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

Co-President's Message submitted by Nathalie Smith

Welcome to the October issue of the PRICKLY PEAR where the prize winning issues keep you in touch with everything you need to know about coming events.

I hope that you enjoyed the summer and are anxious to begin another year of AAUW activities that will spark your intellect, support our goals for women and girls, continue plans to start a local girl on her way to a college degree, and, of course, provide opportunities for enjoying the stimulation and friendliness of our membership.

The time and energy that you have devoted to these activities in the past has been awesome. The value of our college degrees is quite apparent.

Looking forward to the year.

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Membership Report

Welcome back to our Snowbirds! We are ready for an exciting year. During the last month we have had two more members join making a total of 93 members at our Southeast Branch.

Judi Edmonds has been working hard to prepare our Directory for this year. She deserves a big warm Thank You from all of us. Not only has she done this for the past several years but it always is professionally done. The directory is so important for our members as all events and dates are listed as well as our member's names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

At the first general meeting on Monday, October 18, the directories will be labeled with your name in alphabetical order and placed on the membership table. Please pick up yours and be organized! Again Judi, THANK YOU! What would we do without you?

See you on October 18th.

Sharon Gale, Co-President Membership

AAUW Events

- Oct. 4 Bridge
- Oct. 11 Afternoon Books
- Oct. 12 Evening Books
- Oct. 13 Board Meeting
- Oct. 18 General Meeting
- Oct. 20 Lunch Bunch
- Oct. 21 Southwesters, PPP Deadline
- Oct. 27 Great Decision
- Nov. 15 Stitches and Giggles
- Dec. 11 Holiday Luncheon
- Feb. 21 International Dinner



Public Policy

We want to bring you all up-to-date on the status of two important bills before Congress. Both deserve our attention and action.

The first is the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182) sits poised on the cusp of action in the Senate. When recently polled, 84 percent of American voters expressed support for a new law to create more avenues for women to receive fair wages. This critical bill will provide greater safeguards against pay discrimination, which would be a fitting way to recognize the value of every American worker every day. The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their wages to coworkers.

The Senate is back in session and the clock is ticking for fair pay. This bill must pass before the end of September or we will have to start all over from scratch with a new Congress. We need our Senators to act – which means they need to hear from you today. AAUW leadership strongly urges your support and action. **Every call makes a difference in these final weeks, so please, call your Senators toll-free at 1-877-667-6650 and ask them to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act before the end of September!**

The second bill is The Local Jobs for America Act (H.R. 4812 and S. 3500). It will benefit Americans by investing \$100 billion over the next two years to save or create jobs for one million workers who are providing vital services to local communities, such as firefighters, police officers, and teachers. AAUW has joined with our coalition partner, One Nation Working Together, by supporting One Nation's organization in a march on the National Mall, in our nation's capital, on October 2, 2010. Our nation's civil and human rights leaders and hundreds of thousands of Americans from across the country will join together on October 2 to demonstrate their support for legislation that takes steps toward job creation and support for the American workforce by rebuilding our nation's economy so that it works for everyone. For more information on this and other public policy issues supported by AAUW, go to www.aauwarizona.org and open the public policy link.

Terry Turner and Jeannine Reynolds
Public Policy Co-Chairs



Sobering Statistics about Arizona Women

The Arizona Foundation for Women reported recently that Arizona women rank lower than those in other states in certain categories. The **She Counts! Report** indicated that women in Arizona rank

49th in the number with high school diplomas

26th in poverty

14th in business ownership

27th in managerial and professional occupations

21st in median annual earnings.

Also, the National Conference on Citizenship released a report based on an October 2009 Gallup study and five town meetings held around Arizona during June 2010. The report found

37% of Arizonans do not follow or discuss news regularly

43rd for voter turnout in the 2008 presidential election

45th on an index measuring how often people eat dinner with family members

10% of Arizonans said their elected officials represented their interests

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page 1, Thursday, September 23, 2010



General Meeting

October 18, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club

William M. (Bill) Gates
Speaker



LOUD AND GETTING LOUDER

On Monday October 18, Bill Gates will speak to us concerning how the development of cable television news has changed the way we receive and process information.

Bill has more than 20 years experience as a daily and weekly newspaper editor, including eight years as Editor of the Oneonta (N.Y.) Daily Star. He was a retail business owner for 11 years as well as a freelance writer and editor for 9 years.

Bill spent five years as a County Legislator in Otsego County, NY, four years as a Town Supervisor (chief executive officer) in the same county before moving to Arizona. Currently, he is treasurer of Sun Lakes/Chandler Democratic Club.

Bill is married to Dr. Roberta Reed, an AAUW member, and has one son.

He received a BA in history from Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY. Bill served in the U.S. Army from 1967-1969. He earned a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and four other military decorations.

Bill received Citizen of the Year, Cooperstown (NY) Chamber of Commerce as well as multiple newspaper and editorial writing awards. He currently is President of New Adventures in Learning .

