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November General Meeting

Date: November 17, 2011

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

Program: **The Importance of Career and Technical Education for Future Student Success**

Speaker: Thom Dickerson, Director of Career & Technical Education for Dysart Unified School District

Save the Dates for Book Sale/Garage Sale
February 29 - March 2, 2012

[Click here for further details](#)

Save this date.....>> Monday January 23rd, 2012

NAME YOUR GAME FUNDRAISER!!!

Corte Bella: Lunch, Door Prizes, and Games

Watch for more details and coupon, in e- Currents and on website

Please note that we are in desperate need of a chair and co-chair for this event. The absence of the two positions will mean severely scaling down this event which will mean a reduction in fundraising. We have great leaders in our branch. Please volunteer.

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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COFFEE AND COLLECTIBLES

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, from 9 am to 12 noon, come and enjoy homemade baked goods with coffee or tea. The location will be at Ann Mitchell's rental house (19827 N. 147th Dr., Sun City West, off Granite Valley) . Buildings and accessories from members' Department 56 collections will be on display in different rooms around the house. Enjoy some delicious food, visit with other ladies, and learn about the variety of collections available through Department 56.

Directory Corrections and Additions

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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



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We can't believe that it is almost November! With the Fall Forum on Saturday, November 12 and Coffee and Collectibles on Tuesday, November 29, plus the Thanksgiving holiday, it will continue to be a busy month. The weather is also beginning to change, getting cooler.

The Fall Forum will be at the Scottsdale Community College in the Turquoise Room. Here is a tentative schedule for the day : breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30, two speakers will be from 10 to 12, lunch will be served from 12 to 12:45, and you will get to choose from three different topics (Public Policy, Women's Equity : women farmers & pay equity, or Engaging Members : for membership or treasurers) for Round Table Discussion groups from 1 to 2, and speakers from 2 to 4. Speakers will be : Dr. Mary Rothchild (author of *Arizona Women*), Jean Johnson (Start Smart), and Mary Walbach (Trek Tech – STEM with Middle School girls)). You will need to preregister for the Fall Forum. Registration forms and the complete agenda will be on the AZ AAUW website, on our website, or we will have copies at our General Meeting on October 20.

Last December a few members gathered together to have a Coffee & Collectibles event. Your co-presidents attended this activity and afterwards the group discussed the possibility of using this as a fundraiser. Please look for more information in this e-Currents and plan to attend this FUN event. The variety of buildings and accessories will amaze you.

We continue to work on our Branch Project, STEM. On September 29, six members drove to Mountain View Elementary School and worked with students on their Science Olympiad projects. We basically had each group explain their project and then we asked questions. Some of the topics were : astronomy (stars), biology (microbes), and meteorology (global warming). Here are some future dates to go to Mountain View : Thursday, November 17 or Tuesday, December 20. Please call Betty Eldridge at 214-0376 or Liz Rielly at 214-1778 if you would like to participate in this worthwhile activity.

We were pleased with the response to the Book Grant Donation basket. The basket will appear at all of our meetings and events.

In keeping with the Arizona Centennial, there are several plans in the works. The West Valley Genealogical Society is planning several activities. We will keep you updated on these events. Also, the Scottsdale AAUW branch has a big activity planned. Information about this is in the directory. Finally, a few fun facts about Arizona. Arizona, among all the states, has the largest percentage of its land set aside and designated as Indian Land. Phoenix originated in 1866 as a hay camp to supply Camp McDowell. The Hopi village or Oraibi is the oldest Native American settlement in the United States, having been built in the year 1100. And, in 1926, the Southern Pacific Railroad connected Arizona with the eastern states.

Harriet Grau and Connie Johnson



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Branch Project

If you were at the September General Meeting, you heard about our Branch Project. The STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) initiative is very important for our future generations. Last year our Special Interest Group worked with the Dysart Unified School District. They will continue this partnership with three goals: 1. volunteering to help students prepare for the Science Olympiad; 2. working with schools to prepare for a Career Night; and 3. creating a resource list of guest speakers to go into individual classrooms to speak about their own careers.

