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President's Message



Penny Briner-Ewell, President 2022-23

Happy 2023, AAUW-Prescott! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season. At the Ewell house it was certainly nice to have some much needed rest and relaxation.

One of the rituals I always enjoy as one year passes into another is beginning a new calendar. Even though I have my phone calendar, I'm still dedicated to the paper format as well. I love opening a new calendar and seeing all the blank white space. There is knowledge that it won't stay that way; that doctors and dentists, community events, birthdays and graduations will soon fill those squares, but for a moment, the calendar represents the wide open space of wonder at what the year will hold and what opportunities lie ahead.

Opportunity is a keyword for AAUW-Prescott in the next few months. Whereas the holidays are over and there is that sigh of relief that perhaps the next few months won't be quite as busy, AAUW is hitting the ground running in January. As you know, the **AZ AAUW Women's Forum is January 27-28**. If reading the information on the website or registering for the forum still hasn't hit the top of your "to do list," there is still time. Use this link to find all things [Women's Forum](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Anne Barton as well. Our January meeting will be a "working meeting" as we help the forum committee get ready for the event by stapling and stuffing and other forum related tasks. I hope to see you at the **January meeting, Saturday, January 14th, 9:15-11:00**. We will meet at **Yavapai College in Bldg 3-119 for this meeting**.

There are two upcoming AAUW-Arizona events to mark on those blank calendar squares as well. **Legislative Day is Thursday, February 23rd**. AAUW members from across the state will meet at the Old Senate Chamber in the State Capitol. We will meet with legislators and activists to discuss Justice for Women in Arizona. More information will be coming soon so be sure to check your email.

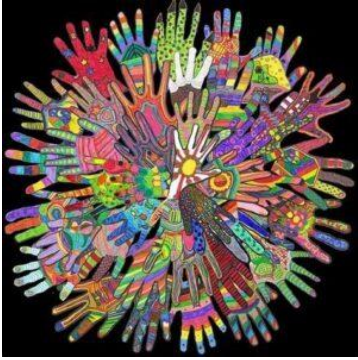
The theme of Justice for Women continues from Legislative Day right to the **Spring Forum, Saturday, April 22nd**, in Phoenix. Speakers will explore issues of access to education, availability of health care, equal pay, and equal opportunity. AAUW members will discuss how we, as a membership, can help influence changes in these areas through activism, education, and service. Again, look for more details in your emails and on the website.

If by chance you are looking for a new way to serve AAUW, we still have three openings on our board — public policy chair, community action co-chair, and public relations chair. If you have interest in any of these positions, please contact any board member to learn more.

As 2023 unfolds, there are many opportunities to stay or become involved in our AAUW branch, whether it is through the events listed here, going to more general meetings, exploring interest groups, or even becoming involved in our board. Afford yourself opportunities throughout 2023 and best wishes for the year ahead!

Upcoming Programs

January 14: Many Hands Make Light Work



Many Hands Make Light Work

January rings in the New Year with new challenges, rewards and opportunities. AAUW Prescott's has committed to helping with the Women's Forum by filling swag bags with community information and practical items from donors in the Quad City area. **Concurrent with the filling of the bags, we have planned a wonderful activity that will inspire creativity and should be fun for everyone.** That said, plan to wear casual clothes and expect to laugh a lot.

9:15 Social | 9:30 Announcements | 10:00 Program
Yavapai College, Building 3, Rm 119, the Multi-Purpose Room

February 11: An Early College Program That Works

Our guest speaker for the February general meeting will be Molly Orr. Molly is the Director of the Early College program at Prescott High School, a PHS option in partnership with Yavapai College. This program allows high school juniors and seniors to meet graduation requirements and earn college credits through courses taken on the Yavapai College campus.



9:15 Social | 9:30 Announcements | 10:00 Program
Yavapai College Community Room Bldg 19 Room 147

AAUW AZ Women's Forum

Women's Forum features AAUW Art Auction



It's not too late to make your reservations for the first annual AAUW-AZ Women's Forum, January 27-28, 2023!

