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October General Meeting

Date: October 20, 2011

Time: 9:00 am

Place: SCW Foundation (Webb Room)

Program: State and Federal Legislation and its Impact on Women and Children.

Speakers: Representatives of the League of Women Voters of NW Maricopa County.

This will be a joint meeting with the LWV

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

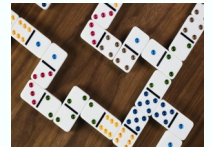
NAME YOUR GAME FUNDRAISER!!!

Corte Bella: Lunch, Door Prizes, and Games

Watch for more details and coupon, in future



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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.

**BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON
October 20, 2011**

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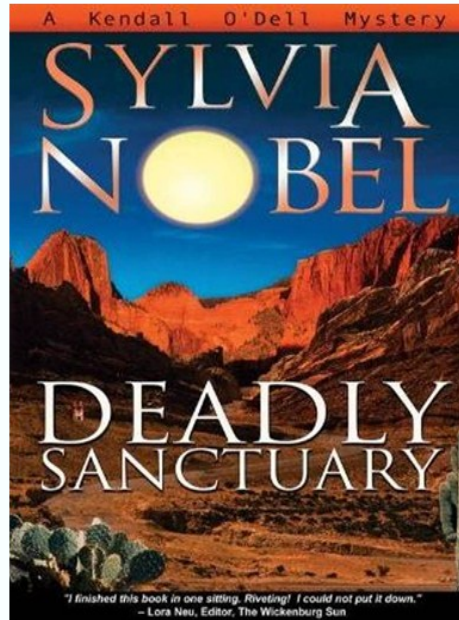
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BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

Published author Sylvia Nobel will be reviewing her books.

Date: Thursday, October 27th, 2011

Place and time: Corte Bella at 11:30 am

Beverages will be available at 11:30 am and lunch is at 12:00.

The book review will follow lunch.

Cost is \$20.00 per person.

(See Coupon page-the last page in this e Currents)



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We certainly hope all of you who attended our September meeting enjoyed the Breakfast Buffet. With the variety of food, you should have found a tasty treat. We all look forward to another year of AAUW activities. We have many exciting activities planned for members this year, and we are adding a couple of new activities too. There are a couple of new activities "in the works" that your board is planning. We are going to keep them a secret for now, and let you know as soon as we have all the details in place

Thank you for your generous donations for the Dysart Community Center. At each General Meeting, we will have a box to collect more items for their After School Programs. Please see the list printed in the September e-Currents. Additional items include books to read to children (grades 1 thru 5) and educational board games. If you wish to make a cash donation, write a check directly to Dysart Community Center and bring it to a meeting. This is tax deductible, under the category of Working Poor. They continue to look for volunteer tutors to teach English to adult students and to teach GED and Citizenship exam preparation. Call Susie Ratley at 623-974-4156 for more information.

On October 27, at 11:30 at Corte Bella, we are looking forward to our first Book Review Luncheon with published author Sylvia Nobel. The coupon is on the last page. We will also be taking reservations at the October General Meeting, so bring your checkbook. Here is the menu for this event : tomato basil soup, turkey wrap, homemade chips, macaroni salad, water, and a brownie for dessert -- also a beverage bar with coffee and iced tea -- this is a plated meal -- also an open bar.

We are pleased that over the summer months, we have six new branch members. ALL groups/clubs are experiencing a drop in membership. Our branch is no exception. The Membership VP's have had some pamphlets published to introduce prospective members to NWV-AAUW. If you would like copies, please ask Mary Kay Chester or Barbara Gobell or your Co-Presidents. We must get the word out to the community.

In keeping with our state Centennial, here are a few more fun facts about Arizona. In Tombstone, it is illegal for men and women over the age of 18 to have more than one missing tooth visible when smiling. Arizona is roughly the size of Italy. And, Arizona has more parks and national monuments than any other state, more mountains than Switzerland, and more golf courses than Scotland.

As stated in the Directory, Saturday, November 12, is the Fall Forum. When the fall edition of the state newsletter AZ Sun is published, look for more details.

Harriett 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 some dates to volunteer at Mountain View School: Thursday, September 29th; Tuesday, October 25, and Thursday, November 17th. 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. In October, those of you who volunteered may share their experiences. ([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.

Deadline for submitting material for the November e Currents is **Oct. 5th**
sylviabaauw@cox.net



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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

Mary Kay Chester

584-1083

chalknpills@aol.com

Are you willing to volunteer to be a resource for our Branch Project?

