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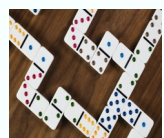
**December Annual Holiday Breakfast**

**Date:** December 15, 2011  
**Time:** 9:00 am **Place:** SCW Foundation (Webb Room)  
**Program:** **Holiday Music presented by Dysart Unified School District Students**

**Reservations required. Please see coupon page.**

**NAME YOUR GAME**

The date is **Monday, January 23, 2012.**  
The place is **Corte Bella.**  
The time is 11:00 am-3:00pm.

It's time again for our premier fundraiser, **Name Your Game.** Now all we need is **YOU!** Gather your friends for your favorite game. Join another member or two and put a basket together. **Or** bring basket items to the **December 15<sup>th</sup>** general meeting and we'll put a basket together for you. When you are out and about in the next several weeks, solicit a donation for the silent auction—a gift card from a local shop, spa, or restaurant or a home décor item. And, if you are unable to help directly, please donate a cash amount to the cause. With all of us working together, Name Your Game will be a fantastic success. Please call Claire Drozd (623-328-5320) or E-mail Her at: [claradrozd@yahoo.com](mailto:claradrozd@yahoo.com) to volunteer to help in any small or big way, with suggestions, or with any questions.

Claire Drozd, Chair

Please send your comments about the **website** to our webmaster, [Alice Mason](#) or your comments about the new **e-Currents pages** to the editor, [Sylvia Brown](#). We welcome your suggestions.

Please submit material for the December e Currents by November 7th



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### HOLIDAY NON-EVENT

Join us for an evening of wine & appetizers. On December 14th from 6-8 pm, it will be held at the home of Clarine Villeneuve, in Corte Bella. (21903 De La Guerra Dr., SCW) Please let Clarine know if you are planning to attend. Her phone: 623-566-6169, her Email address: gvcv1@cox.net. Let her know if you are able to bring wine or appetizers.

We will also have our Book Grant Donation Basket there. Connie Johnson

### Glendale Chapter invites NWV Members to Thunderbird School of Management Event

When: February 24, 2012, at 11:30am

Where: Thunderbird School of Global Management

Rooms 1,2, & 3, Herberger Administration Building

Enter campus at the main entrance off 59th Avenue

Topic: Thunderbird in Crisis Countries, Dr. John O'Connell, Professor of Risk Management

Lunch will be served: Cobb salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$14.25 including tax and tip. If you wish to attend please mail a check payable to Nancy Bossert for \$14.25,

9426 W Newport Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351, by February 17, 2012. If you have any questions please call Nancy at 623-876-0540.

### Save the Dates – Book Sale/Garage Sale

It is time to start saving items for our Book/Garage Sale. The sale will be held February 29-March 2, 2012, at Connie Johnson's house, and will have new twist this year. In addition to all of our wonderful "gently used" books, we will be including for our garage sale **small items** such as kitchen items, small decorative items, and jewelry. We cannot accept any clothing, furniture, or holiday decorations. Please keep saving these items, and we will let you know when, in January, you can start to bring them. As usual, all proceeds will go to our book grants.

#### Directory Corrections and Additions

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P. 19 **Phyllis Burnet**: Phone# 623-933-2222

P. 20 **Mary Kay Chester**: email: [chalknpills@aol.com](mailto:chalknpills@aol.com)

P. 20 **Ronda Clark**: Sun City, AZ 85381; [rondaqclark@aol.com](mailto:rondaqclark@aol.com)

P. 24 **Kathryn Magedman**: email: [flyingdutchess@live.com](mailto:flyingdutchess@live.com)

p. 26 **Millie Sterre**: email: [bimsteere@gmail.com](mailto:bimsteere@gmail.com)

