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President's Message

Lynne Murphy

Welcome to Summer in Prescott!

Here I sit looking forward to driving down to the valley for the weekend so that I can be reminded of what HOT really is! "But, it's a dry heat", they all say! I well remember the day it was 122 in Phoenix, over twenty years ago, and how a neighbor and I stood out in front of the house and discussed how to stay comfortable. He was on his way to play sand volleyball! Sometimes, people are just not all that smart!

But, talking about being smart, have you ever been around so many intelligent women as when AAUW meets? I'm always amazed at the breadth and depth of experiences and work history of the women in our branch. No wonder ours is the largest branch of AAUW in the state. We have so much to offer!



The annual Summer Social was a great success! So far we have six new members as a result of the event! The food, the table decorations, and the displays were all wonderful! The committee did a great job of pulling it all together. Interest Group representatives spoke about their particular activity and roused curiosity in those

attending. A newer member at my table got up right away when the program ended and exclaimed, "I'm going to join the geocaching group!" Participation in AAUW activities is what causes members to feel like they really belong!

Our first fall meeting will take place in the **Community Room of Yavapai College on Saturday, September 9, at 9:00 AM.** The program will be most interesting and the company superb! I hope to see you there, ready for another amazing year with AAUW Prescott! I predict cooler weather than we're having right now, so be sure to join us then!

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General Meeting: September 9th

Women In Law Enforcement:

Chief Debora Black, Prescott Police Department

Chief Debora Black joined the Prescott Police Department in July of 2016, bringing with her more than 36 years of professional law enforcement experience. AAUW Prescott is pleased that Chief Black will be our guest speaker at the September 9 monthly program. She will share information about her background and career, challenges for women in law enforcement, and current safety and scam information in our community. There will be time for questions from the audience.



Summer Social: Good Company, Good Food Made for a Good Time

More than 80 women, including 14 guests, met on Wednesday, June 13, at Yavapai College for AAUW Prescott's annual Summer Social. The room was full, with lively conversation and an excellent meal provided by AAUW members.



President Lynne Murphy was on had to host the annual event.

President Lynne Murphy presided over an introduction of guests, officers, and interest groups. Representatives of the interest groups provided displays and information about the many varied interest groups available. Table hostesses and door greeters ensured that guests were welcomed and introduced to AAUW members.

Thanks go to the many members who contributed to and attended this event. Thanks, too, to the Summer Social Committee.



Zibby Wolter shares information about the Gardening Interest Group.



Salads and desserts were the main fare — and there was quite a variety!

Introducing the 2017-18 Prescott AAUW Board

AAUW Prescott Board 2017-18*



Installation of 2017-2018 Officers for AAUW Prescott was held at the May 13 General Meeting. Officers pictured are (from left): Lynne Murphy – President, Paula Fuhst – Programs Co-VP, Molly Divine – President-Elect, Karen Leja – Programs Co-VP, Claudette Krupnick – Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen Hydro – Membership Co-VP, Katie Wrigley, Treasurer, Betsy Peek – Membership Co-VP, Anne Jacques – Recording Secretary.



**In June, Kathleen Hydro resigned due to health concerns as Membership Co-VP. A recent new member, Tracy Smiles will take her place on the board.*



Your Smiling Face in the Directory

Submitted by Stephanie Brown

If you are a new member who has not submitted a photo or an existing member who would like a different photo in the directory, please contact Stephanie Brown, whose contact information is, not surprisingly, in the directory.

Please send an email if you choose to **Opt out** of having a photo in the directory. Then, Stephanie won't chase you around! **Photos are due before July 15.** This will give us two weeks to complete the directory.



Do you want your Directory by email or print?

This year for the first time you will be receiving your **Directory by email** as a PDF instead of in the usual booklet form. The electronic copy will be sent by email to all members of our Branch. This will save the Branch the expense of printing and mailing, and members can still print any part of the Directory they choose.

If you wish to request a hard copy of the Directory, notify Dot Williamson by August 1. You will not receive a printed copy unless you request it.

Distribution Goes Digital



Tired of searching for your misplaced Directory? We have the solution!

This year for the first time you will be receiving your Directory by email on your computer as a PDF instead of in the usual booklet form. The electronic copy will be sent by email to all members of our Branch. This will save the Branch the expense of printing and mailing costs, and members can still print any part of the Directory they choose.

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Highlights from the AAUW National Election Results

Results of the AAUW National elections were released June 16 at the National Convention. In this election, **Julia Brown of New Mexico was elected as the new Chair of the AAUW Board of Directors**, succeeding Patricia Fae Ho. Peggy Ryan Williams, Vermont, will serve as the new Vice Chair.

