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AAUW

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AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH

Co-President's Message submitted by Diane Larson

Dear AAUW members,

We are thinking of sponsoring some scholarships at the Chandler-Gilbert Community College; are you interested?

REMEMBER that Thursday, March 5, is International Women's Day, 2009!!! View a powerful documentary on three brave and strong women, titled A POWERFUL NOISE. This movie will be shown across the valley on that day. Our closest theater, AMC at Ahwatukee, will show the documentary at 5:30 p.m. on March 5. You can buy tickets online. www.apowerfulnoise.org.

REMEMBER our March Gala! For \$50.00, you will receive a ticket to the Glenn Miller Orchestra concert, an art viewing, wine, and fabulous hors d'oeuvres, with fantastic friends!! It is tax deductible with donations going to our Educational Foundation. Bring your friends and neighbors as guests! Dress up in some glitter and glitz and join us!! (Of course, you can wear black, as most of us seem to do!)

REMEMBER that we have a partnership with Barnes and Noble. Go to www.bn.com/aauw to order books. You will receive a 5% discount plus any other discounts or sales you qualify for.

DID YOU KNOW? Seventeen women won senate seats in New Hampshire. It is the first legislative body to be dominated by women!!

I WILL BE CALLING YOU!

Please consider saying yes to serving on our AAUW board!!

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- March 18 PPP Deadline
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- March 23 Stitches & Giggles
- March 25 Lunch Bunch
- Great Decisions
- March 28 Art and Wine Gala
- April 3-4 State Convention
- June 26-28 National Convention



General Meeting

Monday, March 16 – 7:00 P.M.
Kingston Ballroom, Oakwood C.C.
Jeanne Clarke



Jeanne Clarke was elected to the Educational Foundation Board of Directors in 2007. She is running for re-election in 2009. Dr. Clarke served two terms as President of the Tucson Branch of AAUW, and served two years as AAUW-AZ EF/LAF Chairperson.

She has been affiliated with AAUW since receiving an AAUW dissertation fellowship in 1970-71.

She taught at the University of Arizona from 1974 until 2001. She received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

Since retirement, she has devoted her time and energy to two organizations: AAUW and the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

Jeanne will be talking about women's issues in general, particularly pay equity (the Ledbetter legislation), and the increasing unaffordability of a college education for women and girls. She will talk about the proposed bylaws for AAUW and how the reorganization hopes to address the above key issues for women in the 21st century.

Sheila Petriello and Madeleine Lutz, Co-Chairs

Slate of Nominees for AAUW Executive Board Southeast Valley Branch, AZ

January 27, 2009

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for Executive Board positions of the Southeast Valley Branch for 2009-2010.

Co-Presidents: Diane Larson
Donna Haugland

President-Elect: Nathalie Smith

Co-Vice Presidents of Membership:
Susan Meer
Mary Lou Remley

Co-Vice Presidents of Programs:
Madeleine Lutz
Sheila Petriello

Recording Secretary:
Jeannine Reynolds

Treasurer: Jeanne Marschke

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Southeast Valley Branch of AAUW accept this slate of candidates and place these names before the General Membership for election.

Respectfully submitted,

The 2009 Nominating Committee

Betty Raveret, Chair

Sharon Gale

Margaret Horn

Nathalie Smith

Lynn Weith





Community Action

Regarding our two new volunteer projects with the Chandler Public Library there is currently a need for one person to help facilitate a conversation group at the Sunset Branch on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00 p.m. There is training involved and most of it can be done on the computer. There is another co-leader in place for this position. Sunset Branch is at Ray & Rural Roads. There is also an opening for a second person to co-lead a conversational group at the Chandler Main Library on Fridays from 10:30-12:00 p.m. The Main Library is at 22 S. Delaware St.

The second new project with the library, One-on-One tutoring to improve English, is another opportunity for our members who would like to make a difference in the adult community. If you are interested in either one of these positions, please contact Elaine O'Brien 883-1351 or Kay Seeber 883-8506 or the Library Volunteer Coordinator, Kristin Johnson, 782-2809.

We will continue to support San Marcos by volunteering at the school, donating old cell phones to be reprogrammed for the use of victims of domestic violence, used ink cartridges, clothing for children and adults and various school supplies for the school store. The students earn tokens for grades, good behavior, attendance etc.. These tokens can be spent at the school store. Items such as felt markers, erasers, glue etc. are some suggestions. We will be collecting items at the March General Meeting. Thanks to everyone for all of the support!

