

Prickly Pear Postings

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AAUW

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Co-Presidents Message submitted by Carmen Otero

Dear Members

We had a very successful evening at the International Dinner and the speaker reminded us how fortunate we are to live in a society where women are not only equal but are an important part of our democracy. As citizen's we must all stay involved.

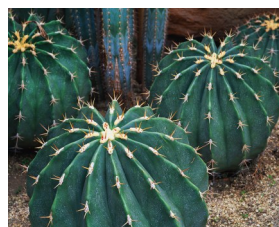
I don't need to remind our members that this is the beginning of our election season and we can choose to sit on the side or take a more active role.

As Women we understand the importance of our vote. To keep us informed, AAUW will continue to bring women's issues to our members and focus on candidates that emphasis women's issues. Thanks to our AAUW member Margaret Noser, as Public Policy chair, this committee has started an important discussion on the importance of AAUW Woman-To-Woman Get Out the Vote 2012 project. I have been impressed by the energy of our members to this often forgotten issue.

This committee has been hard at work and its committee members are knowledgeable and enthusiastic. The entire committee will continue to meet once a month in the Library at Oakwood before the Board meeting. They will educate us on legislative issues important to our mission for the benefit of women and girls. The committee will organize a fall general meeting to cover local and state issues so we can be informed voters. The Public Policy Committee will attempt to coordinate different projects into the next fall and beyond.

We, of course, also encourage members to work as individuals. Please watch for more information in your Prickly Pear Posting.

Carmen



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Mar. 24	Outback Fund Raiser
Apr. 14	State Convention



Membership

We currently have 105 members.
Please update your directories with the following changes.

As of January 1st, a new member may join for **1/2 price**. The total is \$35 for the period covering January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012. If you know of someone who is interested, please inform your Membership Co-Chair, Tillie Fortner or Gail Jones.

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General Meeting

February 20, 2012

7:00 P.M.

Oakwood Country Club



Gene Lariviere, MD will be the guest speaker for the February 20, 2012 Southeast Valley Branch AAUW meeting. The title of Dr. Lariviere's presentation will be "Taking Alcohol to Heart". Dr. Lariviere attended medical school at Dartmouth and received a M.D. degree from the U. of Rochester. After serving in Germany with the U.S. Army, he completed a Pediatric residency in Boston. He practiced pediatrics in Manchester, N.H. for 35 years and served as medical director for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Manchester for part of that time. He started writing a wine newsletter as a hobby in 2000 and continues to do so sporadically. After retiring in 2005, Dr. Lariviere and his wife made Sun Lakes their winter home, returning to N.H. in the winter to teach continuing education classes, mostly on historical and wine related topics. The meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Sunsets Restaurant at Oakwood County Club. The public is welcome to attend.

Susan Meer, Vice President Programs

San Marcos Volunteers

All volunteers at San Marcos School will have their picture taken for the *Splash* at 6:40 P.M. prior to the General Meeting.

Call Beth Brown for questions.

Scholarships

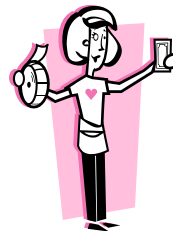
Let's gather up our friends and family, and head to lunch at the Outback Steakhouse on Saturday, March 24, 2012 any time between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. Sara Oddo, Proprietor of the 1080 N. 54th Street location in Chandler, is providing all servers, cooks, the food and the restaurant during these "non-business hours". She asks that we tip generously since all employees are volunteering their time. All proceeds will go to AAUW Southeast Valley Branch Local Scholarships.

Tickets will be sold at our February 20th General Meeting. Your \$15.00 ticket includes: Caesar Salad, Rolls, 8 oz. Chicken on the Barbie, Green Beans, Cheesecake, and Coffee, Tea, or Soda. There will be a "Cash Bar" available.

If you are not able to attend but wish to make a contribution toward this fundraising effort, please contact Paulette Schutes, Holly DeVinck, or Judy Hastert.

