

President's Message

Molly's Musings



Molly Divine President

The Prescott AAUW branch jumped into the 2018-2019 year with a grand flourish. We have already had our first two general membership meetings, which were highly informative and well received.

Our program on Saturday, **November 10**, will focus on the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center (FEC). Vickey La Motte, co-director

of FEC will be our guest speaker, and we will have small group tours of the facility on the campus. While waiting for our

group tour, Wendy Kircher will lead us through a Zentangle project. Come prepared for the weather, as the tour will involve a short walk on the campus to the FEC.

On Saturday, **December 8**, we will have our 2018 Holiday Brunch, 9:00 a.m., at The Club at Prescott Lakes. The cost will be \$20, with a choice of three meals. The deadline for registration is early, on Wednesday, November 21. You may sign up using the form on our website or at the November 10 meeting. Full descriptions of the event are included in this newsletter.

There are two new opportunities for you to become involved with our branch. At the October Board of Directors meeting, the board approved the formation of two exploratory committees. The first, to be facilitated by Pat Mann, will explore the possibility of expanding our current Reality Store event with one or more Reality Store events in the community

to offer valuable life lessons to a larger youth community, increase our visibility, and possibly do so in a manner that would raise funds for our scholarship projects.

The second opportunity is an exploratory committee to determine how to structure a membership group to organize field trips to visit local non-profit organizations providing services in our area. The board sees this as an opportunity to expand individual knowledge of services first hand and also to increase our visibility within the community. These trips could also lead to identifying areas for increased advocacy in our community. If you are interested in participating in this short-term organizational group, please contact me.

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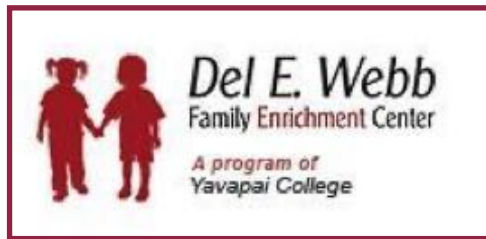
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I am proud to be part of this group of active, involved women. I look forward to seeing you at Prescott AAUW events.

November 10: General Meeting

Tours of the Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center



The November program features a brief introduction and film about the Family Enrichment Center (FEC) by Vickey La Motte, one of the co-directors, followed by small group tours of the FEC, located at Yavapai College.

We will learn about the childcare program and how our scholarships have benefited families who use the FEC.

While groups are touring, those who remain in the Community Room will have an opportunity to exercise their creative sides by learning a relaxing form of artwork call Zentangle from a certified instructor, Wendy Kirchner. It really is art for those of us who think we don't have a creative bone in our bodies. Some of the feedback we received about programming indicated that it would be nice to have something fun to do for a change, so we hope you enjoy it. All art supplies will be provided.

Meet in the Community Room of the Yavapai College Library 9:00 Social Time | 9:30 Announcements | 10:00 Program

December 8: Holiday Brunch



You Are Cordially Invited to the AAUW Prescott 2018 Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m.

The Club at Prescott Lakes 311 East Smoke Tree Lane Prescott, Arizona 86301

\$20 per person

The three brunch entree choices (see reservation form) include coffee, tea and water service. Please send your reservation form and check, made out to AAUW Prescott (with Holiday Brunch on the memo line), to Katie Wrigley (address in the directory) or to AAUW at PO Box 10881, Prescott, AZ 86304.

Reservation forms and checks can be mailed, or you can make your reservation at the November general meeting. **Please be sure to include your menu choice.** AAUW Prescott's December Holiday Brunch occurs the Saturday morning after "Acker Night," Prescott's annual community holiday music event. Nonetheless, we are very fortunate and pleased to feature the "Rockin' Ukes," a rock and roll centered sub-group of the Prescott Ukulele Guild, a fast-growing group of folks who like to play all kinds of ukuleles at their monthly meeting and perform around Yavapai County. The 7-member Rockin' Ukes add a little percussion and other stringed instruments to the mix of classic rock, folk and a little bit of country. AAUW Prescott looks forward to a light and thoroughly entertaining morning of seasonal music and song with the Rockin' Ukes.

