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## Co-President's Message submitted by Donna Haugland

Dear Members,

It is hard for me to believe that my term as your co-president is nearly at an end. I want to thank each and every one of you for everything you did in 2010- 2011, and thanks especially to our fantastic board. A big **thanks** to Membership, Sharon Gale and Carol Knudson, for all your very hard work, and to Programs, Cynthia Cantor and Betsy Bollinger, your presentations have been interesting and timely.

**Merci**, to Southwesters, Tillie Fortner and Jeannine Garrard, for our interesting trips and lunches and, of course, Lunch Bunch, Pris Corbus. **Danka** to Community Action, Judy Baur and Bethe Lewis, for your work getting and working with volunteers and for writing your manual and to Linda Kleinschmidt and Karen Shaffer for taking such good care of our "Newbies". Of course I cannot forget Judy Manley and Sue Garretson who produce this wonderful newsletter or our Treasurer Jeanne Marschke for her work and Cynthia Cantor who took over for her in the summer.

**Gracias**, Selma Hallek for your articles in the *Splash*, Diane Larson for your advice, Judi Edmonds for creating our invaluable directory. **Spasibo** to Margaret Horn for arranging bridge, Toni Lutter for book club, Social Correspondent Janet Cox for sending cards and messages, and Ellen Peck for work with Great Decisions. Again **thank you** Secretary Helen Semple for taking such wonderful notes. **Arigato**, to Joyce Procras and Gail Jones for our Asian-themed International Dinner, to Mary Lou Remley and Susan Meer for arranging the Christmas Lunch and "red envelope" campaign and to Public Policy Jeannine Reynolds and Terry Turner for keeping us updated. Goodbye to Terry (who has moved to Utah); you will be missed.

**Sas efcharisto**, Carol Nicholas for agreeing to be our Historian. You are doing a fantastic job; your book is wonderful. To Judy Hastert, Paulette

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**Public Policy**

AAUW's commitment to educational equity is reflected in its public policy advocacy, community programs, leadership development, conventions and conferences, national partnerships, and international connections.

**Women's History Month**

March 21, 1972 - The Equal Rights Amendment is sent by Congress to the States for ratification. It falls three states short of becoming part of the Constitution.

March 17, 2011 - AAUW issues "New Federal Policy Agenda". Top policy goals include expanding educational opportunities, promoting economic security, ensuring civil rights, reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act, and protecting women's reproductive health services.

**April 12 is Equal Pay Day!**

Remember the excitement last year when the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed—and how some of us were able to meet Lilly and hear her speak in Scottsdale? Another "Lilly" has emerged and her name is Betty Dukes. She is a woman of courage, and her story is being called Betty vs. Goliath. Like Lilly Ledbetter who waged a crusade against Good-year for fair wages, Betty Dukes has been battling her employer, Wal-Mart, for the past decade over alleged discriminatory pay and promotion practices.

AAUW has signed an amicus "friend of the court" brief in support of the plaintiffs in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* On March 29, 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral argument to determine whether the case can move forward as a class action. AAUW — one of 34 groups to sign the brief — will also provide financial support through its Legal Advocacy Fund to defray the expenses of six of the lead plaintiffs. If Betty and the other plaintiffs prevail at the Supreme Court, their case will become the largest class-action civil rights suit in the nation's history, comprising approximately 1.6 million female Wal-Mart and Sam's Club employees.

Jeannine Reynolds

**Community Action**

During March, over 20 folders were decorated and donated to the San Marcos School Bear Bucks Room for the children to purchase with their good deed Bear Bucks. The San Marcos Library continues to need books. If you have books to give, the contact people through April are Judy Baur 480-782-1168 and Hazel Bethe Lewis 480-883-8535. Disney and transportation books head the list for most needed. Puzzles with fewer than 50 pieces are in great demand. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Hats off to Diane Discoe, our contact person with San Marcos! She has cheerfully found and matched volunteers with the librarian, teachers or other volunteer possibilities. Our relationship has been great fun and definitely fruitful. If you want to volunteer, you can always reach Diane at San Marcos School, phone number 480-883-4200.

Hats off to our faithful AAUW volunteers: Diane Beatty, Hazel Bethe Lewis, Jeanne Marschke, Helen Semple, Ann Slattery, Margaret Horn, Beth Brown, Karen Shaffer, Carmen Otero, Holly De Vinck, Betty Raveret, Judy Baur and numerous community volunteers recruited by the Community Action Committee. They generously gave of their time to help our community. Our sincere thanks for their dedication.

As we finish our AAUW year with San Marcos School and the Chandler Library, don't forget they need us in some of the summer months also. There is always a chance to be a AAUW volunteer.

