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### **March General Meeting** Webb Room, Foundation Building

March 17, 2011, 9 am. Program: Pioneer Women of Arizona,

**Speaker: Sheila Bacon from Pioneer Arizona Living History Village**

Also, Recognition of Book Grant Recipients

Vote on nomination of officers for 2011-2012 year

Special Guest — State President Sara Wolters

### **Fundraising**

#### **Report**



#### **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE !**



The total amount for the five day sale was \$711.05.

Thanks to ALL of our AAUW/NWV Branch members for their support of the Annual Book Sale. Many of you contributed boxes of books and tables, wine and/or hors d'oeuvres for the Wine and Cheese Preview Party, organized by Ann Mitchell. Other members gave their time sorting books, collecting money, and helping to dismantle the book sale. Special thanks to Judy and David Hodgins who opened their home/garage for this fundraiser. Joan Meagher was the third member of our Book Sale Committee, and she also spent time at the Book Sale. Our husbands (Neal, Dennis, and Bernie) also helped with the set up and break down. Even though the weather did not cooperate, we were pleased with the number of customers that attended our sale. Some members have already begun to save books for next year's Book Sale! We could not have done it without all of you !

Harriett Grau and Connie Johnson, Co-Chairs



#### **A VERY SUCCESSFUL NAME YOUR GAME**

This year the net amount taken in was \$3507.21. Sixty percent of this amount goes to the Branch's General Fund, and Forty percent goes to National.

Thanks to all those who helped make this event a success. It couldn't have been done without you.

Rosalie Chapman



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### To the General Membership of AAUW-NWV Branch:

Below, please find the officer nominations for the up and coming year, 2011-2012. This slate was presented at the General Meeting in February and will be voted upon at the General Meeting in March. We, the nominating committee, thank all who agreed to accept these positions. And, my personal thanks to the Nominating Committee for their time, efforts and telephone calls.

*Barbara Lashmet*, Chair, Nominating Committee

#### AAUW Northwest Valley Branch

#### Nominations for 2011-2012

President(s)	Connie Johnson Harriett Grau Both agreed to 2 year term
President Elect:	Joan Meagher — 2 year term She will also mentor new Program VP's
Program VP's	Joye Kohl Barbara Sausen
Membership VP's	1 year Barbara Gobell 2 year Mary Kay Chester
Finance VP's	1 year Alice Craig <b>2 yr Unfilled</b>
Recording Secretary.	Mary Jo Blum
Corresponding Secretary	Sheila George

#### Watch This Space

Next month we will have an article here on the Creative Writing group.  
Sylvia Brown



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**Betty Eldridge, President 2010—2011**

**March Madness** – Will it come in like a lion and go out like a lamb or what will happen? Weather is a great metaphor for life, sometimes good, sometimes bad and there's not much that can be done about it. Just learn to live with it.

"Name Your Game" is over for this year and I would like to thank everyone for all that they did to make this a successful, fun and memorable day. It was a profitable fund raiser thanks to all you. The net receipts were \$3,507. 60% of this goes to the general fund and 40 % to the funds account.

National AAUW Convention 2011 – "Breaking Through Barriers Advocating for Change," will be held June 16-19, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel, Washington, D.C. Harriett and Connie will be attending this convention but it is open to everyone and it would be a great time for you to take that trip to Washington D.C. that you've always thought about. You could enjoy the speakers and find out what is going on at the National level. For more information, please visit [www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention).

The state convention will be held April 7<sup>th</sup> at Scottsdale Community College. It is a one day convention. Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. The keynote speaker at 10:00 a.m. is Dr. Mary Jane Parmentier, speaking on Islamic groups and the role of women in the Middle East. Kathy Anthon will speak at 11:00 a.m. She is on the Association's Board of Directors. Lunch is from 12 to about 1:30 followed by the business meeting. The election of officers, vote on change of state dues, discussion of Regional Convention and bylaw amendments will follow lunch. Voting on all of these will be done as usual since our bylaws have not been changed. There will not be one member one vote as at the national level. I hope we will have a good representation from our membership attend the meeting.

The scholarship committee has chosen the recipients for the Book Grants for the 2011-2012 year. These students will be presented their awards at the March meeting. Be sure to come and meet these students and their parents.

Again thanks for everything that you all do to make our organization great.