Mover & Shaker and Rookie of the Year Awards

At the December Holiday Brunch, we will announce the Mover & Shaker and Rookie of the Year awards. Local musicians from the Prescott Ukulele Guild — “The Rockin’ Ukes” — will entertain us with seasonal and holiday music. The Mover & Shaker and Rookie of the Year awards honor Prescott AAUW members for dedicated service and exemplary contributions in promoting our AAUW Mission: “To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.” If you would like to nominate someone for either of these awards, fill out a nomination form ([click here for form](#)) and submit it to President-Elect Becky Gunn or turn it in at the November general meeting (see more details below).

Annual Awards—Nominees Requested

Each year we have the opportunity to recognize those in our branch who stand out in providing high-energy and time to the organization. We give two awards at the December Brunch – The **Mover and Shaker** award and the **Rookie of the Year** award. These awards recognize those without whom AAUW Prescott would not be as vibrant and active. And now is the time to nominate those who should be considered for these awards.

The Mover & Shaker and Rookie of the Year awards honor Prescott AAUW members for dedicated service and exemplary contributions in advancing our Mission: to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy with the vision of Equity for All. The rookie award is for individuals who are new (within the last three years) to the Prescott AAUW branch.

Criteria for selection can include: Personal integrity, leadership and initiative, sustained dedication to the Mission of AAUW and personal growth opportunities within the membership.

If you would like to nominate someone for either of these awards, fill out a nomination form ([click here](#)

[for form](#)) and submit it to Becky Gunn, President-Elect, or print it out and turn it in at the November general meeting. Deadline for submission is November 21, 2018.

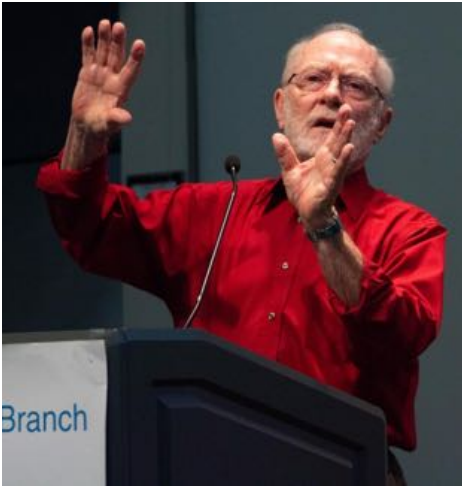
Red Envelope Event at Holiday Brunch

The December Holiday Brunch is also our annual Red Envelope Event supporting National AAUW scholarships. Red envelopes will be available for members who wish to make contributions to the National funds. Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to AAUW Funds. You may specify on your check a fund you wish to benefit: Public Policy, Legal Advocacy, Education, Leadership or General Support. For more information, see our National AAUW website: <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift>



October General Meeting Recap

“WE HAVE A PROBLEM!”



Midway in his talk about water issues that face residents of Yavapai County, Ed Wolfe, PhD., sounded the alarm. The effects of the 2% annual increase in population

since 1970, the proposed construction of an additional 16,000 homes, and the current overdraft of the aquifer by 252,000 acre feet a year are creating severe water issues for state and local governments, business and industry, and residents alike.

Dr. Wolfe, one of the founders of the Citizens Water Advisory Committee (CWAG), an active member of the Verde River Watershed Partnership, referred to history as he explained the significant reduction in groundwater in the county. Del Rio springs brought the first settlers to central Arizona. Expansion, farming and ranching ultimately exhausted the supply of fresh spring water, and what at first seemed a suitable place for the capital of the state became an example of mismanaged water resources. Del Rio Springs, which feeds the Upper Verde River, will be dry by 2025. Six miles of the perennial river has been lost.

Dr. Wolfe encouraged AAUW members and their friends to advocate for water conservation, to plant drought-resistant landscaping, and to capture rainwater for irrigation. We each can do our part, however small, to address the problem.

Public Policy



Sue Marceau

The Public Policy Committee (PPC) has been energized in September and October with monthly meetings, a Ballot Initiatives Forum, the AAUW Arizona Fall Forum, and efforts to enhance advocacy.

Ballot Initiatives Forum

Next Meeting: All are welcome to the next PPC meeting **Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 1 to 3 pm in the Elsea Room at the Prescott Public Library.** The speaker will be Art Atonna, a Prescottonian who spearheaded the recent “dirty money” campaign. Atonna will share insights from that effort and the Citizen’s Initiative Process. A discussion about Alliance Creation will follow.

