

## President's Message

Dear AAUW East Mesa Colleagues

As the December Holidays approach, we are all too aware that this season of the year will be different from any other we have experienced. However, 2020 is almost over and we have several possibilities to prevent this pandemic in the future. We know it will not be an immediate solution but a solution is on the horizon.

Like many of you I have been sorting, cleaning where I haven't cleaned in a while; my sorting has taken on several different projects one that has been particularly meaningful is the sorting of family pictures. Those pictures are reminders of the days of our life that have brought Joy and sometimes tears. But they are the fabric of our lives. They are woven together like a patchwork quilt defining our past but also they lay a foundation for the opportunities that are before us.

As we move forward into 2021 the future of AAUW is before us.

- ❖ We have the opportunity to make life better for so many women in education.
- ❖ We have the opportunity to live every day to the fullest.
- ❖ We have the opportunity to speak the truth.
- ❖ We have the opportunity to support what will make a difference in so many lives.
- ❖ We have the opportunity to define what it means to be the East Mesa Branch of AAUW--not the Leisure World Branch but the all-inclusive East Mesa Branch.

Let us all look forward to a healthy and productive 2021.

Sandra Lackore  
President of the East Mesa Branch of AAUW

Information about Special Interest Groups including meeting dates and times is on the website:

<https://eastmesa-az.aauw.net/interest-groups-2/>

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## INTEREST GROUP UPDATES

🕎 DECEMBER 🕎

### Book Review Group 📖

Will have a ZOOM meeting on **Wednesday, December 16, at 9:15**. Please email if you are interested in joining us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Wednesday @ 9:15**.

Pat Nixon

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Great Decisions will meet on Friday, **December 11**, at 9:15 a.m., by Zoom. The topic will be *Red Sea Security*, with discussion facilitated by Jan Kelly. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to members by Betsy Flaten. Please contact me ([maryhung4@gmail.com](mailto:maryhung4@gmail.com)), for more information.

Mary Hung, Chair

### AAUW Quilters

FaceTime or Zoom meeting on **December 14, 2020 at 1 pm**. Information will be sent to you via e-mail.

Molly has some exciting news to share about our quilt donations.

We'll also do a Show & Tell with our table runners.

So plan to join us on the 14th. All AAUW members are welcome to join our quilt/craft group.

Judy Shahenian

Chair

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### Diversity & Inclusiveness

**DECEMBER 14 @ 4:00PM BY ZOOM**

The December meeting will be facilitated by Sandra Williamson.

Please register your desire to participate in this new study group. We will follow up on our insights from the speakers and study group findings of the Fall Forum on this same subject.

Thirteen of our members attended some portion of the forum and had the benefit of hearing great speakers and participating in small group feedback sessions.

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Betsy Flaten - [katperson@msn.com](mailto:katperson@msn.com).  
to be included on the ZOOM call.



**Ladies of Literature, Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 1 p.m. via Zoom: *Give a Girl a Knife* by Amy Thielen.**

Book Facilitators will be Betsy Flaten & Mary Flaten

A beautifully written food memoir chronicling one cook's journey from her rural Midwestern hometown to the intoxicating world of New York City fine dining and back again in search of her culinary roots.

Before Amy Thielen frantically plated rings of truffled potatoes in some of New York City's finest kitchens for chefs David Bouley, Daniel Boulud, and Jean-Georges Vongerichten she grew up in a northern Minnesota town home to the nation's largest French fry factory, the headwaters of the fast food nation, with a mother whose generous cooking pulsed with joy, family drama, and an overabundance of butter.

Inspired by her grandmother's tales of cooking on the family farm, Thielen moves with her artist husband to the rustic, off-the-grid cabin he built in the woods. There, standing at the stove three times a day, she finds the seed of a growing food obsession that leads to the sensory madhouse of New York's top haute cuisine brigades. When she goes home, she comes face to face with her past, and a curious truth: that beneath every foie gras sauce lies a rural foundation of potatoes and onions, and that taste memory is the most important ingredient of all.

Amy Thielen's coming-of-age account brims with energy, a cook's eye for intimate detail, and a dose of dry Midwestern humor. *Give a Girl a Knife* offers a fresh, vivid view into New York's high-end restaurant before returning Thielen to her roots, where she realizes that the marrow running through her bones is not demi-glace, but gravy honest, thick with nostalgia, and hard to resist."

E-mail Joanna Larson if you would like a Zoom invitation:  
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## INTEREST GROUPS, cont.

