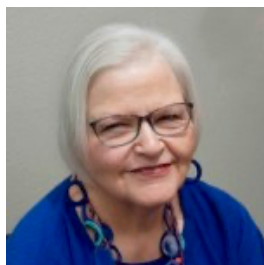




President's Message

Becky's Banter



Welcome to the new year for AAUW. We take a hiatus in the summer from many of our activities. Now, in September, we can begin again.

Your Board met in a retreat in late July to discuss what goal

we wished to achieve this year. This highly talented and committed group of women spent the day considering all sorts of possibilities. Our goal had to be focused on our mission of helping women and girls reach their potential. We initially brainstormed many ideas, narrowed it down to three, thoroughly discussed those three and chose one: to achieve our scholarship goal of \$150,000 in our endowment funds. We need to raise \$20,000 to reach that goal. Yes, this is not an easy task, but it is POSSIBLE if we focus on it. Core to our values of helping women achieve educational goals, we, in past years, committed to raising monies for an endowment fund so that those scholarships would be available in perpetuity. We can do this! As a result, you will be hearing much more about our scholarship program so that you will understand its importance. There will still be the two annual scholarship events, the Literary Lunch (Oct. 25) and a Mardi Gras event in February. Stay tuned for more information.

We have an excellent set of programs planned for our General Meetings this year. The first is scheduled for September 14, focusing on the Arizona Career and Technical Education District. Our second general meeting on October 12 will feature election information, especially as it relates to Yavapai County. Please plan to attend both general meetings—they will be informative and engaging, as well as

great opportunities to get together with our AAUW friends.

Upcoming this year we will also have our regular Public Policy meetings and various Community Action events. The Reality Store will occur on October 22. Those who are interested should contact Pat Mann, whose email is in the directory. We will also have the opportunity to tour Mountain Institute, a Career Technical Education District (CTED), the afternoon of Oct. 1. This event is sponsored by the Community Field Trip Group and Public Policy Committee.

Each fall, AAUW AZ holds its Fall Forum. This year it will be held October 25-26 in Surprise and Sun City West. The State Board is offering some financial support to encourage your attendance.

For more information about the above-mentioned events and programs, refer to more thorough articles in this Thumb Sketch.

I am so looking forward to this coming year and spending time with you sharing meaningful activities. Again, welcome to the new year!

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September General Meeting

State-of-the-Art Learning Opportunities Enhanced Through Arizona Career and Technical Education Districts

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 9-11 am

Yavapai College Community Room



William "Bill" Stiteler

William "Bill" Stiteler, Superintendent of the Mountain Institute Career and Technical Education District in western Yavapai County, has been developing quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs for over 20 years in Texas and Arizona. Bill is passionate about providing every child that enters the public education system a pathway to achieve career

and life aspirations. He will discuss the role of the Career and Technical Education District in providing opportunities for the youth of Yavapai County to reach their career and educational goals through quality CTE programs.



Save The Dates

Reality Store – October 22,
Yavapai College



Literary Luncheon – October 25, Yavapai
College

AAUW Fall Forum– Friday and Saturday, Oct.
25-26, Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Surprise and
Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West, AZ
Mardi Gras Fund Raiser Event Feb 21, 2020

October General Meeting

Get Ready for the 2020 Elections

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 9-11 am

Yavapai College Community Room



Leslie Hoffman

“Vote with knowledge” by understanding the particulars of our election cycles and local voting requirements. Lynn Constabile, Yavapai County Elections Director, and Leslie Hoffman, County Recorder, will discuss what

voters need to know and do to be properly prepared for the 2020 Elections. Lynn and Leslie’s presentation will take a brief look at the history of voting in Yavapai County and how these practices evolved to modern, technology-driven election administration.

They will explain voter registration in Arizona and the options voters have for casting ballots: Ballot-by-Mail, Early Voting before the election, or in-person at Vote Centers on Election Day. Important dates for the 2020 Election, specifics for each of the three major elections, and voters’ Frequently Asked Questions will also be covered.



Lynn Constabile



AAUW Business: Hospitality

Hospitality Relies Upon—and Thanks—Its Members



At each monthly meeting we offer snacks, homemade or purchased, but there's a catch: neighborhood groups supply the goodies. The hospitality committee sets up the snack table, brings in some of the beverages, and

provides the table decorations around the room.

