



## President's Message



Molly Divine  
President

### Molly's Musings

May brings us close to the end of our program year. It is hard for me to believe that my term as president is nearly over. It feels as though it has gone by swiftly, full of memorable AAUW events.

Our last general meeting will be on **Saturday, May 11, 9:00-11:00 am.** We have a

change of venue for this meeting. It will be held in **Building 3, Room 119**, which is the same building as the Yavapai College cafeteria. Our speaker will be Linda Ogo, Director of Culture Research for Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe. The subject of her talk will be *fi*Impacts of Yavapai-Prescott Females in Leadership & Significant Roles.”

Our last general event for the year will be our annual **Summer Social, on Wednesday, June 12, 5:00-7:00 pm.** in the Community Room at YC. This is our chance to highlight the branch to friends and neighbors to encourage joining AAUW Prescott. Each of the interest groups will be represented, and there will be brief introductions to our Community Action and Public Policy programs. It is a potluck event, and sign-ups for your food contributions will be at the May general meeting.

Now is a great time to renew your annual AAUW membership. There is a link on our website that will allow you to renew using a charge or debit card through PayPal. You may also bring your check for \$95 made out to AAUW Prescott Branch, or you

may mail it to AAUW Prescott, P.O. Box 10881, Prescott, AZ 86304.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your branch President this year. I know I am turning over the responsibilities to a great President-Elect, Becky Gunn. I wish I could thank each one of you personally for all you do to keep our branch vibrant, but as that isn't possible, please consider yourself thanked. Enjoy your interest groups throughout the summer, and be rested and ready for an exciting new program year in 2019-2020.

Many thanks!

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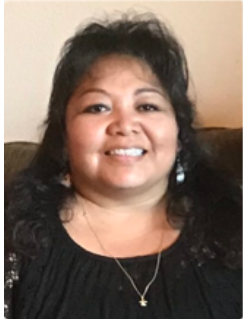
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## May Program, May 11th

### Impacts of Yavapai-Prescott Females in Leadership and Other Significant Roles

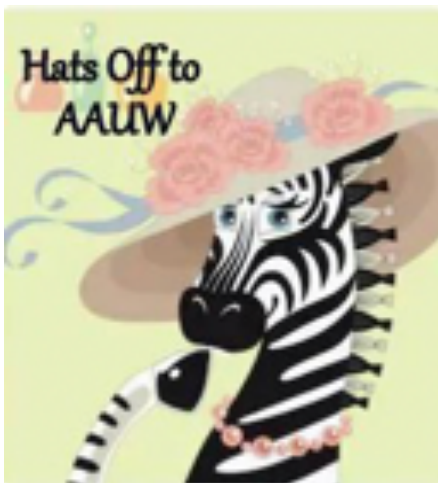


Linda Ogo

From prehistoric times to the early 1860s, the Yavapai people lived within an area covering more than nine million acres, encompassing what is known today as central and western Arizona. Yavapai women have always played a significant role, from early creation teachings to the present day. Linda

Ogo, Director of the Culture Research Department of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe (YPIT), has been giving Cultural Awareness presentations, locally and internationally, for more than two decades. At her May 11th presentation to AAUW, Linda will take us through some of the challenges and successes of the Yavapai people, as impacted by significant Yavapai women. There will be tribal artifacts and objects displayed, and the program will include time for questions.

**Remember the location change: Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 119, 9-11:00**



## Summer Social Is Scheduled for Wednesday, June 12

AAUW's annual Summer Social is scheduled for **Wednesday, 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 to Tracy Smiles (Her email address is 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.

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 Lynne Murphy to volunteer to bring food and Molly Divine 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.**

Contact a Summer Social committee member if you have any questions. Committee members include Molly Divine, Becky Gunn, Lynne Murphy, Sandra Bennett, Tracy Smiles, Carol Dosse, Kathy Lopez, Dot Williamson, Claudette Krupnick, and Deb Dillon

## AAUW Business

### New AAUW Prescott Officers

An election of new AAUW Prescott Officers was conducted at the April General Meeting. The results follow:

**Membership Co-VP** – Penny Briner Ewell

**Program VP** – Ellen Anderson

**President-Elect** – Tracy Smiles

**Treasurer** – Katie Wrigley (2nd Term)

**Recording Secretary** – Cathie Englekirk (not at the election, so not in this picture)

Those Staying on as Elected Officers:

**President** – Becky Gunn

**Program VP** – Jan Herbert

**Corresponding Secretary** – Claudia Krupnick

**Membership VP** – Carol Dosse

Newly Elected AAUW Prescott Board  
Members 2019- 2020



Photo of recent past presidents of AAUW Prescott, taken at the Neighborhood Meeting, March 2019: (beginning top left) Patti Blackwood, 2014-15; Molly Divine, 2018-19; Anne Barton, 2013-14; (lower left) Deb Dillon, 2016-17; Lynne Murphy, 2017- 18; missing Gail Shay, 2015-16.