**AAUW Gourmets January 22, 2021 at 10 a.m.: Coffee Klatch & Zoom Class: Learn How to Make Yeast Cinnamon Rolls in One-Hour from Start to Eating:**  
Everyone is welcome to join for a virtual visit.

Participants don't have to make Cinnamon Rolls. . . It is also an opportunity for Socializing and Friendship.

And even if Members do make Cinnamon Rolls there will be time to talk while the Cinnamon Rolls rise & when they bake—there are only a few actual minutes of preparation.

**To receive a Zoom Link Invitation:** Please contact Carla Burman at: [burmanCL@yahoo.com](mailto:burmanCL@yahoo.com)  
Or  
Kay Eakin at: [eakin1@cox.net](mailto:eakin1@cox.net)

There will be a Cinnamon Roll Ingredient Kit available for a minimal cost for anyone who does not want to buy 10 pounds of flour or an entire bottle of Saigon Cinnamon; Order deadline will be 1 week before the class. For Leisure World residents, kits will be available for pickup on the patio at 502 Leisure World. For non-residents, pick-up will be on Kay Eakin's patio at 350 Leisure World. Payment for the kit would be dropped off when the kit is picked up.

Anyone who wants the Cinnamon Roll Ingredient Kit, please contact Joanna Larson at [Kirbydog3@icloud.com](mailto:Kirbydog3@icloud.com).

The Cinnamon Roll recipe and instructions will be e-mailed 2 weeks prior to the Zoom class. The only equipment needed will be a rolling pin (or wine bottle—full if you would like to drink as you bake): a 9-inch X 13-inch cake pan; a stiff spoon; a rubber spatula and parchment paper (optional). The Kit cost and ingredient list will be e-mailed with the recipe for those wanting it.

The instructions will also include more information than members may want to know about kitchen chemistry (why this recipe is so fast); baking history; baking bread in the desert; why some flours make a better baked good than others; and information ad nauseam. The information will be indexed so members may select only the information that interests them without having to read everything.

**Bon appétit**

The goal of the **Lunch Bunch** interest group is to get to know members in small groups while enjoying lunch at local restaurants. COVID-19 put Lunch Bunch in a precarious situation. I am delaying our meetings until January and will then re-evaluate. We will start in January with ZOOM lunches or brown-bag lunches outside. If you would like to participate either way, please send your email to Marje Perkins, [marje.perkins@gmail.com](mailto:marje.perkins@gmail.com).

### Morning Book Club

#### Morning Book Club

November was the first Zoom Morning Book Club meeting. While a different process, the discussion was lively and productive.

The December Zoom Morning Book Club meeting on **December 17th** will feature *This Tender Land* by William Kent Kreuger, which was delayed from earlier this year. And in January, the selected book is *King Peggy* by Peggieline Bartels, the story of an American secretary and how she changed an African village.

Morning Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. New members are welcome, so please contact Bev Byrd or Judy Ruth if you are interested in participating.

Beverly Byrd

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#### Looking for a new food source? A note from Carla and Kay and Joanna:

I received this e-mail from Hung Le who is from Gold Star Catering and would have catered the 2020 Scholarship Luncheon. He had excellent reviews. He was so gracious when we cancelled and asked for the return of our deposit. **He is offering a delivery service to Leisure World.** Perhaps we could share this e-mail with our members. It may be helpful to those who prefer not to cook and who do not feel safe eating in restaurants.

Also, **there would be potential to have a Zoom dinner with Hung Le providing the food and we could have Zoom fellowship as we ate our food. I have asked him to share his menus.** We could ask him to make Vietnamese food—he came to the US from Vietnam as a boat refugee as teen and was fostered by a family from Lutheran Social Service. He graduated from the Scottsdale Culinary Institute.

I felt so badly when I had to ask for our deposit back and cancel his services for the Scholarship Luncheon last year—if it had been 3 days later he could have kept the deposit by contract. He was very gracious and returned our deposit immediately. Just a thought. . .

FINAL REPORT from STUDY COMMITTEE ON MISSING and MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN and GIRLS will be the TOPIC for the **JANUARY MEETING** of AAUW EAST MESA BRANCH.

Our speaker for the [January 6](#) AAUW East Mesa Branch general meeting is **Rep. Jennifer Jermaine**, of LD18 in Chandler. In 2019 Representative Jermaine sponsored House Bill 2570, which was signed into law with broad bipartisan support, and she currently chairs the Committee Investigating Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Jermaine and her family have lived in Legislative District 18 for 8 years. She has spent years in the nonprofit sector and helping people start and succeed in small businesses. She is the co-founder of Stronger Together and the We the People Summit, both of which empower individuals to strategize and collaborate to influence public policy.