New or re-elected board members are Joanna Amberger, Hawaii; Susan Barley, Missouri/Florida; Janet Bunger, Utah; Melody Jackson, Virginia; Melissa Cooke Johnsen, Colorado; Dot McLane, Pennsylvania; Leah Sakacs, Ohio; Cheryl Sorokin, California; Mardy Stevens, Oregon; and Mary L. Zupanc, California.

All of the Public Policy proposals and Resolutions were passed. All but two of the proposed bylaws passed. The two which did not pass were the proposal to change the quorum to 3% and the proposal to add an Advocate category of membership. A two-thirds majority is required to pass bylaws changes. The vote on the Advocate category was Yes – 5728, No – 2913. In order to pass, that proposal would have required 5761 votes, so it failed by only 33 votes out of 8641 total votes.



Prescott Members Attend National Convention

Patti Allen-LaFleur, Communications Chair, and Deb Dillon, Past President and incoming State Co-President, attended the National AAUW Convention held June 13-17 in Washington, DC. Among the highlights of the convention were presentations by Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor and Judy Woodruff from PBS News Hour, as well as the opportunity to meet AAUW's new CEO Kim Churches. Numerous workshops and conversations provided valuable information.

Patti and Deb also participated with the other 12 Arizona delegates in AAUW's Lobby Day at the Capitol on June 14. They had an opportunity to visit with staff from Senator John McCain's, Senator Jeff Flake's, and Representative Paul Gosar's offices. They shared AAUW's positions and concerns regarding Title IX and the effect of student debt on women.



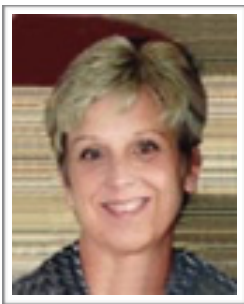
Save the Date – Join Us in Planning the Fall Forum in Prescott



We are excited to announce that this year’s Fall Forum will be held **Saturday, Nov. 4**, in Prescott. Topics currently under consideration are Affordable Health Care, Title IX and Campus Sexual Assault, and Civil Discourse and Reconciliation. **Members are needed now** to help with planning this special event. Contact Prescott President Lynne Murphy or AAUW AZ President Deb Dillon if you’d like to be a part of this committee.

Public Policy

Contributed by Deb White, Co-chair, Public Policy



Deb White

Title IX is Focus for 2017-18

Friday, June 23, marked the 45th anniversary of Title IX, the federal statute that prohibits sex discrimination in education. The law has opened classroom doors, laboratories, and playing fields to millions of women and girls since its passing. AAUW highlighted the findings of a new report, *Title IX: Advancing Opportunity through Equity in Education*, at a Capitol Hill briefing June 23.

Title IX, in all of its varied focus areas (sexual harassment and violence, STEM, and athletics) is likely to be a focus of both the AAUW Prescott Public Policy group and AAUW Arizona this year.

A Book Group Challenge

Around the World in 80 Books!



AAUW Prescott Authors’ Luncheon will be held on **Friday, October 27, 2017**, in the Community Room at Yavapai College. The topic this year will be *Around the World in Eighty Books*.

As part of the fun, the Committee would like to issue a challenge to book groups to read eighty books in twelve months. We would love to have your support in attendance at the event and in ideas for titles. We are thinking of travel books—fiction or nonfiction—which feature women subjects or women authors in interesting places. Would you and your group compile a list with ten titles for the event’s Book List, please? You can email it to Anne Barton. If possible, I would love to have it by **August 15**. Many thanks!

Community Action

The REALITY STORE Needs YOU!



Submitted by Patricia Mann

AAUW-Prescott's Community Action experiential event, The Reality Store®, is scheduled for this fall. It is targeted to girls and boys, 7th grade through high school.

At The Reality Store®, students select a career. They then learn the monthly salary of that job. When they enter The Reality Store® they spend their salary by making choices on housing, clothing, car, and much more, that they envision as part of their adult lifestyle. This event helps students learn the real cost of living and whether their occupation will provide the type of lifestyle they expect and want. If not, what can they do differently?

Many of you have helped work at this worthwhile event previously and you have offered feedback for improvements, which we are implementing. On the evaluations, volunteers said they really enjoyed interacting with the students!

We are calling out for your help again in September. The Reality Store® is **September 14 at 8:00 a.m. to around 1:00 p.m. in the Yavapai College Community Room**. Details will follow in an email to those who volunteer. Each of you will be specifically assigned to a task and briefed in advance of what you need to do.