Birthday Raffle

Our Birthday Raffle continues with a request that all gifts (\$10 value) be consumable. Typically we each donate a gift during our birthday month but, if your birthday falls in a month when we do not hold a general meeting, gifts should be held for donation at the following general meeting. Example, since we did not have a general meeting in December or January, members should bring their gift to our February 20th meeting. Those of us with a summer birthdate donate at the first fall general meeting that we attend. This raffle continues to be a major contributor to our scholarship funds and we greatly appreciate your help in making it a success.



Paulette Schutes, Holly DeVinck, Judy Hastert,

Co-Chairs

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Southwesters

CHANDLER CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 2012



We will visit the new Chandler City Hall. The City Hall complex, a 5 story building, includes the Chandler Council Chambers, the production and broadcast studios for Channel 11, and the Vision Gallery, an art venue operated by the City of Chandler. The City Hall received numerous awards and national praise.

GATHERING PLACE: The Education Center at Riggs and Alma School Roads. Meet at 10:15 A.M. and leave at 10:30 A.M. Carpool will be available with a \$3.00 contribution to the driver.

TRIP LOCATION: Chandler City Hall (480-782-2000)
175 S Arizona Ave Chandler,
AZ 85225. Located just South of downtown Chandler. Take Arizona Avenue North just past W. Frye Rd. Parking is in the public garage on Washington St. or in the downtown Historic Square.

TRIP COST: FREE

VISIT TIME: Scheduled for 11:00 A.M.

LUNCH COST: TBD (Choose from several restaurants located close by).

RESERVATIONS: Your hostess for this trip is Jeannine Garrard. Contact her at: jgarrard@wbhsi.net or 480-292-2212 (cell) or 480 883-0177 (home).

R.S.V.P deadline is February 12th, 2012. Please mention if you could offer a ride. The Southwesters Committee is looking forward to welcoming you for this trip taking place amidst the City of Chandler.

Jeannine Garrard and Jan Ott, Co-Chairs

Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions group has grown to 23 members! If everyone wants to come one month, we may need to rent a hall!!!

PLEASE NOTE that our February meeting date has changed to February 22. Our host Judy Baur pointed out there are five Wednesdays in the month, so I counted wrong. Sorry. We will be discussing the State of the Oceans from 3 to 5 P.M. at 23613 S Desert Dance Ct in OW (what a great street name!) Please call Judy at 782-1168 if you're planning to attend.

The March 28th meeting will be hosted by Holly DeVinck at 9133 E Crystal Dr. in OW. The topic is Indonesia.

Ellen Peck, Chair

"Interested in AAUW AZ Branch Centennial Projects? Look in the AZ Sun at www.aauwarizona.org."

Afternoon Bridge

On Monday, February 6, 2012 our AAUW group of bridge players will meet in the Saguaro Room at the Cottonwood Clubhouse at 1:00 P.M. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are available to play with us.

If you wish to have lunch before the game, please meet in the Cottonwood Bar and Grill at 11:30 A.M. Otherwise, bring your own beverage and be there a little before 1:00 P.M.

Margaret Horn, Chair

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It's About Time, Don't You Think?

If you watched the Golden Globe Awards recently, you might have seen an interview with Meryl Streep, Best Actress winner, regarding her support for the creation of **The National Women's History Museum** in Washington D.C.

Congress' blessing for the museum was almost granted last year, but there were two senators who took it upon themselves to prevent the passage of the museum legislation because the museum would be redundant with several other "women's" museums, including the Quilters Hall of Fame and the National Cowgirl Museum (neither of which are in Washington, D.C.).

The history of women in America transcends quilting and cowgirls! The **National Women's History Museum** would be dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and celebrating the diverse historic contributions of women and integrating this rich heritage fully into our nation's history. **It would not cost taxpayers a dime** – the purchase of the land and the construction, outfitting, and maintenance of the museum would be up to the NWHM institute. AAUW strongly supports this endeavor; after all, we recognize the importance of remembering how far women have come and honoring those who have played an integral part in getting us here. And too often, women's history is absent from textbooks, curricula, memorials and other museums' exhibits.

