 East Mesa Branch Newsletter

March, 2025- Women’s History Month

*My mother always used to say-the older you get, the better you get-- unless you’re a banana.*  Betty White

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| MESSAGE FROM THE PESIDENT-From Janice Dill  President’s Message  Happy Spring! – It’s just around the corner! Our March meeting and presentation by Penny Boese – “Quilting in America” was a success! Thanks to all who participated by bringing quilts. Thanks too, to those who responded to the electronic vote for officers. Our final meeting will be Wednesday, April 2. Lunch will be sandwiches. We will provide the sandwiches; you can bring your own drink. A donation jar will be available!  I hope to see you in April; we need your input on programming for next year.  *Janice Dill, President, East Mesa Branch* |
| Legislative Day was an informative, interactive and well attended session with 8 East Mesa branch members attending. The event kicked off with Ellie Perez, Political Director, Arizona Education Association who was a DACA recipient emigrating to Arizona with her mother and siblings at the age of 4. Ellie presented her perspective of education, immigration and the financial impact on the state.  Jodi Liggett, AAUW Lobbyist, gave an overview of what’s happening in the legislature and upcoming bills. Jennifer Burns, Director of Government Relations and Health Policy for the Children’s Action Alliance, discussed how catastrophic Medicaid cuts would impact the state budgets and public health. The final speaker was Mary Jo Pitzl, senior reporter for the Arizona Republic, who presented how journalism impacts public opinion and policy. During lunch, there was a panel of 7 state senators and representatives who presented their perspective of the upcoming bills and what can be done in the current political environment. -Bev Byrd  C:\Users\maryd\OneDrive\Desktop\Newsletter.AAUW\thumbnail (1).jfifC:\Users\maryd\OneDrive\Desktop\Newsletter.AAUW\thumbnail (2).jfif |