The **December 4** PPC meeting will feature a talk on the Equal Rights Amendment with discussion regarding an action plan for branch advocacy on all issues.

More than 100 interested citizens attended the Ballot Initiatives Forum held Sept. 29 at Yavapai College sponsored by AAUW in conjunction with the area League of Women Voters (LWV). Speakers from AAUW and LWV presented the pros and cons of the November ballot initiatives, based on a Voter’s Guide prepared by LWV. The guide is available on the AAUW Prescott Public Policy page. Also introduced were Prescott Unified School District board candidates, including AAUW Prescott’s own Deb Dillon, who said her focus is the kids.

The Opioid Crisis

Opioids are painkillers such as Vicodin, Oxycontin and Codeine, which have the same active ingredient as the less expensive street drug heroin, according to Laura Norman, Chief Development & Communication Officer for West Yavapai Guidance Clinic. Norman spoke at the October Public Policy meeting.

With more than two Arizonans dying every day from opioid overdose by June of 2017, Gov. Doug Ducey declared a statewide public health emergency. One year later, the state of emergency was lifted.

In July of 2018, 45 percent of people with suspected opioid overdoses in the prior month had received prescription opioids from 10 or more prescribers in the past year. Starting January 1, 2019, Yavapai County will require Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances to establish a centralized database and eliminate paper scripts.

Public Policy Plan for 2018-2019

Aligning its efforts with the AAUW mission “to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy,” the Public Policy Committee (PPC) has identified multiple paths to “move from education to advocacy.”

Each committee meeting will be designed around a speaker/presentation on a timely topic, followed by relevant discussion among attendees about actions that could be taken going forward to positively affect outcomes vis-a-vis the topic.

Of primary focus is the committee’s concern about “the will of the branch” in becoming more active on issues of importance to AAUW constituents. Additional effort will be allocated to organizing opportunities in which the general membership will be encouraged to learn more about and/or participate in advocacy.

A written strategy and implementation plan will be created to guide the PPC’s work for the coming year. Understanding the ballot initiatives process in

Arizona and how to best create alliances with like-minded individuals and organizations are among potential approaches to be evaluated for inclusion in the local Public Policy strategic plan. Speakers will be invited to guide the PPC in these efforts.

Other topics identified for future speakers include advancing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); identifying career and technical education opportunities for young women; establishing a dedicated funding stream for education in Arizona; and supporting security/retirement planning to help optimize income streams and control expenses.

Sue Marceau, Public Policy Chair

AAUW Arizona Fall Forum

The AAUW Prescott Branch was well-represented at the AAUW Arizona Fall Forum October 6 in Mesa. Ten Quad Cities’ members attended the event, which included presentations on dark money, civil discourse, and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Dark Money: State law has limited the amount of money that corporations and unions can spend on political campaigns, but there is no requirement to disclose the source of those funds. Voters, therefore, are encouraged to identify what or who is behind political ads.

Civil Discourse: Suggestions for respectful communications include approaching with curiosity, practicing active listening, agreeing to disagree, finding areas of agreement, and practicing staying calm. Asking probing questions, requesting clarification, and paraphrasing are techniques to de-escalate conflicts. The focus should be on what the other person is saying, not what the listener is going to say next.

ERA: There was a time when men would publicly ask women in educational and career settings why they were taking up space that theoretically belonged to men. Women must get better at communicating what is important to them. Sharing equal rights experiences across generations is one method.

Reality Store Event Sept 13

Once again the Reality Store was a success thanks to AAUW members' time and effort! Many of you provided quality feedback for the future. Thank you to all!

In evaluations provided by the students, their answers were mainly in the categories of "quite a bit" or "a lot" to the following phrases that describe how much they learned about:

What it costs to maintain a household
What it costs to raise a child
What type of education it takes to get the job you want
How the type of job you have affects how much money you'll make
How the amount of money you make will determine your lifestyle

Answers to the **Core Goals** of The Reality Store were mostly "Definitely" to the question, "How likely are you to:"

Try harder in school
Get more education after high school
Delay having children
Make wise financial decisions
Save more of my money

Public Relations

Schools Need Volunteers

Area schools are looking for volunteers to provide supplemental support for students and staff. Anyone interested may find more information on the following websites:

Prescott: <http://www.prescottschools.com/volunteer-program>

Prescott Valley (Humboldt Unified):
www.humboldtunified.com/apps/pages/?uREC_ID=108449&type=d

PR Committee Wants YOU!