Betsy Bollinger and Cynthia Cantor,
Program Co-Vice President.

Community Action

On a Saturday in October, millions of Americans will volunteer in their communities on USA Weekend's Make A Difference Day, the nation's largest day of helping others.

Our AAUW chapter can make a difference by volunteering at San Marcos School, our AAUW community action sponsored activity. Every school day, we can make a difference. Call Hazel Bethe Lewis Home-480-883-8535 Cell-480-993-9369 OR Judy Baur Home-480-782-1168 Cell 515-554-5679 to find out how YOU can help and attend an orientation on Wednesday, October 27. Many opportunities exist. THE CHILDREN NEED YOU and IT 'S FUN.

Judy has asked Chris Sargent, the Principal, if she would provide us with a wish list each month. She readily concurred. Her wish list for October: tissues and hand sanitizers for the upcoming flu season. Please bring them to the General Meeting . Judy and Bethe will deliver them to San Marcus School.

Judy Baur and Bethe Lewis,
Community Action, Co-Chairs



Scholarship Birthday Raffle

If you have a **Birth**day in **August** or **September** bring a wrapped **gift** value around \$10.00 to the **October 18th General meeting.**

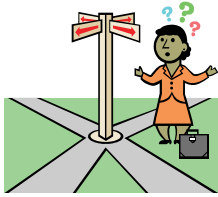
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Great Decisions

Great Decisions, a global affairs educational program, promotes awareness and discussion about timely foreign policy issues. Each year, the Great Decisions editorial board selects eight of the most pressing global issues and regions that will be the focus of the briefing book and online resources. The 2010 topics we will discuss will be US-China security relations and the Persian Gulf. The suggested 2011 topics are: Rebuilding Haiti, U.S. National Security, Horn of Africa, Responding to the Financial Crisis, Germany, Sanctions and Nonproliferation, The Caucasus, and Global Governance.

The cover price of the Great Decisions 2011 briefing book will be increased from \$18.00 to \$20.00 (plus shipping and handling). We also purchase the accompanying DVD which enriches our discussions. We won't be purchasing any books until after our first meeting October 27.

Our meetings feature open and fair conversation without requirement for consensus. Participants take turns facilitating the discussion and either hosting or co-hosting the meetings.

If you have an interest in foreign affairs, join us for this non-partisan discussion group. No special knowledge is required for this informal discussion forum, just an inquiring mind. We meet the last Wednesday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 in different homes.

Come join us. We have some lively discussions! Either call me (480-588-7116) or email me (peck.ellen@gmail.com) to let us know you're planning on attending so that materials can be provided.

Ellen Peck,
Great Decisions, Chair

Stitches and Giggles

Gather your needles, threads, yarns, buttons or whatever you need to work on, and join the ladies who gather on the 3rd Monday of every month to sew, share, and of course, giggle a bit.

This month our meeting will fall on Monday, November 15, at 1:00 PM. Our permanent hostess for these events is Carmen Otero who lives at 24411 S. Lakeway Circle SE in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes. Enter Oakwood at the Sun Lakes gate and take the second street on your right. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun and productive afternoon.

Linda Kleinschmidt, Judy Hastert, Marilyn Wilke,
Co-chairs



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Southwesters

TRIP: Sea Life Arizona Aquarium
 Arizona Mills Mall
 5000 Arizona Mills Circle Tempe, Arizona

DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2010

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

COST: \$9.00 (for 15 or more) \$15.50 (for less than 15)

GATHERING PLACE: Education center (Riggs and Alma School Road) 9:15 A.M.
 Leave at 9:30 A.M.

LUNCH: RAINFOREST CAFE OR GARCIA'S IN THE MALL

Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, October 18, 2010

Please call Tillie Fortner at 480-899-9434 as soon as possible to reserve a space.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!!!

Tillie Fortner and Jeannine Garrard, Co-chairs

Board Meeting

October 13, 7 P.M.

Bradford Room, Oakwood C.C.

RSVP regrets only to

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DATES TO REMEMBER

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, SATURDAY,
 DECEMBER 11, 11:00 A.M.**

**INTERNATIONAL DINNER, MONDAY,
 FEBRUARY 21, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

Afternoon Books - October 11- 2:00 pm

“The Forger’s Spell” by Edward Dolnick is our first book of the new season, and your eyes will pop when you read this exciting tale of a WWII con-man with the brass to foist a forgery on Hermann Goering. Believe it - it’s a true story! We meet for discussion in the home of Diane Larson. Call or email Toni Bolling Lutter for directions to the homes of all our hostesses.

Toni Lutter, Chair



Evening Book Club

On Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:00 P.M., we will be reviewing *Wild Swans-Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang. Terry Turner will lead the discussion. Judy Manley will be our hostess.

