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

Co-President's Message submitted by Diane Larson

I think the Arizona AAUW highlight of the year was the *Lilly Ledbetter Event* in Scottsdale. She gave a very interesting speech. When asked why she continues all her speaking engagements (for many she receives no pay; just expenses) about her unfair pay as a woman, she said, "because it is the right thing to do." We also attended a cocktail party and had a chance to speak to her personally, and of course, we had our picture taken with her! She is a subdued classy lady!

(The picture below is of our members who attended the event. Lilly's picture with Donna Haugland is on page 6.)



Back Row: Carol Knudson, Tillie Fortner, Ellen Peck, Cynthia Cantor, Holly DeVinck, Margaret Horn, Helen Semple, Betty Raveret, Jeane Marschke, Jeannine Reynolds
Front Row: Sharon Gale, Nathalie Smith, Diane Larson, Donna Haugland, Peg Shultz

Toni Corrigan and I attended the *International Women's Day* event at a movie theater in Ahwatukee. This event was inspired by the best-selling book from Pulitzer prize winning journalists Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. *Half the Sky* has been featured on Oprah, CNN, and Dateline NBC. Put this on your summer reading list! We saw musical performances, celebrity commentary, and the world premier of *Woineshet*, a powerful short film directed by Academy Award winner Marisa Tomei.

My term as your co-president has ended. it was an educational and worthwhile experience. When I first joined AAUW I wasn't very aware of what a wonderful mission we have. PROMOTING GENDER EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS is an ongoing mission that we need to take very seriously! This is NOT just a social group. I thank all of you talented ladies who worked so hard as officers and on committees. I'm especially proud of the fact that we will offer our FIRST scholarship to a young woman who is a Chandler resident, has financial needs, and wants to attend an Arizona college. Goodbye.

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AAUW Events

- April 5 Bridge
- Apr. 9-10 State Convention
- April 12 Afternoon Book Club
- April 13 Evening Book Club
- April 14 Board Meeting
- April 16 Lunch Bunch
- April 19 Stitches & Giggles
- April 19 General Meeting
- April 19 Drawing for free membership
- April 23 Southwesters
- April 28 Great Decisions
- May 5 Lunch Bunch
- May 11 Evening Book Club
- May 17 Stitches and Giggles
- Aug. 18 PPP Deadline



Public Policy

AAUW supports the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. The purpose of the Act is to eliminate taxpayer funded subsidies for private lenders that make loans to students for higher education. All federal student loans would be moved to the government's Direct Lending program. AAUW estimates that this would save the federal government \$87 billion over the next 10 years. A significant portion of these savings could be made available to students and their families by expanding other federal grant and scholarship programs.

The House of Representatives passed the Student and Fiscal Responsibility Act in September 2009. This Act allows for a focus on women and underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and math. The legislation will also provide for investment in early childhood education programs and strengthen community colleges. AAUW believes that access to higher education is critical to women's goal of achieving financial security. As of mid-March 2010 the Senate has not acted on this legislation. Contact your Senators and urge them to increase access to higher education by taking up this legislation.

Cynthia Cantor, Chair



Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet at the home of Corrine & Ernest Merritt on Wednesday, April 28th at 3:00 P.M. The topic is *Europe's 'far east': the uncertain frontier*. The Merritts' will lead the discussion.

Guests are welcome. Please call Corrine if you plan to attend.

Betty Raveret, Chair

Community Action

At our March meeting, we collected 20 reams of copy paper for San Marcos School. The individual donations that we make may not seem large, but they made a difference to students and teachers as well as women at My Sister's Place.

Thank you for your donations of time and money. We advanced our goal of supporting women and education.

Toni Corrigan, Co-Chair

Nominating Committee Correction

Helen Semple was inadvertently not listed as the fifth member of the Nominating Committee in the March *Prickly Pear Postings*. I am sorry for this oversight and wish to recognize Helen for her efforts.

Holly DeVinck, Chair

AAUW STATE CONVENTION

April 9 and 10, 2010

Hosted by Casas Adobes Branch in Tucson, AZ

Theme for the Convention:

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS: KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

Please call Diane Larson for information

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General Meeting

April 19, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club

Bobbie Reed
Speaker



On Monday April 19, we will hear a presentation from one of our own members, Bobbie Reed, who will discuss the increasingly important roles of DNA technology in our society.

Dr. Roberta Reed was a biomedical researcher and clinical laboratory director at Bassett Healthcare, a teaching hospital in upstate New York. Her research focused on aspects of cardiovascular disease and dietary fats. She developed a DNA test for an apolipoprotein gene as part of a study of underlying genetic risks for heart disease.