This event will be held at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center in Prescott, AZ. **The two-day event begins Friday evening** and includes an art show and silent auction, a book exhibit, and live entertainment.

The Saturday program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, continental breakfast, followed by our keynote speaker, Alice Ferris. You will recognize Alice immediately from her work with PBS (Public Broadcasting Service). She is currently also a consultant with the Yavapai College Foundation.

Tickets may be purchased through the Yavapai College Foundation, [AAUW Arizona Women's Forum](#). Volunteers will be needed as the event gets closer.

Scholarship Committee Sponsors Silent Auction at Women's Forum



The AAUW Scholarship Committee, with the help of Leslie Ramsey, has gathered 30+ items of art for the Art Show/Silent Auction at the Women's Forum in January. Pieces range from beautiful ceramics to photography, paintings, jewelry, decor, clothing, and more. **Bidding will start at the Friday evening reception and continue until 11 am on Saturday.** Winners of the items will be announced at the Saturday luncheon. Don't miss this event and opportunity to acquire a unique piece by a local woman artist.

AAUW Prescott Annual Awards Announced

Annual Awards Presented at Holiday Brunch in December

Mover & Shaker – Lenore Hemphill

A member since 2016, Lenore was the Rookie of the Year in 2017 and hasn't stopped since. Lenore is Co-Chair of the Communications Team, assembles and prints our Membership Directory with Connie During (this year's Rookie) and works tirelessly to set up Reality Store events. Additionally, she assists with the AV at our general meetings and sets up our AAUW banner at those meetings. For more information about Lenore's contributions [click here](#).



Rookie of the Year – Connie During

Moving from Lodi, CA, in 2020, Connie immediately began participating in AAUW- Prescott's COVID-limited activities. Involvement with the Communications Team, our Interest groups and on the Board has given many of us a chance to get to know Connie. Her twinkly sense of humor, energy, and determination have been inspiring. For more about Connie's contributions [click here](#).



Ongoing Stamina Award – Anne Barton

Anne has served in so many ways, both as an officer and behind the scenes. She has been a hard-working president and enthusiastic scholarship chair, and she currently heads up the committee for the upcoming (Jan 27-28, 2023) Arizona Women's Forum in conjunction with Yavapai College. For more about Anne's service with Prescott AAUW [click here](#).



Red Envelope Contributions Appreciated



Through the generosity of membership via the holiday Red Envelopes, AAUW donated \$3,000 to the Yavapai County Free Library District. These donations will be used to purchase new books for the Yavapai County Middle Schools. Thank you for your dedication to this cause.

As women whose lives have been enriched by libraries, librarians, and books, we help pass on that legacy to another generation. Thank you for your generosity!



President Penny Briner Ewell presents the \$3,000 donation to Yavapai County Free Library District Librarian, Suzie Roth

Membership

New Member Coffee Set for Spring

We have had 2 new members since our November general meeting. Our membership is at 173 right now.

A new member coffee will be scheduled on a Saturday in February or March. Newest members and the board will be emailed the specific details. As usual, at the general meeting we will have directories and name badges available for all new members.

Questions? Please contact Patti or Marla at membership@aauwprescott.net.

Reminder: Keep Memoriam Committee Informed

The *In Memoriam* committee was formed this year to recognize AAUW Prescott members who have died during the course of the fiscal year. Those to be recognized include long-time members and current or recent members. *In Memoriam* recognitions will take place at the general meeting in May of each year.



The committee is asking for AAUW members to notify Patti Allen-LaFleur at membership@aauwprescott.net of a death, with the family's or survivors' consent, so we can recognize the deceased at our May meetings.

Community Action

Reality Store Needs Volunteers

Once again, we are presenting The Reality Store at Prescott High School on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. This is for the Freshman Academy and will serve about 100 boys and girls. We really need your help in presenting this effective program.

If you volunteer, you will be assigned a specific task: to staff a table and interact with the students directly. More information will be sent to volunteers.

