



East Mesa (AZ) Branch



November, 2021

New Look to EMBers

The focus of the EMBers will be on state and branch initiatives and events, and is condensed.

The **website** should be used to access minutes, special interest groups, handbook, etc. Click below

<https://eastmesa-az.aauw.net/>

November Speaker

Our General Meeting schedule resumes November 3 with guest speaker, Stephanie Parra, Executive Director of *All In Education* - an advocacy group that ensures those most impacted by education inequities are the ones making the decisions for ALL children. The organization is concerned with academic opportunity gaps for Latino students, which widened during Covid-19.



Stephanie Parra

President's Message

The year 2020 was a year of transition as we moved from in-person to ZOOM meetings, a new technology for many. We are prepared to make the transition back to in-person meetings and reacquaint ourselves with our fellow AAUW members while navigating issues around the reality of the evolving pandemic.

Your resiliency, fortitude, commitment and dedication to our AAUW values were key to maintaining our branch activity throughout 2020 and into 2021. I want to personally thank everyone for your perseverance in working through the challenges.

Currently, Leisure World has no restrictions or mask requirements in their meeting rooms. However, your comfort level is important to us as we resume in-person meetings. So please feel free to continue whatever precautions you are comfortable with as we meet in-person starting in November.

I look forward to seeing you at our November general meeting and continuing our tradition of branch growth and support of AAUW's mission.

--- Beverly Byrd, President

Special Interest Groups

- Great Decisions – 2nd Fridays at 9:15 a.m. in members' homes. Chair – Mary Hung
- Public Policy/Diversity & Inclusiveness – Betsy Flaten and Sandra Lackore – Meeting time TBD
- Gourmet Divas – 4th Thursday of the month. Chair – Lynn Peters
- Book Review – 3rd Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. in the LW Cafe. Chair – Pat Nixon
- Ladies of Literature – 3rd Thursday in a members' home at 1 pm. Chair – Joanna Larson
- Quilters and Crafters – 1 pm on the 2nd Monday at LW Sewing Room. Chair – Judy Shahrenian
- Morning Book Group – 3rd Thursday at 9:30 am in member's home. Judy Ruth & Janice Dill
- Food and Friends – meets 4 times per year. Chairs - Carla Burman and Kay Eakin

Lets Fall into a habit of service and kindness!



Activity Fair

November 5

Hopi/Pima Room 1- 3 pm

The East Mesa Branch of AAUW will have a table at the Leisure World Activity Fair.

This is an excellent opportunity for us to educate friends and neighbors about our branch and its' activities. In addition to discussing our:

Mission: - AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy,

Vision: - Equity for all.

Values - Nonpartisan, Fact based, Integrity, Inclusion & Intersectionalities.

AAUW brochures and application forms will be available. Thanks to Jan Kelly, the photos of our scholars and mentors from the Scholar/Mentor Coffee held in October will be displayed. And don't forget there is a door prize from every booth, including ours.

Stop by and say hi! Let's show Leisure World that we are the organization to join.

Scholars and Mentors Connect

The Scholarship Committee hosted a Scholar Coffee on October 23. The East Mesa Branch sponsors 12 women scholars annually to 2 year, 4 year and graduate degree programs. Paired with each scholar is a mentor and branch member. While the scholars and mentors meet during the year, the Scholar Mentor Coffee provides the scholars and mentors time to socialize as a group and affords the scholars access to other scholar recipients for networking.



General Meetings 1st Wednesday of the month 1- 3 pm in the Club Room

Social Time – 1 pm Meetings start at 1:30 pm.

November 3, 2021

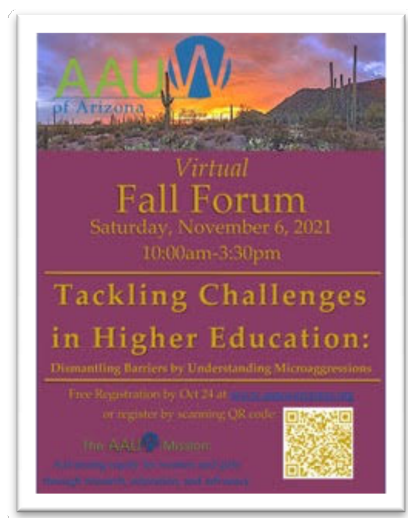
December 1, 2021

January 5, 2022

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

April 6, 2022



Don't forget the Fall Forum – November 6 – 10 am – 3:30 pm

