

President's Message

Becky's Banter



As I begin my year as President of the Prescott Branch of AAUW, I am pleased with plans for the coming year. I write this the day after the Summer Social which was a resounding success.

The Community Room was bursting at the seams with scrumptious food, good conversation, many guests, relevant information, and great energy. Several people joined on the spot and more have promised that they will send their dues in shortly. One of the reasons we hold this event is to raise awareness of

AAUW and all that we do. Our Community Action programs help young women; our Public Policy group advocates for issues of import – the ERA and Education Funding; and, our Scholarship programs provide funds for single parents and for those with academic abilities. Our Interest Groups offer a wide range of activities – some artistic, some literary, some gustatory, some educational, some physically energizing, some educational, and some just plain fun. All in all, this is a GREAT group of women and that was evident last evening. Knowing that it takes a village to get an event like this together, I want to thank all those who helped assure its success.

I have met with the Program Co-VP's and the programs that are being considered for this next year are stellar. A wide range of topics are on tap, and I know that you will find all of them fascinating.

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On your calendar you should reserve a few dates: **September 14** is the "rst General Meeting for the year; **September 24** is our "rst Community Action event – the Reality Store; the Authors' Luncheon is scheduled for **October 25**; the State Fall Forum is **October 26**. More information will be provided closer to the dates.

I want this message in the Thumb Sketch to have some relevance for you. For that reason, I welcome questions or topics for this bi-monthly column. Please feel free to contact me with ideas, not only for the column, but also about issues you wish for me or the Board to consider. We, after all, are a community that is vibrant in part because we communicate.

Have a great summer!

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September General Program

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9-11am Yavapai
College Community Room



State-of-the-Art Learning Opportunities Through Arizona Career and Technical Education Districts

William "Bill" Stiteler,
Superintendent of the
Mountain Institute Career
and Technical Education

District in western Yavapai County, has been developing quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for over 20 years in Texas and Arizona. Bill is passionate about providing every child that enters the public education system a pathway to achieve their career and life aspirations. He will discuss the role of Career and Technical Education Districts in providing opportunities for the youth of Yavapai County to reach their career and educational goals through quality CTE programs.



AAUW Prescott Directory

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 1**.

Last year, some members were disappointed because they had failed to sign up for the paper copy of the Directory, so please remember, **you must send a request for a paper copy to Dot Williamson before August 1, 2019**. We will print only as many copies as we expect to need.

General Meeting Program Plans for 2019-2020



Jan Herbert

Program Co-VPs Jan Herbert and Ellen Anderson met with Becky Gunn, this year's president, on May 30th for a brainstorming session on the program lineup for the 2019-2020 General Meetings. Selection criteria for topics and presenters included: support for AAUW's mission; expansion of awareness and

presence of AAUW Prescott through connection with community and regional leaders and organizations; and of course, members' input from the 2019 Neighborhood Meetings event.

Education was selected as the topic to open our Program calendar in September.

Additionally, we plan to feature a number of high-achieving women and girls throughout the year who will be presenting a variety of topics about our local community and the state of Arizona. We are

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currently at work contacting presenters and making arrangements, and plan to be wrapped up by August 1. Look for the complete Program listing at the back of the new Membership Directory and on the website. Please note these calendar and venue changes: the **next year's Neighborhood Meeting event will happen a week early, March 7, 2020**, due to Yavapai College Spring Break. Also, our last meeting will take place **May 9, 2020 in Building 3, Room 119/OLLI Room** due to Yavapai College commencement events.

Best wishes for a great summer. See you in September!



Jan Herbert

Public Policy

By Sue Marceau



Sue Marceau

Let's show our Phoenician "sisters" Prescott's hometown spirit, marching side-by-side in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Saturday, July 6. ERA Task Force Arizona has invited AAUW- Prescott and other local ERA supporters to join them in the annual Prescott Rodeo Days Parade. Details are being

finalized, but marchers likely will dress in white and wear the purple and green "Equal Rights for Women" sashes (which will be provided). A large banner will introduce the marching unit, and the ERA text will be read when the group passes the judges' stand. The parade begins at 9 am, but the units will be required to assemble earlier. We are awaiting word from the parade organizers regarding time and assembly point. Please email publicpolicy@aauw.prescott.net to join us.

