



# Prickly Pear Postings

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

### Co-President's Message submitted by Donna Haugland

Dear Members,

I am excited about being your new president. I look forward to working with you and having a productive and rewarding term.

"Breaking through Barriers" was the theme of the National Convention last summer and the theme of the Fall Forum will be "Breaking through Barriers: Leading for Tomorrow". It will be held November 7 at Scottsdale Community College in Scottsdale. "Will social, economic, educational and political equality for women become a reality in our lifetime? Will the Equal Rights Amendment be ratified in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?" (Arizona Sun) Come to the Fall Forum for more information; to hear recently retired Arizona Chief Justice Ruth V. McGregor, the keynote speaker, other outstanding speakers, and attend informative workshops. We owe it to our daughters and granddaughters to have these things happen. In 2008, the average woman made just over 77 cents for each dollar earned by her male counterpart. Registration information and program specifics are in this newsletter. Save the date and consider attending. We hope to have a good representation from our branch. We will be arranging car pools.

In order for us all to become more "Tech Savvy" starting in November we will begin each General Meeting with a short 5 minute or so computer lesson. We will start with email, learn how to visit websites, then download pictures, and may eventually even Tweet on Twitter or visit Facebook.

Keeping with our thoughts on technology, did you know that you can visit AAUW's "online museum" at <https://svc.aauw.org/museum/>. You can read the complete history of AAUW; look through old issues of "Outlook". There is a portrait gallery of famous women, many of whom have received AAUW awards and much, much more. You can even send a postcard to a friend via email.

Don't forget OUR FIRST MEETING IS AT 6:45 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19. WE MEET IN THE BALLROOM IN THE OAKWOOD CLUBHOUSE. Notice the TIME CHANGE. Our speaker will be Della Salvatierra. Her program will be about immigration. It should be very interesting. So come to the meeting and sign up for some wonderful projects and social events.

**If you had a birthday between August 1 and September 30, please bring a wrapped gift under \$10.00. We are going to have some fun!**

In closing, I would also like to welcome back all of those who have been away. It is nice to see returning faces and those who never left. And especially I want to give a big THANK YOU to those of you who have spent hours this summer diligently working to prepare us all for the coming year.

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### AAUW Events

Oct. 12	Afternoon Books
Oct. 13	Evening Books
Oct. 14	Board Meeting
Oct. 19	General Meeting
Oct. 21	PPP Deadline
Oct. 22	Southwesters
Oct. 26	Lunch Bunch
Oct. 28	Great Decisions/ Fall Forum Reg. Deadline
Nov. 7	Fall Forum
Dec. 5	Holiday Luncheon
Feb. 15	International Dinner



### Public Policy

In September, the US House of Representatives passed the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. The Act will make college more affordable for millions of students. AAUW supported an amendment to the Act that would focus on the need for more women and minorities to enter the fields of math, engineering, science and technology. The Obama administration is in support of this legislation. The US Senate is currently working on its own version of this legislation.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was only the first step in achieving equal pay for women. AAUW supports passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This legislation would deter wage discrimination and give the administration the enforcement tools needed to make progress on pay equity. The US House of Representatives has passed this measure but the Senate has not yet acted.

You can support these issues by contacting your House and Senate Representatives. The AAUW website has a "tools for action" section at [www.AAUW.org/Advocacy](http://www.AAUW.org/Advocacy).

Cynthia Cantor, Chair

**AAUW National Website**

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**Arizona State Website**

[www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org)

### Educational Foundation / Legal Advocacy Fund

The Red Envelope Program, which is our branch's way of donating to the Educational Foundation, will be starting in November.

The traditional Holiday Luncheon will be at Palo Verde Country Club on Saturday, December 5. Please mark your calendars.