P. 26 the correct phone number for **Walda Stevens** is 518-9098

#### In Loving Memory:

**Ruthagene Robinson** 4/11 Honorary Life Member

**Isabelle Lewis** 5/11

**Paulyne C. Nolan** – Honorary Life Member

#### P. 7 Nominating Committee Members:

**Deborah Channell** – 215-8880

**Mary Kay Chester** – 584-1083

**Betty Eldridge** – 214-0376

**Barbara Gobell** – 687-6629

**Linn Bastian** (alternate) – 214-9981

#### Renewals:

**Andersen, Audrey**, 12063 Shifting Sands Dr., Peoria, AZ 85383; 623-544-9347; ST U of South Dakota; [gandersen5@hotmail.com](mailto:gandersen5@hotmail.com)

**Duncan, Penny(Eleanor)**, 14508 W. Robertson Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375; 623-444-8009; Marillac C, Boston C; [pennyduncan1@hotmail.com](mailto:pennyduncan1@hotmail.com)

**-Holder, Jacqueline I.**, 11002 W. Santa Fe Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351; 623-583-8495; Indiana U; [holdji@q.com](mailto:holdji@q.com)

**Karnuth, Anita**, 14227 Parkland Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375; 623-584-3474; Metropolitan ST U

**Maron, Dale Resnick**, 21614 N. 159<sup>th</sup> Lane, Sun City West, AZ 85375; 623-556-8004; Skidmore C; [dalenherb@cox.net](mailto:dalenherb@cox.net)



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Hello Ladies,

This is certainly a busy time of the year, with all the holidays and the preparations they involve. Your presidents hope that you are enjoying yourselves and taking time to relax along with your hectic schedule.

We also have quite a few activities being planned for AAUW. In January we will have Name Your Game. We have a chair for this activity, so we will continue to have raffle baskets and a silent auction. Please get 2 or 3 members and put together a basket with a theme. For February, we are planning our annual book sale, with a twist this year. We are going to include small item garage sale items. This will include kitchen items, decorative small items, and jewelry. Please **do not** bring clothing, furniture, nor holiday items. In the January E-Currents, we will be telling you when and where to drop off these items.

**New Event:** On Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a **HOLIDAY NON-EVENT** from 6-8 p.m. at the home of Clarine Villeneuve, 21903 De La Guerra Drive in Sun City West (Corte Bella). Come and enjoy a relaxing evening with wine, appetizers, and good friends. Spouses/significant others are also invited. We will have a basket available for donations to our Book Grant Fund. Please RSVP to Clarine at 566-5169 or [gvcv1@cox.net](mailto:gvcv1@cox.net). At our December General Meeting we will be collecting winter scarves, winter hats, and gloves or mittens for the children who attend the Dysart Community Center After-School Program.

**Arizona Centennial Events:** Watch the *AZ Sun* for information about Celebrating Arizona Women, an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project to be held on February 24 and 25 at Scottsdale Community College Performing Arts Center. Our branch (NWV-AAUW) has partnered with the West Valley Genealogical Society to celebrate the Arizona Centennial. We are also providing students at both Marley Park Elementary School and Canyon Ridge Elementary School (Dysart Unified School District) opportunities to learn about Arizona History. If you would like to be an Arizona Storyteller, contact Ann Mitchell.

Here are a few more fun facts about our state. Did you know, it is illegal to hunt camels in the State of Arizona? Navajo Community College in Tsaile was the first college on an Indian Reservation. *Arizona Highways* has an approximately 85% circulation rate outside the state of Arizona.

Connie Johnson and Harriett Grau



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### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

As many of you know, the Special Interest Groups are ways of getting to know our AAUW members better. Whatever your interest, you may be able to find a group with similar interests within our membership.

And, if you don't find a group to your liking, start a new one! The only qualification is that all members of your group must be AAUW members. Of course you can always bring a guest, but the permanent members must be AAUW members. Bringing a guest is a good way to introduce new people to AAUW and some of the exciting things we do. This may be an incentive for that person to join.

There is always a Special Interest Group page in the Currents, with the contact person from that group listed. If you would like to start a new group, contact me and we can see if there is interest from other members.

Enjoy all the things that AAUW offers by joining a Special Interest Group.

