



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Before Walt Disney copyrighted the term "Imagineering" and set up several departments with specific responsibilities to carry out the concept, others explored this unique idea of Imagineering defined by one company as "Letting your mind soar and then engineering it into a possibility."

But Disney put the blueprint concept on his company. He challenged his employees to IN vision all the possible opportunities they could provide to entertain the nations and then the world's children, and then maybe by accident, a few adults also.

So what is the "Vision" of the East Mesa Branch of AAUW? And, what will it take to reach it?

- In reflecting on this question myself, I know our scholarship program is something that we can be proud of, especially with The Larney Trust, offering us new and exciting Visioning opportunities. Our December program will highlight some of these opportunities.
- This summer Cindy Deatsman organized opportunities for casual gatherings to build community among our members. Cindy perceived a void and stepped in to fill it. Thank you Cindy!
- In October we will have an Ice Cream Social, and introduce our current and new interest groups for your consideration.

Building on our relationships, being an inclusive welcoming group, will allow us to move forward in dynamic new ways. Share with me your "Vision" your "Ideas" and let's together bring them to fruition.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the summer events, or at our social in October, or at the November meeting.

Sandra Lackore  
President AAUW East Mesa Branch

## Member News/Updates

### \*From Cindy Deatsman:

Just to let everyone know that we are in Washington as of Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, still waiting on our furniture. Please see the **Members Only** copy of the newsletter, which was sent directly to you, for Cindy's contact information.

**\*From Judy Shahanian,**  
Scholarship Fundraising  
Organizer

**AAUW Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon is on March 28, 2020.** It's hard to believe, but we need to start planning for our next big event for AAUW. Many hands make the event run smoothly so we'll need all of your help to accomplish our task of raising money for our scholarship ladies. Luckily we are now able to help many more than in previous years. It's a fun event so please say YES when asked to help or volunteer.

One does not discover new lands without  
consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very  
long time. Anonymous

OCT/NOV 2019

Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00p.m.

Fall First Branch Meeting, **Ice Cream Social @ The Café,**  
Rec 2.

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**Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @**  
**9:15a.m.**

**Great Decisions** will meet at the home of Kathy Buckner. Kay Eakin will facilitate the discussion on the *State of the State Department*. Please let Kathy know if you will be in attendance

Mary Hung, Chair

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**Friday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> @**  
**12:30p.m.**

**The Gourmets** will hold the first of four meetings for the year at La Esquina Argentina, 3960 E Broadway – corner of 40<sup>th</sup> & Broadway. For information about the Gourmets call Carla Burman.

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*Please see your AAUW Directory for contact information regarding Special Interest groups. Personal contact information is not available in the web edition of the newsletter.*

Monday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1p.m.

### Quilt and Craft Group

The Nov meeting will be in the Quilting Room at Leisure World. One thing we will be working on is strip quilts and quilt tops, donated by Cindy Deatsman, that will be donated in our community. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Judy Shahanian, Chair

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**Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> @**  
**9:30a.m.**



**Morning Book Club** will meet at Kathy Buckner's house. Bev Byrd will lead the discussion of *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. Please RSVP to Kathy Buckner. New members are welcome. Please contact Bev Byrd for information.

## OCT/NOV 2019 CALENDAR CONTINUED

**Thursday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup> @  
1:00p.m.**

### **The Ladies of Literature**

will meet at the home of Joanna Larson. Joanna will facilitate the discussion on *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. A North Carolina Coastal Style lunch will be served, including recipes shared by Delia Owens. Please let Joanna know if you will be attending.

**Happy  
Halloween**

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*When elephants fight, it's the  
grass that suffers.*

*African Proverb*

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## **Scholarship Committee News**

### **OCTOBER 2019**

The Scholarship Committee hosted the first annual *SCHOLAR - MENTOR COFFEE* on October 19 from 10:00 A.M. to Noon in the Kitchen Banquet Room off the Club Room, Rec. 1. Scholars had the opportunity to meet each other, share ideas and perhaps meet their mentor for the first time.

This year the East Mesa Branch of AAUW-AZ will be awarding twelve scholars with scholarships. In order to provide each scholar with encouragement, they have been assigned mentors. In previous years, our branch awarded five scholarships. This year because of the Violet Larney Trust, the East Mesa Branch has been able to increase the number of scholarships and the financial assistance for each of our scholars.

Judy Taucher-Lewis

Scholarship Chair

## **Membership Matters**

Welcome to our 2019-2020 program year!

As your Membership VP, I look forward to working with all members of our East Mesa AAUW branch. The Membership Committee is excited to reach out to new members as well as to make certain our current members feel welcomed, supported, and involved.

Please look for and introduce yourself to our newest members...

<b>Monique Bassi</b>	<b>Pat Cuendet</b>
<b>Shirley Davis</b>	<b>Cynthia Jones</b>
<b>Maureen Luna</b>	<b>Doreen Nystedt</b>
<b>Dianne Safford</b>	<b>Diana Sheridan</b>
<b>Gail Sweet</b>	<b>Elaine Webber</b>

### **Bev Zengel**

I would love to have additional volunteers to welcome AAUW members, new and returning, at our meetings. Please contact me if this would be a good fit for you.