For the benefit of our newer members, here is how it works: Each member is assigned geographically to a neighborhood group, and each group or combination of groups is assigned a monthly meeting to which they are to bring snacks. Members are notified in advance by email when it is their turn to supply food. Members with food allergies appreciate it when snacks are labeled as gluten free, lactose free, or have nuts in them.

Those supplying food should plan to arrive about 8:50 AM so that foods can be set up prior to the arrival of hungry members. Plates and serving pieces should be labeled, just in case they are left on the table after the meeting ends.

The committee will supply cold water during the warmer months and limited coffee and hot tea during the colder months. As was suggested last year, consider bringing your own beverage in your own personal container. This decision was made in order to cut down on what goes into the landfill.

Wondering what to bring? Bring something you like...sweet rolls, breads, cookies, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, or most anything else! If you happen to miss your assigned month, feel free to bring something to the next meeting!

Thanks for helping to make our social time just a bit more enjoyable. We all like to nosh and chat!

AAUW Business: Membership

Membership continues to be strong in AAUW-Prescott



*Carol Dosse,
Membership Co-VP*

We had 16 new members join during the summer months of June – August, 2019. This includes our *Shape the Future* honorary members, Jane Hersh and Denise Woolsey. Our membership currently totals 216 (23 members did not

renew) with more expected to join in the coming months.

As our members always do, we encourage each one to personally welcome our new members at a General Meeting or an Interest Group gathering. New members' name tags have green ribbons, so you can easily see who has joined us recently.



*Penny Briner Ewell,
Membership Co-VP*

Community Action

The Reality Store Set to Take Place Oct. 22 and Nov. 14

On October 22, 2019 and on November 14, AAUW-Prescott's Community Action Project *The Reality Store* event will take place. The

**We are seeking
volunteers in the
morning from
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.!**

October event will take place at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center. Information on the November event will be in the Oct-Nov Thumb Sketch. The October event is aimed at students 13 years old through high school. This event is a collaboration between AAUW-Prescott and the Yavapai College Trio program.

In *The Reality Store*, each student assumes the role of a 25 year-old, with a family. They each choose a career, pay taxes, and make their own choices in purchasing food, clothing, housing, and transportation—any expenses needed for a family for the month by budgeting their salary. AAUW members will act as storekeepers at 22 tables where the students will try to meet their needs and stay within their month's paychecks. Students actively make choices as to how much to spend at each table and manage life surprises that come their way. The wrap-up session at the end will discuss what choices they found difficult, what surprised them in the process, and what sacrifices they made when their career salary did not cover their needs. The result is that their eyes are opened to the cost of living and the struggles to make ends meet. Many come to the realization that the chosen career has a direct effect on their lifestyle. They realize through this experience that school performance is important and they could choose to extend their education in order to have a higher paying job that will bring a better lifestyle for their family.

We are seeking volunteers in the morning from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to interface with the students for the Reality Store portion of the event. Each member will have a specific table assignment and will be interacting with the students and facilitating their choices in spending to provide for their family's needs.

We will also provide a training session at the Prescott Library for those who are new to this event. An email will go out later regarding the date and time of training for those who volunteer.

All Volunteers must have an email account to receive and respond to event information emails.

Want to volunteer or have questions? Email or call Pat Mann—her contact information is in the directory.



Scholarships

Achieving Scholarship Endowments Is 2019-2020 Branch Goal

As President Becky Gunn indicated in her column, our major branch goal for this year is to reach the endowment goals for our two scholarships. This will require raising \$5,000 for the Centennial scholarship and \$15,000 for our Mary Alice Moulton scholarship. Both of these scholarships support our mission by helping to empower women through supporting their educational endeavors.

Throughout this year, the branch will be offering a variety of ways for members to help in achieving this goal including our annual Literary Luncheon in October and a Mardi Gras event in February. Members are also encouraged to consider making contributions directly to the scholarship funds through the [Yavapai College Foundation](#). Be sure to designate AAUW.



More Scholarship News

We are working on our last \$20,000 for both Scholarships. Invite your Family and Friends to join us at these activities. The Literary Luncheon will have opportunity baskets and guest speakers along with lunch.