Judy Baur and Hazel Bethe Lewis,  
Co-Chairs

**Board Meeting**

**For current and next year's board members  
April 13, 7:00 P.M. Oakwood Library**

**Regrets only to**

**Donna Haugland [dhaugland.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:dhaugland.aauw@gmail.com)**

**Nathalie Smith [natandbobnew@cs.com](mailto:natandbobnew@cs.com)**



**Membership**

The Southeast Valley Branch of AAUW has had a very successful year. Our members have participated in many positive activities and projects. We must congratulate Linda Kleinschmidt and Karen Shaffer for being such successful New Member Coordinators. The activities and projects they have sponsored have made our new members an integral part of our branch. We would like to congratulate this year's new members for jumping in and accepting many of the responsibilities of our branch. Thank you!

We have two new members who have joined: Ann Baumrind (802-7531) and Marjorie Wright (305-0224). Welcome!

Please get a head start on paying your dues. You will find the membership application form on our web site or you may pick one up at the Membership Table at our next General meeting. It's also found on page 9 of this newsletter. Please fill out the form and hand it in with your check for \$70 made out to AAUW Southeast Valley Branch. If you get your renewal in early you will be assured of having your name in next year's directory. **Bring your check and form to the next general meeting or mail to Sharon Gale, 9838 E. Diamond Dr., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Thank you.**

Sharon Gale and Carol Knudson,  
Membership Co Vice Presidents

**Birthday Raffle**



If your birthday is in April or May,  
bring a gift to the April Meeting

If you did not bring a gift at your  
scheduled month, you can bring  
one to the April Meeting

**General Meeting**

**Monday, April 18, 2011 7:00 P.M.**

**Oakwood Country Club**

**Installation of Officers**

**Program**

**Starting a Genealogy Search**



**Toni Lutter, Presenter**

Southeast Valley Branch Member

**AAUW Officers for 2011-2012**

The following officers were elected at the March meeting and will be installed at the April General Meeting:

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Co-Presidents                   | Carmen Otero<br>Nathalie Smith |
| President-elect                 | Jeannine Reynolds              |
| Co-Vice Presidents - Membership | Tillie Fortner, Gail Jones     |
| Co-Vice Presidents - Programs   | Janet Cox, Susan Meer          |
| Secretary                       | Helen Semple                   |
| Treasurer                       | Cynthia Cantor                 |



### Afternoon Bridge

On Monday, April 4, our AAUW bridge will meet at 12:30 P.M. in the Saguaro Room at the Cottonwood clubhouse. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

For those who would like to have lunch before the game, please meet me at the Cottonwood Bar and Grill at 11:00 A.M. Otherwise, please bring your own beverage and any snack you would like for yourself.

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

### Lunch Bunch

Our final luncheon will be held at Bolero's Restaurant at the Seville Golf and Country Club. If you have never eaten at this lovely place, you don't want to miss the experience. The food is delicious, and the views from the balcony, where we will be eating, are amazing.

The club is on East Riggs Road, so it is closer to home than some of our other restaurants. Since this will most likely be the last Lunch Bunch, I would really like to see a good showing.

**Place:** Education Center, Alma School & Riggs  
**Time:** 11:00 A.M.  
**Date:** Friday, April 29

Pris Corbus, Chair

### Stitches and Giggles

Winter has just flown by! Have you finished that long-promised sewing/craft project yet? This will be your last chance to join the winter crew for a lovely afternoon of knitting/sewing/crochet, etc., and conversation that flows from fun to fantasy and back. We even get serious once in a while. Our next get-together is Monday, April 18, and our final one will be on Monday, May 16, at 1 PM, both at the home of Carmen Otero. Carmen lives at 24411 S Lakeway Circle SE in the Oakwood section of Sun Lakes. Enter at the Sun Lakes gate and take the second street on your right.

For those of you who stay in Sun Lakes later than May or live here full time, Judy and I are turning over the operations of Stitches... to Diane Larson and Cheryl Pullan. The group will continue to meet throughout the summer. (Cheryl will send out reminder e-mails.) For information about the scheduled meeting on Monday, June 20, call Cheryl at 895-5770.

It's been such fun working with you!

Linda Kleinschmidt and Judy Hastert,  
Co-chairs



### AAUW Singles

April's dinner meeting for all interested AAUW single members is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 P.M. at P.F. Chang's China Bistro, 3255 W. Chandler Blvd. Please R.S.V.P. to Jill Middleton, ([jillmid@yahoo.com](mailto:jillmid@yahoo.com)) or 480-560-4024 Please bring your smiles and any ideas of what you might like to do during the month.

Jill Middleton





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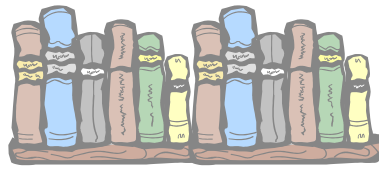
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### **Afternoon Books - April 11 - 2:00 P.M.**

Our final book of the season is *Infidel*, by Ayaan Hirsi. We meet in the home of Cindy Nugent at our usual time of 2:00 P.M.

