy Committee are retiring this year and received thanks from the members attending the April meeting. We look forward to the chairmanship of Sue Marceau for the coming two years. Welcome Sue!



Beckv Gunn

April 14 Program Eye-Opening

Submitted by Claudia Greenwood

How Title IX Works on College Campuses Proves Challenging

The challenge of developing and enacting the full range of Title IX protections on their campuses was made clear by Liz Higgins Frost, Associate Dean of Students and Title IX Coordinator at Embry Riddle, and Monica Belknap, Title IX Coordinator of Yavapai College.

With a PowerPoint presentation and complementary explanations, the coordinators detailed the broad scope of the federal regulations developed to



Claudia Greenwood

guarantee that all students and employees on campuses have a safe environment in which to achieve their academic, athletic, work and personal goals.

Referring to “fair process” rather than “due process,” both administrators stressed the importance of seeking resolution to complaints through their offices on campus. External resources are utilized only when the campus process is unsuccessful or the complaint is deemed prosecutable by law. Each coordinator’s goal was to ensure that the students involved could continue their education.

Both campuses represented by Liz and Monica stress compliance through orientation programs in which policies are made clear not only to students but also to faculty and staff. Each campus publishes policies that uphold Title IX expectations for conduct.

Over the years Title IX protections have evolved as administrations have changed and courts have ruled on challenges to the law, but it remains the most effective protection for all participants in educational institutions that receive any type of federal support.

Artful Afternoon with the ‘Mad Hatter’ a Great Success!

Artful Afternoon Was a Wonderland of Food, Wine, and Music

The 2nd Annual event took place inside the Performing Arts Center due to cold weather, and the venue was perfect. With music in 3 distinct areas, wine and munchies were offered by well-informed “pouring” volunteers, and guests mingled and visited their way through the PAC lobby over the space of 3+ hours.

Everyone—volunteers, Yavapai College staff, and students—took on his/her respective task, and the evening went smoothly and quickly— even the clean-up process was a snap.

The greeting/registration process went without a hitch, thanks to good organization and a great check-in crew. Additionally, there was high praise for the decorations both outside and inside the PAC.

The costumes several volunteers wore looked great and added immensely to the fun.

A special “Thank You!” to our musical groups, The Gathering and The Friends of STEM, and to harpist Anne Badger, who volunteered their time and talent to the event.

The student volunteers represented the Honors College, and they couldn’t have been more helpful. They added a terrific dimension to the event and made a wonderful welcoming committee, with their top hats and big smiles! And, they surely were appreciated for their cleaning up assistance, as well!

From the volume of the conversations and the laughter, it seemed to us that a “Good Time Was Had By All.” One of the attendees reported that what he liked about our events is that they were different from so many he has attended—YES! A number of guests wanted to know what next year’s theme would be.

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Interest Groups Report

We would like to thank all of the volunteers and attendees for their support of the AAUW Scholarship Funds. We are sure that the students who receive the AAUW scholarships appreciate every iota of time, effort, and money that you shared to help them get their Yavapai College education.

Want To Learn How To Geocache?



Are you someone who has heard about geocaching but have no real idea about what it is and how to do it? Have you wanted to join the geocaching group but are hesitant because of your lack of knowledge about it? Are

you looking for something that will make you the most popular grandma on the block when you take your grandchildren out for an adventure?

The answer to this dilemma may be a Geocaching Clinic where you can learn all you need to get started with this intriguing activity. If enough people are interested, we will be presenting a geocaching clinic in May or June. Sign up on one of the lists in the back of the room at the general meeting, or contact Sara DeRouchey at geocaching@aauwprescott.net. Then stay tuned for further developments. You will be contacted when we have a date for the geocaching clinic.



Welcome to the NEW Prescott AAUW Adventure Group

Purpose: Members will take turns organizing a variety of adventures on various dates, that most members have not done before, but are willing to try as a group. No meetings will be held. Pop-up adventures are organized by members. If you would like to be put on an email notification list, send a request to co-leaders, Julie Appletree, Kathy Lopez and Jean Morin.

All members, family, and friends are invited to join our first adventure:

What: Full Moon Hike on the Peavine Trail

Who: RSVP to the Adventure Group co-leaders

When: Sunday, April 29, 6 pm – 8 pm (approx.)

Why: See the full moon rise at 6 pm and the sun set at 7pm

Where: Meet at the Prescott Peavine Trail parking lot, Sundog Ranch Rd, off Prescott Lake Parkway

How: Easy, flat hike on the Peavine Trail, along Watson Lake

Extras: What would you like to contribute? Candles to light our way? A fire baton performance? Howl at the moon? Read a poem? Sing a song? Snacks? Drinks? Easy geocaching?

Dress for a two-hour hike on an easy trail in the semi-darkness in April. Flashlights are okay for emergency use, but they would hamper our night vision.

Some possible ideas for future adventures:

Verde Canyon Railroad

Reserve your spot for Liberty Wildlife, Chocolate Lovers or Alex on Rails

2018 Schedule Details

www.VerdeCanyonRR.com

Granite Creek Vineyards

Sat. Noon (live music)

Sun. 10am – brunch

www.granitecreekvineyards.com

Steam Saturday with Grand Canyon Railway

Many Great Packages, one Incredible Ride!

Schedule info: 888-484-7245

Heritage Park Zoo

Winter Hours until April 30

Programs and Outreach Classes for children, teens and more!

778-4242 – www.HeritageParkZoo.com

Bronzsmith Foundry Tours

Every Thursday, 11:00am 772-2378,

www.BronzeSmith.com

Golf Interest Group Ready to Go!

The Golf Interest Group began last fall and has really taken off. We welcome golfers of all levels of play.

We generally play an 18-hole round on the first Tuesday of the month from February through October. Most of the outings are at Prescott area courses with some day trips to play on courses out of town; north in the summer and south in the winter.

Contact Marjory Sente at golf@aauwprescott.net.



Sandra McKnight and Katie Patterson getting ready to play a game of golf.

Dining In All Directions Group Wraps Up Year

The Dining in all Directions interest group will be holding its annual Kick-O" in August. We need to know who wants to continue in the group and who wants to join for the upcoming year so we can arrange our new sub- groups. Anyone interested in preparing and sharing great dinners should contact Dot Williamson or Sandra Bennett for details about the group. Bon appetite!

Below is a slide show of some of the fine dining and excellent company we experienced this year. (Not available in PDF form—see sample pictures below.)



Great Decisions 4th Wednesday Going Strong

by Stephanie Brown



Our Great Decisions 4th Wednesday group meets in the homes of members. Each month we read the chapter (about 12 pages) from the annual briefing book and then meet to discuss the content of the policies explained. There is a DVD with an associated 20-minute video on the same

subject, but often with a different perspective.

Each group handles the discussion in its own way. In our group, we alternate acting as the meeting facilitator, guiding the conversation with questions to spur discussion. Sometimes we include outside visuals and articles. None of us is an expert in Foreign Policy. In fact this is usually a new topic for most of us. But, this is how we learn. Personally, it takes me away from my daily life to see the global issues facing us.

Several years ago, resulting from a discussion topic about NGOs' assistance, our 4th Wednesday Great Decisions group began a Kiva account through which we make revolving micro loans to various women around the world. We loan to mostly women who need small amounts to begin or continue with their small, home businesses.