



Prickly Pear Postings

SE Valley Branch, AAUW

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Co-Presidents Message submitted by Donna Haugland

Dear Members,

It is so nice to see all of our returning members. It seems like every day I see someone who has just arrived back.

I want to thank everyone who turned in the recent survey. Your input is most important in the formation of our new State Bylaws.

On September 12th I attended a combined State Board and Presidents Council Meeting. We were informed that there was no one in the position of State Programs. Therefore nothing had been done regarding the Fall Forum and State Convention. It was decided that the Fall Forum would be cancelled. The Convention, however, could not be, because the State Bylaws call for at least one business meeting every year. The dates are April 8th and 9th. Since no branch volunteered to host the event it was decided that it would be presented by "The Valley Girls" meaning all of the Valley Branches which includes the Southeast Valley Branch. After a brief discussion, Sara Walters, State President, appointed Karen Rocker Solomon, President of the West Valley Branch, to be Chair. At a subsequent meeting on September 25th with Karen and other branch presidents and their representatives, duties for the convention were split up. I am on Publicity. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with anything regarding the Convention I'm sure you would be most appreciated.

Two topics that we discussed at this State Board / Presidents meeting and at our recent Board Meeting were Paying Dues Online and One Member One Vote. There are excellent briefings on both topics on National's website at www.aauw.org. The link to Paying Dues Online #26 is http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingMPP_012909.cfm. The link to One Member One vote #27 is http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/OMOVbriefing_080210.cfm. You may be able to click on the links in this message or you may have to copy them into your browser. The articles are very good and answer most questions.

Regarding Paying Dues Online: the individual states need to opt into the program. At the Board /Presidents meeting mentioned above the State Board voted to do so. They recommended that each branch give it a try having a few members pay electronically next year. **Regarding One Member One Vote:** we will be sent paper ballots, or will be able to vote online using our membership number and a pin that they will send us. I think once we do it we will have a better idea how it works.

The **New Member Coffee** will be **November 13th at 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.** at Sharon Gale's home (see the directory for her address) New members are invited to meet the board and hear about our Branch's projects and social activities. The board will be providing the food. Anyone who has a friend that might become a prospective member is also invited to come and bring their friend. Sharon Gale has also created a wonderful brochure that is specific to our branch. Call Sharon for copies.

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AAUW Events

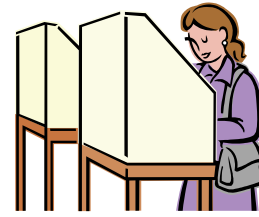
Nov. 1	Afternoon Bridge
Nov. 8	Afternoon Books
Nov. 9	Evening Books
Nov. 10	Board Meeting
Nov. 13	New Members Breakfast
Nov. 15	Southwesterns General Meeting
Nov. 17	Lunch Bunch Great Decisions PPP Deadline
Dec. 3	Deadline for holiday lunch. reservations
Dec. 11	Holiday Luncheon Deadline for Red Env. Contributions
Feb. 21	International Dinner
Apr. 8-9	State Convention
June 16-19	National Convention Washington D. C.

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Public Policy



There are 10 propositions on the ballot for the November election. They may be researched at <http://MorrisonInstitute.asu.edu> or the Arizona Advocacy Network (<http://azanfoundation.org>).

The following summary is from the AAUW *Arizona Sun* newsletter:

Proposition 107 poses a significant threat to equal opportunity programs in Arizona. It would change Arizona's constitution to prohibit equal opportunity programs for women and other under-represented groups in public education, public employment and public contracting. The measure is deceptively worded so that citizens are led to believe that they are voting to eliminate "discrimination" and "preferential treatment" in public institutions. In fact, its purpose is to **ban** existing programs and regulations designed to give women and other under-represented groups a helping hand. If adopted, Proposition 107 would **prohibit** programs designed to help women and minority groups to compete successfully in education, employment and business.

AAUW Arizona has recognized the importance of defeating Proposition 107 and has joined a broad coalition of Arizona education, business, community, and faith leaders and organizations who are concerned about its negative impact on our state. For more information about the history of Proposition 107 and its effects in other states, go to www.defeataz107.org. Another website to consult for additional articles and information is www.protectarizonafreedom.org.

