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January Meeting

Date: January 19, 2012

Time: 9:00 am Place: SCW Foundation (Webb Room)

Program: "A Journey of the Heart" by Barbara

Schiefelbein. Today, 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease -- 5.2 million aged 65 and over; 200,000 with younger-onset Alzheimer's. Another American develops Alzheimer's disease every 69 seconds. A former Broadway performer and current Alzheimer's care-giver, Barbara will discuss Alzheimer's disease -- sharing her experience of learning about Alzheimer's, acceptance of and supporting a loved one's needs and the resulting changes to her own life. Her perspective is one you will not want to miss.

NAME YOUR GAME

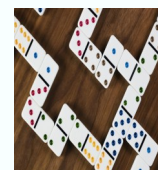
**BASKET RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION,
DOOR PRIZES, LUNCH, GAME TIME**

MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 2012

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

ANACAPA RESTAURANT IN CORTE BELLA

\$25.00 PER PERSON



January 23rd is fast approaching. Do you have your game tables set for this fun-filled fundraiser? The registration deadline is Monday, January 16th. Bring basket items to our January 19, 2012 meeting and we'll put a basket together for you. Please see the form in the coupon section of this month's E-Currents. Be sure to list a contact person for each table and include the names of all those seated at that table. Mail the checks for each table together so that everyone will be accounted for.

We have lots of fun baskets to raffle. Wouldn't you like to win a Wine and Chocolate Basket or a Spa Basket? How about a date night at home or a margarita party? There will be some door prizes as well and a lucky winner of a centerpiece at each table. We can still use a few more baskets or prizes so let me know if there is something you would like to donate. What a fun day it will be with a lovely lunch at Corte Bella, lots of lovely items to bid on, and games to play with friends. Hope to see all of you there!

Claire Drozd, Chairperson
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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 (14522 W Ravenswood Dr., Sun City West), 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 education grants.



Don't let them pile up.

Donate them to our Book sale



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Hello Ladies,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season, and look forward to all the exciting events AAUW has planned for the New Year.

We hope you enjoyed the children singing at our December Breakfast Buffet. It was a wonderful way to start the season for all of us. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Basket Raffle to raise money for our Educational Grants. Betty Eldridge also explained about the process a member can use to make a tax deductible donation to the ACF (Arizona Community Fund) account. Checks should be made out to **AAUW Charitable Fund/ACF**. Cards to accompany your checks will be available at both general meetings and fundraising events. Please remember to use the following address : **NWV-AAUW, Attn : AAUW Charitable Fund/ACF, 13940 Meeker Blvd. , Suite 115-217, Sun City West, AZ 85375.**

We are looking forward to exciting activities this year. The first one coming up is Name Your Game. You all need to get your reservations in as soon as possible. We have a wonderful menu of Mandarin Chicken Salad, rolls and butter, and chocolate for dessert. There will be a beverage bar coffee and tea, along with an open bar, and special prices on Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, and Pina Colodas. We also need baskets to raffle. If a few of you get together and purchase one or two items each, the cost to each of you is quite low, and we end up with lots of baskets to raise funds for our Educational Grants. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Other activities in the works are a High Tea, and another author luncheon.

February 14th is our state's 100th Birthday. We are planning on special speakers at our February and March meetings. We are also working with two Dysart Elementary Schools, Canyon Ridge and Marley Park and the West Valley Genealogical Society to participate in the Sun City West Centennial Celebration Parade on February 20th. Did you know that Arizona once had a navy consisting of two boats on the Colorado River to prevent California from encroaching on the Arizona Territory? Did you know that the Castilian and Burgundian flags of Spain, the Mexican flag, the Confederate flag, and the flag of the United States have all flown over the land area that has become Arizona? And, one of the world's largest solar telescopes is located at Kitts Peak National Observatory, 56 miles southwest of Tucson. As mentioned at the December general meeting, we are partnering with the PTA at Marley Park Elementary School to collect blankets for the homeless. At both the January and the February meetings, we're asking our members to bring "gently used" or new blankets. There are no size restrictions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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



AZ Centennial

Important information on Centennial Celebrations will be found by clicking on this link.

Deadline for submitting material for the February e Currents is January 7th, 2012.

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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 February 2012 e Currents is due on January 7th

Special interest group information goes directly to Deborahaauw@cox.net, by January 7, 2012

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.