You will find a form for this purpose on the web site. [Click here](#)

Next month we will be voting on the 2012 Budget for the Branch. You will find a copy on the web. [Click here.](#)

Reminders

Material for the November e Currents is due on October 5th.
sylviabaauw@cox.net

Special interest group information goes directly to Deborah Channell
Deborahaauw@cox.net, also by October 5th.

Correction for the Directory:

Page 26 the correct phone number for Walda Stevens is 518-9098

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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



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American Jobs Act

President Obama has called on Congress to look past the politics and pass the [American Jobs Act](#) -- a \$447 billion package of tax cuts and new government spending, designed to revive a stalling economy. The administration's bill focuses on multiple, interconnected policies and programs aimed at putting Americans back to work. If the bill is passed, tax cuts will be implemented to help small businesses hire and expand. Programs will be put in place aimed at putting Americans back to work while modernizing our infrastructure. This involves a hiring tax credit for veterans, funding to prevent up to 280,000 teacher layoffs, modernization for public schools, investments in infrastructure, and expanded access to high-speed wireless nationwide. The administration's plan also offers an extension of unemployment benefits and work-based reforms to prevent layoffs in the private sector. Payroll taxes would be cut in half for 160 million workers in the upcoming year. Finally, the president has stated his intent to work with the bipartisan debt reduction supercommittee to ensure the act is fully paid for.

The White House has released a [fact sheet](#) on the benefits women will receive through the American Jobs Act. Similar one-page fact sheets may be found for other groups, as well as a state-by-state impact breakdown, at the White House website.

AAUW supports the goal of creating jobs that will equitably [benefit](#) Americans of all different socio-economic strata. AAUW will closely monitor how these proposals are paid for and ensure women, students, working families, and seniors do not bear the full cost of the plan.

Debt Reduction Supercommittee and Public Input

The co-chairs of the debt reduction supercommittee, Senator Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Representative Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas) say they are hard at work constructing the new panel, stating, "We have been engaged in "serious discussions" over the logistics of creating the panel that has far-reaching authority to set federal budgets for the next decade." Additionally, they are working on building a website to obtain public input. The committee has until November 23rd to recommend \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade.

AAUW strongly encourages the supercommittee to focus on job creation and training to alleviate the high national unemployment rate. This is a vital issue for all Americans, but [AAUW](#) believes this is particularly important to women, who are often the victims of economic insecurity and wage discrimination. Women are a crucial part of the society and AAUW encourages the supercommittee to pay close attention to this issue.



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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

October 10th 3:00 pm
Home of Joy Ottenad
The Maltese Falcon, by Dashiell Hammett
Contact: Anne Levig

Book Talk II

October 11th at 1:00 pm
Home of Helen Slemons
Topic: Book you enjoyed this summer
Contact: Helen Slemons, Joan Fedor or
Debbie Geske

The Open Book

October 17th at 1:00 pm
Home of Barbara Humm
Book: *East of Eden* by John

Steinbeck
Contact: Alice Craig

Evening Book Group

October 18th at 7:00 pm
Home of Charlotte Brody
Book: *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair
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
October 5th
October 19th
Contact: Pat Riffle

Bridge

2nd and 4th Wednesday
October 12th - Home of Debbie Geske
October 26th Contact: Debbie Geske

Solos

Every Saturday at 8:45 am
Cocos at 98th and Bell
Contact: Norma Denham

Hiking

Contact: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson

Creative Writing

October 26th at 9:30 am
Home of Greta Manville
Contact: Greta Bryan

STEM

October 14th at 9:30 am
Home of Elizabeth Rielly
Contact: Elizabeth Rielly or Betty Eldridge

Great Decisions

October 10th at 11:30 am
Contact: Lois White

International Issues

October 19th at 9:30 am
Contact: Shirley McDonald

AZ Adventures With Lunch

October 28th at R.H. Johnson Library
Queen Creek Olive Oil and Lunch
Chair and Contact: Barb Sausen

Foreign Film Fans

October 25th at 1:00 pm
Contact: Sylvia Brown



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For Book Review Luncheon, Thursday, October 27th,
\$20 Per Person

Send your check (payable to NWV-AAUW) to the following address:

NWV-AAUW, Attention: Clarine Villeneuve,
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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From your e-Currents Editor, Sylvia Brown:

My email address for articles for e-Currents is sylviabaauw@cox.net