



## East Mesa Branch Newsletter

January, 2025

“Defeating Human Trafficking is a great moral challenge of our time” -Condeleeza Rice

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PESIDENT-From Janice Dill

Happy New Year ladies – I want to thank each of you for being a part of AAUW, and believing in our mission. There is much we can't control right now in our world; let us work on areas where we can make an impact - Who can we advocate for? Who can we help? I challenge you to be involved.

Speakers for both our February and March meetings promise to be exciting. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, speakers from Northwest Valley AAUW will introduce the “We Made History!” Project. It was launched last year and is co-chaired by Debbie Hansen, Bonnie Boyce-Williams and Sharon Phelps. Debbie, who has taught life-story writing for more than 30 years, will present “From Girdles and Gloves to the Glass Ceiling and Beyond.” Her team will guide us through the steps of story preservation - remembering, recording and sharing. More information will follow: February 5<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m.

The winds of March will bring change – our March meeting will be on Saturday, the 1<sup>st</sup>, and include a special presentation– “Quilting in America” by Penny Boese, an award-winning Chandler quilter. We invite the community to attend this event, soo invite a friend– an opportunity to learn about the impact quilts have had on society, and a chance to introduce new women to AAUW. Our meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. in the Rec 1 ballroom, and the quilt presentation will get underway at 11:00 a.m.

In addition, I encourage you to explore our special interest groups, and attend our meetings on a regular basis. Let me know if you have suggestions to make our branch more effective.

*Janice Dill, President, East Mesa Branch*

### REGIONAL –From Bev Byrd:

Save the Date: AZ Spring Forum, Sat., March 29, 2005, 10 am-4 pm-“Opportunities for Change” Megan Kissell, MSW, AAUW Senior Director, Policy and Senior Advocacy & Jodi Liggett, Founder, AZ Center for Women’s Advancement-Scottsdale Community College Look for more details to follow.

### NATIONAL-From Sandra Lackore:

Please give your feedback to National regarding the proposed dues increase- See Shannon Wolfe email to members from January 8

**WOMEN IN HISTORY**-January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month so I wanted to present a woman who has been instrumental in fighting child sex trafficking. Marilyn Carlson Nelson, owner and former CEO of the Carlson hospitality group that owns Radisson hotels, was one of the first business owners to sign the ECPAT Code to train employees in what to look for and what to do in cases of suspected child sex trafficking.

**TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER**-One of the highlights of my life was meeting President and Mrs. Carter at their home in Plains, GA. I was a finalist for Director of the new Rosalyn Carter Institute at GA Southwestern University and met for my interview with Rosalyn at her home. While there, he came out and I stood and said “Hello, Mr. President.” He threw his arms around me and said: “Call me Jimmy!” I didn’t get the job, but would not have traded the experience of meeting them for anything!