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Mary Kay Chester

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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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



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Women's Labor Participation Rate Lowest in Almost 20 Years

Women continue to struggle more than men in the post-recession job market. Recently released Bureau of Labor Statistics data showed that the unemployment rate decreased in November – to 8.6 percent – and that women gained more than half of the 120,000 jobs added. Yet the Institute for Women's Policy Research [analyzed](#) the new data and found that the job gap between men and women remains significant at 1.5 million jobs. Of the 1.6 million jobs added between November 2010 and November 2011, IWPR found that 474,000 were filled by women and 1,126,000 were filled by men. In addition, the female labor force participation rate fell from 58.2 percent in October to 57.9 percent in November – a decrease of more than 300,000 women and the lowest female labor force participation rate since September 1993. Female dropouts have [exceeded](#) male dropouts recently in part because state and local government layoffs have disproportionately hit women.

AAUW [believes](#) that to promote economic recovery, the president and Congress must focus on creating jobs, training our workers, and ensuring those jobs are good ones — the kind that pay equitably and provide economic security. AAUW strongly believes that access to high-wage, high-skill jobs should be a right for women and girls from diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, and disability backgrounds and that access includes training for nontraditional jobs. Additionally, any job creation legislation must promote equal pay — women who work full time earn about 77 cents on average for every dollar men earn.

Osteoporosis Testing Faces Additional Cuts

Medicare reimbursement rates for osteoporosis testing will continue to [decline](#) without congressional action. A recent National Osteoporosis Foundation study found that reimbursement dropped 56 percent from 2007 to 2010 for tests done in physicians' offices. In addition, testing has stagnated in recent years after a decade of growth. A bipartisan [bill](#), Preservation of Access to Osteoporosis Testing for Medicare Beneficiaries Act (S. 1096/H.R. 2020), would extend the minimum payment for osteoporosis tests through 2013.

Federal Education Revenue Loses \$9.8 Billion to Corporate Tax Evasion

An analysis from the National Education Association [found](#) that from 2008 to 2010 the federal government lost \$222.7 billion in corporate tax avoidance, \$9.8 billion of which would have gone to public schools and colleges. The analysis, based on a report by the Center for Tax Justice, found that lost revenue could have provided 126,568 new education jobs and enrolled 446,655 impoverished children in preschools around the country.



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Deborah Channell is now responsible for the Special Interest Group page

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The Novel Lovers

January 9th at 3:00 pm
Home of Marge Emerson
Broken For You by Stephanie Kallos
Contact: Anne Levig

Book Talk II

January 10th at 1:00 pm
Home of Marilyn Legacy
Topic: Prize Winner
Contact: Debbie Geske

The Open Book

January 16th at 1:00 pm
Book: Daughter of Persia
At Helen Woodruff's

Evening Book Group

January 17th at 7:00 pm
Home of Audrey Anderson
Freedom by Jonathan Franzen
Contact: Deborah Channell

Memories to Memoirs

January 2nd at 9:30 am
Home of Joye Kohl
Suggested topic: *It Makes Me Smile When I Think About ...*
Contact: Anne Levig

All Card Games at 1:00 pm

Bridge
1st and 3rd Wednesday
January 4th
January 18th
Contact: Pat Riffle

Bridge

2nd and 4th Wednesday
January 11th Home of Marie Kloster
January 15th at Martin's Restaurant
Hostess Alice Craig
Contact: Debbie Geske

Creative Writing

January 25th at 9:30
Contact: Greta Bryan

Why So Few?

January 13th
At Betty Eldridge
Contact: Elizabeth Rielly

Solos

Every Saturday at 8:45 am
Coco's at 98th and Bell
Contact: Norma Denham

Hiking

January 10th at 6:00 pm
Potluck at Judy Neigoff's
Hike: Date TBA
Contact: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson

Great Decisions

January 9th at 11:30 am
Lunch then discussion on Sanctions and Nonproliferation
Led by Marilyn Legacy
Contact: Lois White

International Issues

Contact: Sylvia Brown

AZ Adventures With Lunch

January 27th at R.H. Johnson Library
Costani Bell Factory
Contact

Foreign Film Fans

January 24th at 1:00 pm
Contact: Sylvia Brown



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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**