The AAUW Public Relations Committee is trying to expand AAUW's recognition in the community. In addition to writing articles for the Thumb Sketch,

Facebook, and The Courier (we hope!), we are hoping to add a speakers bureau and to participate in community events. In order to do that, we need to add a few more members to our committee. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Deb Dillon, PR Chair.

AAUW Is Political, Non-Partisan

This is just a reminder...

With all the heat surrounding the elections and our current political atmosphere, it's important to recall that AAUW is a non-partisan organization. We strongly promote a variety of political positions but do not promote or attack specific politicians or political parties.

Spotlight

AAUW President Molly Divine



Although Molly was not encouraged to continue her formal education beyond high school and married as a teenager, she loved to read. While her young children enjoyed story time at the Denver Public Library, Molly sought out books on a variety of subjects and in numerous

genres. Excited by the world that was revealed through their pages, she enrolled at nearby Red Rocks Community College.

Transferring to a four-year school, Loretto Heights College, she earned a degree in Environmental Management. After attending school part-time for seven years, she found that there were no jobs in her field in 1980, so once again, her love of books

opened doors for her. She found a niche in the publishing industry.

There were two constants in her career that involved several moves: one was AAUW. In each community, she sought the companionship of women in the organization that shared her interests and values. The second was activism. Not satisfied to be a member of PTA, she became president. Not satisfied with local representation, she ran for the Colorado House of Representatives. Successful at the first but not the latter, she celebrated all she had learned as she campaigned, toting two young children around her community.

Her interest in public policy was evident when she joined AAUW Prescott and volunteered to co-lead the Public Policy Committee. Her interest in sharing her energy and leadership experience was evident when she volunteered to lead the branch as President.

Molly considers Public Policy and Community Action activities as opportunities to fulfill both her personal and the organization's mission, not only for herself but for each member.

During her tenure, she will encourage our public interface. She seeks to enhance our Public Policy activities by forming a subcommittee that will explore Prescott from a public policy perspective. She will also look for additional opportunities to partner with the League of Women Voters and to continue the multi-faceted relationship with Yavapai College.

With the support of the membership, Molly will succeed at this opportunity to lead. She concluded our interview by saying, "My goal is to ensure that Prescott remains not only the biggest but the BEST AAUW Branch in the state." Claudia Greenwood

Women Running for Office in the Prescott Area



This election cycle has garnered a great deal of attention about both women voters and women candidates. Five women are running for

office in the Prescott area. Following is a brief biography of each candidate and a link to their websites for you to gather further information.

Jo Craycraft is running for the Arizona State Senate in Legislative District 1. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in both Psychology and Criminal Justice, a Masters in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate. Her career spanned 30 years in local and federal law enforcement. She began as a police officer, started a private

investigation agency in California, and during her last 20 years, worked for the FBI. She moved to Prescott in 2014. www.jocraycraft.com/

Deb Dillon is running for a seat on the Governing Board of the Prescott Unified School District. She is a retired teacher and administrator from Fargo, North Dakota, with experience as a high school teacher and a principal at the secondary school level. Since moving to Prescott, she has been president of the Prescott Branch of AAUW, Co-President of the Arizona AAUW, a volunteer for the Arizona Crisis Team, and is curriculum chair and an instructor for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Yavapai College. <https://deb4pusd.wixsite.com/website>

Connie Donovan is a career educator seeking a seat on the Governing Board of the Prescott Unified School District (PUSD). She has been a teacher and school-based administrator, college professor and state school auditor, textbook author, and assessment developer in Illinois. She has been a resident of Prescott for 19 years, where she has worked for PUSD and has been a business owner. <https://www.facebook.com/Connie4PUSD/>

Karen Fann currently serves as State Senator in Legislative District 1. She has served in the Senate since 2016 working on the Finance, Appropriations, Commerce and Public Safety committees. She also served in the Arizona House of Representatives from 2011-2016 and as Mayor and Councilwoman for the Town of Chino Valley from 2002-2009. She is a small business owner, including both Arizona Highway Safety Specialists, Inc. and the FANN-M Ranch. www.electkarenfann.com.