The approximate arrival/departure times on March 28, 2023, are 10:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Prescott High School.

If you have questions, email Pat Mann. Contact info is listed in the Membership Directory.

Thanks for your support! We can't do this without you!

Legislative Day and Spring Forum Set to Go

Mark Your Calendars! Save the Dates!

The AAUW-AZ State Board is offering two incredible opportunities for gathering, education, and collaboration relating to the topic of *“What is Justice for Women?”*

Legislative Day: On **February 23** we will meet at the Old Senate Chamber in the State Capitol for our annual Legislative Day. There we will meet with legislators/activists to discuss the state of Justice for Women in Arizona. Check your email and online at the AAUW-Prescott website for more details in January.

Spring Forum: With speakers and workgroups, on the **22nd of April** our Spring Forum will be held in Phoenix. The theme of *“What is Justice for Women?”* will offer the opportunity to collaboratively explore some of the critical issues facing women today: access to quality education, availability of health care, equal pay, and equal opportunity. We will hear from some key law makers/influencers about what is currently happening in Arizona and then we will discuss how we as members of AAUW can work to transform our systems through activism, education, and service at the local, state and national level. Details will be forthcoming.

Tax Deductible Benefit for AAUW Members

This is just a reminder that a portion of your National AAUW dues is tax-deductible for the year 2022.

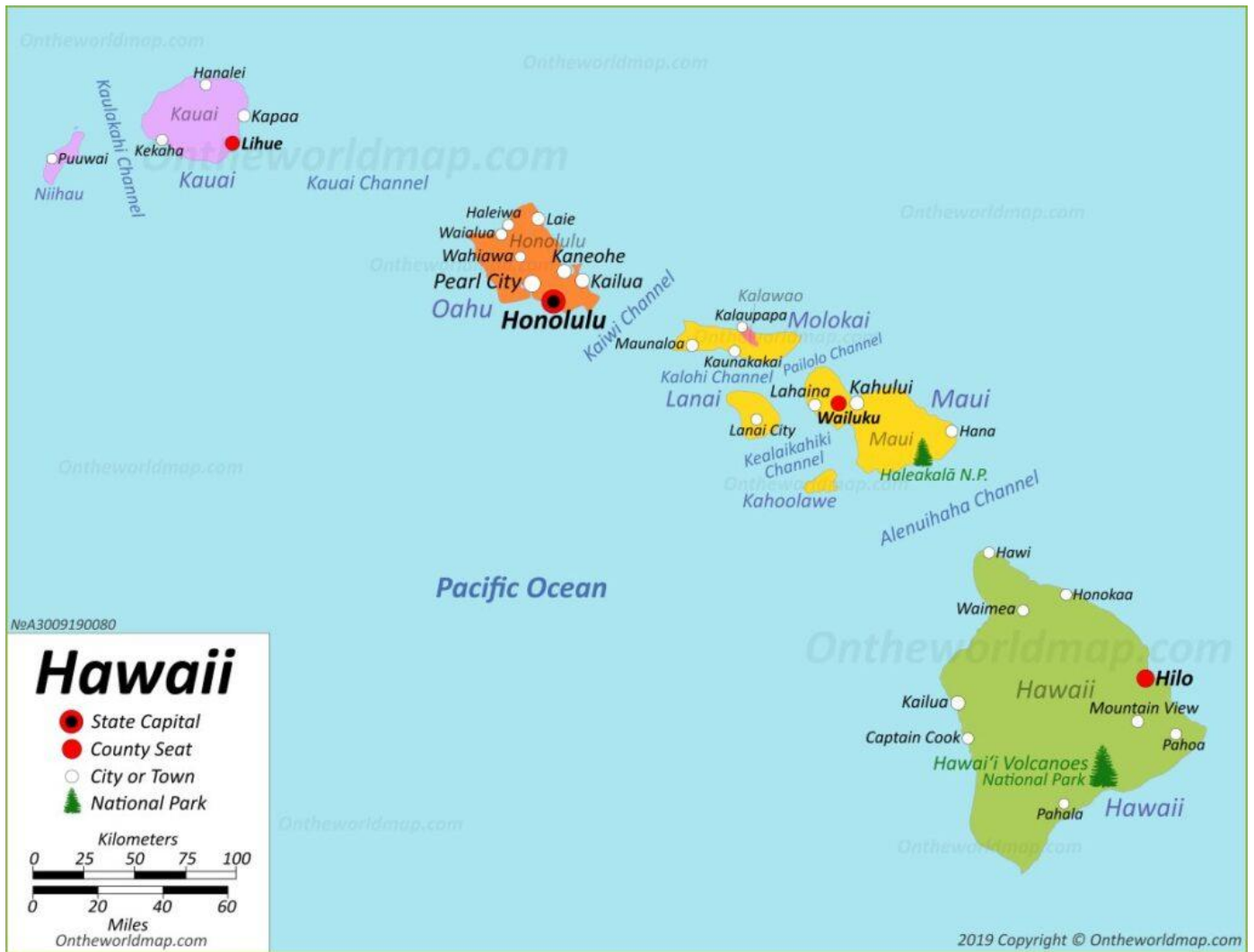
If you paid the full amount of \$103 in the year 2022 you may deduct \$64 as a charitable contribution.