Please contact Pat Mann if you want to participate. We need the help of *10 more members* to make this a success! And, it's fun!



Pat Mann

AAUW and Yavapai College Mentors Welcome Summer Lead Students

Young women selected to participate in the Yavapai College Summer Lead program got to meet their AAUW mentors on Tuesday, June 6, at a barbecue on the Prescott campus. Sixteen recent women graduates representing every high school in the county shared lunch and conversation with AAUW members during a program designed to ensure their success in college. They were joined by the young men, faculty and staff of the college also participating in the program.

Once the partners shared contact information, they were encouraged to keep in touch as the summer progresses. The students will be taking two classes and will attend a variety of activities designed to support them as they launch their college careers. Some mentor partners have already met for lunch. Others have had text exchanges.

The program is supported, in part, by a national AAUW grant. With the pilot program in its third year, Yavapai College has plans to support the program beyond the grant period. We are delighted with this decision and will continue to support the young women of the program in the future.

Mentors are encouraged to attend a second luncheon on July 18 as well as the final event, a dinner celebration on July 26. The Verde campus will celebrate on the 27th.



Travel Group Sets Dates for Year, Plans Picnic



Travel Group Leaders: Janet Orr and Kathy Lopez

It's time to celebrate the summer travel season with a picnic potluck lunch on **Tuesday, July 11, at 1:30 – 3:00pm at Flinn Park Ramada.** (one block off Gail Gardner on Linwood, between Oregon and W. Gurley) Lots of fun travel games and a discussion on topics of interest to our members are planned. Please bring a salad to share, for example: green salad, chicken salad, tuna salad, quinoa salad, potato salad, fruit salad, etc. Plates, utensils, iced tea and water will be provided. Bring a chair or a cushion if you prefer to use it instead of picnic table benches.

Confirm your attendance by return email to Janet Orr by **Friday, July 7.** Also confirm your interest to continue as a member of the AAUW Travel Group, even if you will not be able to attend the picnic potluck. Those AAUW members who do not **confirm their interest in future participation of travel group events** will be eliminated from the e-mail roster. New members and guests are very welcome to learn more about the travel group and its activities. Though we know you all travel a lot and cannot attend every meeting you are welcome to join us when you are able.

The AAUW Travel Group regularly meets at the Prescott Public Library on the 2nd Tuesday, alternate months, 1:30-3:30 pm. You can add the following dates to your calendar: September 12, November 14, January 9, March 13, May 8, and July 10, 2018.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on July 11.

Date Set for Annual Authors' Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE!

AAUW Prescott Authors' Luncheon, our annual fundraiser for scholarships, will be held on *Friday, October 27, 2017*, in the Community Room at Yavapai College. The topic this year will be *Around the World in Eighty Books*.

Interest Group Leaders Reminded to Keep Communications Team Updated

The AAUW Prescott website is filled with great information and our webpage [Interest Groups Info](#) is of special interest to many members.

If you are an Interest Group leader, please keep the Communications Team updated with your group's current news and events. This includes meeting places and times, scheduled outings, books to be read, or any pictures you would like to submit. Communication Team members are assigned to specific webpages and are happy to keep the page updated. They also enter meeting dates, times, and other information on the [Monthly Calendar](#) so your updates are important to us.

Please refer to the chart to the right and contact the Team member assigned to your group so she can update your Interest Group activities. Emails can be found in the directory.



WEBSITE RESPONSIBILITIES, SEP 2017-18	
Book Group 1st Wed aft	Sara DeRouchey
Book Group 2nd Tues eve	Patti Allen-LaFleur
Book Group 3rd Mon aft	Patti Allen-LaFleur
Book Group 4th Thurs aft	Janet Orr
Book Group 4th Wed morn	Janet Orr
Book Group new 3rd Mon aft	Elaine Lawson
Book Group Prescott Valley	Janet Orr
Bridge – Ladies	Chris Maxwell
Bridge – Ladies duplicate	Chris Maxwell
Craft Group	Edi Taylor-Richards
Dining in All Directions	Chris Maxwell
Gardening	Chris Maxwell
Genealogy	Elaine Lawson
Geocaching	Sara DeRouchey
All Great Decision Groups	Chris Maxwell
Healthy Living/Aging with Grace	Sara DeRouchey
Hiking	Sara DeRouchey
Lunch Bunch	Edi Taylor-Richards
Movies	Sara DeRouchey
Photography	Chris Maxwell
Singles	Edi Taylor-Richards
Special Events	Patti Allen-LaFleur
Travel	Janet Orr