Books for the 2011-12 season are:

October	<i>Cutting for Stone</i> , Abraham Verghese
November	<i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i> , Rebecca Skloot
December	TBA
January	<i>Sarah's Key</i> , Tatiana de Rosnay
February	<i>The Help</i> , Kathryn Stockett
March	<i>The Good Earth</i> , Pearl Buck
April	<i>Little Bee</i> , Chris Cleave

Thanks to the AAUW Literati for a great year!

Toni Bolling Lutter, Chair

### **Great Decisions**

Great Decisions, a global affairs educational program, promotes awareness and discussion about timely foreign policy issues. We meet in homes and discuss one topic per month.

Our last meeting before our summer break will be April 27 hosted by Corrine and Ernie Merritt from 3:00 to 5:00. The topic is "Germany's Ascendancy." Their address is 947 E LaCosta Place in Chandler. Please call 219-8753 or email [esc4gram@cox.net](mailto:esc4gram@cox.net) to let them know you're coming.

Our meetings will resume again on October 26. The topic will be "Sanctions and Nonproliferation." If these sound like issues you'd enjoy discussing with an open-minded group, please think about joining us in the fall. More details will follow in the September issue of Prickly Pear Postings.

Have a terrific summer.

Ellen Peck, Chair

### **Evening Books**

**We will begin the April 12 meeting at 6:45 P.M. so that we can finish making our selections for next year's book list.**

Our April meeting will feature a discussion of the One Book Arizona selection for this year, *Hopi Summer*, by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, led by Margaret Noser. We will meet at the home of Jan Ott, 8912 E Emerald Drive in Oakwood. Enter Oakwood at Robson Blvd. and Riggs or on Champagne. Take Robson Blvd. past the country club and Dobson Road; make a right onto Diamond and then a right on Bronze. When Bronze (a very short street), turns into Emerald Dr., make a left; 8912 is on your right, within view.) Jan lives near Lake Diamond, for those who may be familiar with the area. Phone Jan at 895-7238 to let her know you are coming.

Lois Fitzsimmons will host the 7:00 P.M. May 10 meeting when Debbie Brewster leads the discussion of *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. Lois lives at 25411 S. Spring Creek Road in Palo Verde. Enter Palo Verde at the San Tan gate off Alma School Road, turn left at the stop sign on Ribbonwood and then turn right on Spring Creek Road. The house is on your right. RSVP to Lois at 895-2536.

Elaine O'Brien, Chair

### **Prickly Pear Postings**

Deadline

August 17

Email submissions to

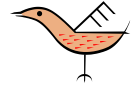
Sue Garretson - [garysue1@q.com](mailto:garysue1@q.com)

or

Sheila Petriello - [remishma@aol.com](mailto:remishma@aol.com)



## Southwesters



**Arcosanti, Cordes Junction, Arizona**

**April 20-21**

**Dolly Steamboat**

**May 18**

**It is time for our exciting two-day or one-day trip to Prescott, Jerome and Arcosanti.**

**DAY ONE: Wednesday, April 20, 2011,**

We will leave the Education Center at **9:00 A.M.** We will travel to Prescott, AZ where we will visit the Phippen Museum, a small museum and gallery that showcases the works of George Phippen and other prominent western artists. We will also visit the Smoki Museum which was designed to resemble a Pueblo. The museum collects and displays artifacts and promotes Indian art and culture.

From Prescott, we will travel the scenic Route 89A to Jerome, AZ, where we will have lunch and explore and enjoy the views, galleries, and shops. Afterwards, if time permits, we will continue north to Sedona for sightseeing and shopping. Then we will go to Cordes Junction for our overnight stay at Arcosanti. After checking in, we will have dinner at the Arcosanti Café.

**DAY TWO: Thursday, April 21, 2011.**

Breakfast 7:00 A.M.- 9:00 A.M. Tour of Arcosanti at 11:00 A.M. Lunch, Arcosanti Café 12:00- 1:00 P.M. **Walking shoes are required for the tour.**

**OR if you prefer day two only, just meet at Arcosanti by 10:45 A.M. on Thursday, April 21.**

**COST:** Tour of Arcosanti \$10.00 for seniors, \$7.00 each for a group of 10.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: Single** \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00 (with shared or private bath) (small or regular room)

**Double** \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00 (with shared or private bath) (small or regular room) Breakfast included with accommodations.

Lunch Buffet \$8.95; Dinner Buffet \$8.95

Please sign up as soon as possible. Call Tillie Fortner at 480-899-9434 or Jeannine Garrard at 480-883-0177.