Here are two dates to volunteer at Mountain View School: Thursday, November 17th. And Tuesday December 20th. We will carpool and arrive at the school at 3:30 pm. We will work with the students from 4 to 5. Please call Betty Eldridge or Liz Rielly to volunteer or to get more information. We will also have sign-up sheets at the General Meetings. [\(click here for volunteer form\)](#)

Enjoy the rewards of helping Dysart Community Center with an Arizona Tax Credit

Under the Arizona charitable Tax Credit law (ARS 43-1088) for charities focusing on help for the working poor, you can now contribute up to \$400 for couples filing jointly (\$200 for individuals) to support Dysart Community Center in its important mission, and your generous gift will normally cost you nothing. All donations received will be used to underwrite essential services for low income children and adults.

How it Works

Your donation to Dysart Community Center	- \$400
Your Arizona, \$ for \$, tax credit received	+ \$400
Your Arizona net cost of support	\$0
Federal tax deduction received (at 25%)	+ \$100
Your net combined tax result	+ \$100

How to Participate:

1. Donate up to \$400 for couples filing jointly (\$200 for individuals) by December 31. **Importantly, this can be in addition to any donation you may give to Arizona Public Schools.**
2. Submit the simple tax form (which we will send you) when you file your Arizona Income Tax Return. This tax form is also available online at AZ Tax Credit Form 321. For most, your state income tax will be reduced by the amount of your donation up to \$400.
3. In addition, you can include your donation among your charitable contributions in filing your Federal Tax Return. Your Federal tax may be reduced by up to another \$100 (in a 25% tax bracket).

To take advantage of this program, simply complete the enclosed form. You will receive a charitable donation acknowledgement for tax purposes.

Dysart Community Center is a 501(c)(3) certified charity... AZ Tax creditable and Federal Tax Deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for details about how this tax credit may apply to you.

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AAUW-Arizona Fall Forum

BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS:

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Scottsdale Community College

9000 East Chaparral Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85256-2626



AGENDA

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast, Networking

All events will be held in Turquoise Room unless otherwise noted

9:30 - 9:50 a.m. Welcome: Sara Wolters, President, AAUW Arizona

9:50 - 10:00 a.m. Remarks: Dr. Jan Gehler, President, Scottsdale Community College

10:00 – 10:50 am Keynote Address: Dr. Mary Rothschild, Author of Arizona Women

10:50-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 -11:45 a.m. Start Smart: Discussion with Jean Johnson, Scottsdale AAUW

11:45 – noon Break

12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch: Counterpart Tables and Open Seating

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Round Table Discussions-Break Out Sessions (Select 1)

Public Policy: Participating at all levels

Women's Equity: Women Farmers, Pay Equity

Membership And Treasurers: Work Together

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Break

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Marie Wolbach – STEM with Middle School girls

3:15 - 3:25 p.m. Call to Convention 2012: Lynn Ray (Prescott),

Convention Chair

3:25 - 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks: Sara Wolters

Click here for the Fall Forum Registration Form and Directions

Reminders
Material for the
December e Currents is
due on November 7th.
sylviabaauw@cox.net

Special interest group
information goes directly
to
Deborahaauw@cox.net,
by November 7th

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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AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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



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Help Keep the Promises of Social Security

Take Action!

Here at AAUW, we think of Social Security as a promise, a commitment that we as Americans make to care for one another across generations. Although [Social Security is among our nation's best and most efficiently run, anti-poverty programs](#). It is particularly critical for elderly women, more than half of whom would fall into poverty without it. So we are interested when good ideas come along aimed at strengthening and improving Social Security.

A new bill recently introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) presents us with a great idea: **We can close Social Security's finding gap by lifting the cap on payroll taxes for Social Security purposes.**

If it sounds complex, it's not. Right now, 94 percent of Americans pay into Social Security on the basis of their whole salary. But the wealthiest 6 percent do not. Because the cap for individual income stands at \$106,800, someone who makes that much pays exactly the same amount into Social Security as does a millionaire or a billionaire.

The Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558) would gradually lift the cap so that by 2033, the wealthiest 6 percent of Americans will be on equal footing with everyone else. This plan would extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, ensuring that the program continues to help provide retirement security for future generations.

Take Action! Ask your Senators to become a cosponsor of the Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558). You can send a message by clicking the "Take Action" link above or by visiting [AAUW Two Minute Activist](#).

Have a smartphone? AAUW Two Minute Activist now works on your iPhone, Android handset or blackberry!

Lilly Ledbetter Publishes Book

Lilly Ledbetter's book, *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*, is now available for [pre-order](#) on Amazon. The book, which will officially be released February 28, 2011, chronicles Ledbetter's struggle for justice after years of pay discrimination at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. After the Supreme Court decided against Ledbetter in her discrimination suit against Goodyear, legislation was passed amending the loophole Goodyear had exploited. President Barack Obama [signed](#) the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act into law in September 2009.

AAUW has [worked](#) closely with Ledbetter to fight pay discrimination and congratulates her on this important work. AAUW has long fought to end wage discrimination. As early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for a repeal of salary restrictions in the Women's Bureau to address pay disparities. Nearly a century later, women working full time earn on average about 77 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn.



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Deborah Channell is now responsible for the Special Interest Group page

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The Novel Lovers

November 14th at 3:00 pm

Home of Ann Winsor

World Without End by Ken Follett

Contact: Anne Levig

Book Talk II

November 8th at 1:00 pm

Home of Evelyn Shipley

Topic: Mystery, Spy, Suspense

Contact: Joan Fedor or Debbie Geske

The Open Book

November 21st at 1:00 pm

Home of Elaine Sievers

Book: *Astrid and Veronika* by Linda Olsson

Contact: Alice Craig

Evening Book Group

November 15th at 7:00 pm

Home of Audrey Anderson

Book: *We Had It So Good* by Linda Grant

Contact: Deborah Channell

Memories to Memoirs

November 7th at 9:30 am

Home of Betty Ann Riley

Suggested topic: *The Impact of Aging:*

Where Are My Car Keys?

Contact: Anne Levig

All Card Games at 1:00 pm

Bridge

1st and 3rd Wednesday

November 2nd Linn Bastian

November 16th Pat Riffle

Contact: Pat Riffle

Bridge

2nd and 4th Wednesday

November 9th

November 23rd

Contact: Debbie Geske

Solos

Every Saturday at 8:45 am

Coco's at 98th and Bell

Contact: Norma Denham

Hiking

November 14th at 9:00 am Planning

Starbucks on 99th and Bell

November 28th at 9:00 am Hike

SCW Library Parking Lot

Contact: Betty Roberts

Creative Writing

November 30th at 9:30 am

Home of Greta Bryan

Topic: Designing My Perfect Day

Contact: Greta Bryan

STEM

November 11th at 9:30 am

Home of Betty Eldridge

Topic: Current and Future Project Plans and Activities

Contact: Elizabeth Rielly or Betty Eldridge

Great Decisions

November 14th at 11:30 am

Home of Stephanie Murphy

Topic: America's National Security

Contact: Lois White

International Issues

Contact: Shirley McDonald

AZ Adventures With Lunch

January 27th at R.H. Johnson Library

Costani Bell Factory

Chair and Contact: Mickey Zane

Foreign Film Fans

November 22nd at 1:00 pm

Contact: Sylvia Brown



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NWV-AAUW December Holiday Breakfast Buffet Branch Meeting:
Thursday, December 15, 2011, 9 am, at the SCW Foundation Building
\$13 per person

Send your check (payable to NWV-AAUW) by Monday December 12th to the following address:

NWV-AAUW, Attention: Sharon Forbes,
13940 W. Meeker Blvd., Suite 115-217, Sun City West, AZ 85375

Name _____

I cannot attend, but here is a contribution \$_____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COUPON WITH YOUR CHECK!!!!

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