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Co-President's Message submitted by Donna Haugland

Dear Members,

Well here we go again. Our 2010-2011 season is about to begin. Are you ready for all of our wonderful, exciting, educational and social events that are planned for this coming year? I know our board members have been hard at work getting ready.

I hope you had a wonderful summer. Those of us who stayed here had fun as well. This was due in large part to Sue Garretson and Helen Semple who helped organize our "Summer Fun Group". We had some wonderful lunches. Mary Lou Remley coordinated bridge while Cheryl Pullan hosted Stitches and Giggles. The highlight for me was our Crepe Making Lesson presented by Jeannine Gerard at her home. She showed us how to prepare the batter, helped us cook the crepes, attempted to teach us how to flip a crepe, and served a wonderful dessert.

Last April Diane Larson, Carmen Otero and I attended the State Convention in Tucson. As always it was very informative and educational with wonderful speakers. For a complete, detailed description of the events, read all about them at the AAUW state website aaubarizona.org in the state newsletter, the *Arizona Sun Summer / June Edition*. Did you know you can access this site by clicking on this logo located at the upper right hand corner of our website at www.sevbaz.org?



Have you been to the AAUW national website lately? Have you visited their virtual city? Go to aauw.org then at the left top click on "About AAUW". In the left hand column click on "The AAUW Experience" and you will be able to visit the Town Square and several buildings such as the Community Center, Theater, Town Hall (information on Advocacy and Public Policy), the Courthouse (information on the Legal Advocacy Fund -LAF), and the Library (history, research and other activities). There is also a student lounge for student resources.

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AAUW Events

Sep. 14	Evening Books
Sep. 20	Stitches and Giggles
Sep. 22	PPP Deadline
Oct. 4	Afternoon Bridge
Oct. 11	Afternoon Books
Oct. 12	Evening Books
Oct. 13	Board Meeting
Oct. 18	General Meeting Stitches & Giggles
Oct. 20	PPP Deadline
Oct. 21	Southwesters
Oct. 27	Great Decisions
Dec. 11	Holiday Luncheon
Feb. 21	International Dinner



Public Policy

As the summer ends and "snowbirds" begin to return, our thoughts will turn to our AAUW activities. You might want to take a few minutes to explore the AAUW Arizona website, www.aauwarizona.org. Click on Public Policy, and you will have access to much good information on principles that AAUW promotes. We are a non-partisan organization, but we do take stands on issues that take us into the political arena. An example would be the work done on getting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act passed. By checking the website, you will discover how to take action on the companion Paycheck Fairness Act and other issues, such as protecting Social Security, and helping to make our schools safer. The website also offers a quick and easy way to contact your representatives in Congress (their websites will show the locations of their local offices, their schedules, and email and postal mail addresses).

If you have questions, you may contact your Public Policy Co-Chairs:

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Co-President's Message, cont'd.

While much of the AAUW website is open to the public, some of it is for members only. To access this portion you will need to register. For this you need your AAUW membership number. This can be found on the back of the *Outlook Magazine*, or go to AAUW's homepage. Click on "Login" or "Member Center" at the top right. Then in the center of the next page click on "member ID lookup". Put in your name and zip code and your number will pop up. You will then need to create a password to finish your registration.

Our first meeting will be on October 18th at 7 P.M. at the Oakwood Country Club. We will continue with our birthday scholarship raffle. If you have a birthday in August or September please bring a wrapped gift with a value of about \$10. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer and for all of you travelers a safe trip back to Arizona.

Southeast Valley Branch Officers



Southeast valley Branch officers were installed at the April AAUW General Meeting. Left to right: Treasurer Jeane Marschke, Co-VP for Programs Betsy Bollinger, Co-VP for Membership Sharon Gale, Co-VP for Programs Cynthia Cantor, Co-VP for Membership Carol Knudson, Secretary Helen Semple, Vice President Carmen Otero, Co-presidents Nathalie Smith and Donna Haugland.



Membership Report

Welcome back! We hope your summer was fun and relaxing. Thank you ladies for responding so quickly to our e-mail reminders to pay the 2010-2011 dues. As of July 1, 2010, we had 91 members in our AAUW Southeast Valley branch. Life Members are Charlotte Hanson, Margaret Horn, and Frances Volz. We added 7 new members to the National and State directories: Kathy Enzmingler, June Harris, Pat Hecker, Jill Middleton, Margaret Noser, Terry Turner, and Lynn Weith.

We encourage all our members to do some "bragging" about our branch and its accomplishments as well as all its activities. Let others know what a dedicated and focused group we have by giving them a copy of the *Prickly Pear Postings*.

We are looking forward to a productive and exciting year.