Helen Semple, EF Co-Chair

### Lilly Ledbetter to Visit Scottsdale Branch

LILLY LEDBETTER will be in Scottsdale Arizona as a guest of the Scottsdale AAUW Branch! They are hosting a private reception for AAUW members on Thursday evening, February 25. This is open to all of us for a fee; we don't know how much yet. Then on Friday morning there will be another event and lunch or brunch. We hope to take a bus from our branch for the event. We met Lilly at National AAUW Convention; she is a courageous and wonderful lady. The Scottsdale Branch isn't doing this as a fundraiser. Their goals are to raise awareness of the Paycheck Fairness Act, to build momentum to address our congressmen and legislators, and to raise awareness of pay inequity for women and the harm it does to families. Already the National Council of Jewish Women and the Arizona's Women's Press are collaborators. Let's attend and honor Lilly Ledbetter.

Submitted by Diane Larson

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**Membership Report**

Welcome back to a new year of interesting projects, meetings, service to the community, and, of course, lots of fun! We are planning our New Members Tea. It will be hosted by Mary Lou Remley and Susan Meer, co-vice presidents for membership, and will be held at Susan Meer's house. The date, time and location are as follows:

November 7, 2009  
 9:30 A.M.  
 9043 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive

Please urge any friends and/or acquaintances that might be interested in joining AAUW to do so before the tea. It is a great way for new members to meet other new members and some of the board members. It will include all members who have joined since November 2008.

If you haven't sent in your dues for the 2009-2010 year, please do so as soon as possible. Find a copy of the renewal form on our website - [www.sevbaz.org](http://www.sevbaz.org). Please print it out, fill it in, and mail with your check to either Susan or Mary Lou or bring it to the October general meeting.

Susan Meer, Co-chair

**Community Action**

Our community action project with San Marcos school has been in progress for a number of years and some of you volunteer year after year. We would like to get our volunteers in the school as early in the year as possible. If you know when you would like to volunteer, please send an e-mail to [tcorrigan@wbhsi.net](mailto:tcorrigan@wbhsi.net). We will coordinate your offers with teacher requests.

Include: Your name  
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Thank you! The classes are bigger this year and teachers are looking forward to our help.

We will also be participating in the volunteer program at Chandler Library. This program involves interacting with adults for whom English is a second language. If you feel more comfortable working with adults, you may enjoy volunteering in this program. More information will be shared at the October meeting.

Toni Corrigan, Chair

**Prickly Pear Postings**  
 Deadline  
 October 21  
 Email submissions to  
 Judy Manley - [manley@wbhsi.net](mailto:manley@wbhsi.net)  
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### General Meeting

Monday, October 19, 6:45 P.M.

**Note earlier start time for Oct. meeting  
Kingston Ballroom, Oakwood C.C.**

*Members with birthdays in August and September, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.*

**Della Salvatierra, P.C., Speaker**



Ms. Salvatierra was born and raised in San Francisco, California. She received her bachelor's degree in humanities from the University of California Berkeley. After graduation, Ms. Salvatierra worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Indian Programs Office in San Francisco. After pursuing graduate work at U.C. Los Angeles, she moved to Arizona to attend law school at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She is a member in good standing with the Arizona State Bar.

From 2004 to 2009, Ms. Salvatierra worked for the Burns Law Office, doing immigration law. On July 1, 2009 she opened her own immigration law firm located in downtown Mesa. Ms. Salvatierra practices in all areas of immigration law; however, her focus is representing foreign nationals facing deportation, federal appellate matters, immigrant and non-immigrant visas, as well as consular processing. Finally, Ms. Salvatierra is a member in good standing with the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Ms. Salvatierra has been married to Edgar for 8 years and they have one son, Lucas, who is 7 months old.

Her presentation to AAUW will cover current situations in immigration law.

### Great Decisions



Great Decisions will meet at the home of Corrine and Ernie Merritt on Wednesday, October 28th at 3:00pm. The topic for discussion is "Energy and the Global Economy". Guests are welcome. Please call the Merritt's if you plan to attend.

Betty Raveret, Chair

### Afternoon Bridge

and

### Stitches and Giggles

will resume at a later date

#### Board Meeting

October 14, 7 P.M.

