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December 2023

## General Meeting December 6, 2023

Join us Wednesday, December 6 for our monthly meeting AND a bit of Christmas Cheer! Christmas tea and cookies will help us make the season merry. Bring your favorite holiday mug to enjoy the tea!

Our speaker will be Polly Bennett from the Mesa Public Library, addressing **banned books**. Gather at 1:00 for tea; meeting starts at 1:30.

### Important Vote at Meeting

At the meeting we will have a vote to change the membership portion of our local bylaws to add a membership category "Friend of East Mesa AAUW". We first presented it last April, and the Board approved it at our November meeting. The change will allow those without a college degree to be a part of our activities.

### Get Involved – Make an Impact

**DEI Public Policy group** will have Marcie Hutchison, President of the Mesa School Board, speak at their meeting on December 11, 3 p.m. in Rec 3 Navajo Room. Contact Betsy Flaten for more information



## Save the Date – March 2, 2024 Author/Scholar Luncheon

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! On Saturday, March 2, Carol Dunbar, the author of *The Net Beneath Us* and *A Winter's Rime* will be our speaker. A bit about Carol from her website:

*Carol has been writing books since kindergarten and worked freelance as a ghostwriter on her path to becoming a novelist. In 2023, her debut novel, The Net Beneath Us, won the Edna Ferber Fiction Book Award, was shortlisted for a WLA Literary Award, and was an honoree for The Society of Midland Authors Fiction Book Award. Her stories have appeared in The New York Times, Lit Hub, Brevity, The South Carolina Review, and others.*

I encourage you to visit her website – [caroldunbar.com](http://caroldunbar.com) to learn more about Carol.

In addition, this will be a chance for you to meet this year's AAUW scholars. All attendees will receive a copy of Carol's book, *The Net Beneath Us* and we also will have a silent auction with proceeds going to the Leisure World Scholarship Fund. The auction winner will be a minor character in Carol's third book.

Carol has a connection to Leisure World, as her in-laws Bob and Vivian Dunbar reside here. Tickets will be available starting February 1, 2024.



# Merry Christmas