Sharon Gale and Carol Knudson
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership

General Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2010
7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club

"Loud and Getting Louder"
Bill Gates, Speaker

Mr. Gates has more than 20 years experience
as a daily and weekly newspaper editor.

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AAUW SCHOLARSHIP



The first Southeast Valley Branch
Scholarship was awarded to

Bonita Harper
a 2010 graduate of Perry High School.

More details will be available in the
next issue of *Prickly Pear Postings*.

Save the Date

The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for
Saturday, December 11, 11:00 A.M.
Oakwood Country Club

Prickly Pear Postings Deadline
Wednesday, September 22

Email submissions to Judy Manley manley@wbhsi.net
and Sue Garretson garysue@q.com



Stitches and Giggles

As our name implies, we are a group of ladies who enjoy both our sewing projects and each other. Once a month, on the 3rd Monday, we gather for a couple of hours of sharing, showing off our progress, and having a riotous conversation which is of course the cause of all those giggles heard around the room. Whatever your interest in any sort of stitchery (knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, or just general repair of those items in the sewing basket needing hems and/or buttons) we welcome all of you to join us for the monthly sewing circle. We meet at 1 PM at the home of our hostess Carmen Otero who lives at 24411 S Lakeway Circle SE in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes. We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our first regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 18th. Mark your calendars now to save a few hours each month for a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

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

Note: Cheryl Pullan will host Stitches and Giggles at her home in Cottonwood on September 20 at 1:00 P.M. Telephone Cheryl at 480-895-5770 to RSVP and for directions to her home.

**Lunch Bunch
will resume later in the fall.**

Afternoon Bridge

Our bridge group will not meet in September but will meet on October 4.

Everyone on my list will be contacted. If you are interested in becoming a part of this fun group, please let me know by calling my cell phone # 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

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 include: special envoys, Kenya and R2P, global crime, US-China security relations, global financial crises, Russia and its neighbors, Persian Gulf, and peace building and conflict resolutions. Our meetings feature open and fair conversation without requirement for consensus.

The cost for materials is \$18 which covers the cost of each member's briefing book and the DVD that goes along with each topic. 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.

Our meetings will resume in October. Watch for details in the next issue of *Prickly Pear Postings*.

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, Chair

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Southwesters

Southwesters is a special interest group of AAUW which makes monthly visits to local historical and cultural sites. It's a great way to learn about our area, and to interact casually with a group of interesting women. We have a great schedule for the year ahead. We do provide transportation to our events. For those who want to ride with other members, you will usually be asked to reimburse the driver \$3.00 per person for gas, depending on the distance to be traveled.

Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see you at all of our trips.

For our first visit, Thursday, Oct. 21, 10:00 A.M., we will visit Sea Life Arizona Aquarium, located at Arizona Mills Mall. After the visit, we will have lunch at a restaurant in the Mall. Since this is our first trip, we would like people to call in as soon as possible. Mark your calendar and call Tillie Fortner at 480-899-9434 to reserve a space. **Deadline for sign-ups is Monday, October 18.**

TRIP: Sea Life Arizona Aquarium
Arizona Mills Mall
5000 Arizona Mills Circle
480-478-7600

DATE: Thursday, October 21

COST: \$15.50

TIME: 9:15 A.M. Leave at 9:30.

GATHERING PLACE: Education Center,
(Riggs and Alma School Road)

We are looking forward to seeing all of you very soon.

Tillie Fortner and Jeannine Garrard,
Co-chairs

Southwesters Trips 2010-2011

Thurs., October 21	Sea Life Arizona Aquarium, Arizona Mills Mall
Fri., November 19	Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix
Wed., Jan. 19	Biosphere II, Oracle Junction
Fri., February 18	Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix
Thurs., March 17	Titan Missile Silo, Sahuarita
Wed., April 20	Paolo Solari's Arcosanti Cordes Junction
Thurs., April 21	possible overnight trip including Jerome
Thurs., May 19	Dolly Steamboat, Apache Junction

Community Action

During the summer we have been working to compile a Volunteer Handbook. It is our hope that by creating this handbook we will be able to forge a link between San Marcos Elementary School in Chandler and our own AAUW. We feel that it is important for the volunteers to feel secure and at home when they are at the school. They need to know where to go when they first arrive and what to do from that point, i.e. where their assigned space is located, how to find that area, and what the expectations of that job are.

We would once again like to put out the call for some men to be a part of this volunteer program. To date, there are three brave men who have taken on the challenge and we really appreciate them. If you know someone whose arm you might twist please do so. I would be surprised if they were unhappy as a volunteer!

Please note that there is a real need this year for help in the library and for people to cover the front desk at noon so that the staff can have a break for lunch. Also, people do not have to be members of AAUW to be a part of this volunteer effort, so family, friends, neighbors are all welcome!