Proposition 107 would be an unneeded and harmful amendment to Arizona's constitution. For AAUW it is a challenge to our mission and our accomplishments in advancing equity for women and girls. Defeating Proposition 107 deserves our best efforts.

Jeannine Reynolds and Terry Turner,
Co-Chairs

Exercise your right to vote on November 2!





Membership Report

Thanks to all of you who remembered to pick up your directories at the general meeting on October 18. Directories will be available again at our next meeting in November.

The new member breakfast will be held at Sharon's home on November 13. If you have a prospective member, please let Sharon or Carol know so that an invitation can be sent. If you would like to accompany your guest, that would be great.

Sharon has made some very handy informative pamphlets that are easy to carry and can be whipped out of your purse to hand to anyone who would like to know more about our association. It has been personalized to our particular events. Please pick up a few at our next meeting.

Thank you so much for helping us do our job.

Sharon Gale and Carol Knudson
Membership Co-Vice Presidents



Carol Knudson and Sharon Gale, Co-Vice Presidents for Membership, staff an AAUW table at the Oakwood Open House on October 23. (Photo by J. Manley)

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General Meeting

November 15, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club

Those with birthdays in Oct., Nov. and Dec. please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 for the birthday raffle to benefit our scholarship program.

**Ritch Steven, AARP Arizona
Speaker**

THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW

Are you wondering how the new health care reform legislation will affect you? On Monday, November 15, 2010 Ritch Steven, Chair of the AARP Arizona Advocacy Network and its Steering Committee, will speak on important aspects of the new health care law and how it will benefit older Americans.

Mr. Steven will present information on significant aspects of the new health care law, its impact on Medicare, health insurance, drug coverage and home-based care. He will also address the issue of health care fraud in Medicare and provide information to help older Americans recognize and report fraudulent activity.

Before joining AARP, Mr. Steven served as a senior level health system executive, hospital, licensed skilled nursing home and older adult community administrator for nearly 30 years. He is currently an adjunct instructor at Gateway Community College where he teaches a course on "Current Issues Health Management".

Mr. Steven has been an active volunteer with AARP Arizona for nearly 10 years. He served six years as AARP Arizona State President (2000-2006) before taking on his current volunteer role of Chair of the AARP Arizona Advocacy Network and its Steering Committee. In 2006, Mr. Steven was appointed to the AARP National Policy Council (NPC) Health and Long-Term Committee.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan social welfare organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates.

Cynthia Cantor and Betsy Bollinger
Program Co-Vice Presidents



Community Action

Thanks to all who attended our October 27th San Marcos/ AAUW Volunteer meeting. Principal Chris Sargent and staff members Diane Discoe and Jamie Merrill joined us for the morning. There is still time and many possibilities for anyone who wants to feel the joy of working with children at San Marcos School or helping in the school. Spot jobs exist from helping in the library or office to tutoring or working in the classrooms. You can spend an hour, a day, a week, a month or once every once in a while. Please give Hazel Bethe Lewis (480-883-8535) or Judy Baur (480-782-1168) a call. We would be glad to spread the joy.

Ink cartridges are no longer needed at the school. Tissues and hand sanitizers continue to be a need.

Judy Baur and Bethe Lewis,
Co-chairs



Chris Sargent, (standing), principal of San Marcos School, speaks with AAUW and NAIL members about volunteering opportunities at the school. (Photo by J. Manley)

Southwesters

Please note that the date for this trip has been changed from previously published information.

TRIP: MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS MUSEUM
4725 E. Mayo Boulevard
Phoenix, AZ 85050

DATE: **Monday, Nov. 15, 2010**
COST: \$13.00
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
LUNCH: Museum Cafeteria
GATHERING PLACE:
Education Center,
Riggs and Alma School



PLEASE CALL Tillie Fortner, 480-899-9434 or Jeannine Garrard, 480-883-0177 to reserve a space. Deadline for reservations is Friday, November 12, 2010.