Jan Manolis is a candidate for State Representative in Legislative District 1. She retired from California where she held high-level Information technology positions and served as an adjunct professor at the University of La Verne. She spent childhood summers in Flagstaff and moved to Prescott in 2014. <https://jan4azhouse.com>

Interest Groups

AdventureGroup

Co-leaders: JeanMorin, Julia Appletree, and KathyLopez.

Members 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. A member sends a suggestion to a co-leader. Once all details are agreed upon, the organizer submits the information (in the format below) to a co-leader who emails the information to Adventure Group members. To receive email notifications, email Kathy Lopez. Unless otherwise noted, friends and family can be invited.

Nov. 15, Thursday 11:30 am, Lunch at Little Thumb Butte B&B, Paulden

RSVP Betsy Peek by Nov. 10

Twelve maximum participants, four spaces already taken by Betsy, Kathy, Julia, and Jean. Adventure Group members only for this event.

Enjoy a freshly-prepared lunch in a beautiful B&B setting on 40 undeveloped acres in Paulden overlooking the Verde River. Carpooling arrangements can be determined after sign-up. Once

Betsy confirms numbers, we are committed to the cost of lunch- \$15. If you cancel, send a substitute or give Betsy \$15.

At 10:30 am – Optional hike down to the river. Difficulty level is 3/5. Loose rocks and some elevation change, and you can walk along the Verde in either direction. You will see trees, signs of beavers, possibly otters, and, if you go in far enough, petroglyphs and ruins. There is a dirt road down to the river if you have a truck or 4- wheel drive. Contact Julie for more information.

Check it out at www.littlethumb.net, 1252 N Morgan Ranch Rd. Paulden, 45 minutes from Taco Bell on Willow Lake Rd.

Dining in All Directions

The Dining in All Directions interest group held its Kick- Off gathering on August 19 at the home of Terri and Rick Gollhofer. All members of this group, including spouses and partners, get together once a year for appetizers and desserts and receive their sub-group assignment for the rest of the year. Perfect weather allowed us to gather on the patio for this social highlight of the year.



AAUW Photographers

Expose the World, by Gail Shay

One characteristic of our active AAUW Prescott branch is that so many of our members are involved in pursuing activities in the arts. Our photography interest group is a prime example. This very active group meets monthly almost all year long, is attended regularly by its members (when they are not traveling and taking more photos!), and includes a dedicated group of varying skill levels within the practice of photography.

Each month the group gets together, usually at the Prescott Public Library, to share four photos each of a chosen topic. We gently critique and enjoy seeing each others' photos while appreciating the many different approaches we have chosen to represent the topic. This year alone, we have touched on black and white; low light; odd couples and pairs; bridges, stairs and windows; abstracts; people at work; and cactus.

We're also a learning group, and at each meeting a member takes responsibility for presenting a photography-related topic. We all learn and grow from these presentations, both by being the teachers and the learners.

Currently, our AAUW branch has seven semi-professional photographers who are exhibiting photos around Prescott in several venues and media. Stephanie Brown has been an active photographer at most of our AAUW events, and she also photographs

cats and dogs for the Humane Society. She is one of five members featured at the "All About the Light" photography show at The Raven Café on Cortez Street which ran until October 7. Also displayed at the Raven show were AAUW member photographers Dorothy Bengtson, Melinda Anderson, Arlene Minuskin and Gail Shay.



Luscious Lisianthus
by Stephanie Brown

Stephanie, Melinda, Arlene and Gail are active members of our AAUW photo group,

which is led by Gail Shay and Chris Maxwell. Gail is also seen with her camera at many AAUW events, and at this time, along with Arlene, is also showing a photograph at 'Tis Gallery (also on Cortez Street). That exhibit is in conjunction with the Highlands Center for Natural History, and featured photos were all taken at the Highlands Center.

Chris, besides actively helping with audio visual presentations at our general meetings, is known around town as the photographer for OLLI publications. One last AAUW member photographer deserves mention: Martha Court submitted a winning photo to Prescott Living Magazine, which was featured on a recent cover. Kudos to all these talented women!



View from the Road
by Arlene Minuskin



Cover photo
by Martha Court

Hiking Group

This AAUW hiking group picture was taken on their annual visit to Sedona on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

