



Prickly Pear Postings

Music Across the Ages

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Co-Presidents Message submitted by Donna Haugland

Dear Members,

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee and Chair Holly DeVinck for obtaining our new Executive Slate of Candidates. What a dynamic group of women they have tapped (see report).

Also a big thanks to Ann Slattery, Gail Jones and Judy Baur for their hard work on the International Dinner. The dinner was a great; the speaker fantastic. What a success... well done!

I recently met several times with Susan Youngdahl, State Bylaws chair, and three other women from other branches to re-write the State Bylaws and Policies. Our goal was to streamline the state board, giving the power back to the branches. The new Bylaws will be presented and voted on at the State Convention. For me this was an enlightening and educational experience.

“Breaking Through Barriers: Key Issues For The Next Decade” is the theme of the 2010 State Convention, hosted by the Casa Adobes - Tucson Branch. April 9-10. "What are the key issues confronting women and girls in the next decade? The 2010 AAUW-AZ convention program is designed to help us identify the issues and establish priorities to meet these challenges. Krysten Sinema, AZ State legislator, will lead off at our welcome dinner. She will update us on what is happening in the Arizona state legislature as it continues to seek solutions to budgetary crises that impact state education and much more. The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything, published last April and publicized on the AAUW website and elsewhere, will be the topic of keynoter Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director. David Mitchell, State Director, Arizona AARP, will present an entertaining and thought-provoking talk on "Leading a Multigenerational Workforce.".... Darcy Renfro, Vice President and Director of STEM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Science Foundation, AZ will report. The election of officers and the annual business meeting will follow lunch. Please join us as we explore new ways of looking at gender, generation, education, and advocacy." (Arizona Sun)

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AAUW Events

Mar. 1	Afternoon Bridge
Mar. 8	Afternoon Books
Mar. 9	Evening Books
Mar. 10	Board Meeting
Mar. 15	General Meeting
	Stitches & Giggles
Mar. 17	PPP Deadline
Mar. 16	Southwesterners
Mar. 31	Great Decisions
Apr.9-10	State Convention





Public Policy

The State of Arizona is experiencing significant budget deficits for both the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years. As of mid-February there are on-going discussions between the Governor and the State Legislature on how to close the State's budget deficits. All of the proposals include major cuts to the education budgets for both K-12 schools and university / community colleges. Currently, Arizona public schools are ranked 46th out of the 50 states.

Proposed cuts include:

Reductions for K-12 of \$133 million for FY 2010

The three Arizona universities would share a \$135 million cut. This is in addition to \$100 million previously agreed to cuts.

Community colleges could see cuts up to \$4.5 million.

Additional 2011 education budget reduction options being considered include:

\$98 million savings by reducing the school year by 5 days

\$218 million savings by eliminating all day kindergarten



We can all help by contacting our State Representatives and urging them not to cut education funding. Sun Lakes is in State District 21. We have one State Senator and two House members:

State Senator	Jay Tibshraeny (R)	email: jtibshraeny@azleg.gov	Tel: 602-926-4481
House	Steven Yarbrough (R)	email: syarbrough@azleg.gov	Tel: 602-926-5863
House	Warde Nichols (R)	email: wnichols@azleg.gov	Tel: 602-926-3021

Cynthia Cantor



Scholarship Birthday Raffle

If you have a **Birthday in February or March**
bring a **wrapped gift** with a
value of about \$10.00
to the **March 15th General Meeting.**
April and May Birthdays
bring a **gift** to the **April General Meeting.**

AAUW Board Meeting

March 10, 7:00 P.M.

Bradford Room, Oakwood Country Club

Regrets only to

Diane Larson

802-8266 ddlanson@gmail.com

Donna Haugland

802-3737 dhauglandaauw@gmail.com

Prickly Pear Postings Deadline

March 17

Email submissions to

Judy Manley manley@wbhsi.net

Sue Garretson garysue1@q.com



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates for the Executive Board positions for the Southeast Valley Branch for 2010-2011.