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### Highlights of MARCH EVENTS

#### *Book Review Luncheon*

*Thurs., March 10th, 11:30 AM, Anacapa Grill at Corte Bella*

**Nobody Said Not to Go** by Ken Culbertson Reviewed by Janet MacDowell

*Bridge games to follow*

If you read the New Yorker Magazine between 1925 and 1995 you would have read articles by Emily Hahn. Wonderful though they were, they don't compare to the life she led. Prepare to be delighted, shocked, horrified, but definitely entertained.

[See coupon on page 8](#)

### International Pot Luck Luncheon

Fri., March 11th at 11 AM Home of Anne Levig

13514 W. Wagon Wheel Dr., SCW

If you plan to attend, please call Anne (623-546-9524) by March 9th

Donations for the Educational Foundation

### STEM Initiatives to be discussed at LWV meeting

Darcy Renfro, Vice President and Director of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Initiatives, Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz), will address the General Meeting of the League of Women Voters on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church (UU) in Surprise. She will bring us up-to-date on current STEM initiatives. AAUW-NWV Branch is a co-sponsor of this meeting.

SFAz's purpose is to diversify and strengthen Arizona's economy. SFAz began its STEM initiative in 2008 to align, integrate and embed STEM principles and practices benchmarked to international standards at all levels of Arizona's education system.

Ms. Renfro previously served as a Policy Advisor to Governor Janet Napolitano on economic development and higher education

All welcome at this event.



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### Where Did All the Unsold Books Go??

The unsold books from the Book Sale were donated to the Peoria North Rotary Club. They very graciously came and packed and picked them up right after the sale! The books are then sold from Book Bins in the Peoria area. The funds are used for:

The Alta Loma Elementary School: a Title One School.

Personal Dictionary for every Peoria 3<sup>rd</sup> grader

Promote high school Student of the Month program at 2 high schools

Annually, a combined group of Rotary Clubs distribute text books and computers to rural schools in Guatemala.

Judy Hodgins

### Reminder

If you know of a member who is ill or who has had a death in the family, etc. please let our Sharing and Caring person, Pearl Quast, and our President know.

### New Member Recruitment

As a reminder from your membership chairmen. **Help Recruit New Members.**

If you know of any interested women, send us their names and we will send them information and applications. ([Click here](#) for the 2011-2012 membership form)

A **New Members Coffee** will be held at Sue Hanrahan's home, 14409 W. Las Brisas Lane, SCW, on Thursday March 10 at 9:30 AM. Board members are encouraged to attend.

**Barbara Gobell**

687-6629

[barbaragobell@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaragobell@yahoo.com)

**Sue Hanrahan**

544-8497

[stunsueh@yahoo.com](mailto:stunsueh@yahoo.com)

### Directory Changes

#### New Members:

1. Marie Grandstaff, 18011 N. Timber Ridge, Surprise, AZ 85374,
2. Kathryn Magedman, 18007 N. 129<sup>th</sup> Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375, 623-556-1217,  
[Flyingdutchess@live.com](mailto:Flyingdutchess@live.com)

#### Renewal Members:

1. Greta Bryan, 14023 W. Trail Ridge Dr. Sun City West, AZ 85375,  
546-2793, [GASALTOO@aol.com](mailto:GASALTOO@aol.com)
2. Joan Frear, 11406 W. Ravenswood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375  
584-8476; [joanfrear@aol.com](mailto:joanfrear@aol.com)

#### Email Changes:

Mary Kay Chester – [chalknpills@aol.com](mailto:chalknpills@aol.com) - p.18

**Note:** Please send Nancy Wilson ([pqp223@aol.com](mailto:pqp223@aol.com)) information on new members, Renewals, Email and address changes.



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### AAUW to Receive Cy Pres Award for Work to Fight Gender Discrimination

*Award Follows Groundbreaking Gender Discrimination Case Settlement*

WASHINGTON – The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been awarded \$23,500 as part of a cy pres award from the judgment in the largest gender discrimination case to ever go to trial.

The class action lawsuit against Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation included approximately 5,600 women sales force employees who claimed gender discrimination based on pay, promotion, and pregnancy. A jury found Novartis liable for gender discrimination in May 2010, and the subsequent settlement was filed in federal court in New York in July 2010. Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for Eastern New York approved the final settlement agreement in November, and AAUW learned of its selection to receive a cy pres award in December.

Cy pres awards are the result of class action lawsuit funds and are typically distributed to charitable organizations. AAUW will receive this award to support its mission to advance equity for women and girls.