Lessons learned from school systems in Finland were shared at the May Public Policy Committee (PPC) meeting by Clark Tenney, recent Fulbright Scholar and assistant vice principal at Prescott High School. Tenney described the high esteem in which teachers are held in Finland, explaining that college-age students can be accepted more easily into degree programs to become doctors or lawyers. He also identified seven ways education in Prescott could be enhanced by mirroring Finland's emphasis on goals at every grade level and subjects to emphasize:

- 1) Thinking and learning to learn;
- 2) Cultural competence, interaction, and self-expression;
- 3) Taking care of oneself and managing daily life;
- 4) Multilingualism and multi-literacy;
- 5) Competence in the use of technology;
- 6) Working life competence and entrepreneurship, and
- 7) Involvement in building a sustainable future.

The PPC anticipates assisting in local implementation.

Jim Hall of Arizonans for Charter school

Accountability spoke to the public in Prescott May
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30, urging the audience to "Follow the Money: Charter Schools – Public/Private Funding." Charter school officials contend that the taxpayer funding they receive becomes private money when it hits the charters' pockets and their boards. Charters receive \$7,309 per pupil from state taxpayers compared to \$3,972 per student to public schools, Hall stated. When asked how private citizens could help Hall in his efforts to achieve parity, he suggested following Arizonans for Charter School Accountability on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Charterwatchers/> and referring to the organization's web page <http://www.azcsa.org/> for research and other updates.

The next PPC meeting will be **Tuesday, 3 Sept., from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Elsea Room** at the Prescott Public Library. The topic will be related to funding and enhancement of public education.



Save the Dates



Sept General Meeting— Sat, Sept 14

AAUW Fall Forum— Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26 Briarwood Country Club Sun City West, AZ

Reality Store— September 24. Volunteers Needed. Contact Pat Mann.

Literary Luncheon—Friday, October 25, 2019 11:30–1:30pm, Yavapai College Community Room

Scholarship News



On your mark!

Get Set!

Go!

And we're off— for the 2019-2020 Scholarship Fund Races!

2019–2020 Scholarship Committee Goals:

Mary Alice Moulton fund for Family Enrichment Center Students—\$15,000 to bring endowment to \$100,000

Centennial Fund for STEM student—\$5000 to bring endowment to \$50,000.



Literary Luncheon: “Empowering Women through Literature.”

Our ongoing theme, beginning with early children’s literature up to contemporary writers, fiction and non-fiction.

Friday, October 25, 2019 11:30–1:30pm
Yavapai College Community Room

Spring Fling: Mardi Gras In Prescott—the Krewe of Javalina

Music—Jazz, Cajun, Zydeco; Creole and Cajun foods—gumbo, red beans and rice, jambalaya, King Cake; Election of a Mardi Gras Court; Beads and Umbrellas; with a Second Line Parade led by the King and Queen of the Krewe of Javalina”

Friday, February 21, 2020

5:00pm—7:00pm

Yavapai College Performing Arts Center Lobby



We are Family: Who Do We Support in Educational Sisterhood?

A Program of information about our students, their academic and life goals, their financial needs, and how we can assist them in achieving their goals.

Saturday, March 2020, TBD Yavapai College Community Room 9:00am—11:30am

Interest Groups

AAUW Adventure Group Activities

Contact Kathy Lopez for more information or check out the [web page](#).

Tuesday, July 9, 10-1pm

Tuesday, July 16, 7-8:30pm

Sunday, August 25, 2:00 pm

Visit the Garchen Buddhist Institute

Full Moon Hike on the Peavine Trail

High Tea, Hassayampa Inn, Peacock Room