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Brian Bostick,
President

President's Message

AAUW Prescott is looking forward to another year of growth, impact and opportunity!

Happy New Year!

In my first month as AAUW Prescott President I have experienced a wonderful welcome back to our members and a very warm welcome to our new members, who are wonderful. Carol Dolan, has been an excellent mentor and appreciator of all the hang and guidance she has given. Yet, there is so much I don't know - I am willing to learn, so I guess the phrase I keep know what I don't know" applies here.

Our September General Meeting on the 19th will be in the lovely Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College. Interest groups will be on hand to display their materials to entice new participants and encourage longtime members to join.

There will be changes and opportunities in the next nine months that we all will have to adjust to. Our Vice President, Programs, Carol Dolan, is moving to Texas and our Vice President Youth, Sarah Jill Schaub has retired.

There will be a number of small projects for volunteering, such as helping with Voter Registration at the local university and colleges.

The Program VP's have been working hard to confirm interesting speakers and to have fun things to do, like our annual holiday brunch. Plus, there are opportunities to mentor new members and much more.

As we look forward to 2025 there will be new, old, and continual initiatives that will be ongoing and continue to develop. We will be looking for ideas for new fundraisers and ways to make our members feel we are the best and welcome. We will be looking for ideas and opportunities for distribution, and our membership in the Prescott and Prescott Valley Chambers will give us greater exposure. We will be looking for volunteers to have some fun at the chamber events. While attending the chamber events we will be free food and drinks. That's a pretty sweet volunteer gig. Another is popping up on membership.

As we look forward, we must remember our past and that we are in our 75th year as an organization. Our organization has been around for a long time and we want to be sure that our legacy continues. Without them we wouldn't be here today.

Yes, there will be adjustments but our focus remains the same. To Advance Gender Equity for Women and Girls through Research, Education and Advocacy.

Upcoming Programs

The 2nd Saturday of every month @ 9 AM

General Meeting: Annual Social - Sept 14

Our September meeting is our annual social at the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College in the Sculpture Garden at Yavapai College from 9 AM-1 PM. Approximately 1-1 AM. Representatives from each interest group will be there to show their materials and provide opportunities to sign up to get involved with a wide range of offerings.

A tasty light refreshment, our board will provide snacks for this first fall meeting. As a note, the restrooms in the theater building will not be available to us during this time. The nearest restrooms are in the library building.

Please join us on this day! It is a great time to reconnect with current AAUW members and to meet guests who may be interested in membership, as well.

General Meeting: October 12

Our speaker on October 12 is Mark Weber. As usual with our general meetings, we will have a business meeting to discuss the final announcements at 9:30, and our speaker from 10:00 to 11:00. This month's speaker is Mark Weber, Voter Registration process and the steps that Yavapai County uses to maintain the voter rolls.

Mark Weber, Yavapai County Recorder

Mr. Weber is encouraging any questions about voter registration and elections.

Getting There Map Links:
SEPTEMBER: Yavapai College Sculpture Garden
OCTOBER: Hope Ev. Lutheran Church
Click on a location to see it on a map:
Yavapai College Sculpture Garden
Hope Ev. Lutheran Church

AAUW Prescott Business

August Retreat for New Board Information, Lively

It's a new year for all of us AAUW Prescott, and I hope you all enjoyed your summer break. In May we installed the new officers who will take the mantle in helping our interest groups get of information and activities.

Board members attended a retreat on August 5, 2024, to kick off the new year. The afternoon started off with a short potluck, and a few delicious desserts followed by a brief board meeting and introductions.

The group participated in a personality quiz called True Colors, a fun activity that allowed everyone a chance to get to know each other a little better and understand how to successfully work together.

The group then broke out into three groups to address our key initiatives of **Membership, Education for Women and Girls**, and **Advocacy**. The group came up with several ideas which can be implemented throughout the year. Some of the initiatives: These ideas will become small projects offering opportunities for everyone to get involved.

The year's roster of officers includes:

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POSITION	↕	NAMES
President		Bryan Bostick
President Elect		Jet Stetten
Program VP		Margie Crider
Program VP		Kimberly Kimberly
Membership VP		Sonya Tenney
Membership VP		Mae Rosales
Treasurer		Elaine Poole
Corresponding Secretary		Eileen Collier
Recording Secretary		Cathy Cunningham
Advocacy Coordinator		Penny Brian Gaal
Archivist		Liz Bailey
Communications		Janet Cox
Communications/Directory		Lauren Hemphill
Dignity Health Council of Electors Representative		Julie Cargill
Hospitality		Kathryn Paxton
Hospitality		Barbara Nicholson
Parliamentarian		Gil Taylor-Richards
Scholarship		Kelli Klopmeier