It is fitting that this year we will be celebrating Arizona's anniversary of statehood. Let's show our appreciation of Arizona women by applauding the accomplishments of all American women! **Urge your senators to cosponsor and support the National Women's History Museum (NWHM) Act (S. 680).**

Sign up for Washington Update, AAUW's free member-only weekly e-bulletin. It offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest policy news, resources for advocate, programming ideas, and updates from the Public Policy & Government Relations Department. It is so simple.

www.aauw.org/actionnetwork

CELEBRATING ARIZONA WOMEN

THEN AND NOW!

Join former Governor Rose Mofford, honorary chair as we celebrate Arizona women through song, dance and storytelling.

When: Three separate times

Friday, February 24 at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 P.M.

Where: Scottsdale Community College

Performing Arts Center, 9000 E. Chaparral Rd. Scottsdale

Tickets: \$20 thru Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation (www.maricopa.edu/foundation/egive)

Info: www.aauwscottsdale.org



Woman to Woman Get Out the Vote Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 15, 2012,
5:30 P.M.

(prior to Board Meeting)

Oakwood Library

We have a number of fantastic projects in the pipeline. Stay tuned for details!

Margaret Noser, Public Policy Chair mnosier@aol.com



Evening Books

Tuesday Evening—February 7—7:00 P.M.

The retired ambassador, Mary Kramer, was appointed by George W. Bush to Barbados. Her duties included seven countries in the Caribbean. She will be speaking to the evening book club at 7 P.M. on Feb. 7 at Sheila Petriello home. Her book, *More Than a Walk on The Beach*, is not only entertaining but informative.

To reach Sheila's enter Ironwood at Halley gate on Alma School Road. First left on Rosewood. Go to stop sign. Turn left on Ribbonwood, which becomes Arrowvale. 10613 is half way down the road with kokopellis on the mailbox. Please call or email Sheila if you plan to attend, 480 802-4355 or ramishma@hotmail.com.

During our December party, we were able to collect 30 books for San Marcos school. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Elaine O'Brien, Chair

Lunch Bunch

Brio is an inviting place to gather with friends to experience the flavors of Tuscany without leaving the country. The chef-inspired Tuscan recipes are sure to tempt the palate such as, such as Mezza Panini and Insalata, Fettucini Rustica or Chicken Milanese. Tuscan culinary creations are mastered at BRIO using the finest and freshest ingredients. Their philosophy is "to eat well is to live well" Buon Appetito!

On February 29, we will meet @ the Education Center @ 10:45 AM @ Alma School and Riggs. Hope to see you all there!

If you can join us, please contact Pris Corbus @ priscorbus@gmail.com or phone 883-8365.

Kathy Burns, Co-Chair

Golf

The next AAUW Golf date will be **Monday, February 26**. All who are presently on the AAUW Golf roster will receive an email with details as they evolve re: the course and time. If you would like to be added to the list please email Suevonne Negaard at suevonne61@gmail.com and you will receive all future notices.

Afternoon Books

Three seemingly different women join to work on a project that could forever alter their destinies and the life of a small town -- to write, in secret, a tell all book about what it is really like to work as a black maid in the white homes of the South. *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett, is the Monday, February 13th selection for the afternoon book club. The 2:00 PM discussion will be led by Diane Larson. Please contact Beth Brown, our host, 895-7999 if you plan to attend.

Message from Sharon Gale: Thank you to all the afternoon book club ladies who brought food for the **Holiday Luncheon**. Gourmet Delights were everywhere. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Jill Middleton, Betty Raveret, Helen Semple, and Pris Corbus who were co-hostesses. They did a beautiful job being **Holiday** helpers in so many ways. We collected 31 books to give to the San Marcos Library. Good Job Ladies!

Marcia Wagoner & Betty Raveret, Co-Chairs



Ladies attending the December Book Club are: Helen Semple, Pat Noack, Sharon Gale, Marylou Remley

Nominating Committee

A nominating committee composed of Donna Haugland, Chair, Cynthia Cantor and Paulette Schutes is meeting to present a slate of officers for the membership vote at the March General Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the election provided written consent of the nominee has been obtained.