Elaine O'Brien and Kay Seeber, Co-Chairs

Big Sister Program

The New Member Group of 2008-2009 enjoyed getting together for coffee at the home of Jeanne Marschke on Tuesday, February 17. In addition to gathering for a social time, many of the members have volunteered to help with the EF/LAF fundraiser on March 28 at the Chandler Performing Arts Center.

Judy Baur graciously invited the group to her home at 23613 S Desert Dance Court for coffee on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. R.S.V.P. to Judy at 782-1168 or to Peg Schultz 883-7804.

Peg Schultz, Tillie Fortner
Co-Chairs

Membership Report

There is a correction on the three new members listed in last month's Prickly Pear. Please use the following addresses and e-mail for the following new members:


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Please make the corrections in your directory.

Susan Meer, Mary Lou Remley
Membership Vice-Presidents



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Board Meeting

March 11, 2009—7:00 PM

Bradford Room Oakwood C.C.

RSVP regrets only to

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Diane Larson

ddlason@wbhsi.net 895-2083

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Study Group will meet on March 25th at the home of Betty Raveret. Phyllis Schurz will be the discussion leader and our topic *The Global Food Crisis*. Please contact Betty if you plan to attend.

Our April 29th discussion leader and hostess will be Debbie Brewster. The discussion topic will be *The Arctic Age*. Those attending, please call Debbie.

Our group is open to all branch members. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 PM. If you are interested and would like to participate in our discussions, please contact Betty Raveret for additional information.

Betty Raveret, Chair

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, March 10 - 7 PM

Get Ready to Read!

One Book Arizona will have its kickoff in April with the adult selection of *Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir* by Alberto Rios and the children's selection of *Hip Hip Hooray, It's a Monsoon Day!* by Roni Ashford. The Tuesday evening Book Club will discuss these books in May – more information about the books and upcoming events can be found on www.onebookarizona.org.

In March, we will take a trip into the past with a discussion of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith, with the discussion led by Lois Fitzsimmons. Carmen Otero will host that evening.

Directions to Carmen's home: Enter Robson gate; follow past the golf course to Lakeway Circle. Turn east (left) to 24411 S. Lakeway Circle S.E. Look for the duck on the mailbox!

Please RSVP to Carmen at 883-3192.

Lois Fitzsimmons

Chair

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Afternoon Books

Monday March 9, 1:15 PM

March is our month for establishing next year's schedule. Bring your suggestions for 2009-10 books and please note the changed time. At 2:00 PM, we begin our discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. When Maymah Cheney, wife and mother, met married architect Frank Lloyd Wright, she stepped onto a path of love and artistic challenge, as well as sensational headlines.

We meet in the home of Elaine Tull, 9038 E. Crystal Drive: enter Oakwood at Riggs and Robson and proceed to Diamond Drive; turn right and make an immediate left on Jadecrest to Crystal Drive. Please RSVP to Elaine 883-0157.

Toni Bolling Lutter, Chair

Southwesters

Southwesters will be headed off to the Phoenix Art Museum on THURSDAY, MARCH 19. There is no longer a senior day with free entry, so everyone should plan on \$10 entry fee plus \$3 for your driver and your own lunch. We will eat on the premises at Arcadia Farm restaurant. Plan to gather at the Education Center at the corner of Alma School and Riggs Road. We will leave the parking lot promptly at 9:30 AM. To reserve a spot, please call either Linda at 802-0798 or Judy at 730-1034.

Judy Hastert, Linda Kleinschmidt,
Co-Chairs

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be dining at "The Farm at South Mountain", on Wednesday, March 25th. We will be meeting at the Education Center (Alma School and Riggs Rd.) for departure at 11:00 AM for our 11:30 luncheon. The Farm is located just south of Southern on 32nd St., so the trip is not very far away. If you have not already signed up, and you are interested in joining us, please call Pris Corbus at 480-883-8365, or e-mail her at pris-corbus@gmail.com.