They are:

Co-Presidents: Donna Haugland
Nathalie Smith

President-Elect: Carmen Otero

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership:
Judy Baur
Sharon Gale

Co-Vice Presidents, Programs:
Elizabeth Bollinger
Cynthia Cantor

Treasurer: Jeane Marschke

Recording Secretary: Helen Semple

Election of officers will be held at the March 15 meeting. **Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of election, provided written consent of the nominees has been obtained.**

Members of the 2010 Nominating Committee were the following:

- Holly DeVinck, Chair
- Linda Kleinschmidt
- Patricia Noack
- Jeannine Reynolds

General Meeting

March 15, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club

Election of Officers



Roc Arnett, Speaker

Our March 15 General Meeting will feature Roc Arnett, President of the East Valley Partnership, speaking about East Valley Economic Development, including Gateway and Superstition Vistas.

The East Valley Partnership is a regional coalition of community, business, educational, and government leaders whose goal is to provide leadership and support in specific areas of focus, thereby improving business and quality of life in the region.

The web page www.evp-az.org shows corporate partners, projects and meeting schedules, including meetings with the Governor.

As President of the East Valley Partnership, Roc leads the non-profit coalition on issues of regional significance. Advocacy efforts in the East Valley are primarily focused on Economic Development, Education, Transportation, Williams Gateway Area, and Superstition Vistas issues.

Prior to accepting the EVP assignment, Roc had 38 years experience working for Marsh & McLennan, the insurance brokerage firm, organizing insurance and risk management for major projects in the construction industry. Roc is an Arizona native who lives in Northeast Mesa with his wife Sydney.



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Stitches and Giggles

OK, all you crafty ladies, March is almost upon us and most of us are WAY behind in our sewing, knitting, and assorted projects. Grab your needles and join us for a great afternoon of laughter and girl talk while our busy fingers are working. As usual, we will meet at the home of Carmen Otero who lives in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes. We'll be gathering again on Monday, March 15, at 1 PM. Carmen's address is 24411 S Lakeway Circle SE. Enter at the Sun Lakes Gate and take your second right. Follow Lakeway Circle half way around until you find her number. We hope to see all of you there.

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

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions meeting and topic schedule for 2010 is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Host/ Leader</u>
1/27	Special Envoys	Betty Raveret
2/24	Global Financial Crisis and Its Effects	Carmen Otero
3/31	Transnational Crime: Globalization's Shadowy Stepchild	Host Betty Raveret Leader Jane Wagner
4/28	Europe's 'Far East': the Uncertain Frontier	Corrine & Ernie Merritt
10/27	China Looks at the World: The World Looks at China	Holly DeVinck
11/17	The U.S. and the Persian Gulf	Cynthia Cantor

Discussions are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 3:00 P.M. in the host's home. Guests are welcome. Please call the host if you would like to attend any of the sessions. For additional information about Great Decisions please call 883-9592.

Betty Raveret, Chair

Southwesters

The next Southwesters outing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16. Participants will board the light rail at Price/Apache Station, i.e. Station 27, just east of Price Road and the 101 Freeway, and get off at Station 13 at Central Avenue in downtown Phoenix. We will walk a short distance to Tom's Tavern and Grill, a historic restaurant, to enjoy an early leisurely lunch at 11:30 A.M. Tom's Tavern is located at 2 North Central Avenue in Phoenix.

The second part of our outing will be a docent-led tour of the renovated Orpheum Theater. The tour is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. and will last approximately one hour. The Orpheum Theater is located at 203 West Adams Street just about a block from Tom's Tavern and Station 13.

Thereafter we will re-board the light rail to the Price/Apache Station. Carpool vehicles will be parked nearby at no charge.

Details

Meet at CG Education Center parking lot by 9:30 A.M. on March 16.

Carpool drivers are to receive \$2.00 round trip.

Light rail train ride is \$1.85 round trip senior fare.