We hope all of you will join us for a great time at the Museum!!!

Tillie Fortner and Jeannine Garrard,
Co-chairs

Art Exhibit

AAUW members Eileen Schwartz and Sharon Gale have some of their art work displayed at the Sun Lakes Country Club. Please visit the display in the lobby and enjoy!



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Board Meeting
November 10, 2010
Bradford Room, Oakwood C.C.
RSVP regrets only to
Donna Haugland
dhauglandaauw@gmail.com 802-3737
Nathalie Smith
natandbobnew@cs.com 895-6711



Great Decisions

The November 17 meeting will be held at Cynthia Cantor's home, 531 W Cherrywood Dr. in Ironwood. We will meet from 3-5 and the topic is The US and the Persian Gulf. If you're a returning member, please bring your 2010 briefing book. If you're new, we will try to have materials for you when you arrive, or, if you can let us know in advance, we can try to get them to you ahead of time. Please either call Cynthia (480-895-5686) or email her (azcancyn@yahoo.com) to let us know you're planning on attending so that materials can be provided.

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 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 2011 Great Decisions briefing book will be \$20.00 (plus shipping and handling). We also purchase the accompanying DVD which enriches our discussions. For our November 17 meeting, we will continue to use the 2010 books.

We will be ordering the 2011 books right after November 17 so they can come in and be delivered before the January meeting (there is no December meeting.)

Our meetings feature open and fair conversation without requirement for consensus. If you have an interest in foreign affairs, join us for our 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. If you're interested in being a part of the group, but won't be able to attend our meetings before January, please contact me so we can figure out how many 2011 books are needed. Thanks.

Ellen Peck, Chair
peck.ellen@gmail.com
 480-588-7116



Jeannine Reynolds, Holly DeVinck, and Terry Turner took part in the recent Great Decisions discussion on China. (Photo by J. Manley)

Note Cards

Available for purchase

Note cards featuring Sharon Gale's painting, Pastel Forest, are available for sale at the general meetings. The cost is

\$3.00 for 1

\$5.00 for 2

\$10.00 for 5

Sharon's painting was judged a winner in the 2010 AAUW art contest but because it has a vertical orientation rather than a horizontal one, it could not be placed in the pocket calendar we all received.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit our scholarship program. Thanks to Sharon for donating the note cards.

Prickly Pear Postings Deadline

Wednesday, November 17

for December-January Issue

Email submissions to

Judy Manley manley@wbhsi.net

and Sue Garretson garysue@q.com



**Afternoon Books
November 8 - 2:00 P.M.**

How far would you go for a friend? Pat Conroy explores the question (and a few dozen others) in his novel *South of Broad*, and in November our lively group will make sense of this sprawling book. Please join us in the home of Carol Knudson for a stimulating discussion. For a list of directions to the homes of our hostesses, email Toni Bolling Lutter.

Toni Bolling Lutter,



Evening Books

Evening Books will try something different this month. Members have been reading biographies and every member will make a 5 minute presentation on her selection. Elaine O'Brien will be facilitating the discussion on **Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00 P.M.**

Each person should write the author's name, title of book, name of biographical subject (if not an autobiography), and a brief description of the book on a 3"x5" card. A bibliography will then be compiled and distributed.

We will meet at the home of Sheila Petriello in Ironwood. To reach Sheila's home, enter Ironwood at the Halley Gate off Alma School Road (.2 mile north of Riggs Road). Turn left at the stop sign onto Rosewood. Follow Rosewood as it turns right and becomes Champagne. It will be about .5 mile to a stop sign. Turn left on Ribbonwood, and then left on Arrowvale. The house is on the left - #10613. There is a painted kokopelli on the mailbox. Phone Sheila at 802-4355 to RSVP.

Judy Manley for
Barbara Warner, Chair

Afternoon Bridge

Our AAUW Afternoon Bridge group will meet on November 1 at the home of Joyce Pocras, 9419 E. Fairway Blvd, in Sun Lakes C.C., at 12:30 P. M. Please call Joyce at 883-9118 if you need directions to her home.

