



### Presidents Message

Thank You to so many for making this a great year! It hardly seems possible that we have only one more business meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup>, before we have our Salad Luncheon and installation of officers on April 8. Our state president will be with us in April to bring greetings and install our officers.

March 28<sup>th</sup> will see our Authors luncheon and we are working hard to make it a great event. Watch for more information inside the Embers. If you haven't got your ticket don't wait get one soon or better yet put together a table of friends.

I'm looking for a coordinator for our summer conversation groups. This group has been comprised of members that stay in the valley during the summer and would like to get together once or twice a month to visit and enjoy each other's company. If you would like to convene this group just send me a text or call and I will be in touch. They have usually met in the Leisure World Café.

On a final note, if you receive an e-mail from me or from any of our members and you don't recognize the e-mail address PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO IT OR OPEN IT. My e-mail address is in the directory and that is the only one I use.

Sandra Lackore

President of the East Mesa Branch of AAUW

**EAST MESA BRANCH AAUW SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**

*featuring*  
**NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR**  
**WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER**



*William Kent Krueger, winner of the Edgar Award for his stand-alone novel Ordinary Grace, and author of the Cork O'Connor mystery series.*

**HOPI ROOM at RECREATION 2 in LEISURE WORLD**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020**

**DOORS OPEN at 10:30 A.M.**

**TICKET COST of \$40.00 covers luncheon and book by author William Kent Krueger**

## Scholarship Luncheon Plans

*Scholarship Luncheon March 28<sup>th</sup>*

*LW's Rec 2 at 10:30 a.m.*

Tickets will be sold at the March 4<sup>th</sup> AAUW meeting. Call Diana Kilby - 210-219-7639 for ticket info. Let's make a goal for 200 tickets sold! Let Joanna Larsen know if you have any dietary needs: 734-649-3893.

Set-up for the luncheon is Friday March 27th at 2:30 pm at Rec 2. We need napkin folders, table setter, Jewelry ladies, and more!

We still need ladies to help on Saturday – cashiers, jewelry assistants, hostesses and 50/50 ticket sellers

Judy Shahanian  
480-459-0455

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Life is a mystery to be unraveled  
not a problem to be solved.

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When you get older, all times are the  
good old times.

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Nothing is so powerful as the moment  
a person learns something from  
a mistake.

*From 1,789 Words of Wisdom by  
Barbara Ann Kipfer*

## Speaker at the AAUW East Mesa Branch March Meeting

**Gloria Montano Greene** serves as **Advocacy Director for Chispa Arizona**, a program of the League of Conservation Voters, that focuses on the empowerment of Latino voices for a cleaner future in Arizona. She is responsible for advancing the organization's legislative and policy priorities, which include energy, public lands, and democracy access.

Gloria has served in leadership roles in the Executive and Legislative Branch of the Federal government, in Tucson, Phoenix, and Washington DC. She also has experience in non-profit advocacy, civic engagement, and Latino engagement.

Gloria has been civically engaged most of her life. She has worked on initiatives that promote public interest, including: immigration reform, border infrastructure, healthcare, political empowerment, and retention and recruitment in higher education of underrepresented communities.

## Membership Matters

### Welcome New Members to AAUW East Mesa

Be sure to add *Mary Flaten and Janice Dill* to your AAUW Directory and welcome them at our general meeting and interest groups.

Welcome new members **Janice Dill & Mary Flaten** to AAUW East Mesa Branch. Add them to your AAUW Directory and make sure to get acquainted at our general meetings and interest groups.

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Betsy Flaten,

Membership Vice President

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FINANCIAL REPORT

REPORT DATE:02/05/2020

**GENERAL FUND**
**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Number of members 76 75 1 2 members joined in January, 1 in Feb.  
 Earlier balance 01/31/20 \$ 5,715.74 \$ 6,257.97

Income

FY to date Budget Remaining  
 Budget

Branch dues @\$22 \$ - \$ -  
 FUNDRAISER \$ - 0 0 \$ (900.00)  
 Fee-Ice cream social 0 0  
 INTEREST 0  
 Deposit \$ 180.00  
 Total income \$ 180.00 \$ -

Expenses

Office Supplies \$ - \$ -  
 Newsletter \$ - \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00  
 Directory \$ - \$ 100.00 \$ 100.00  
 Programs/Meetings \$ (208.85) \$ 500.00 \$ 291.15 room charge-January  
 Conferences \$ - \$ 400.00 \$ 400.00  
 Insurance \$ - \$ 200.00 \$ 15.00  
 Nat., state (new) AAUW Funds \$ (190.50) \$ - \$ - 2 new members nat'l + state;  
 Total expenses \$ (399.35)

**BOARD MEMBERS**

President \$ - \$ 75.00 \$ 75.00  
 Program VP \$ - \$ 100.00 \$ 100.00  
 Membership VP \$ - \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00  
 Secretary \$ - \$ 25.00 \$ 25.00  
 Treasurer (2) \$ - \$ 30.00 \$ 30.00  
 Communications \$ - \$ 25.00 \$ 25.00

CONTINGENCY FUND \* \$ (600.00) \$ 2,100.00 \$ 1,500.00  
 \*501-c-3 fee

Current cash balance02/05/2020 \$ 5,496.39 \$ 5,357.97

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **WORKING for ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CHISPA ARIZONA**

*Chispa Arizona, a program of the League of Conservation Voters, works to engage, elevate and build the political power and civic engagement of Latino communities as we fight for a cleaner future in Arizona.*

**Latinos make up nearly 30% of Arizona's population** and, along with low-income and other communities of color, are **disproportionately affected by climate change and environmental pollution**. Chispa Arizona strives to ensure that Latino families and leaders have a strong voice in the policies that impact our communities and are **directly engaged where climate decisions are made**.