Lunch on your own off the menu, between \$7.15 and \$11.00.

Reservations: June Wagner 895-8205 or Cheryl Pullan 895-5770

June Wagner, Co-chair

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Membership Report

We would like to welcome one more new member this month:

Jeannine Garrard
24222 S. Briarcrest Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
480/883-0177
jgarrard@whbsi.net

Although dues for the 2010 - 2011 year are not due until July 1, 2010, we urge all of you to pay your dues for the next year prior to June 1, 2010. Many of our members leave in April and are away for the summer. It is easy to forget once you have left for cooler climates. We will start collecting dues for the upcoming year at the March 15, 2010 general meeting. We have attached a new membership form for your convenience and the forms will also be available at the March meeting.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Susan Meer and Mary Lou Remley,
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

Membership renewal form located on page 8 of this issue.



1. Renew annual membership early.
2. Vote in AAUW art contest.
3. Register Bashas' card.
4. Bring ream of paper to general meeting for San Marcos School.

Co-President's Message, cont'd.

Since I have begun going to conventions and the Presidents' Council meetings, I have met many delightful women from around the state. I look forward to going to these events and seeing my new friends. I hope you will consider going as well. Registration forms are in this newsletter. For the agenda and additional information go to www.aauwarizona.org Arizona Sun newsletter for March 2010.

I will soon be looking for members to fill all of our appointed board positions. If you would like to continue in your current position or want to try something different or if you would like to be on the board, please let me know.

**CALL TO
STATE CONVENTION**
*Breaking Through Barriers:
Key Issues for the
Next Decade*

Casa Adobes - Tucson
April 9-10, 2010

for more information:
agenda, hotels, directions
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**Afternoon Book Club -
Monday, March 8, 2010 - 2:00 P.M.**

We will discuss *The Power and The Glory*, Graham Greene's widely-acclaimed masterpiece set in 1930's Mexico -- a time when the Catholic Church was viciously persecuted by an atheistic government. The story of a deeply flawed priest and a lieutenant wanting to rid his country of a church he believes cares nothing for the physical welfare of the starving masses, this is a vivid exploration of faith vs. atheism. Please RSVP to Susan Meer who will be our host for the discussion.

Chris Draheim, Chair

Evening Book Club

We really look forward to having you join us on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 P.M. for the review of the book *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Judy Baur will be our hostess. She will have a surprise for us. Leo Recker will be the leader.

Please don't forget to call Judy if you plan to attend! 782-1168.

Directions to Judy's home in Oakwood:

Enter Oakwood at EJ Robson Drive. Turn north on Dobson heading toward the Dobson gate. Turn left or west on Cherrywood. Go to Desert Dance Court, the second street past Dobson. The court is on the right. The house number is 23613 S. Desert Dance CT. In case you get lost, phone 782-1168.

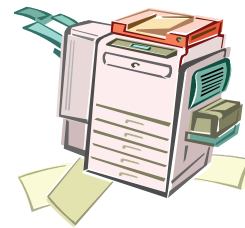
Remember: The April selection will be *Trunk Murderess* by Jana Bommersbach.

Barb Warner, Chair

Community Action

Pat Noack, Community Action co-chair, visited with the San Marcos principal regarding the school's greatest needs. The staff is in need of copy paper for the remainder of the year. **We are asking AAUW members to bring a package of multi-purpose copy paper to the March meeting.**

Toni Corrigan and Pat Noack,
Co-Chairs



Afternoon Bridge

Afternoon bridge is held on the first Monday of every month at 12:30 P. M. Each player 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 March 1 we will play at the home of Betty Raveret, 24826 S. Stoney Lake Drive, Sun Lakes.

Please call Margaret Horn at 895-6419 for reservations.



Music Across the Ages

A concert featuring
The Sun Lakes Chorale and
Hamilton HS Music Dept.