She was an adjunct faculty member of Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons and taught medical students during their academic rotations. She earned her PhD from Wesleyan University and did postdoctoral research in analytical chemistry and drug metabolism at University of North Carolina, Indiana University and Johns Hopkins School of medicine. She also taught at the State University College of New York and has published 55 professional scientific papers.

She and her husband, Bill Gates, moved to Sun Lakes in 2003 from Cooperstown, NY. She is active in New Adventures in Learning, a lifelong learning program, held in the Chandler-Gilbert Community College Sun Lakes Center. She teaches classes on DNA, statistics, medical literacy and medical laboratory testing. Bobbie is also on the editorial board of a consumer web site for understanding clinical lab tests and serves on the IRB at Maricopa integrated Health System helping review the scientific and ethical aspects of medical research projects.

Sheila Petriello, Program Co-Vice President

New Singles Group

Recently several members approached me about forming a singles group with AAUW. I would like this group to have a theater-going theme. Of course, as with all AAUW groups, food will be involved!

A few married members overheard the discussion and asked to be included. I have no problem since often the price is better for larger groups. Guests could also be included.

Since this is the last issue until fall, I'd appreciate it if you would email me at peck.ellen@gmail.com if you're interested in being included in the group. You're under no obligation to attend all of the shows. Also, several theaters have some shows over the summer, so, if you're interested in going during the summer, please let me know that too. We will most likely attend matinees only. In some theaters, that means weekends.

When we're going to a show, we'll meet at the Education Center to car pool. Other than the cost of the ticket and money for your driver, there won't be any other cost other than lunch or dinner.

I'm not the most computer literate, so I may just make a list of those interested and send the information to everyone. Just email if you're interested. We also need a name for the group so be thinking.

Ellen Peck

peck.ellen@gmail.com

Summer Fun

Are you in town this summer and would you like to join us in some laid-back activities? We have started a list and would like you to join us. Please email us if you are interested and if you have some "cool" ideas, please let us know.

Please contact:

Helen Semple

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Sue Garretson

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Evening Book Club

April 13, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.

On Tuesday evening March 9, the Evening Book Group will be reviewing *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd* by Jana Bommersbach. Our leader for March will be Judy Manley. Our hostess will be Betsy Bollinger. Please let her know if you will attend, 895-2096

Directions: Make sure you enter Palo Verde thru the San Tan gate. At the stop sign make a right hand turn and proceed to the first left, turn left onto Sunnydale Dr. Betsy is 10901 E. Sunnydale Dr.

At our meeting in February we made suggestions for books that we might like to read next year. We will be deciding who the winners will be. If you did not get a list of the potential books, let me know and I will send you a copy.

Our May 11 meeting will be at the home of Lois Fitzsimmons. Sue Garretson will lead the discussion of John Steinbeck's *The Winter of Our Discontent*. To reach Lois's home, enter Palo Verde at the San Tan gate and turn left at the stop sign (Ribbonwood). Turn right on Spring Creek Road. The house number is 25411 on the right. Phone Lois at 895-2536 to confirm.

Barbara Warner, Chair

Stitches and Giggles

Ladies - gather your needles, yarns, threads or whatever you choose and join us for a lovely afternoon of creative ventures. We will be meeting as usual on the 3rd Monday at 1 P.M. which is April 19th at the home of Carmen Otero. Carmen lives at 24411 S Lakeway Circle SE in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes. Enter at the Sun Lakes gate and take the second street to your right. Follow Lakeway Circle half way around and you'll find her house on the right hand side of the road.

May's session will fall on Monday the 17th also at 1 P.M. We'll be talking about summer schedules for those of you who remain here year round. We're looking forward to seeing you there, because for some of us, winter is truly ending and we're being called to other parts of the country.

Linda Kleinschmidt, Judy Hastert,

Marilyn Wilke, Co-chairs

(See summer session in the next column)

Afternoon Book Club

April 12, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.

Thanks to you all for a great year of book discussion. At our final meeting, we will discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield, a rich story about secrets, ghosts, winter, books, and family. A book lover's book - with much of the action taking place in libraries and book stores. You'll find yourself lost in a story within a story. Our host for April is Carol Knudsen, 9137 E. Crystal Drive: Enter Oakwood at Riggs and the Robson gate; proceed to Diamond Dr. and turn right; turn left immediately on Jadecrest to Crystal. Please remember to RSVP to Carol at 883-3482.

Book Selections for 2010-2011:

- October: *The Forger's Spell* Edward Dolnick
- November: *South of Broad* Pat Conroy
- December: *Fables and Fairy Tales*
- January: *Signed, Mata Hari* Yannick Murphy
- February: *Age of Innocence* Edith Wharton
- March: *Puccini's Ghosts* Morag Joss
- April: *Infidel* Hirsi Ali

Happy Reading!

