

President's Message



Molly Divine,
 President

Fall is in the air. One of the things I most love about living in Prescott is the noticeable change of seasons. Fall will officially start for me with the Saturday, September 8th, General Meeting. We are pleased to be welcoming Joe Howard from PUSD as our guest speaker to discuss current education issues.

There are a couple of items to keep in mind for the **September 8 meeting**. First, we will be meeting in a different room than usual; the meeting will be held in **Building 3 Room 119**. That building is shown on the map on the Prescott AAUW web site. Second, this year, **there will not be any coffee available at the meeting**. There will be hot water with coffee and tea bags, but no prepared coffee. Some small water bottles will also be available.

Mentoring is an important part of the mission of our branch. Our first opportunity for the year is coming early with the **Reality Store at Yavapai College on Thursday, September, 13th**. There will be a training session at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Room B, on Wednesday, September 5th at 3:00 pm. This is a major Community Action event for our branch, and your volunteer help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Pat Mann, if you are able to participate. Attendance at the training session isn't mandatory, but the format is different this year

from previous years, and so you will need to be aware of the changes.

Finally, a save the date reminder that our first major scholarship fundraiser will be our **Authors' Lunch on Friday, October, 26th, 11:30 at Yavapai College**. Check out the details later in this newsletter.

Your board has been busy this summer preparing for all of the programs that will be presented. Your active participation is what is needed to make this the best year yet. I look forward to seeing you soon at AAUW events.

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General Program: September 8, 2018

Prescott Unified School District Superintendent Joe Howard

Joe Howard, who earned a Master's Degree with Distinction in Educational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science Degree cum laude in



Education at Northern Arizona University, will be the featured speaker at AAUW's General Meeting on September 8. He follows in his father Jim's, footsteps, a retired Prescott school superintendent who served when his son attended Prescott High School. Joe will discuss, "Every Child, Every Day... the latest from the Prescott Unified School District." There will be time for questions from the audience.

Note the Room:
Yavapai College Building 3 Room 119

AAUW's New Strategic Plan: 2018

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Vision: Equity for all.

Values: Nonpartisan, Fact-based, Integrity, Inclusion and Intersectionality.

See the website for more details:
[AAUW Strategic Plan](#)

General Program: October 13, 2018

Prescott Region's Challenge: Growth vs. Water Resources

Dr. Wolfe, representing the Citizens Water Advocacy Group (CWAG), will provide an overview of current issues related to water use, including over commitment, loss of streamflow, and the impacts of development. He will talk about the impact on the Prescott Active Management Area (AMA), Big Chino Valley, and upper Verde River and how we can help conserve water and ensure a sustainable future. For additional information see: <http://cwagaz.org/>



Save the Date! April 26, 2019
At an Artful Afternoon in the Garden –

April 26th, 2019, you'll travel from the Rhone to the Rhine! By popular request, beer will also be served. Watch for more details as we approach this spring scholarship fundraiser!

AAUW AZ FALL FORUM
Friday and Saturday
October 5 and 6, 2018
From Caring to Commitment:
Make Your Voice Count!

Presentations at the Forum will include information on the *Save Our Schools Arizona* movement and the



upcoming propositions and ballot initiatives, a *Candidate Panel* focusing on participating candidates' support of AAUW Issues, a discussion on Civil Discourse, and an update

on our push for ERA in Arizona. More details at [AAUW Arizona](#).

Fall Forum Location:
Leisure World, Mesa Az, Clubhouse Rec 1 Ballroom, 1548 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206
([Click here for map](#))

Pick up the 2018-19 AAUW Prescott Directory in September

The new 2018-19 AAUW Directory will be sent out to all members by **email** in early September. Those who requested a **hard copy may pick one up at the membership table** at the General Meeting on September 8th. Errors or omissions should be reported to the Membership Co-Vps: Tracy Smiles or Carol Dosse.



Public Policy
AAUW-LWV Join Forces



Building on the knowledge that strategic alliances broaden and strengthen lobbying and advocacy, PPC (Public Policy Committee) is partnering with the Prescott Area League of Women Voters (LWV) for a **Ballot Initiatives Forum Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 am to noon in Yavapai College's Building 3, Room 119**. Members of LWV and AAUW will research and present nonpartisan pros and cons of the 2018 State of Arizona ballot measures ahead of the Nov. 6 General Election.

Community Action
AAUW PRESCOTT MEMBERS GIVE BACK – Survey Results

Our AAUW Members are volunteering their time and making a difference in the quality of life in the greater Prescott area. **Thank you** to those members that participated in our volunteer survey. Here are a few highlights from the respondents:

- Average number of hours per month per volunteer is 21
- 60% volunteer at more than one location
- 15% volunteer at four or more locations
- 2 members responded they volunteer over 80 hours each month

The places that received the highest number of volunteer hours monthly were various churches, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Meals on Wheels, OLLI and Prescott Schools.