**Thursday, April 8, 2010
7:00 P.M.
Hamilton High School**

Tickets available from

Betsy Bollinger 895-2096
Judy Manley 883-0944
Jan Ott 895-7238

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Website Security

The board has revisited the issue of website security after some concerns were raised. The issue was discussed at the February board meeting, and the board voted to resume including names, addresses, and phone numbers, and directions. The board believes that all of these items are public knowledge and readily available from a number of sites including governmental databases, or even the phone book. Permission to include information for this month and next will be sought on an individual basis.

Beginning with the membership year of 2010-11, individuals will be able to opt out of having information appear in the newsletter by checking a box on the membership application.

If you have further concerns or questions, please contact one of the co-presidents or one of the newsletter co-editors.

Judy Manley, Co-editor,
Prickly Pear Postings

Lunch Bunch

By popular demand, the Lunch Bunch will be heading north to Paradise Valley in March. We will be going to Lon's at the Hermosa Inn Resort. Lon's has outstanding food, and the ambience is very special. Out of all the restaurants we have gone to this year, Lon's is "A MUST"!!! So, mark your calendars, and join us at the Education Center on Wednesday, March 24th. We will car pool to the restaurant. We will meet at 10:30 A.M. for an 11:30 A.M. luncheon. If you plan on joining us, please contact me in plenty of time. Again, my phone number is 883-8365 -E-mail: priscorbus@gmail.com.

Pris Corbus, Chair

New Members Group

Just a reminder to all of our new members for the 2009-10 winter. We'll be getting together again on Tuesday, March 2, at 9:30 A.M. to have breakfast at The Good Egg on Alma School Road, located in the Fulton Ranch plaza near the former AJ's location. After breakfast we'll be taking a side trip to Basha's Gallery which is quite close by. Tillie and I hope to see all of you there. Wear comfy shoes.

Linda Kleinschmidt and Tillie Fortner,
Co-Chairs

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April 30 will be donated to our branch.

AAUW Art Contest

Sharon Gale, our branch historian, has submitted entries to the AAUW art contest. Her watercolors are entitled "Fiesta" and "Pastel Forest". Voting began on February 12 and will end on March 11. **We can vote for these entries once every seven days at aauw.org.** A link to the contest is under the Quick Links drop down box on the home page

Click on the 2010 Art Contest and then on vote. You will need to provide your AAUW membership number to vote. You can get this number by entering your name and address when prompted to do so. There are lots of entries; you may vote for six selections each time you vote. Winning selections will be featured in a pocket calendar that will be mailed to all members.

Good luck, Sharon!



**AAUW SOUTHEAST VALLEY BRANCH
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010-2011**

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Please fill out the information even though it has not changed since last year. This information is used to develop the directory and a completed form enables us to provide accurate information in the directory.

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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		Mary Lou Remley
9043 E. Cedar Waxwing Drive	OR	9031 E. Cedar Waxwing Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248		Sun Lakes, AZ 85248



AAUW ARIZONA 2010 STATE CONVENTION

Casas Adobes-Tucson, Arizona April 9 - 10, 2010

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS: KEY ISSUES FOR THE NEXT DECADE

Casas Adobes Congregational Church
6801 N Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

REGISTRATION & HOTEL REGISTRATION: DEADLINE March 29, 2010

NAME _____ BRANCH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

STATE OFFICE _____ BRANCH OFFICE _____

DELEGATE STATUS: _____ STATE _____ BRANCH

_____ BRANCH ALTERNATE _____ STATE PAST PRESIDENT _____ NON-VOTING

Registration includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Registration Fee Postmarked by March 29 \$30 _____

Late Registration \$35 _____

El Conquistador Country Club Dinner, Friday, April 9

10550 N LaCanada Drive, Oro Valley

Number Attending _____ @ \$25/per person \$ _____

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Lunch Choices (select one)

_____ Seafood Casserole

_____ Louisiana Gumbo

_____ Baked Frittata (Vegetarian)

Make checks payable to AAUW-AZ and send with this form to: **Carol Collins
12796 N Seacliff Pl,
Oro Valley, AZ 85755**



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