As a Legislator her focus is on restoring education funding, providing equitable healthcare, protecting our civil rights, and honoring our shared values.

Representative Jermaine has a BA in International Business from San Diego State University and an MPA in Public Administration and Non-profit Administration from Arizona State University.



In March the branch will be asked to vote on a change in bylaws making the Scholarship Chair and co-Chair elected officers. In preparation for that, and in hopes of getting some volunteers for the Nominating Committee to consider, we offer a description of those positions, along with a very heartfelt thank you to Scholarship Chair Judy Taucher-Lewis, who has led this group so ably for the past two years.

**AAUW EAST MESA BRANCH  
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE & MENTORS  
POSITION DESCRIPTIONS**

**I. Responsibilities of the Scholarship Committee Chair**

- A. Chair Meetings.
  - 1. Scholarship Committee Meetings
  - 2. Mentors' Meetings
  - 3. "Scholar - Mentor Coffee" in October ("Coffee" to be planned by the Mentors)
- B. Prepare the Agenda for the above Meetings.
- C. Provide leadership to the Scholarship Committee, Mentors and Scholarship Recipients.
- D. Act as a liaison between the Scholarship Committee and the AAUW of East Mesa Branch Officers.
- E. Communicate with Joy Klein, Scholarship Administrator for the Arizona Community Foundation.
- F. Communicate with the Scholarship Committee, Mentors and Scholars.
- G. Plan Mentors' Meetings with the Chair-elect.
  - 1. Early October Meeting for training and sharing of Ideas .
  - 2. Spring Meeting in March to discuss successes and issues encountered during the year.
- H. The Chair, Chair-elect and the Scholarship Committee will recruit from the AAUW of East Mesa Branch members to become Mentors for the Scholarship Program.
- I. The Chair position will be held for two-years beginning July 1 (every other year).
- J. At the end of the two-year term, the Chair will serve on the Scholarship Committee as the Past Chair for one year or longer if requested by the new Chair.
- K. The position of Scholarship Committee Chair need NOT be filled by someone that is also a Mentor to one of the Scholarship Recipients. The Chair does not need to take on the responsibility of being a Mentor unless that is her choice.

**II. Responsibilities of the Chair-elect**

- A. Prepares to assume the position of the Scholarship Committee Chair.
- B. Recruited by the Scholarship Committee for a one-year term beginning July 1.
- C. Succeeds to the position of the Scholarship Committee Chair immediately following the year as Chair-elect.
- D. Assist the Scholarship Committee Chair in the execution of her duties and chair meetings in her absence.
- E. Act as the liaison between Maricopa Community Colleges and High School advisors and/or counselors in Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa to increase the number of applicants for our scholarships.
- F. The position of Chair-elect need NOT be filled by someone that is also a Mentor to one of the Scholarship Recipients. The Chair-elect does not need to take on the responsibility of being a Mentor unless that is her choice.



**American Association of University Women of East Mesa (AZ) Branch  
General Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2020 1:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Judy Ruth

Quorum established - 36 members attended.

**Program** - Patti Delaney, is a Faith and Action team leader at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in Mesa. She gave an excellent presentation on what is done through Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest to guide Asylum Seekers through the process of coming into the US and getting settled in their destination. Patti highlighted the inside story, and Nancy and the Sparkling Sunglasses. Monetary donations are what is most needed this year, and to support Christmas needs via a check to:

LSS-SW

2502 E. University Dr. Ste. 125

Phoenix, AZ, 85034

Memo: Christmas 2020/AAUW Mesa East

**Minutes from November meeting:** Minutes were distributed via email and EMBers; Motion by Elaine Prom, seconded by Betsy Flaten to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Sandy Williamson presented the report; she shared a thank you note from the Mesa Public Schools for the \$15,500 donation we gave in November. Ending balance in general fund - \$19,035.47. Complete report will be published in December EMBers.

**Other Business:**

**Scholarship Luncheon:** Judy Shahanian - luncheon will be held February 27, 2021. Barbara Peters of the Poison Pen bookstore will set up a webinar, with William Kent Krueger as the featured author. Discussion regarding the format of the webinar and donations to the scholarship fund. We will still accept donations. More information will be coming after January 1, 2021.

**Combining Public Policy/Diversity** - Betsy Flaten reported the Diversity and Inclusiveness group has met, and talked about the plan to address how we can be more inclusive as a group; we want to make sure each member feels comfortable. Also looking at structural racism in our society. Public Policy and Diversity groups will join as there are lots of cross-over issues. Next meeting will be Monday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

**January 6, 2021 Program** - The speaker for the January meeting is Jennifer Jermaine, an Arizona Legislator who sponsored a bill about missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. She will discuss the findings of the committee and the next steps in the issue.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Dill, Secretary

Following is a thank you letter from the Mesa Public Schools for our bequest to their Foundation.