There are still some aspects of the program that need to be finalized. None-the-less, please call Judy Baur...480-782-1168 or Bethe (aka Hazel) Lewis...and add your name to the volunteer list! You are needed and wanted! Call Bethe...480-883-8535 or 480-993-9369.

There is satisfaction and fulfillment when you volunteer!

Judy Baur and Bethe Lewis, Co-Chairs

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Afternoon Books

Welcome back to our Fall program! We meet second Mondays, 2:00 P.M., and our first meeting is in October when we discuss *The Forger's Spell* by Edward Dolnick.

Throughout our history, AAUW has supported women's education. Although this objective refers most specifically to formal education, each of us may also take it as a continuing project, and blessedly our discussion group facilitates our growth. Whether we like or dislike a book - or for that matter any work of art - is secondary to expanding our comprehension and scope. Therefore, contrary opinion is always a welcome facet of the freewheeling discussions in Afternoon Books.

Join us every second Monday from October through April and grow your literacy.

Toni Bolling Lutter, Chair

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

Evening Books

The book for our September 14 meeting is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Judy Manley will lead the discussion. We will be meeting at my house in Palo Verde. Enter on San Tan Blvd. off Alma School. Tell them at the gate that are going to my house. After the gate there is a stop sign. Turn right onto Ribbonwood. When you reach the bend to the left, the road becomes Navajo. There are *cul de sacs* on your right. I am the 5th *cul de sac*, 2nd house on the left, 26629 S Nottingham Ct. Phone 480-895-7959 to RSVP.

Barb Warner, Chair

Book Selections for 2010-2011

- September *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* Jamie Ford
- October *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* Jung Chang
- November Biography Night
- December Holiday Readings
- January *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* Helen Simonson
- February *The Unwanted* Kien Nguyen
- March *The Help* Kathryn Stockett
- April One Book Arizona Selection
- May *Half-Broke Horses* Jeannette Walls

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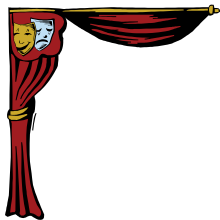
Summer Fun Painting on Glass



Sharon Gale explains the process of painting on glass.



Judy Manley, Susan Meer, and Sue Garretson prepare the glasses for painting.



Theater Group



Last spring, I decided to start an AAUW singles group with a theater emphasis. Then some married members asked if they could join. In the last newsletter, I announced the formation of the AAUW theater group. Over the summer, one person told another and another, and before I knew it, most of those going to the shows weren't members of AAUW. So, the group is now independent, although AAUW members, of course, are welcome.

About 30 people signed up to receive the updates. We concentrate on Community Theater to keep the costs down and 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 (optional) and even tried an Ethiopian restaurant which all enjoyed.

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Stitches and Giggles



Donna Haugland, Cheryl Pullan (seated), and Ellen Peck spent a few summer afternoons on handwork projects.



Summer Fun Making Crepes



*Mesdames Helen et Jeannine
preparent des crepes*
Helen and Jeannine prepare the crepes



Madame Tilly va faire sauter une crepe
Tilly is going to flip the crepe

Jeannine Gerrard's Crepe Recipe

4 eggs	Pinch salt	2 cups unsifted flour
2 Tbsp. sugar (for dessert crepes)	2 cups milk	1/4 cup butter or 1 Tbsp. oil

Whisk eggs, salt and flour together (for dessert crepes add sugar) . While whisking slowly pour in the milk. Whisk until smooth. Add butter or oil. Make the batter the night before (or at least 2 hours). Chill in the refrigerator.

Preparation: Using about a 7 inch (non stick) pan, preheat on medium to high heat. With a pastry brush, brush a little melted butter on the pan. Using less than 1/4 cup, just coat the bottom of the pan with the batter, moving it around to coat evenly. Let cook for a few seconds, gently slide a spatula around the sides and under the crepe. As soon as it is freed flip the crepe. Cook a few more seconds on the other side.

Lunch Bunch



Southeast Valley Branch AAUW members gather for a summer lunch. From left around the table are Terry Meury, Diane Beatty, Donna Haugland, Helen Semple, Ellen Peck, Cheryl Pullan, Jeaninne Reynolds, Barbara Warner and Karen Shaffer.

Theater Group, cont'd from page 7

The best part is having members learn about each other. Two people realized they'd worked at the same hospital in Michigan. And two others had cookbooks from the same museum park in their hometown - bought years apart!

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

If this group is of interest to you, contact me at peckellen@gmail.com.

Ellen Peck, Chair



AAUW SOUTHEAST VALLEY BRANCH
MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010-2011

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Dues may be mailed with this form to:

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



Southeast Valley Branch



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