We are pleased to welcome new members who joined us in July and August 2018: Maryse Doherty, Kay Fitzgerald, Lee Muense, Lisa Barnes, Barbara Hedstrom & Robbie Nichol.

Reality Store Comes to Prescott

by Pat Mann

AAUW-Prescott's Community Action experiential event "**The Reality Store**" is coming up on **Sept. 13, 2018**, in collaboration with Yavapai College and will be held in the Performing Arts Center. It is



Pat Mann

targeted at girls and boys, 8th grade through high school. We expect more students this year and are hoping for around 80 students.

At The Reality Store®, students select a career. Then they learn the monthly salary of that job.

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 chosen occupation would provide the type of lifestyle they expect and want. If not, what could they do differently? Stay in school? Many of you helped "man" the event previously and offered feedback for improvements, much of which we are implementing. On the evaluations, everyone said they really enjoyed interacting with the students and had a great time!

We are calling out for help in September and don't have much time to gather volunteers. "**The Reality Store**" is **Thursday, September 13, at 8:00 a.m. to around 1:00, in the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center**. Details will follow in an email to those who volunteer.

Each volunteer will be assigned to a specific task and trained in advance on what she need to do.

The training at this time will be more extensive, because this year each volunteer *will be more involved and have more opportunities to interact face-to-face with the students*. **The training meeting is Sept. 5, 3:00, at the Prescott Library Founders B**, just a week before the event. If you

volunteer, please plan to attend the training, and put it on your calendar right away. There are additional duties this year. We've changed things up! Due to the

time pressure on the morning of the day of the event, we won't be able to train you at that time, so please plan to attend the pre-event training, where you'll also be able to get all your questions answered.

Please contact **Pat Mann** if you can help.

Email me or call me to tell me you are available to volunteer.

Scholarships

Authors' Luncheon—

Scheduled for October 26th

by Debra Brown, Scholarship Co-Chair

When the Scholarship



Dr. Joani Fisher

Committee gets together to plan something, the ideas just fly! **The Fall Fundraiser** for our AAUW scholarships will center around books and all things golden! With Yavapai College celebrating its 50th anniversary, we have invited **Dr. Joani Fisher to moderate a panel of well-known local women. They**

will discuss their favorite books – both children's and adult books.

Did you know that Golden Books were first published in 1942? We probably all had some and bought even more for our own children. Which was your favorite? What were the best-selling books 50 years ago?

Of course, there will be a delicious lunch to enjoy, an opportunity to go home with a basket of books, and Sean from Peregrine Book Company will display a variety of books for us to purchase. It will be a fun afternoon! More information will be forthcoming at the September 8th meeting, at which time tickets will also go on sale. We hope to see you and your friends there!



Interest Groups

Come Climb Your Family Tree!

by Melinda Anderson and Elaine Lawson



The genealogy interest group welcomes interested members to join our group. We meet monthly at the Prescott Public Library to learn how to research our family trees and share information about resources and techniques. We will focus this year on how to get started in family

history research and will cover topics of interest to beginners and intermediate level genealogy buffs.

Our group includes both newcomers to family history research and experienced researchers who can help you find the information you are looking for to fill out your family tree and breakthrough research “brick walls.”

You can find information about our meeting dates, times and topics on the [Genealogy Group page of the branch website](#).

Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 10th at 2 p.m. in the Elsea Room** of the library. Please join us!

Prescott AAUW Adventure Group

Co-leaders: Jean Morin, Julia Appletree, and Kathy Lopez

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 will submit the information to a co-leader who will email the information to AG members. To receive email notifications email, Kathy Lopez. Unless otherwise noted, friends and family are invited. Suggest or organize an event or something you would like to do with other AAUW members.

Chair Lift at Snow Bowl

Sept 21, Friday. Snowbowl Chairlift Ride, RSVP Sara DeRouchey

This is a great opportunity for photography, observing wildlife, or just enjoying the peaceful ride up and down the San Francisco Peaks. Meeting Place to Carpool: Near Taco Bell in the Fry’s shopping center on Willow Creek



Meeting time to Carpool: 8:00 am. or meet at Snowbowl Chairlift at 10:30 am for those who don’t want to carpool from town.

Chairlift tickets (regular price): age less than 65 – \$19; age 65 or over – \$15 (All tickets will be 20% off if you purchase them online up to the night before the event. See [Snowbowl Specials](#))

Lunch: Pita Jungle – 320 S. Regent St., Flagstaff (There are several more restaurants in this shopping area too, and there is plenty of parking, so we don’t have to fight to find a parking place or pay meters downtown.) Arrive back in Prescott: 3:30-4:30pm.

Oct 26, Friday at 7 pm, The Prescott Escape Room, RSVP Betsy Peek by Oct.1st

The Prescott Escape Room offers an adventure-filled experience where a group of players is locked in a theme-based room with one hour to escape.

Participants must rely on their wits and intellect (which AAUW members have in abundance) to find clues, decipher codes, and solve puzzles that will unlock the key to free them. [The Prescott Escape Room](#)

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ESCAPE ROOM**