**Betsy Flaten, Membership Vice  
President**

## Special News re Branch status from the President

The East Mesa Branch of AAUW is now a 501 (3)C tax exempt charitable organization.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the persistence and tenacity of our treasurer and former President Joanne Walen.

I will share more as soon as possible on what this means for our group.

Thank You Joanne!



*Intelligence is like a river: the deeper it is,  
the less noise it makes.*

*Taken from 8,789 Words of Wisdom by Barbara Ann Kipfer*

*This newsletter and past issues can be found on our branch website at  
<https://eastmesa-az.aauw.net/>*

## AAUW PUBLIC POLICY

### BECAUSE EQUITY IS STILL AN ISSUE!

People join AAUW to find fellowship with like-minded women (and men) who not only have fun in our special interest groups, but also support AAUW's mission of **advancing equity** for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

In **AAUW Arizona** this means a focus on the issues we identified last year as our top concerns

- **support for ERA,**
- **full funding for public education,**
- **equal pay,**
- **stop sexual harassment**
- **access to health care for women.**

### Why AAUW of Arizona is lobbying for the Equal Rights Amendment...a little history

The ERA was first introduced in Congress in 1923 and was reintroduced every year until its passage in 1972. The proposed constitutional amendment required three-fifths of all states to ratify the amendment before fully implementing the ERA. State legislatures were given until 1979 to ratify the amendment, and Congress later extended the ratification deadline to 1982. By the time the final deadline passed in 1982, 35 states approved the ERA, **three states short of ratification.**

We have sat on the ERA since then, until NOW began to agitate for Congress to extend the deadline again and a new fight for the ratification of the ERA began to gain momentum. In March 2017, the state of Nevada voted for ratification and then in May 2018, Illinois also ratified the amendment. **Arizona could be the remaining state needed to vote yes...**

According to Sue Marceau, of the *ERA Task Force AZ and Public Policy Chair of the Prescott Branch AAUW*:

“Make no mistake: **Ratification of the ERA is a vote for family.** When men and women stand up for equality, they **help ensure the economic well-being of children and families. Financial health matters — immensely.**

The impacts of poverty among single-family households headed by women persist from youth to old age because **chronic lower pay translates to financial insecurity and results in lifelong earnings disadvantages spanning generations. Disturbingly, many women end up relying on social services in their later years.**

And here's why. For every dollar paid to Arizona's working men, 81.8 cents on average is earned by the state's women. **The average annual salary difference between Arizona's men and women is \$7,000, accruing to an annual wage gap of \$6 billion.**

**Career earnings tell an even more appalling story nationwide. Consider the compounded value of lost wages to women and their families over a typical 47-year career.** A female high school graduate earns \$700K less than male counterparts, while a female college or university graduate is paid \$1.2 million less, and a woman with a master's, law or medical degree loses out on \$2 million in lifetime earnings.

*The American Association of University Women reports a 7-percent salary difference between males and females just one year after graduating from college.* The deck is stacked against women from the beginning, *and the imbalance magnifies over time.*

*The most meaningful longterm gains in equality for women will arise from the ERA's ratification to become the law of the land.* Equality for women resonates with lobbyists, advocates and average citizens because economic security is paramount to a vibrant society.”  
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To: Residents of Leisure World, Mesa Az.

We would like to invite you to this Mesa Senior Community Benefit. This Event will raise money for Honor Flight Arizona. All proceeds will go to Honor Flight Arizona who fly World War II, Korean War and now Vietnam War Veterans to their Memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veterans. Honor Flight is a 501c3 non-profit organization. (See more info at [www.honorflightaz.org](http://www.honorflightaz.org))

We anticipate over 500 guests at this Dinner with a night of Patriotic Songs, entertainment as well as an important message from the "Key Note Speaker", Rick Hardina, President of Honor Flight Arizona.

We know how Patriotic and supportive of the Veteran Leisure World is and would love for your Residents to attend. It will be a night of honoring our Veterans as well as earning money to donate to this worthy organization.

We also would like to invite any Veteran at Leisure World who served during the years of WWII, Korean or Vietnam War to sign up for an Honor Flight.

Thank you for your time and thanks to your community for all the support that you give to the Veterans.



## Benefit: Honor Flight Chili Dinner

**Date:** November 12, 2019 - 5:45 to 7:30 pm  
Dinner served at 6 with Program to follow (Doors open at 5:15)

**Where:** View Point Ballroom (8700 E. University Dr. Mesa, AZ)

**Cost:** \$10 per ticket **(all proceeds go to Honor Flight Arizona)**  
(Honor Flight takes WWII, Korean and now Vietnam Veterans to our nations capital to honor them and show them their memorials at no cost to the Veteran)

**Menu:** Chili (non meat eaters Baked Potato soup), Salad and Pie

**Program:** Entertainment: Patriotic songs, Trivia, Special Guests that help us learn more about the hardships of our WWII, Korean, Vietnam and other Veterans

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Wishing you and yours a safe  
and fun Halloween.