Our Spring Fling Mardi Gras will take place on February 21, 2020, at Yavapai College Center for the Performing Arts (YCPAC)

More information about these events will be presented at monthly meetings.

And More Scholarship News!

Shop Early for the Holidays!



The AAUW Scholarship Committee has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for you!

Fifty-year member, the late Joy Evans, had plans to knit a beautiful throw, but it didn't happen before her illness took her away. Her widower asked what he could do with the bag of high quality yarn, complete with needles and directions. A friend of AAUW has offered to knit the throw and donate it to our branch. The proceeds from this "Joyful" throw will be going to the AAUW Scholarship funds! Joy was a great supporter of our two scholarships, and we think this was an inspiring and generous offer.

The throw has been finished just in time to display at the September meeting. Opportunities to own the 48"X60" throw will be sold at the meetings, September through December, with the throw's new owner being named at the Holiday Brunch....just in time for holiday giving!

So, plan to shop early and often for an increased opportunity to own this beautiful throw!

Public Policy



Sue Marceau

With fall just around the corner, the Public Policy Committee (PPC) is gearing up for a busy season of strategy, advocacy, and events that support local, state, and national initiatives benefiting women and girls.

The next PPC meeting will be **Tuesday, September 3, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Elsea Room** at the Prescott

Public Library. The topic will be funding for public education.

The Community Field Trip Interest Group and PPC are collaborating on an **October 1** tour of the Mountain Institute Career and Technical Education (MICTE) district campus. The event, from 1 pm to 4 pm at 220 Ruger Road, will replace the PPC's regular meeting for the month. For information and to sign up, contact Molly Divine or email Sue Marceau at publicpolicy@aauwprescott.net.

The 2019 AAUW-Arizona Fall Forum is slated for Friday and Saturday, **Oct. 25 and 26** with Saturday's program from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West. Speakers will include Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs and a panel on higher education. The gender pay gap, student debt, and public policy updates round out the agenda. Prices are \$20 for the Friday evening Welcome Reception & Dinner at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Surprise and \$42 for the Saturday forum.

To prepare for the **Winter 2020 Legislative Day** in Phoenix, PPC plans a session later this year presenting strategy and tools to enhance advocacy on the topics important to AAUW-Prescott's mission.

On the legislative front, resolutions endorsing the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) have been passed by city councils in a dozen Arizona cities and towns. The resolution is on the Flagstaff council agenda for **September 3**. The Prescott City Council will be

approached regarding the resolution after the primary furor dies down.

State Sen. Eddie Farnsworth, a key roadblock to getting the ERA on the Arizona legislative agenda and a charter school millionaire, has announced that he will not seek re-election after the 2020 session.



Interest Groups

Upcoming AAUW Adventure Group Activities

Sept 12, Thur, Full Moon Marshmallows and Margaritas Potluck,

Sept 15, Sun, Tea at the Hassayampa Inn, 2 pm

Hold Oct 31, Thur, Halloween Night for an unusual event. More info to follow.

Nov 12, Tues, noon-1:30, Page AZ canyons/river planning meeting,

To get on the mailing list and to receive more detailed information about these events go to the [Adventure Group web page](#) or contact Kathy Lopez at adventure@aauwprescott.net.



Dining in all Directions



The Dining in all Directions interest group will have its annual Kick-Off on September 7th. This is the only time the entire group meets together, since we will be dividing into

smaller groups for the rest of the year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dot Williamson or Sandra Bennett as soon as possible so that you can be placed in a compatible sub-group.

Social Bridge Group Expands



The Social Bridge group of AAUW has expanded to include beginners. If you would like to play bridge with others who share the challenge of learning the

game, please contact AAUW member Carol Talbott. Bridge is a great way to meet people, maintain friendships, and make you think!



Mah Jongg Interest Group Expands—Join the Fun!

The new and growing Prescott AAUW Mah Jongg interest group is continuing to meet at the food court at the mall every Tuesday from 1-3pm. We are



currently boasting a group of 13-14. We have several MJ experts available to assist/teach any beginners. We also have several veteran MJ players who are enjoying improving their MJ skills and mentoring the beginners. Come join us every Tuesday at 1pm and count on improving your brain processing as well as meeting new AAUW members.

Marty Lewis and Laury Shayne, the Mah Jongg group leaders, are looking forward to meeting YOU!!