Our last trip for 2011 is a DOLLY STEAMBOAT CRUISE down the spectacular Canyon Lake, better known as the Junior Grand Canyon. We will marvel as we travel up the historic Apache Trail with its unique rock formations and beautiful scenery. Our captain will recount the legends and lore of the mysterious Superstition Mountains and Arizona's first historic highway, The Apache Trail. Bighorn sheep, coyote, deer, bobcats and mountain lions may be seen, along with bald eagles and many other avian species.

The Cruise is one and one-half hours long.

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011, (leave Education Center at 10:00 A.M.)

**TIME:** 12:00 noon

**COST:** \$20.00 ADULTS, SENIORS, \$18.00

Snacks are available on the cruise.

**LUNCH** TORTILLA FLATS, AFTER THE CRUISE

**PLEASE SIGN UP SOON:** CALL Tillie Fortner at 480-899-9434 or Jeannine Garrard at 480-883-0177.



*Betty Raveret, Tillie Fortner, Jeannine Reynolds, Sue Garretson and Jeannine Garrard enjoyed the Musical Instrument Museum on a recent Southwesters trip.*



**International Dinner  
February 21, 2011**



Greeting new member Tuny O'Rouke (left) at the February International Dinner were Nathalie Smith and Donna Haugland, co-presidents, and Gail Jones, International Dinner co-chair. (Photo by C. Nicholas.)



Speaker Doug Hirano and Carmen Otero enjoy the International Dinner.

(Photo by C. Nicholas.)

**Co-President's Message, cont'd. from page 1**

Schutes and your committee for handling Scholarships. ***Xiexie***, to Stitches and Giggles, Judy Hastert and Linda Kleinschmidt; you have provided us with fun afternoons and lots of laughs, and to Carmen Otero and Cheryl Pullan for the use of your homes. ***Tacka*** to Suevonne Negaard and Beverly Isley for arranging golf and to Helen Semple and Sue Garretson for Summer Fun.

***Molto grazie*** Co-President Nathalie Smith and President-Elect Carmen Otero for all your help and support, and once again a big **"Thank You"** to all of you, for all you do. It is all your hard work and hard play that make the Southeast Valley Branch the success it is.

See you at our April General Meeting where we will have the installation of our new officers. After that, have a wonderful summer. For those of you who stay, I am looking forward to our summer activities. If you leave, have a safe trip. See you next fall.

**AAUW Golf**

Eleven golfers played at Bear Creek on March 28 and helped celebrate birthdays for Carol Raskin and Sharon Gale.

Plans are to play again on Wednesday, April 20. Suevonne Negaard or Beverly Isley will contact those who are on their list of players.

Players contribute \$3 each play date to benefit our local scholarship program.

If you are interested in joining the group, contact Sue at 480-767-7891 or [dsnegaard@msn.com](mailto:dsnegaard@msn.com).

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**Co-Editor's Note**

This marks my final issue as a co-editor of *Prickly Pear Postings*. I have enjoyed working on the newsletter for the past six years and want to thank my former co-editors, Joan Sheridan and Alice Baldwin, and my current co-editor, Sue Garretson. I also wish to thank all the officers and board members who have been so supportive of our newsletter.

During the last six years we have seen the newsletter grow from six to eight or ten pages each issue. With the development of our website we can make news of our branch available to all our members very quickly. In addition, we have saved copying expenses and postage by distributing the newsletter via the website.

I appreciate the many compliments I have received about the newsletter and website from members. I am proud to be a part of AAUW and the Southeast Valley Branch and look forward to continuing with activities and friendships in the branch.

Sue and Sheila Petriello will serve as co-editors next year. I know they will do a great job and can count on your continued support.

Judy Manley

**Summer Fun**

Ladies, it's that time again when our Winter Visitors go back to cooler climes and those of us who enjoy the heat will be looking for fun things to do this summer. Helen Semple, Karen Shaffer and I will be endeavoring to make this happen. If you are interested or even think you might be, please email me at [garysue1@q.com](mailto:garysue1@q.com) or phone at 480-802-0849.

Sue Garretson



**Membership Renewals**

are due by June 30 to insure your information will appear in the membership directory. Mail check and renewal form to Sharon Gale or bring to the April meeting.

**Photo Gallery**

Check out the Photo Gallery on our website, [sevbaz.org](http://sevbaz.org), for photos from recent AAUW events including Southwesters and the International Dinner.

**Barbara Warner Memorial Scholarship**

It's not too late to contribute to the Barbara Warner Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of our former branch and state AAUW president. Send a check to Donna Haugland (write Barbara Warner Scholarship Fund on the memo line) or bring your contribution to the April General Meeting.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2011-12**

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**DUES FOR 2011-2012 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.  
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If you have any questions, please call Sharon Gale at 480-802-1108.



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