Interest Groups

Travel Discussion Group

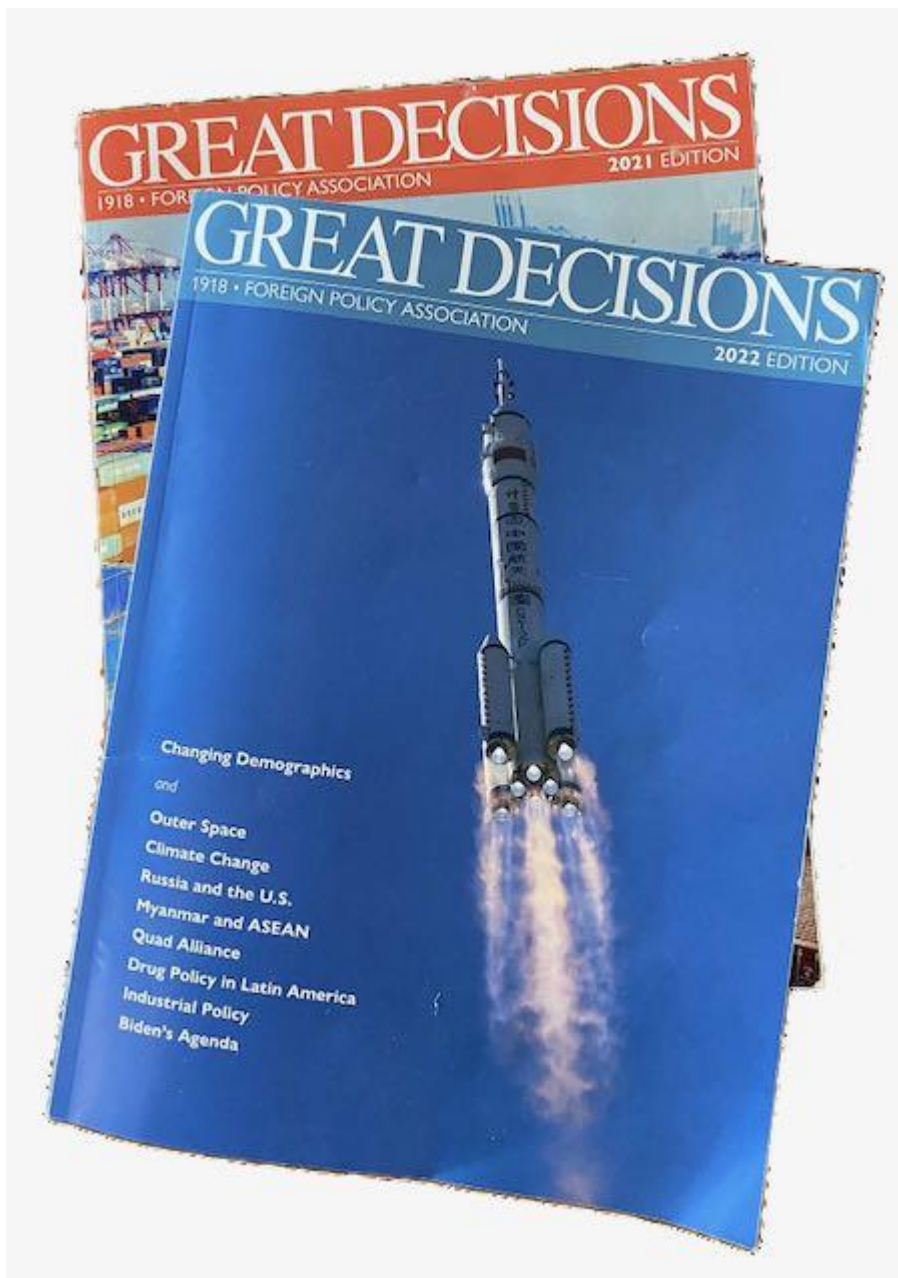
Let’s think warm thoughts and talk about travel to Hawaii on January 10, 2023, at the Prescott Public Library in the **Upper Conference Room**. Please confirm attendance with JANET ORR– this room is small so the location may change.