Deborah Channell

### Sad News

**Howard Schwebke**, whose wife Phyllis was a past president of the branch died on Veterans day in New Mexico. Howard was the first male member He was 92 and Phyllis died 2 years ago. Pat Riffle

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**Marianne Robbins Shaffer** of Sun City West, AZ passed away on November 21, 2011. Marianne was a member of our branch.

Marianne is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dr. George Shaffer , a son and a daughter, and 2 Grand children. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministry) 3320 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85005.

This person's Guest Book may be visited at [www.yourwestvalley.com](http://www.yourwestvalley.com)  
623-876-2589. Call 623-972-1121 for information.

Deadline for submitting material for the January e Currents is December 12th

[Sylviaaauw@cox.net](mailto:Sylviaaauw@cox.net)

Donations for Dysart Community Center [click here for website](#)



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STEM was selected by the co-Presidents Elect last May as the Branch Project for 2011-12. We are building on the program begun last year by STEM Interest group members who visited several elementary and high schools in the Dysart Unified School District, met with teachers and administrators, and co-sponsored a joint meeting with the League of Women Voters at which Darcy Renfro, Vice President for STEM, Az Science Foundation, spoke. We also distributed fifty copies of the AAUW research study, "Why So Few, Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math?"

Co-Chairs Betty Eldridge and Elizabeth Rielly presented a power point on STEM at the September branch meeting. Beginning in October, we held regular monthly meetings. Programs currently underway include monthly visits by five to seven AAUW members to the Mountain View Elementary School Science Olympiad Club. The Club, composed of thirty 7th and 8th grade boys and girls, is studying a range of scientific topics in preparation for regional and state competition. The project will continue in January, February, and March 2012. Please join us if you are interested in interacting with students under the guidance of gifted teachers. You need not be a science major or a former teacher.

In a parallel activity, the AAUW STEM group is assisting West Point Elementary School teachers in planning for a STEM Career Night for 7th and 8th graders and their parents on January 24, 2012. Parents are invited to view projects created by the students especially for this occasion. We anticipate that AAUW members will assist that evening. Also on our "do-list" is the creation of a Speaker Resource List for use by administrators and teachers in the DUSD. Please provide us with your suggestions. Forms for this purpose are available on the NWV branch website and at branch meetings.

The STEM Project participants would like to thank Dr. Cyndi Miller, Assistant Superintendent of the DUSD and a NWV branch member, for her continuing support of the Branch Project.

Elizabeth Rielly and Betty Eldridge, Co-Chairs

Reminders  
Material for the January 2012 e Currents is due on December 12th , 2011  
[sylviabaauw@cox.net](mailto:sylviabaauw@cox.net)

Special interest group information goes directly to [Deborahaauw@cox.net](mailto:Deborahaauw@cox.net), by December 12, 2011

### New Member Recruitment

A reminder from your membership chairmen: **Recruit New Members.** If you know of any interested women, send us their names and we will send them information and applications.

**Barbara Gobell**  
687- 6629  
[barbaragobell@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaragobell@yahoo.com)

**Mary Kay Chester**  
584-1083  
[chalknpills@aol.com](mailto:chalknpills@aol.com)

#### AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research



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### Nearly Half of Students Experienced Sexual Harassment at School Last Year

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently released [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School](#), the most comprehensive, nationally representative research conducted in the past 10 years on sexual harassment in middle and high schools.

Sexual harassment pervades the lives of students in grades 7–12. Nearly half of those surveyed reported that they had been harassed in the 2010–11 school year. Of that number, a majority (87 percent) said that being harassed had a negative effect on them. Among the responses, one-third said they did not want to go to school as a result of the harassment. Another third said they felt sick to their stomachs.

The prevalence of sexual harassment in middle and high school comes as a surprise to many, in part because it is rarely reported. Only about 9 percent of harassed students told a teacher, guidance counselor, or other adult at school about being sexually harassed.

“The AAUW report *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* is a call to action to students, parents, teachers, and all of us who are concerned about the next generation,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. “Many students feel sexual harassment is normal behavior, and often victims of sexual harassment in turn victimize other children. It’s a vicious cycle that exacts an enduring emotional toll on students.”

