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

Co-President's Message submitted by Diane Larson

Hello AAUW Members,

LET'S REMEMBER THAT OUR MISSION IS TO FURTHER GENDER EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS! The AAUW social clubs are ONLY an extra perk. We are non-partisan, and we need YOU to take a stand and help accomplish our mission. We need volunteers for our educational and civic projects. Get involved, donate some time and money. Think of your daughters' and granddaughters' futures in the work place.

First of all let's show our support for Lilly Ledbetter. She will be speaking at a luncheon in Scottsdale on February 25th at the Scottsdale Resort and Convention Center. You are invited to attend from 10:30-2:30. (She will sign autographs too.) The cost is \$55.00. AAUW members are also invited to a private reception that evening at 5:00 P.M.

For the eighth year AARP Magazine salutes outstanding individuals who are using their energy, creativity, and passion to make the world a better place. LILLY LEDBETTER IS ONE OF THE TOP 10 PEOPLE CHOSEN BY AARP WHO HAS INSPIRED US IN THE PAST YEAR!!!

Ellen Goodman, a nationally syndicated columnist, is retiring after 40 years of writing. In 1969 she wrote about a phenomenon called the FEMALE REVOLUTION. Ellen's column that day said. "A female revolution is sweeping the land, in some cases subtle and unspoken, in others dramatic and defiant." Now in 2010, she continues, "What a story this has been to cover. Women now hold the majority of jobs...because men have lost more of them. Women earn six out of 10 college degrees...yet earn \$.77 for every male dollar. If the women's movement were a college course I'd award it an incomplete!" Ladies, we still have a long way to go!

Please consider attending the Arizona State Convention in Tucson on April 9 and 10. Our speakers will be: David Mitchell, State Director, Arizona AARP will speak on Leading a Multigenerational Workforce. Darcy Renfro, Vice President and Director of STEM, will speak on Education Issues Report :STEM, and our own **AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman** will present the keynote address: The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation and AAUW Policy. Rooms will be available at The Country Inn and Suites for about \$75.00 a night. The Friday night dinner is at the El Conquistador Country Club.

Did you see the article in Sunday's newspaper about Ruth McGregor? She was our speaker at the Fall Forum. She thinks highly of AAUW.

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Public Policy

AAUW Arizona is hosting a luncheon in Scottsdale, on Thursday, February 25, to honor Lilly Ledbetter. Lilly Ledbetter will relate her personal experiences with pay discrimination and her legal battles that led to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. This was the first law signed by President Obama in January 2009. Lilly Ledbetter worked as a Supervisor at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 19 years. At her retirement party she learned that she had been paid substantially less than male co-workers doing the same job. She filed suit, won in the lower courts but lost in the Supreme Court because she did not bring her lawsuit within six months of the time when the discrimination **began**. The Lilly Ledbetter Act deals only with a narrow issue - how long a worker has to bring a lawsuit. The Lilly Ledbetter Act allows workers to bring suit for up to six months **after** they receive any paycheck they allege is discriminatory.

The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act represents another step in the almost 50 years of legal battles in the United States for equal pay and equal employment opportunities for women. First the Equal Pay Act of 1963 amended the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to require equal pay for equal work regardless of gender. Second, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 was intended to ensure fair treatment in employment, promotion, training and personnel actions without regard to race, religion, color, national origin or sex.

There are still many issues that were not been covered in either the 1963 or 1972 Acts, or in the Lilly Ledbetter Act. Despite almost 50 years and numerous legislative initiatives, women, on average, earn only 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. The Paycheck Fairness Act is the next step in closing the wage gap. It is an update of the 1963 Equal Pay Act that will eliminate loopholes in the 1963 Act and strengthen incentives to prevent pay discrimination, improve equal pay remedies and prohibit employer retaliation. This Act passed the House of Representatives in January 2009. The Senate has yet to vote on it.



Cynthia Cantor,
Chair

******* Please Read *******
Until further notice, for security reasons, we will not be publishing phone numbers, addresses or email addresses. We will ask you to look up the contact information in your AAUW Directory. The Board is sorry for the inconvenience. Please contact either Donna Haugland or Diane Larson with your questions.

Educational Foundation

The Educational Fund chairs would like to thank all who attended the annual Holiday Luncheon held on December 5th at the refurbished Palo Verde Country Club.

Daralina Skidmore, an EF recipient from the University of Arizona, Tucson, spoke about her studies as a law student. Daralina is a first generation Mexican-American and a mother of two girls so she is very appreciative of receiving funds from AAUW. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in public interest law.