## Your Photo is needed for the Directory by June 30th, 2019

Contributed by Stephanie Brown



The next printed directory will be distributed in **September**, which gives us about 4 months to gather photos for new members and redo a photo for anyone who would like a different pose. There are a few guidelines and options for producing these photos.

Camera photo works better than cell phone photo. Choose a high-quality setting and email the **full-size image in .jpg format**.

Try to have a solid-color wall background without other people or clutter.

Avoid having one side of the face in dark shadow.

We only need a photo from the top of the head to mid chest. Send it in color and we will convert it to black and white for the directory. **Email the digital file at least 200 kilobytes** in size, **scan a print and email**, or **snail mail a print** that you like to

Stephanie Brown (check the directory for her address). You can contact Stephanie Brown and have us take another picture of you IF you decline to have your photo in the directory, we will place N/A next to your information. **Please inform Stephanie Brown or Dot Williamson if you decline to have a photo in the directory.**

Thank you all for your cooperation. Most people have found the photos in the directory to be very helpful.

## Annual Neighborhood Meeting Brief Summary

By Becky Gunn



Becky Gunn

On March 9 close 70 people attended our Annual Neighborhood Meeting. We did it a bit differently this year. Instead of holding it in members' homes, we held it at Yavapai College. We met as usual in the Community Room to begin but soon separated into separate rooms by neighborhoods.

There we took a survey and had discussions about what was important to us about AAUW and how we might enhance our experiences with AAUW. After our group meetings, we reassembled in the Community Room where each group presented one comment/suggestion that the group felt was important.

### Here are those comments:

Give more in scholarship dollars, but to do that we need more member participation. The more you participate, the more you get.

Suggest that interest groups have co-leaders to encourage easier succession. We need to have more community outreach to raise awareness of AAUW

Continue to focus on issues that impact our physical, economic, and intellectual lives which means we need to involve the larger community.

It is impossible to provide a **short** summary of the results of the discussion and surveys, but for your information, here are a few of the comments and suggestions:

Our members love being part of an intelligent, energetic, committed, involved group of women. The social interaction and friendships that are fostered are the support network for many women.

Our members really enjoy and are enriched by the speakers at the General Meetings. Issues are raised

that need increased visibility and improve the breadth of our perspectives.

Interest groups are critical for the AAUW experience, and our members love them. Book groups lead the list of those most enjoyed. Our Public Policy and Community Action programs provide opportunities for community involvement.

One of our core missions is to provide scholarships to local women. We want to do more, but we need to increase our participation and perhaps change the format/focus of the events that support our scholarship funds. Members would like opportunities to be more interactive with other members.

Our leadership is appreciated, and those leaders should 'continue the good work.'

Many encouraged us to expand our membership diversity in terms of age and working status. We would like there to be more working women and those not in retirement, i.e., younger women. We need to be aware of working women's schedules.

Clearly, these comments are just the tip of the iceberg. For those you interested in more detailed information from the surveys a complete compilation will be on the AAUW Prescott website.

One question asked at the meeting was whether neighborhood meetings should be held at Yavapai College or at neighborhood homes. Overwhelmingly those attending the meeting agreed that they should be at Yavapai. Therefore, next year we will do so – just a week earlier than usual – mark your calendar for **March 7, 2020**.

All in all, we are an awesome group of women. Let us celebrate who we are and our involvement in our AAUW community.

## Membership Renewal for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

It is nearing 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.

**Now Available: Pay Your Dues with Paypal.** As a convenience, Prescott AAUW members can now use PayPal to pay their annual dues on the AAUW Prescott

website. See the link on the home page sidebar or [click here](#).

What's In It For You?

**Most Prescott members can see a variety of benefits at the local level:** Stimulating monthly programs, a wide variety of interest groups, opportunities to contribute to the education of area women and girls, and an amazing circle of women with whom to interact. But only \$27 of your dues go to the local branch. What happens to the other \$68?

**Focusing on our mission** "To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy" and our vision of "Equity for all," the national organization uses their portion of your dues (\$59) to focus on four major areas: education and training; economic security; leadership; and governance and sustainability. (The full [strategic](#)



[plan](#) is available on the AAUW website.) This is accomplished through lobbying efforts, training of state and local leaders, research, and publication.

**How about the state organization?** What do they do with the \$9 they receive from you? AAUW of Arizona coordinates programs and disseminates information to and from the state's fourteen branches, provides a variety of grants and scholarships, offers several programs and training throughout the year, and works on public policy issues for Arizona women.