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left to right: Gil Taylor-Richards, Parliamentarian, Margie Crider - Programming VP, Janet Cox - Communications, Kathryn Paxton - Hospitality, Kelli Klopmeier - Scholarship, Eileen Collier - Corresponding Secretary, Liz Bailey - Archivist/Historian, Julie Cargill - Hospitality, Kelli Klopmeier - Scholarship, Eileen Collier - Corresponding Secretary, Janet Cox - Communications, Kathryn Paxton - Hospitality, Lauren Hemphill - Communications/Directory, Mae Rosales - Membership VP, Sonya Tenney - Membership VP, Elaine Poole - Treasurer, Penny Brian Gaal - Advocacy Coordinator, Kathryn Nicholson - Hospitality, Jet Cargill - Dignity Health PMC Board of Electors Representative

Membership News

Mae Rosales, Membership VP

It is gratifying to see how many of you, our wonderful Prescott AAUW members, have renewed your membership for the coming year. Thank you! There are, however, still quite a few who have not yet renewed, and Mae and Sonya, your membership VPs, would like to remind you that it is not too late to join/renew online or by check. Mae and Sonya are ready and willing to help you with any questions you may have. Mae Rosales, Membership VP

Hospitality Chair Outlines Member "Treat Schedule" for 2024-25

Kathryn Nicholson, Hospitality Chair

Welcome back to a new year with Prescott AAUW. We are hoping you will decide to join us on the second Saturday of each month for our general meetings and to meet and enjoy with friends. The Hospitality chair provides coffee and tea for the meeting, but we depend on members to supply treats. This year, we are divided into alphabetical groups.

When our president sends out the group's plan to us to arrange advocacy within our community, We are forming a small committee of AAUW members interested in initiating new public policy and community action opportunities for AAUW members. Our goal is to have a small group of members meeting regularly to discuss and plan.

Thank you so much for your help and participation.

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MONTHLY TREATS	↕	ASSIGNMENTS ABC
September 2024		Board Provides Treats
October 2024		A-B
November 2024		C-D-E
December 2024		Holiday Brunch
January 2025		F-G-H-I
February 2025		K-L-Ma
March 2025		Mc-P
April 2025		R-S
May 2025		T-W

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AAUW Arizona

AAUW AZ Fall Forum to Focus on Leadership Skills

AAUW of Arizona holds its annual Fall Forum on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at the Ramada by Wyndham, Viscount Suites in Tucson, from 9 AM to 3 PM.

The featured speakers are Melissa LuGiano, National AAUW Board of Directors, and Magdalena Velasco, OSU AAUW AZ President-Elect. For more information, go to the AAUW website or check out the Current Events sidebar on our Facebook.

Advocacy News

Prescott AAUW Creates Advocacy Committee

Penny Brian Gaall Appointed as Coordinator

Penny Brian Gaall, Advocacy Coordinator

Meetings and welcome to a new AAUW year! I am excited to represent our Prescott AAUW Advocacy Committee. We are in the process of a more in-person between the AAUW Board and the AAUW Prescott membership, is focused on public policy and community action initiatives that are in alignment with our AAUW mission. We are looking to share or lead various programs, but we need your help to develop and coordinate the implementation of AAUW programs. So let's get started!

Advocacy Committee

Give of our AAUW Board gifts this year is to re-energize advocacy within our community. We are forming a small committee of AAUW members interested in initiating new public policy and community action opportunities for AAUW members. Our goal is to have a small group of members meeting regularly to discuss and plan community advocacy.

Voter Registration

Look for information in the edition of the Thumb Sketch on helping with student voter registration.

Project 2025

My piece yesterday included heavy much about Project 2025, a 900-page governing agenda that is spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation. Project 2025 focuses on four areas: union policy, personnel, training, and a playbook. Regardless of one's political party affiliation, there are concerns about the impact of Project 2025 on women and girls. Project 2025 proposes to eliminate our Department, putting more power in the executive branch. It additionally policy issues related to immigration, health choices, climate change, the non-partisan census of federal agencies, LGBTQ+ rights and many more. A few relevant highlights from Project 2025:

- Reproductive Rights – Whenever the plan does not call for a national abortion ban, it would make changes for the approval of and access to medical abortion pills, contraceptives and IVF, and effects one's ability to move to the embassy and their families.
- Education – Project 2025 calls for the end of the Department of Education, as well as cutting low-income and early childhood education programs.
- Environment – Changes to environmental and climate change protections.

These are only three of the many issues discussed in Project 2025. To read the document itself or for further information about what Project 2025 is, follow these links:
Project 2025 Wikipedia
What is Project 2025? (Washington Post summary)

Amendments and Propositions on AZ Ballot 2024

Look to the November Newsletter Thumb Sketch for more information and links regarding the Amendments and Propositions on the AZ ballot. Information will be provided by the League of Women Voters, following updates provide information on the propositions and amendments. Referendum

Also, look for a League of Women Voters provided a website for a "personalized ballot" based on where you live.

Reality Search

We are currently working with several other organizations that are interested in funding AAUW bringing Reality Search to them. Keep watching the website and the Thumb Sketch for updated information about these opportunities.

Reach Out

If you have ideas for advocacy, please do not hesitate to reach out by phone or email. I look forward to hearing ideas from all our members!

Present AAUW Meets You!
Let's Help With Voter Registration for College Students
So Can Get Out the Vote!