Pictured are Daralina Skidmore (left) and Melanie Madrid (right)

Melanie Madrid entertained us with holiday music and a sing-a-long. A red and white theme enhanced by snowflakes and Christmas bells contributed to the holiday decor.

Many thanks also to those of you who contributed to the Red Envelope campaign. We collected **\$1,700.00** which was sent to AAUW National to assist women to further their education.

Helen Semple and Virginia Bekavac,
Educational Foundation Co-Chairs



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
SOUTHEAST VALLEY BRANCH
INTERNATIONAL DINNER

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

PALO VERDE COUNTRY CLUB

10801 SAN TAN BLVD.

SUN LAKES, ARIZONA 85248

RECEPTION: 5:45 P.M.

DINNER: 6:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: 7:45 P.M.

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Jane Parmentier,
Faculty Member, ASU**

Topic: *Origins of Conflict in Pakistan & Afghanistan*



Mary Jane C. Parmentier is a faculty member at ASU in the School of Letters and Sciences, and the Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes. She has been at ASU since 1999 after completing her doctorate in International Studies at the Graduate School for International Studies at the University of Denver, where her doctoral dissertation focused on Islam and politics in North Africa. Her broad areas of interest are international politics, international development, the Middle East, and Latin America.

Dr. Parmentier was a Peace Corps volunteer in the 1980s in Morocco, and has been interested in the region for several decades. She speaks North African Arabic, French and Spanish, has taught for study-abroad programs to Turkey and Cyprus, and regularly teaches courses on Middle Eastern politics at ASU.

DINNER MENU

Garden Salad with Ranch or
Raspberry vinaigrette
Chicken Picatta
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Garden Medley
Warm rolls and butter
Coffee, decaf, and iced tea
Carrot Cake

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ADDRESS

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for Gail's address

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Evening Book Club

Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 P.M.

Our book is *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Our leader will be Sheila Petriello and our hostess will be Beth Lewis. Don't forget to give Beth a call to RSVP and for directions. See you there!

For your information, *The Trunk Murderess: Winnie Ruth Judd* by Jana Bommersbach is The One Book AZ selection for 2010. This will be reviewed in April. The children's book is *The Three Little Javelinas* by Susan Lowell.



Barbara Warner,
Chair

Great Decisions

Great Decisions, a global affairs educational program, promotes awareness and discussion about timely foreign policy issues. Developed by the Foreign Policy Association in 1954, it is designed to encourage debate and discussion of important global issues of our time. The cost for materials is \$18.50 and interest group members take turns leading the discussions.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please contact Betty Raveret.

Betty Raveret and Kathy Gough,
Co-Chairs

Afternoon Book Club

Monday, February 8, 2:00 P.M.

This month we will discuss *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman based on the true story of Jan Zabinski, a zoo director, and his young wife Antonina who risked their lives smuggling Jews out of the Warsaw Ghetto and hiding them in animal houses in the zoo. The Nazis behaved like beasts; the zookeepers threw them off the scent with subterfuge and lies.

Our host this month is Beth Brown. Please call Beth to RSVP and for directions to her house.

REMEMBER: Bring your suggestions for next year's books to the February meeting. Please type the name, author, and a brief synopsis of each book you recommend. These will be given to our committee for review. Please do not list books you have not read.

Chris Draheim,
Chair

AAUW Art Contest

Sharon Gale has submitted entries to the AAUW contest. Her watercolors are "Fiesta" and "Pastel Forest". Voting begins on February 12 and ends on March 11. We can vote for these entries once a week at aauw.org. A link to the contest will be on the home page.

Let's vote for our very own artist!

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Southwesters

In 1912, Dr. Alexander Chandler founded a small town southeast of Phoenix that bears his name. He dreamed of building an oasis in the desert, a resort that would bring the rich and famous from all over the world to the little town of Chandler. Dr. Chandler named this resort San Marcos. Frank Lloyd Wright oversaw construction of the resort that debuted in 1913.

Join us on Tuesday, February 16, for a tour of this historic hotel which oozes nostalgia and class and was once an oasis for silver screen stars. Our tour guide will be taking us through the hotel and some of the rooms, and dishing the dirt about the scandalous life of Dr. Chandler. We will have a delicious buffet lunch at AJ's Restaurant at the hotel following the tour. After lunch you may even want to wander around through the unique shops and boutiques near by.

When: Tuesday, February 16, at 11:00 A.M.

Where: Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort
One San Marcos Place, Chandler
(Southwest corner of Buffalo and Arizona Ave.)

Lunch at AJ's Restaurant at the Resort

Meet: Education Center (N.E. corner of Riggs and Alma School) at 10:15 A.M.

We will leave at 10:30 for the 11 A.M. tour.