Chris Draheim, Chair

Stitches and Giggles: Summer Session

Since Carmen is not available during the summer, if anyone is interested in continuing with their stitching and giggling, call me (Cheryl Pullan) at 895-5770. I'll be hosting during the interim.

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Southwesters

Southwesters final event of the season will be on Friday, April 23, 2010. Participants will be heading to Queen Creek to visit and have lunch at the QC Olive Mill and Farm. Prior to lunch at the restaurant located on the premises, Southwesters can enjoy sampling many goodies from stuffed olives, flavored oils, and possibly taking a quick peek at the "Pork Shop" down the street. The Olive Mill and Farm has over 1000 olive trees from around the world that are grown without pesticides, minimally processed, with the oil bottled within 48 hours.

Details: Meet by 10 A.M. at the Education Center parking lot for carpooling.

Lunch: 12 P.M. followed by guided tour at 1:30 P.M.

Fees: \$5.00 tour fee per person payable in Advance.

\$4.00 carpool fee

Lunch on your own

Additional information: June Wagner 480-895-8205
Cheryl Pullan 480-895-5770
Co-Chairs

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.

On April 5 we will be playing at the home of Pat Noack, 24816 S. Lakestar Dr., Oakwood. Please call Pat if you need directions (802-2327).

For reservations or more information call Margaret Horn, 895-6419.

Lunch Bunch

On April 16, we will be eating lunch at Buster's on the Lake, known for one of Scottsdale's most scenic outdoor eating areas, overlooking Lake Marguerite, and also popular for its high quality cuisine and homemade specialties. We'll leave the Education Center at 10:45 A.M. for an 11:30 lunch, hopefully on the patio. Please contact Pris Corbus at 883-8365 or by e-mail at priscorbus@gmail.com. The May 5 lunch is scheduled for Buca Di Beppo. If you are interested in this lunch, contact Pris.

AAUW Art Contest Winner

Sharon Gale submitted two watercolors in the AAUW contest. She won the grand prize with her "Pastel Forest". **What an honor, Sharon!!!**



Sharon with some of her other pastels.

We are so proud of you!



Prickly Pear Postings Deadline—August 18, 2010

Email submissions to:

Judy Manley manley@wbhsi.net

Sue Garretson garysue1@q.com



Membership Report

At the April 19 evening meeting, everyone who has paid their 2010-2011 dues will be included in a drawing. The winner will be given \$70.00 as a reimbursement for their paid dues. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you can pay them by the April meeting and your name will be included in the drawing.

Please fill out the AAUW Southeast Valley Branch Membership form on page 7 of the newsletter and attach your dues. The information is used to develop the yearly Branch directory. We will also have forms available at the April meeting.

We would like to welcome the following new members. Please welcome them and add their information to your current directory. Their names will be included in the new Branch directory in the Fall.

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We have enjoyed our term as Membership Vice Presidents. The new Membership Vice Presidents, Sharon Gale and Carol Knudson, will be installed at the April meeting. Sharon's name and address is included on the new membership forms. **You can send your checks to Sharon after the April 19, 2010 meeting.**

Susan Meer & Mary Lou Remley
Membership Vice Presidents

Lilly Ledbetter with Donna Haugland



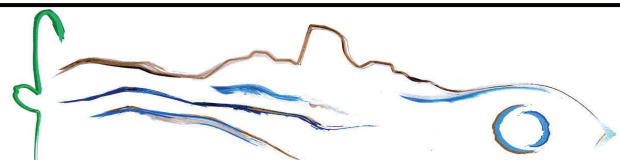
Joint Board Meeting

April 14, 2010—7:00 P.M.
Bradford Room Oakwood C.C.
For incoming and outgoing members
RSVP regrets only to
Diane Larson
ddlanson@gmail.com 802-8266
Donna Haugland
dhaugland.aauw@gmail.com 802-0461



Scholarship Birthday Raffle

If you have a **Birthday** in **April** or **May** bring a wrapped **gift** valued around \$10.00 to the **April 19 General Meeting.**



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DUES FOR 2010 - 2011 ARE \$70.00

(Association \$ 49.00, State \$9.00, and Branch \$12.00)

\$46 of the \$49 Association dues are tax deductible. That portion is considered a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. You should still pay the entire dues (\$70.00) in one check, made payable to AAUW.

Dues may be mailed with this form to:

Susan Meer	OR	Sharon Gale
9043 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive	after	9838 E. Diamond Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248	April 19	Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

If you have any questions, please call Mary Lou Remley (480-759-4712) or Susan Meer (480-895-4664).



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