Our organizers work to **support and train grassroots leaders** who will build strong activist networks, **increase our civic participation**, and engage decision-makers to secure just and equitable access to clean air and water, healthy neighborhoods, and a safe climate for generations to come.

#### **WE FIGHT FOR**

- **Conserving Public Lands & Parks:** Our quality of life, history and culture, and public health depend on these important natural resources. We celebrate our connection to the land and work to ensure Arizona's diverse communities are reflected in *the fight for superior and accessible open space for all*.
- **Demanding Clean Air and Clean Energy:** We have a right to breathe clean air. Chispa Arizona is working to advance investments in renewable energy commitments at the state and local level. We are pressuring corporate polluters and fighting for more accessibility at venues where decisions about our energy future are being made. We demand *just rates and an ambitious transition to clean, renewable energy for a healthier future*.
- **Building Democracy & Community Power:** We are committed to helping community members understand decision-maker positions and their subsequent outcomes, and to making voting and public participation more accessible to all. *We are registering voters who are historically underrepresented in the political process*, paving the way for a more broader electorate that better reflect our values and our communities.

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***Mi prioridad es que mi familia y futuras generaciones, que respiren aire limpio y disfruten de la naturaleza en nuestra comunidad.”***

SRA. BLANCA, PROMOTORA

Learn more about Chispa Arizona at <https://chispaaz.org/>

Become an ally - follow Chispa Arizona at <https://www.facebook.com/ChispaAZ/>

Betsy Flaten  
Public Policy Chair

## 2020 Calendar for Groups

### Morning Book Club Thursday March 19 9:30 am

March's book is **THIS TENDER LAND** by William Kent Krueger. What a coincidence that we will get to meet him at the Scholarship Luncheon!!

The leader of the discussion will be Betsy Flaten and the hostess will be Carla Burman at Manor 2414.

After the book club meeting, there may be an option for a field trip to the Heard Museum to see the exhibit: *Away From Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories*.

New Members are always welcome.

Please RSVP if you will or not attend to Carla Burman.

Contact Bev Byrd for information on the book club.

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### WEDNESDAY Mar 18 @ 12:30 p.m.

The **Public Policy Interest Group** will meet for a **salad luncheon** at the home of Sandy Williamson at 2569 LW. The topic will be *Arizona Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*.

Contact Betsy Flaten at [katperson@msn.com](mailto:katperson@msn.com) or 218 491-1777 if you plan to attend. New members are welcome.

### \*\*\*General Meeting Notice\*\*\* Pursuing Climate Justice

AAUW Branch General Meeting  
Wednesday, Mar 4 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Club Room, Rec 1 at LW.

*Gloria Montana Greene, Advocacy Director,  
Chispa Arizona*

### AAUW Quilting - March 9, 2020

We will be working on baby and children's quilts. Strips of cotton fabric will be sewn together, so check your stash and be ready with rotary cutters, machines, and irons. Everyone invited make Charity quilts! 1:00 p.m. in the Sewing room.

Judy Shahanian

480-459-0455

### THE GOURMETS

The Gourmets will have a Turkish Dinner on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 p.m. at Cafe Istanbul (Joanna Larsons) Manor 502. Joanna will bring recipes to All Pierogi this month. R.S.V.P. to her and to get information on what you should bring if you aren't going to be at the February get together at All Pierogio.

### BOOK REVIEW

Meets the third **Wednesday, March 18th**, 9:15 at the LW Cafe.



**American Association of University Women of East Mesa (AZ) Branch**  
**General Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2020**

Welcome Members and 2 Guests

Thank you to Barbara Caswell and the Hostess Committee for today's snacks.

**Elaine Prom:** Quorum established

**Minutes from January Meeting:** Posted with no corrections: approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Amended January report and posted; file report for audit.

**Program:** Arizona Public Policy and Review of Legislative Day (February 4, 2020). This topic explored how legislators can improve support of women issues. The March General Meetings topic will be on Environmental Health

**Old Business:**

- **Nominating Committee:** Joanne Walen announced the candidates for the board positions: Sandra Williamson as Treasurer, Betsy Flaten as VP of Membership and Beverly Byrd as President Elect. Motion to approve the candidates was made by Judy Ruth and seconded by Jan Kelly. The candidates were approved unanimously with installation scheduled at the April General Meeting. Joanne asked for volunteers to fill the Secretary position once Beverly Byrd transitions to President Elect. Seeing no volunteers, the nominating committee will continue to source a replacement.
- **Women in History:** Ruth Pinkus presentation was on the Grimke sisters.
- **Scholarship Luncheon:** Judy Shahanian announced that 21 tables have been sold and that volunteers are still needed as greeters, 50/50 sellers, jewelry aides and cashiers. Event publicity will be in the Leisure World newspaper, Leisure World Post, and the AAUW state newsletter.
- **Larney Trust Committee:** Paperwork has been completed and sent to ACF for both the Reserve Account and the Scholarship Account. A report on the outcome will be presented at the March General Meeting. Board will meet after the General Meeting to finalize and approve an additional document as requested by ACF.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**March 4:** General Meeting

**March 27:** Scholarship Luncheon setup starting at 2:00 pm

**March 28:** Scholarship Luncheon starting at 10:30 am

**April 8:** Officer Installation at the General Meeting at 11:00 am. Arizona AAUW State President, Ana Nygren, will attend.

**Adjournment:** Sandra Lackore at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Byrd, Secretary