Directions:

Enter Cottonwood at Riggs Road and Robson Drive, proceed to the stop sign and turn left and turn left on Howard Dr., Continue to Watford Way and turn right, take the first left onto Beech Creek. Judy’s house is on the left in the middle of the block. The address is 26429 Beech Creek Dr.

Please let Judy know in advance so she will be able to plan her menu. Her phone number is 883-0944 or manley@wbhsi.net

Barb Warner, Chair

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Lunch Bunch

Welcome back to our regular monthly lunch-eons. We will be getting together on Wednesday, October 20th to enjoy Arcadia Farms delicious food. We will be going to the heart of downtown Scottsdale at 7014 East First Ave. Let's catch up on our summer activities, and any good gossip we may pass on!!!!

We will meet in the parking lot of the Education Center at the corner of Riggs and Alma School Rds. at 10:45 A.M. Then we will car pool to Scottsdale together. Be on time or I am afraid we'll have to leave without you.

There are many wonderful places to shop [5th Ave. Stores} near Arcadia Farms, so you might want to plan on shopping after lunch.

If you want to join us for a fun day, please get in touch with Pris Corbus at priscorbus@gmail.com, or call me at 480-883-8365.

Hope you'll be a part of our group this year.

Pris Corbus, Chair



Theater Group

In the spring, it was suggested I start an AAUW singles group. I decided it should be a theater-going group. Then some married members asked if they could join. In the last newsletter, I announced the formation of the AAUW theater group. Then over the summer, one person told another and another, and before I knew it, most of those going to the shows were not members of AAUW! So the group is now independent, although AAUW members are, of course, welcome.

There are about 30 people signed up to receive the updates. We concentrate on going to Community Theater shows to keep the cost down. This means, we generally attend weekend matinees.

This summer, we've seen *Born Yesterday*, *Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, *Forever Plaid*, *The Wedding Singer* and *Annie Get Your Gun*. We eat at a nearby restaurant (this is optional). We tried an Ethiopian restaurant that was enjoyed by all.

The most fun part is having members find out about each other. Two people realized they'd worked at the same hospital in Michigan years ago. And two others had cookbooks from the same museum park in their hometown but bought years apart.

Naturally, there have been some glitches. One theater group has gone out of business. Another is a professional group, so their cost was prohibitive. But, for the most part, we've had a lot of fun.

Upcoming shows are: *The Foreigner*, *The Kitchen Witches*, and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. We've had as many as 14 people at a show and as few as 5. With larger numbers, we've been able to get discounts. We also make sure carpools are arranged.

If this sounds like something fun and you'd be interested in learning more, please contact me at peck.ellen@gmail.com.

Ellen Peck, Chair



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2010 - 2011 MEETING /PROGRAMS

October 18 Branch Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Loud and Getting Louder
Bill Gates, Former Newspaper Editor

November 15 Branch Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Health Care Reform - What It Means to Seniors
Presented by AARP

December - Holiday Luncheon

January 17 Branch Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Contemporary Native American Women
Barbara Jones, Docent, Heard Museum

February - International Dinner

March 21 Branch Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Surviving in the AZ House of Representatives
Kyrsten Sinema, Arizona House of Representatives

April 18 Branch Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
Starting a Genealogy Search
Toni Lutter, AAUW Member

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

The bridge group will meet on October 4 at the home of Gail Jones, 10507 E. Arrowdale Dr., at 12:30 P.M. Gail lives in Ironwood. Please call her at 802-7274 for instructions to her home.

If you have not been contacted by me and would like to play, please call me on my cell phone at 480 / 577-4868.

We donate \$3 at each meeting for the benefit of the AAUW Educational Foundation as well as an additional \$.50 for prize money.

Margaret Horn, Chair



Adelante! Book of the Month List

If the book lists from our branch clubs don't keep you busy, try the AAUW Adelante! Book of the Month list. Below are the titles of the 2010-2011 monthly selections. For a complete annotated list, go to the national AAUW website (www.aauw.org), click on Site Index (on the left), and look down the list for Connect with AAUW. The Adelante! List will appear below that.

- September *Just Like Us: the True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America,*
Helen Thorpe
- October *Thinking in Pictures: and Other Reports from My Life with Autism,*
Temple Grandin
- November *I'll Go and Do More: Annie Dodge Wauneka, Navajo Leader and Activist*
Carolyn Niethammer
- December *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide,*
N. Kristoff & S. WuDunn
- January *The Help,* Katherine Stockett
- February *A Mercy,* Toni Morrison
- March *The Woman behind the New Deal, the Life of Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience,*
Kristen Downey
- April *The Geometry of God,*
Uzma Aslam Khan
- May *Wonder Fish Songs,*
Ruthanne Lum McCunn
- June *Aquamarine,* Carol Onshaw
- July *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America,*
Linda Lawrence Hunt
- August *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present,*
Gail Collins

Submitted by Judy Manley



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