Cost: \$15 (all inclusive for tour, lunch, tax)

Deadline for Reservations is Friday, February 12.

Call Cheryl Pullan or June Wagner for reservations.

Here are changes and additions for our remaining outings:

Tuesday, March 16 (new date) is a tour of the Orpheum Theater and lunch in downtown Phoenix.

Friday, April 23, we'll be going to the Queen Creek Olive Mill, followed by lunch there.

Hope to see you at the San Marcos!

Cheryl Pullan and June Wagner,
Co-Chairs

Prickly Pear Postings Deadline

February 17, 2010

Email submissions to:

Judy Manley **and** Sue Garretson

Membership Report

We have five new members this month.

Welcome!!

Beverly Lust

University of Iowa, BA Education

Evangeline Song

BA Elementary Education

Judy Mugrage

Western Illinois University

BA and MS Education

Ardyth Newberg

University of Iowa and Univ. of Nebraska

BS and MS Guidance and Counseling

Patricia Laak

Winona State University

BS Education/Library Science

Directory Correction:

Nathalie Smith's phone number is incorrect. She has requested we put her correct number in the newsletter: 480-895-6711.

The cost of membership is now \$30.00 for the remainder of the year. What a deal! Tell your friends.

Susan Meer and Mary Lou Remley

Co-Vice Presidents - Membership

Afternoon Bridge

Afternoon bridge is held on the first Monday of each 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 please call Margaret Horn.

In February we will be playing at the home of Marilyn Wilkie; call Marilyn for directions.

Margaret Horn, Chair



Community Action

We had a wonderful response to our request for library books for San Marcos Elementary School! Pat Noack, Toni Corrigan, Sharon Gale and her husband delivered 162 new and gently used books to the school librarian. Toni Lutter made name plates and Sharon laminated them into the front of the books. The librarian and principal were thrilled to receive the books, many from the wish list that we received. Thanks to all who donated.

Toni Corrigan, Pat Noack
Co-Chairs



Chris Sargent, Principal, and Toni Corrigan on the left.
Barb Owen, Librarian and Pat Noack on the right.

Board Meeting

February 10, 2010—7:00 PM
Bradford Room Oakwood C.C.
RSVP regrets only to
Diane Larson
or
Donna Haugland

Stitches and Giggles

Everybody is welcome to join us for the monthly meeting of Stitches and Giggles. Our February date is set for the usual 3rd Monday, February 15, 2010. You'll note that this is the same night as our annual International Dinner, so we'll start promptly at 1 PM and may knock off just a bit sooner to give us all time to get primped and pretty for the evening. Our meeting place will be at the home of Carmen Otero.

We're not at all fussy about what project you're working on or how long it's been in "creating" mode. Just grab those needles and join us for an afternoon of wonderful crafts and fabulous conversations. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

Linda Kleinschmidt, Judy Hastert,
and Marilyn Wilkie, Co-chairs

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.

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Lunch Bunch

The February luncheon will be on Monday, February 22. We will be going to an English Pub in Gilbert. This English Pub is aptly named Shakespeare's.

We will be leaving from the Education Center {Alma School & Riggs Rd.} at 11:00 A.M. for an 11:30 A.M. luncheon. If you are interested in coming along for good food and a fun time, please contact Pris Corbus. Pris's contact information is in the AAUW Directory.

Pris Corbus, Chair

New Member Group

The New Member Group met on January 7, 2010 at The Egg and I for breakfast. The breakfast was well attended and everyone had a great time.

We decided to meet next month, February 3, 2010, at Vincintorio's Restaurant for lunch and after lunch a "free" movie at the Tempe Theatre. Come and join us!!!

Tillie Fortner and Linda Kleinschmidt,
Co-Chairs

Security Issue

Once again, we apologize for the removal of personal information from the newsletter. We know it is an inconvenience to refer to two sources. However, this will give us a chance to make sure we all have our directories. Call the Membership VP's if you do not have a directory.



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers for 2010-2011. The slate will be presented to the Board of Directors at the February board meeting and published in the March newsletter.

Holly DeVinck will chair the committee. Linda Kleinschmidt, Pat Noack, Jeannine Reynolds, and Helen Semple complete the committee.

Positions to be filled or confirmed are those of the Executive Board: President, President Elect, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Finance and Recording Secretary. If you have recommendations for these positions please contact Holly.

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of the election, provided written consent from the nominee has been obtained.

January Speaker

Debra Drechsel, speaker at the January 18th General Meeting, is shown with Sheila Petriello, VP Programs.



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. **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. Please do not contact the webmaster.



Southeast Valley Branch



The American Association of University Women values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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