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November 18, 2020

Ms. Sandra K. Lackore  
President of the East Mesa Branch of AAUW  
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Dear Ms. Lackore,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and the East Mesa Branch of AAUW for the very generous gift you made to the Mesa Public Schools Foundation. Your charitable gift will help so many children in our District.

Like you, I look forward to hearing from the Foundation's president about how your gift has impacted our most disadvantaged children.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andi Furlis".

Andi Furlis

CC: Janita Pickett Gordon, President, Mesa Public Schools Foundation

"Save the Date"

**Feb. 27, 2021**

AAUW Scholarship Luncheon

Poisoned Pen's Barbara Peters  
will host a webinar with William  
Kent Krueger!

This will be a Zoom meeting and  
free to everyone. More  
information will be coming  
soon. Time will depend on  
Barbara and Kent.

So mark your calendar for Feb.  
27, 2021.

Judy Shahanian  
Event Coordinator

Year End Giving to AAUW

I am sure that many of you give more than  
\$300.00 annually to a charity. But I did  
want to call to your attention that in 2020  
the CARES act provides for a \$300.00  
deduction from income for a documented  
charitable contribution.

If you are thinking of a contribution to  
National AAUW, please consider giving to  
their *undesignated* fund. Their  
designated funds, most of which are  
endowed, are fairly well funded, and they  
find their greatest need, at this point in  
time, in undesignated.

In all instances, check with your financial  
advisor prior to making any charitable  
contributions.

Sandra Lackore

My term as Newsletter Editor will end in April, so I'm already actively seeking  
someone who would be willing to take on this position. Thanks to Cynthia, our  
former editor, the template she passed on to me in Word is so easy to work with  
that I find I can put the newsletter together easily in 1 or 2 days once all articles  
are in. It's a simple matter of "copy and paste." If you have any computer skill(s)  
at all, please consider offering your time for this important job. You can contact  
me ([jwalen.aauw@gmail.com](mailto:jwalen.aauw@gmail.com)) or Sandra ([cdlackore@aol.com](mailto:cdlackore@aol.com)). It has been a  
pleasure working remotely from Nevada for you this year.

Joanne Walen



## AAUW EAST MESA BRANCH

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BRANCH ACCOUNT

Number of 2020-21 Branch members 66  
 Cash Balance at 10/31/2020 \$ 19,166.90

INCOME

	FY to date	Spending Plan	Remaining Budget
Larney Reserve Fund	\$ 16,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Transferred from Schsrp Acct Fundraiser	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 1.32	\$ 8.00	\$ -
Member Dues Deposit	\$ -	\$ 920.00	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,668.22</b>	<b>\$ 928.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

EXPENSES

PO Box rental (3/2021)	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Room Rent/Programs	\$ 125.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 575.00
Hospitality-meetings	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Directory printing	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Newsletter-postage/printing	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
BOD end-of-year luncheon	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
State Conventions	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Regional Conventions	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
AAUW Funds-Nat'l & State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Branch Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,085.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,960.00</b>

BOARD MEMBERS

President	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Program VP	\$ -	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
Membership VP	\$ -	\$ 133.00	\$ 133.00
Secretary	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Treasurer	\$ 7.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 22.25
Communications	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Board Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7.75</b>	<b>\$ 423.00</b>	<b>\$ 415.25</b>

2019-20 LARNEY RESERVE GRANTS remaining funds	\$ -	\$ 5,509.00	
East Mesa Branch - Dedicated Donation Funds	\$ -	\$ 7,654.85	
Mesa Public Schools Foundation \$5,000 eye exams/glasses; \$8,500 technology; \$2,000 clothes & shoes	\$ 15,500.00		\$ 15,500.00
AAUW National-Emerging Needs	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
EMB Programs	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
Scholarship Lunch Expenses	\$ -		\$ 4,500.00
Dir/Officers Liability Insur-due 6/2021	\$ -		\$ 500.00
<b>Month's Total Grant Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,163.85</b>	<b>\$ 22,500.00</b>

**CASH BALANCE 11/30/2020****\$ 19,035.47**

## LARNEY TRUST RESERVE &amp; CONTINGENCY FUND

Remaining LT Grant Monies & EMB Dedicated Funds	\$ (13,163.85)	
* Contingency	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 1,500.00

FUNDS AVAILABLE for use at 11/30

**\$ 4,371.62**