Bradford Room, Oakwood C.C.

RSVP regrets only to

**Diane Larson**

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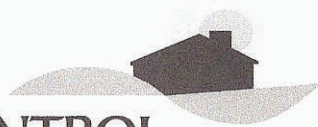
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Check out our calendar pages and  
the Online Photo Gallery.

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**Afternoon Books**

**Monday, October 12, 2009 - 2:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN AGENDA**

Hi everyone. For our October meeting, *instead* of discussing *I've Got a Home in Glory Land* as previously scheduled, please come prepared to chat, eat a few goodies, and tell about any interesting reading you've done over the summer. A large number of members do not feel the chosen book would generate a worthwhile discussion and have asked that we change the format *for the October meeting only* as described above. We will meet in the home of Sharon Gale, 9838 E. Diamond Drive: Enter Oakwood at Riggs & Robson gate; proceed to Berrybrook and turn right; continue to Diamond Drive and turn right. House is on the corner to your immediate left as you turn. **Please RSVP to Sharon at 802-1108.**

Chris Draheim, Chair

**Evening Book Club**

The Evening Book Club will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer & Anne Barrows. Carmen Otero will be the leader. We will meet Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the home of Barb Warner, 26629 S Nottingham Ct. Palo Verde. **Directions to Barb's home:** Enter Palo Verde through the San Tan Gate off Alma School. Go through the gate and at the stop sign turn right onto Ribbonwood. Follow Ribbonwood all the way until it bears to the left and changes to Navajo. On your right you will see cul de sacs. I am the fifth cul de sac on the right. There are no left turns. 2nd house on the left - name on mailbox or house with all the cars. **Please remember to RSVP by calling 895-7959.**

Barb Warner, Chair

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Did you see Co-president Diane Larson's comments about the National Convention in St. Louis on page 4 of the current issue of the *Arizona Sun*? Check it out at [www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org)

**Southeast Valley Branch Officers 2009-2010**



New officers were installed at the April 2009 meeting. From left, Jeane Marschke, treasurer; Mary Lou Remley, co-vice president for membership; Holly DeVinck, outgoing president and installing officer; Susan Meer (hidden behind Holly), co-vice president for membership; Jeannine Reynolds, recording secretary; Nathalie Smith, vice president; Diane Larson, co-president; Donna Haugland, co-president; and Madeleine Lutz, co-vice president for programs. Sheila Petriello, co-vice president for programs, was unable to be present.



### Sharon Gale Member Profile



Educator, Army wife, artist, downhill skier, world traveler, long-distance runner – all these pursuits describe our many-faceted branch member Sharon Gale.

Since moving to Sun Lakes seven years ago, Sharon has pursued her interest in art by taking classes and experimenting in different mediums. Currently she is working in water colors and abstract graphic design. Her cheerful home studio is filled with an easel, on-going projects, supplies, framed art, and various collections, including teddy bears.

As historian for the Southeast Valley branch of AAUW, Sharon has made our group’s scrapbooks true works of art. She does the same for the Oakwood Lady Niner’s golf group.

Sharon has always known how to set and achieve her goals. She grew up in Springfield, Missouri, finishing high school a full year early. At 17 she enrolled at the University of Missouri in Columbia and by age 18 had married her high school sweetheart, also a UM student. Sharon received her BS in Education degree with an art minor..

At 22, she and her husband joined the newly-formed Peace Corps. They were assigned to the Philippines where they taught in the southern islands. They lived among the Samal people who were fishermen and among the Muslims who lived off the land. They rowed their venta (small boat) to the school built on a reef. Students spoke their local language (one of 87 dialects in the Philippines), and also had to learn Tagalog, the national language, as well as English. At the time, Americans were respected and well-liked; the same area in the Philippines today is a hotbed for terrorist activities. The exposure to completely different cultures changed Sharon’s perspective on life.