Are you are interested in a volunteer opportunity with a short-time commitment? The schedule is almost just for you! AAUW Prescott is working with Yavapai College Elections to register college students to vote. There are four deadlines from which to choose:

- **Friday, September 13,** 1:30-3:00, Prescott College
- **Monday, September 16,** 11:00-12:30 or 12:30-2:00, Yavapai College
- **Tuesday, September 17,** 11:00-12:30 or 12:30-2:00, Yavapai College
- **Wednesday, September 18,** 12:30-2:00, Prescott College

Contact Penny Brian Gaall if you want to volunteer!

Scholarships

Opportunity Award Wait Approached

Below is a quote from a recipient of the Opportunity Award for the Thumb Sketch. *"Last semester I grew up and graduate. I am so excited I have signed up for 3 strategy. Thanks to this opportunity! Thanks AAUW"*
Maria Elizabethtownsley

What a fitting way to celebrate during our 75th Anniversary Year: Tours of Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center (FEC)

Liz Bailey, Archivist

Members rose and caught up on summer plans on June 8th at the great Prescott Valley Tours of Sunset Garden and were then bent over backwards. Group to the FEC Center. **Victoria Gaunt, FEC Director**, showed each group the ins and outs of the Center, including the ins and outs of the Center's records serving and teaching children of different ages in a safe, secure and happy environment. After touring the lovely facility, members were served cookies and chocolate milk.

Since 2007, AAUW Prescott has supported an endowed scholarship through the **Yavapai College Foundation**. Tuesday's tour was **Weather Children Autonomous Fund**, its fellow of **2007-02, AAUW Prescott Scholarship Recipient**. Weather is now a mother of a children's education participant at Yavapai College and for the creation of an early childhood center. The **Del E. Webb Family Enrichment Center** was opened in 2001. As many as 50 scholarships have been awarded to Yavapai County students for national female student/mothers pursuing their education at Yavapai College.

AAUW Prescott Member, **Debra Brown** a Senior Mentor Teacher at FEC is presently serving on the **Yavapai College Foundation Board of Directors** as liaison for the Board and the **Friends of the FEC**. She reports that the Board 75th Gala at Stockman, **Evening the Forum**, which benefitted the Foundation, was a huge success featuring FEC student artwork. **Ann Barton**, another AAUW Prescott member has also served on the Yavapai College Foundation Board of Scholarship Committee.

The **Yavapai College Foundation** provides a secure website for online donations to named scholarship funds, including the **Weather Children Education Assistance Fund**. Remember, Contributions to the fund are tax deductible.

Interest Groups

Book Groups

These are second book groups sponsored by AAUW Prescott. Please click on this link for more information about each one.

Travel Discussion Group - This special lunch is open to all AAUW members!

September 19, 2024, at 12:30 pm at the Triple Creek Kitchen and Spirits at the Hilton Garden Inn, 300 North Montezuma St.

Guest Speaker – Marci Duchart
Responding to consumer issues and trends in the hotel industry

Marci Duchart, Vice President of Revenue Management and Sales for MB Companies. Marci is highly experienced in the hotel industry, and corporate world and is knowledgeable about hotel/travel trends. In her position with MB Companies, she manages revenue and sales strategies, and is responsible for sales and marketing for Prescott, Flagstaff, Sedona, and Phoenix.

Her life knows the local travel landscape as well as global. She graduated from Prescott Grand where she excelled in organizations. Marci was one of a handful of women accepted at the Air Force Academy as it began accepting women into its ranks. As a Cadet Marci Mcclure Hudson (Marci's maiden name) she was selected to represent the Air Force Academy at the Rose Bowl. Academy officials, had in September 2023, her extraordinary accomplishment celebrated in a recent Courier article about Marci's accomplishments.

Marci is very well prepared and respected to guarantee from AAUW members. Followed by lunch at Triple Creek Kitchen and Spirits. (Each member pays for her own meal.) A maximum of 20 members can be accommodated. **please reserve your space by emailing Janet Cox by Wednesday, September 18th.**

November 13th, 2024, at Prescott Public Library, Fountain Room A, 7:00 to 2:30 pm

Topic: Planning a vacation around climate change/ Flight-free vacation, packing for heat vacations, unusual weather disruptions, recycling programs in other countries, and supporting local climate change policies.

Lunch Bunch

Our September Lunch Bunch will be at Tara Thai, 1115 Commercial Way, Prescott Valley, at 12:00 noon. It was very popular with lots of members. If you would like to be a part of our monthly meet-up, contact Mingo Cox, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, at mingocox@cox.net. Leave a message and she will call you back. Give it a try! Mingo sends an email out to members with the date, the time and the location each month, but you can find the schedule for the year on the Lunch Bunch webpage.

Calling all ISO Bridge Players!!

Our group is always on the lookout for competent but not compulsive bridge players! We meet twice a month (the first and third Friday) throughout the year at members' homes from 1-4 pm. Our group is friendly, fun, and flexible. If you are interested in joining our group or need more information, contact Tamara Vey, our group leader. Her email can be located in the member directory.

"Bridge teaches you several promises a bridge hand as always have"