“We commend the brave plaintiffs and their extraordinary legal team in the Novartis case,” said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. “They have broken through barriers for women employees of Novartis and for women employees around the world. We hope this case will inspire more women to stand up for their rights as workers and teach a lesson to those who would discriminate on gender or any other basis. AAUW is proud to be associated with this case and honored to be the recipient of an award that affirms our work against all forms of gender discrimination.”

The award from the Novartis settlement will help fund AAUW’s continuing advancement of women and girls through our programs, research, and advocacy, especially on the issue of fair pay. As this case demonstrates, wage discrimination remains a critical problem, and women's pay still lags behind that of men. On average, women make 77 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts, and they represent only a small percentage of those who hold top positions in business and academia. By some estimates, women may lose between \$500,000 and \$1 million because of wage discrimination over a 40-year career.

“We were so pleased to be able to recommend AAUW for a cy pres award,” said Katherine Kimpel, a partner at the firm Sanford, Wittels, and Heisler, LLP, who successfully represented the class of more than 6,000 current and former women sales employees at Novartis. “Having an ally like AAUW in the fight for gender equity is so important, and we trust that the cy pres award will help AAUW continue to make a difference in the lives of girls and women across the United States. The victory in Novartis, although gratifying, is just one step in the right direction, as far too many employers continue to deny women workers their fair share of the American dream.”



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The GLUE that holds us together! Please contact me for information on any group.

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Judy Hodgins

### What we're reading and writing...

#### I – The Novel Lovers

March 14th 3 PM

Home of Kay Fink

*Homer & Langley*

by E.L. Doctorow

Contact: Anne Levig

#### Book Talk II

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1 PM

Home of Debbie Geske\_

Category: Woman Author

Contact: Joan Fedor, Debbie Geske or Helen Slemons

#### The Open Book

March 21<sup>st</sup> 2 PM

Home of Barbara Saussen

*Remarkable Creatures* by

Tracy Chevalier

Contact: Alice Craig

#### Evening Book Group

March 15<sup>th</sup> 7 PM

Home of Rose

Mary Miller *State of the*

*Union* by Douglas Kennedy

Contact: Deborah Channell

#### Memories to Memoirs

March 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

Home of Evelyn Shipley

Suggested topic – An unusual travel experience.

Contact: Anne Levig

### What we're enjoying...

All Card Games at 1 PM

**Bridge**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Millie Steere

March 16<sup>th</sup> Marie Kloster

Contact: Pat Riffle

**Bridge**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.

March 9<sup>th</sup> : Marianne Shaffer.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> : Alice Craig

Contact Debbie Geske if you would like to play or sub.

#### Solos

Every Sat 8:45 AM

CoCo's on Bell

Contact: Norma Denham or Mary Wylie

#### Hiking

March 14<sup>th</sup> 9 AM Starbucks (99<sup>th</sup> and Bell) for coffee and conversation.

March 28<sup>th</sup> 9 AM meet at Sun City West Library. Hike leaders: Marlene Hall and Roz Naylor

Contact: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson

#### Creative Writing

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 AM

The Assignment is: Capture any or all of the following words in a poem, a paragraph, an ad in a magazine or an obituary: heir, wicked, mess, mean, clever, sexy, tattoo. What will you write?

Contact: Greta Bryan

### What we're learning...

#### Why So Few?

The Vice President of STEM Initiatives, Science Foundation, AZ will address the General Meeting of the League of Women Voters on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 9:30 am at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Surprise. She will bring us up-to-date on current STEM initiatives.

AAUW\_NWV is a co-sponsor of the meeting ( [See page 4](#) for more info)

#### Great Decisions

March 14<sup>th</sup> Meet at 11:30 for Lunch. Discussion at 1:30 PM. Discussions center on global interests and their involvement of the U.S. Contact: Lois White

#### International Issues

March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

Home of Joni Williamson Sheila George presents a program on "Rebuilding Haiti"

Contact: Shirley McDonald

#### AZ Adventures with Lunch

Tour of the Japanese Tea Garden on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Meet RH Johnson Rec Center aisle 17 at 9AM. to car pool. Cost is \$7 and includes a guided tour. Lunch at Hayashi Grill-Surprise – pay your own.

**Reservations a MUST** to Joan Meagher by March 10.

#### Foreign Flicks

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1 PM

If you would like to be put on the mailing list for **Foreign Flicks** e mail Sylvia Brown



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### Book Review Luncheon

11 am Thurs, March 10, 2011 At Corte Bella

\$16.00 per person, checks should be made out to AAUW-NWV

and mailed by March 5th to Janet MacDowell, 15613 W Ballad Dr, Sun  
City West, AZ 85375

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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