After leaving the Philippines, they traveled for 3 months through 24 countries including Vietnam, India, Iran, and much of Europe.

They returned to Columbia, MO where her husband entered medical school and Sharon taught special education classes in grades 7-9. She was the first white teacher in a predominately black school at the beginning of desegregation efforts. It took some time to gain the trust of her students. She also completed her MS in Education degree. When her husband finished school, he became an Army flight surgeon and Sharon began her long experience as an Army wife. Two children, a girl and a boy, were born. Many assignments and jobs followed, including time lived in Germany where Sharon taught in Army schools. The family eventually settled in El Paso, Texas. After 23 years, the couple divorced.

Still living in El Paso, Sharon met Bruce Gale, also an Army officer. Because both were long-distance runners (Sharon has run several half-marathons), they often met in the morning for a 3-mile run. She continued teaching, now in a predominately Hispanic school. Sharon served as the English department chair, was involved with the new concept of team teaching and also wrote curricula. She was involved in projects to increase the availability of computers in the classroom. Twice she was named her building’s Teacher of the Year.

Sharon once visited an Ironwood resident for several days and fell in love with Sun Lakes. She told Bruce they needn’t look any further for a retirement home – Sun Lakes would do just fine. She moved here and worked on their house while Bruce, now retired from the Army, finished his final year of teaching political science and sociology at a community college. They have now been married for 24 years.

Recently Sharon has completed a history of her father’s experiences as a member of a B-17 bomber crew during World War II based on his diary and letters written to his wife. A copy of the history is a part of the Air Force Archives in Savannah, Georgia.

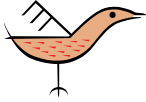
Sharon’s daughter and husband and their 14 year old son live in San Diego. Her son and daughter-in-law live in the Phoenix area; they have two sons, ages 7 and 5.

Of retirement, Sharon says, it “is so rewarding because I get to do everything I always wanted to do but never had the time to do. I’m meeting such a diversified group of women.”

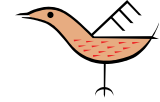


Sharon with a sample of her art.  
(submitted photo)

Submitted by Judy Manley



**Southwesters**



Southwesters is a special-interest group of AAUW which makes monthly visits to local historical and cultural sites. It's a great way to learn about our area since many of us are new to Arizona. It's also a great way to interact casually with a group of interesting women and to make new friends. We're planning a varied schedule for the year ahead. We do provide transportation to our events. For those who want to ride with other members you will usually be asked to reimburse the driver \$3.00 a person for gas, depending on the distance to be traveled.

During the year we plan the following trips:

- Fri., November 19: Cave Creek Museum
- Wed., January 20: Chinese Cultural Center, Phoenix
- Tues., February 16: Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort, Chandler
- Wed., March 17: Orpheum Theater, Phoenix
- April: TBA

Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you at any or all of our trips.

Our first visit this year will be on Thursday, October 22, to the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort located on the Gila River Indian Reservation. We will have a tour conducted by an interesting and knowledgeable docent who will discuss how the design and décor of the hotel were influenced by the traditions of the Pima and Maricopa people.

This will be followed by lunch at their Whirlwind Golf Club in the Sivlik Grill. There is also an optional free boat ride to the restaurant on a replica of the Gila River. (The boats dock about a half block from the restaurant.)

Since this is our first trip of the year, we would like people to call in as early as possible. Mark your calendars and call Cheryl Pullan at 480-895-5770 to reserve a space. **Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, Oct. 19.**

TRIP: Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort  
5594 W. Wild Horse Pass Blvd., Chandler  
(602) 225-0100

DATE: Thursday, October 22

COST: **\$5.00** in advance for guided tour

TIME: Meet at 9:10 a.m. so we can leave by **9:25**

GATHERING PLACE: Education Center  
(Riggs and Alma School Road)

RSVP to Cheryl: 480-895-5770

We are looking forward to seeing all of you very soon to catch up on everyone's summer news and to renew our AAUW friendships.