Each level of AAUW – local, state, and national – provides an array of services and opportunities – a pretty good buy for \$95 a year.

## Remembering Elisabeth Ruffner

**Vera Stewart**  
(an AAUW member for over 50 years) and Elisabeth Ruffner served on a committee to develop the **2003 Prescott General Plan: A Community Vision.**



"Elisabeth Ruffner was initiated into AAUW during my presidency 2010-2011. We did have to have special permission from AAUW National since she did not have a degree. However, when they saw her biography and her many community contributions, they agreed she was definitely a fit for our organization. When we initiated her, we also celebrated her birthday with a cake. It was an honor to have her in our AAUW branch!!" **Linda Frith**

"Elisabeth and her daughter attended the May 2017 General Meeting to listen to her good friend Mr. Eckstein speak on the History of the Supreme Court." **Deb Dillon**



Prescott’s matriarch and long-time historian Elisabeth Ruffner passed away Wednesday night, March 13, 2019 at 99 years old.

### AAUW Arizona Spring Conference 2019

AAUW Conference Springs Forward Wearing her “Red for ED” T-shirt, Amber Gould (NEA State Director) celebrated the power of movement in which Arizona’s teachers found their voices. The first speaker at the event, Amber was not the only one who urged all of us in AAUW to remain vigilant—and active. Vigilant regarding choices made by the state legislature; active in the struggle to secure appropriate funding for students and capital needs.

On the national level, Deborah Vagins, AAUW Vice President for Public Policy and Research, cited the strong support of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for the Pay Check Fairness Act which passed the House on March 27. While the fight continues in the US Senate, she urged branches to “spread the news” that the new “Work Start” program is free and available online on the national organization’s website. The Coca-Cola Foundation awarded AAUW National a \$100,000 grant to reach out to women nation-wide, encouraging them to develop the skills that enable them to negotiate successfully in the workplace. In closing, she also reminded us of the importance of participating in the Two-Minute Activist. “The power of AAUW is in each of us. The organization gives us the opportunity to express and act on what we are about.”

Linda Alepin, founding director of “You as a Global Leader” and Tucson Branch board member, continued the theme of activism. In her presentation, she invited attendees to envision a new future for

Arizona’s AAUW branches. She asserted that by starting with individuals’ identifying what they care deeply about, branch leaders could formulate successful strategic plans. Prescott’s own Sue Marceau completed the program with a PowerPoint summary of the National and State Public Policy Agenda. Once again, she emphasized the power of activism. The focus has been and will continue to be, full funding for public education; economic security through pay equity; ratification of the ERA; improved access to health care; and clear policy regarding sexual harassment. Completing their terms as co-presidents, Joanne Walen and Cathy Maninno installed new officers. Ana Nygren of the Tucson branch assumes the position of president for the coming year.

### Public Policy

Sue Marceau



The Public Policy Committee (PPC) again shifts our attention to funding for education as we welcome guest speaker Clark Tenney to our **Tuesday, May 7, meeting at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suites A and B, 1pm-3pm.** Tenney, assistant principal at

Prescott High School and a 2019 Fulbright Scholar, will share lessons learned from Finland’s Education System.

Tenney recently returned from a Fulbright-sponsored trip to Finland along with other U.S. educators and is eager to apply concepts garnered, where appropriate, to our area education system. Chief among the differences between the two nations is the high esteem in which the Finnish people hold their teachers and the value of an education.

In April, PPC hosted Rosemary Agneessens of Yavapai Education Services Agency. Agneessens explained how education is funded in Arizona. Her presentation set the tone for PPC's advocacy toward a funding stream for education.

Agneessens stated that Arizona has been efficient in utilization of its education budget, but that adequate sources of funding remain elusive. Funding was taken away during the recession of 2008, and state funding has not yet returned to previous levels. Arizona spends roughly \$9K per student per year compared to the national average of about \$14K.

The PPC committed our educational advocacy initiatives to the "well-being of the child" and alignment with AAUW National's mission regarding public education. Concurrence for placing children front and center arose from Tenney's initial comments about the Finnish education system described in a recent issue of *The (Prescott) Daily Courier*.

Meanwhile, PPC continues our efforts to support the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) via our statewide AAUW collaboration with ERA Task Force Arizona. The coalition has vowed to never give up until the ERA is ratified in our state and thus pushed forward to nationwide implementation.

Our position on all three of our PPC priority issues – funding for public education, economic security, and the ERA – are described in a PowerPoint presentation delivered at the Spring Conference on April 6 in Glendale. Access the [slides here](#).