Everyone on my list will be contacted for a reservation. If you are interested in becoming a part of this fun group, please call me at 895-6419.

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

Margaret Horn, Chair



**"The Woman Who Gave Us
Thanksgiving Day"**

Early celebrations of harvest festivals among Pilgrims and Indians led to celebrations of Thanksgiving throughout the New England states.

Sara Josepha Hale, a New England native, was named the first woman editor of a U.S. magazine, (*The Ladies Magazine*, later merged with *Godey's Lady's Book*) in 1828. From 1846-1863 she wrote annual editorials promoting a national Day of Thanksgiving. . She also included recipes, stories and poems to depict idyllic family gatherings. By 1863, the country was deeply divided by the Civil War, and Hale coupled her editorial with a letter to President Abraham Lincoln. On October 3, 1863, he signed a **Proclamation of Thanksgiving**.

From *The Elks Magazine*, November 2010, "The Woman Who Gave Us Thanksgiving Day" pp. 33-36.

Submitted by Judy Manley, co-editor



Board members Toni Bolling Lutter and Mary Lou Remley listen as Co-President Donna Haugland conducts the October board meeting.

(Photo by J. Manley)

President's Message, cont'd from page 1

Community Action Chairs, Judy Baur and Hazel Bethe Lewis, need volunteers for San Marcos. They will be doing some things a little differently than before. They have created a volunteer handbook and ask every member to volunteer. If you cannot go regularly, even an hour now and then would be most helpful. Be sure to call one of them to find out how you can help.

If you have a **birthday in October, November, or December** please bring a wrapped gift valued around \$10 to the November 15 General Meeting .

One last thought. Last year Arizona AAUW gave out \$21,000 + in scholarships. This was the most of any state in the Rocky Mountain Region, and our branch, YOU, were part of it. Congratulations!

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be having a really delicious lunch in November. We will be going to the Artichoke Grill – Culinary Arts School at Scottsdale Community College. If you have been there in the past, you know you will have a delightful time, and if you haven't , you will want to join us for a fun time. We will meet at the Ed. Center (Riggs & Alma School Roads). We do car pool and will leave the parking lot promptly at 10:45 A..M. The date to set aside is **Wednesday, November 17.**

Please RSVP to Pris Corbus at 480-883-8365; or E-mail-- priscorbus@gmail.com.

Pris Corbus, Chair



**Stitches and Giggles
Special Announcement**

We will not be meeting in November so that members can go on the Musical Instrument Museum Southwesterners trip. Check the *Prickly Pear Postings* in December for the next Stitches and Giggles gathering.

Cheryl Pullan

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010-2011

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E-MAIL: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

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- | | | |
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| Ironwood | Oakwood | The Renaissance |

If you DO NOT wish to have any of your identifying information, i.e. telephone, address, email published in the *Prickly Pear Postings* (The Southeast Valley Branch Newsletter), please put a check mark in the blank space below.

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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:

Sharon Gale
9838 E. Diamond Dr.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

If you have any questions, please call Sharon Gale at 480-802-1108 or Carol Knudson at 480-883-3482.



Season's Greetings

*AAUW Southeast Valley Branch
cordially invites members and their guests
to our annual holiday luncheon*

Saturday, December 11, 2010

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Bradford Room, IronOaks Country Club

Entertainment starts promptly at 11:15 A.M.

Awe!! Capella Quartet, Chordaires

Lunch served at 12:00 P.M.

Menu

Chicken Picatta, Rice Pilaf, Chef's Seasonal Vegetables, Rolls

Chocolate Mousse

Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

Deadline for reservations is December 3, 2010

Make \$20 check payable to AAUW

Mail check to

Mary Lou Remley, 9031 E Cedar Waxwing Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

Red Envelopes

Each year AAUW Educational Fund requests a donation from our members to fund graduate and post graduate work for research and community action grants.

The suggested contribution as set by national AAUW is \$25 per member.

Contributions larger or smaller are greatly appreciated

*Deadline for **Red Envelope** contributions is the luncheon date, December 11, 2010*



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