Selecting an island to visit based on your interests



- - swimming
- - whale watching
- - hiking
- - volcanoes
- - shopping
- - timeshares/VRBO
- - flights from the US
- - internal travel
- - flights between islands
- - car rentals
- - cruises

Afternoon Great Decisions Group Accepting New Members



The 4th Wednesday group of Great Decisions, 1:30 PM, has several openings for members. What is Great Decisions? It is a discussion group in which we learn how our US Foreign Policy shapes the world and how the world shapes our foreign policy. Are we all erudite, polished foreign policy wonks? No, we are just curious about the world outside Prescott and the United States. We learn as we go along. Each month we read a 12-page article and watch a video. We may or may not have any prior knowledge of the subject. In 2023 we will discuss these topics: **Energy Geopolitics, War Crimes, China and the US (a valuable topic!!), Politics in Latin America, Global Famine, Iran at the Crossroads, and Climate Migration** (also a pertinent topic if you were planning to escape to a tropical island!!).

The 'year' starts in January so this is a perfect time to join us. Contact Stephanie Brown if you would like to join or are curious about the group.

Friday Morning Book Group Set for New Year

The Friday Morning Book Group – Prescott Valley meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. At the current time, the Prescott Valley Library is not able to accommodate us, so in the cold months we have been meeting at Carlito’s Café & Coffee House on 2nd Street and in the warm months we have enjoyed Fain Park. All are welcome, so, if you’d like to join us, let me know so I can confirm the location. Send me your email address: Susan Goe – booksprescottvalley@aauwprescott.net for more information. We have selected our books for 2023. They are:

Jan. 20—*Ines of My Soul* – Isabel Allende (2006)

Feb. 17—*Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune* – Bill Dedman & Paul Clark Newell Jr. (2014)

Mar. 17—*The Mother Tongue* – Bill Bryson (1990)

April 21—*A Fall of Marigolds* – Susan Meissner (2014)

May 19—*The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* – Marie Benedict (2020)

June 16—*The Fox & I* – Catherine Raven (2021)

July 21—*Mother Trucker: Finding Joy on the Loneliest Road in America* – Amy Butcher (2021)

Aug. 18—*Don’t Look Back* – Joe Calderone (2022)

Sept. 15—*Hamnet* – Maggie O’Farrell” (2020)

Oct. 20—*The Violin Conspiracy*—Brendan Slocum (2022)

Nov. 17—*The Younger Wife* – Sally Hopeworth (2022)