Pris Corbus, Chair

Stitches and Giggles



Linda Kleinschmidt working on her quilt

The initial meeting of Stitches and Giggles was a rollicking afternoon that found AAUW members sharing stories, laughter and projects with each other. It definitely merited more get-togethers in the future. Whether your craft or project is needlepoint, cross-stitch, quilting, knitting, crocheting or simply putting hems and missing buttons back where they belong, we have a place for you to come and work on your personal project companionably with fellow members of AAUW. We're willing to share patterns, skills, and generous amounts of laughter that women's sewing circles have been providing for centuries.

The next gathering will be held at the home of Carmen Otero who lives at 24411 S Lakeway Circle SE, in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes on MONDAY, MARCH 23, at 1:00 PM. Gather your supplies and we'll see you there. To help plan for the number of ladies participating, please call Linda at 802-0798 to indicate your interest.

Judy Hastert, Marilyn Wilkie,
Linda Kleinschmidt, Co-Chairs



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A big THANK YOU to all of you who supported the Educational Foundation by purchasing tickets for the Art and Wine Gala at the Chandler Center for the Arts on March 28th. It should be an exciting evening looking at Barbara McQueen's Photography, listening to the Glenn Miller Orchestra and enjoying the fellowship of our members.

The wine and hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:30 P.M. with the orchestra at 8:00 P.M.. The tickets will be picked up at the door that evening.

At this time, the concert tickets are closed; however, if you would like to come to the private reception, the cost will be \$20.00. Checks made payable to AAUW can be mailed to:

Helen Semple
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Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

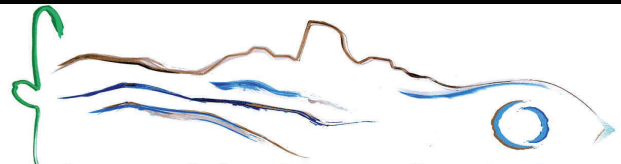
Helen Semple, Co-Chair

Website Information

Please remember to funnel all questions regarding the website through the co-presidents and/or the co-editors rather than contacting the webmaster directly. We will do our best to solve your problem.

The webmaster will send occasional emails from the co-presidents that remind us of upcoming events and deadlines. If you need to reply to these emails, do so by starting with a new email message screen. **Do not hit the reply button and send your message.** If you do that, the message goes to the webmaster, not the person(s) who should receive the message.

Prickly Pear Postings Deadline—March 18, 2009
Email submissions to Judy Manley (manley@wbhsi.net)
and
Sue Garretson (garysue1@q.com)



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Afternoon Bridge

Afternoon bridge is held on the first Monday of every month at 12:30 P.M. Each person playing is asked to contribute \$3.00 to the Educational Foundation as well as \$.50 for prize money. We welcome new members; it is a great way to get acquainted and have an enjoyable afternoon. For reservations or more information, call Jo Cooley at 895-6626.

On March 2nd we will be playing at the home of Joyce Pocras, 9419 E. Fairway Blvd., Sun Lakes 1. Please call Joyce if you need directions (883-9118).

Jo Cooley, Chair

AAUW State Convention

April 3–4 , Surprise, Arizona

Linda D. Hallman, CAE, AAUW Executive Director, will be the principal guest speaker. She will answer questions on the proposed AAUW Bylaws changes.

The theme for the Convention is "Today's Choices; Tomorrow's Challenges". Information workshops based on this theme will be: "The Border: Crisis Point for Women and Girls", "Membership, Communication, and Marketing", and "Finances: Recording, Reporting, Budgeting and the IRS".

In the Arizona Sun Winter edition which can be found at www.aauwarizona.org, you will find more information along with the application form. Deadline for registration is March 23 for a \$35.00 entrance fee. Late entrants will pay \$40.00.

If you are interested in spending the night, AAUW has a special rate at the Holiday Inn Express.

Please call Diane Larson or Holly DeVinck for more information and for carpooling possibilities.

International Dinner

The International dinner was a great success. It was well attended. Although the speakers from Northern Trust Bank did not assure us that the monetary situation would be remedied immediately, they gave us hope.

We want to thank Ann Slattery, Gail Jones and Marcia Wagoner for all of their efforts to ensure a lovely evening for all of us. The food was delicious and the refurbishment of the Oakwood Club House is lovely.

Thank you.



Pictured above are Ann Slattery, Chair, on the left and Gail Jones on the right. Picture is courtesy of Sharon Gale.

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