“The good news is that the more we know about sexual harassment at school, the better we can combat it,” said AAUW Director of Research and co-author Catherine Hill. “This report is nationally representative and provides fresh insight into this problem.”

Creating, publicizing, and enforcing sexual harassment policies and adhering to the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 are ways schools can bring attention to the issue and chip away at the problem. Included in the report are promising practices for how teachers, parents, and community groups in particular can help change the school climate. We are failing to provide the safe environment necessary for our children to succeed,” said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. “Children and their families are too often left to fend for themselves when kids are harassed. Congress needs to strengthen federal protection for all students, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, perceived gender identity, or religion.”

**TAKE ACTION:** You can do your part, right now, to help change this: [Ask your senators](#) to promote the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S. 509)! The Safe Schools Improvement Act would significantly strengthen schools' ability and responsibility to combat sexual harassment and bullying. It would require schools to have comprehensive anti-harassment and bullying policies and promote prevention strategies. The bill would also tell schools to maintain and report data regarding incidents of bullying and harassment.

The best and fastest way for this critical bill to become law is as an amendment to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). ESEA is the law that sets some of the educational and disciplinary standards by which middle and high schools which receive federal funding -- and right now, its anti-harassment and bullying rules are woefully inadequate. Tell your senators to support the Safe Schools Improvement Act (S.506) as an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization!



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## Special Interest Groups

Deborah Channell is now responsible for the Special Interest Group page

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### **The Novel Lovers**

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm

Home of Anne Levig

*Letters of a Woman Homesteader*

by Elinore Pruitt Stewart

Contact: Anne Levig

### **Book Talk II**

December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

Home of Barbara Lashmet

Topic: Biography, Autobiography,

Memoir, Travel

Contact: Joan Fedor or Debbie Geske

### **The Open Book**

December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

Home of Helen Woodward

No Book, Salad Luncheon

Contact: Alice Craig

### **Evening Book Group**

December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Home of Deborah Channell

Book: *The Immortal Life of*

*Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Contact: Deborah Channell

### **Memories to Memoirs**

December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Home of Anne Levig

Suggested topic: *An*

*Embarrassing Moment*

Contact: Anne Levig

### **Foreign Film Fans**

No meeting in December

Contact: Sylvia Brown

### **International Issues**

No meetings in December

Contact: Sylvia Brown

### **All Card Games at 1:00 pm**

#### **Bridge**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

December 7<sup>th</sup> Marie Kloster

December 21<sup>st</sup> Millie Steere

Contact: Pat Riffle

#### **Bridge**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

December 14<sup>th</sup> Anne Levig

December 28<sup>th</sup> No bridge

Contact: Debbie Geske

#### **Solos**

Every Saturday at 8:45 am

Coco's at 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell

Contact: Norma Denham

#### **Hiking**

December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Planning

Starbucks on 99<sup>th</sup> and Bell

December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Hike

SCW Library Parking Lot

Contact: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson

#### **Creative Writing**

December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

Contact: Greta Bryan

#### **STEM**

Contact: Elizabeth Rielly or Betty Eldridge

#### **Great Decisions**

No meeting in December

Contact: Lois White

#### **AZ Adventures With Lunch**

January 27<sup>th</sup> at R.H. Johnson Library

Costani Bell Factory

Chair and Contact: Mickey Zane



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## Coupon Page

Deadline for Name Your Game Registration — Monday, January 16, 2012

### NAME YOUR GAME RESERVATION FORM

**CIRCLE** game to be played: **Bridge Mah Jongg Hand and Foot Mexican Train**

**Other: Specify** \_\_\_\_\_

**TABLE CONTACT PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print**

Table Player Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend, but here is a contribution. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include coupon with check.**

Enclose checks: **\$25 per person.** Make checks payable to NWV-AAUW (Please put all checks for one table in the same envelope.)

Mail to: NWV-AAUW, Attn: NYG, 13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 115-217, Sun City West, AZ 85375