AAUW Singles Group

Good food, good company and good conversation are the goals of the AAUW Singles Group. Members meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at a specific restaurant chosen by members. Please contact Helen Semple at: hasemple@gmail.com or 802-8199

Helen Semple, Chair

Annual Fundraiser for AAUW



Judi Edmonds, Madeleine Lutz, Pauline Guess, and Leo Recker enjoyed the successful fundraiser.

The Red Envelope Luncheon and Educational Fundraiser was a success. We raised \$1780.00 for various AAUW educational funds and we had 61 ladies attend plus many more sent in contributions. Thank you. The room was a perfect setting with good food and great decorations. Our entertainment from "Chordially Yours" was the best ever; it was fun and delightful, putting us in the **Holiday** spirit. Thank you all again.

MaryLou Remley, Co-Chair



Garage Sale

The date of the sale is March 3 from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Items to be sold should be delivered to Carmen Otero's house where the sale will take place. Carmen has asked for the items to be priced by the donors.

Bring—hats, nice clothes, bags, specialty items, furniture, etc. etc. etc.

Please call Carmen to set up a delivery time, 883-3192.

Stitches and Giggles

If you like to visit while you do your handwork projects please join us on the third Monday of the month. Our next meeting is February 20, at 1:00 P.M. We are very informal, and sometimes the conversation is verrrrry interesting!

We meet at the home of Terry Meury, 9809 E. Chestnut Drive in Cottonwood. Go west on Riggs to EJRobson, drive past the CW clubhouse to Brentwood, then turn right, go about ½ mile to Chestnut, turn left. Her home is the eighth one on the right. RSVP to termeury@aol.com.

Cheryl Pullen, Diane Larson, Chairs

New Members

Newcomers met with board members in January at The Good Egg for good food, conversation and camaraderie. Some of us then toured Basha's art exhibit nearby. During breakfast we made future plans and hope all of the Newcomers can join us.

February 9th, 11:00 A.M. at Grimaldi's Pizzeria.
 March 8th, 10:00 A.M. at Paradise Bakery
 April 12, 11:00 A.M. place TBD

The Newcomers group is open to all new AAUW members. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Shaffer, 480-305-0579 or Ardyth Newberg, 480-802-3297.

Board Meeting

February 15 at 7 P.M.

Library, Oakwood C.C.

RSVP regrets only to

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Prickly Pear Postings

Deadline

February 22, 2012

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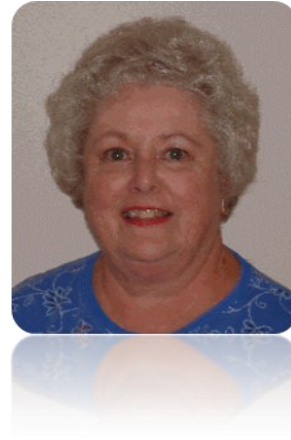
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Co-President 2010 -

Centennial Birthday Celebration

Saturday, March 10th 2012

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

Elegant Buffet Luncheon Cost \$16

Vignettes: Valley of the Sun AAUW Through the Decades

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AAUW-Arizona State Convention

Weaving the Future out of the Past

Saturday, April 14, 2012
Wyndham Garden Hotel, 4499 E Hwy 69, Prescott

Optional Dinner 5:00 p.m., Friday night, April 13
Hotel St. Michael 205 W Gurley St., Prescott

REGISTRATION FORM: Deadline April 4, 2012*
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE DEADLINE

Name: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIPcode: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Current Office: State _____ Branch _____

Registration Fee: (Includes Deli Buffet Lunch on Saturday) \$ _____ *

*If postmarked by March 28 - **\$38.00**. If postmarked later - **\$43.00**

Dinner Friday, April 13 at **5:00 P.M.** at Hotel St. Michael - **\$40.00** \$ _____

Not available with late registrations.

Total check enclosed \$ _____ ***

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AAUW-AZ Convention, 2710 College Heights Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301**

Breakout Sessions – Presentations describing the following “AAUW Program in a Box” subjects:

Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences:

- ___ Global Issues for Women and Girls
- ___ The World Medical Card
- ___ Recruit and Retain College/University Partner Members
- ___ Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- ___ Human Trafficking



Southeast Valley Branch

Cheryl Pullan and Diane Larson, Co-Chairs



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