## **Community: The Launch Pad Visit**

As part of a new exploratory committee focused on gathering information about local non-profit organizations, a group of seven AAUW Prescott members conducted the first field trip to *The Launch Pad* on Thursday,

March 21. The program includes a drop-in center, homework assistance, art activities, "Plan-It Grants," a support group for LGBTQ teens, twice-yearly camping trips, and summer camps. We were given an excellent tour by one of the teens who has attended the

program for many months. We learned about the tutoring program, which includes peer tutors and Prescott College student tutors. When appropriate, staff may also attend IEP (Individualized Education Program) school meetings. The director and deputy director explained in

detail about "Project Launch" which provides internship opportunities and classes focused on work readiness (including workshops on how to interview, how to prepare a resume, and how to present yourself in the best possible way).

This year, in addition to several Launch Pad participants who were awarded internships at local businesses, the Prescott Chamber of Commerce created internship positions which were filled by Launch Pad teens. Each year there is a "Women's Empowerment Breakthrough Conference," which is a 3-day retreat focusing on educating and empowering teenage girls. We participated in a "Circle" meeting which involved both staff and teens in sharing information about the program, upcoming events, and sharing of thoughts and feelings in a non-threatening environment. While it was a lively and, at times, noisy place, there seemed to be a clear feeling of safety, caring, and comfort for the teens attending the program.

## Reality Store at The Launch Pad Retreat

Submitted by Pat Mann



On April 6, 2019, AAUW members participated in presenting The Reality Store for the "first time at the annual Teen Launch Pad's WEB Conference (Women's Empowerment Breakthrough) for middle school and high school age girls. The event was held at

a retreat center at the summit of Mingus Mountain. The Teen Launch Pad provided a van to shuttle AAUW members to and from the site. The van was driven by the Executive Director of The Launch Pad, Courtney Osterfelt.

During the Wrap-Up, we reviewed the girls' results and experience of The Reality Store. Girls stated that they "were surprised at how fast money goes!" They were shocked at how much it costs to raise a child. They also were surprised that there were so many expenses each month for just the basics. One of the areas of exploration was for them to think about what their highest values are i.e., family, travel, career, service, etc. Then they were asked if their spending choices reflected that value. The girls were pensive and took the questions and lessons of their choices seriously.

The closing speech focused on the need to develop one's personal skills, like social skills, speaking, leadership and writing skills, to become more valuable in the home and workplace, to achieve a more meaningful and satisfying future.

Pat Fox ran the Childcare table. Sue Potter manned the Transportation table. Janet Orr headed up the Housing table and Sandra Walmsley directed the Stats/Tax, and Supplemental Income area along with providing SOS information for those girls who had run out of money! The volunteers were able to interact with each girl individually in making

lifestyle choices to provide for herself and her family (if she chose to have a family) at the hypothetical age of 25.

It was a fun, enjoyable and meaningful event for everyone!

## Scholarship Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee met its goals at this event and wish to thank all those who assisted serving on the committee as well as serving and cleaning up at the event. As in the past, we created awareness of the beautiful YC Sculpture Garden, with its lovely plantings as well as the terrific YC Art Gallery. We raised monies for YC Scholarships! Plus we had a fun evening among friends!





## Interest Groups



*Montreal, Canada*

AAUW Travel Discussion Group has a special session with an invited speaker on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019, from 1:30-3:30. All are welcome to join us:

## The Shape the Future Membership Campaign Kicks Off

**The Shape the Future** membership campaign is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members pay just 50 percent of the national dues rate when they join AAUW at a public event. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly-recruited members, with a maximum of three free memberships annually. AAUW Prescott is pleased to announce that two memberships will be awarded to **Jane Hersh** and **Denise Woolsey** at the Summer Social. Denise is an Advisor for Yavapai College Honors Students. She holds an MBA in Business Administration, National University (2000). Jane is the Yavapai College Director of TRIO Programs, a set of college opportunity programs designed to motivate and support eligible students and veterans. She has an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

### Yavapai College: Building 31 Room 102

**1:30:** Discussion on Northeast US and Eastern Canada

**2:30:** Topic on Available Tours – local and international

Speaker: Nancy Ostapuk, Program Director of EDventure

## Interest Group Tidbits

The **4th Thursday Book Group** has a new leader: Mary Moore. It also happens that there are some openings. If you are interested contact Mary Moore. The **1st Thursday Great Decisions** group has openings for two members. Please contact Carol Clayton if you are interested

The **Mah Jongg** group meets each Tuesday from 1–3 pm at the Food Court in the Gateway Mall. You do not need to attend every Tuesday in order to be a participant in the group. Novices are welcome!

Hospitality co-chairs, Jean Morin and Kathy Lopez, wish to thank all of the “Earth Mothers” who have been taking their own drinks to the general meetings.