Cheryl Pullan and June Wagner  
Co-Chairs



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If you had a birthday between Aug. 1 - Sept. 30, bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$10 to the October General Meeting. We'll have some fun with this as well as raise some funds for our new scholarship program.



**Lunch Bunch**

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting for lunch at the Olive and Ivy in Scottsdale at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, October 26th. We will be driving together from the Education Center at Alma School and Riggs Roads. We will leave promptly at 10:45. There will be a sign up sheet at our first general meeting. You may also e-mail me or give me a call.

My e-mail address is [Priscorbus@gmail.com](mailto:Priscorbus@gmail.com). My phone number is 480-883-8365.

Hope you all had a fun summer. I'm looking forward to a great Lunch Bunch year!

Pris Corbus, Chair



## ***Fall Forum***

### ***BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS: LEADING FOR TOMORROW***

Saturday, November 7, 2009  
Scottsdale Community College  
9000 East Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256-2626

#### **AGENDA**

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast. Networking

**All events will be held in Turquoise Room unless otherwise noted**

9:00 -9:10 a.m. Welcome: Barbara Neubert, President, AAUW Arizona

9:10-9:30 a.m. Remarks: Dr. Ian Gehler, President, Scottsdale Community College

9:30-10:15am Keynote Address: Hon. Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice (ret.),  
Supreme Court of Arizona

10:15-10:30a.m. Break

10:30 -11:45 a.m. "What are the Real Barriers to Leadership?"  
Interactive Discussion facilitated by Esther Groves, Senior Consultant,  
TBC Consulting, Inc., Phoenix

11:45 a.m - noon Break

12:00 -1:15 p.m. Lunch: Counterpart Tables and Open Seating

1:15 -1:30 p.m. Video: "Breaking Through Barriers"

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. "After St. Louis, What's Next For the Association?"

Panel Discussion led by Barbara Neubert, Chair, with Jane Adrian (Scottsdale),  
Connie Harrison (Tucson) and Judith Neigoff (Northwest Valley).

Audience Q & A

2:15 -2:30 p.m.. Call to Convention 2010: Kay Harbert (Casas Adobes), Convention Chair

2:30 - 2:45 p.m Closing Remarks: Barbara Neubert

NOTE: Directions and a campus map appear on the Registration Form



**AAUW-ARIZONA FALL FORUM**

***BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS:  
LEADING FOR TOMORROW***



Saturday, November 7, 2009  
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9000 East Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256-2626

**REGISTRATION FORM: Deadline October 28, 2009\***  
**NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE DEADLINE**

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Current Office: State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: Must be postmarked by Oct 28:** \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Late Registration, after Oct. 28 \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

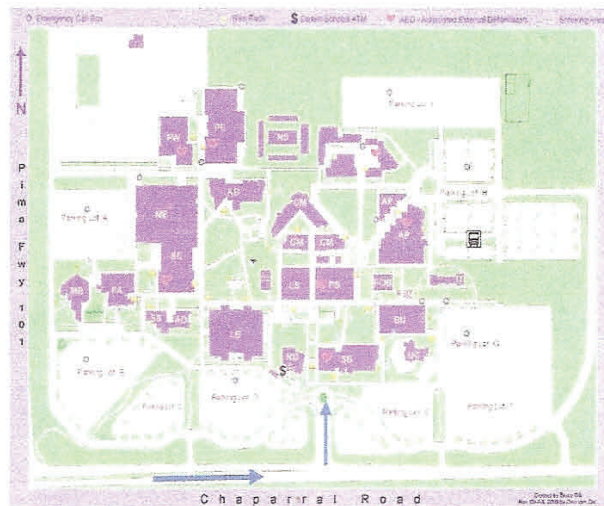
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**From the South:** I-10 to exit 161, the 202 Loop East. Exit 50A, 101. Exit 46, Chaparral Rd. East on Chaparral Rd., Left (North) into SCC and drive West and then North to Parking Lot "A"





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