



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Becky Gifford

I had the happiness on March 23 to go to a birthday party for a 95 year old woman. It was a joyful event and I very much enjoyed it. It also started me thinking about birthdays.

This branch, the Hot Springs - Hot Springs Village Arkansas AAUW Branch, is celebrating its' 90th birthday! Founded in 1923, this branch has gone through many different stages as history has changed many things. For more detail, go to the new HS- HSV website - to see Meg Koziar's article about the history of the branch. The address is: <http://hshsv-ar.aauw.net/files/2013/01/AAUW-Branch-History.pdf> At the next meeting, April 17th, 11:00 at Diamante Club, we will have a birthday party for the branch including a birthday cake. Don't miss it!

I find birthdays are also a good time for self-reflection. So I went looking for some wisdom about education and ideas to live by that mean much to me.

I found some words of wisdom and advice from AAUW Former Fellows and grant alumnae.

<http://www.aauw.org/2009/08/17/words-of-wisdom-advice-from-aauw-former-fellows/>

The advice includes:

"Embrace the opportunity to develop higher-order critical thinking. This gift allows you to give back

in whichever sector of society you are engaged in — in a more effective and creative manner." – Elspeth Slayter

"Find a topic you really love. If you don't love it, don't do it." – Nancy Segal

"Finding a mentor who will provide you with thoughtful and frank wisdom and expose their own wounds will help carry you a long way." – Rhonda Williams

"If you have a dream, you owe it to yourself to give it your best shot." – Rashi Bahri
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April Annual Meeting

By Mary Jane Attwood



Susan Brayford, member and President-elect of our branch, will be guest speaker at our April 17 meeting. Susan is Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at

Centenary College in Shreveport, LA. We look forward to her program on Women and Religion, celebrating our 90th birthday, and voting for our 2013-2014 officers.

We will begin our program at 11:00 am. A TRIO Salad (chicken salad, pasta salad and a green salad) and dessert will be served for lunch at 12:00 with a short meeting afterwards. Vegetarian plates will also be available. Send \$14 payable to AAUW to Barb Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV by **April 10**. Please make your reservations early if possible.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

By Barbara Larson,
Treasurer



Now is the time to renew membership for next year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). It would be good if we could get all the renewals in before June 30 so our new treasurer will not have to start out her tenure chasing down members.

The renewal is the same as last year - \$64 – which covers national, state, and branch dues. Additionally, new members may join now for \$64 which will pay their dues for the remainder of this fiscal year and on through June 30, 2014.

The \$64 membership is the routine fee for one year in all levels. This is referred to as member of branch or MOB (sounds binding, doesn't it?). There is also an MBHL - which is an honorary lifetime membership awarded to women after 50 consecutive years of membership. These ladies pay no dues at all. We currently have three MBHL's in our branch. Finally, there is an MBL – paid life-branch member, which this year is a total of \$995. These members pay only state and branch dues each year. We have six MBL's in our branch. The advantage of paid life, in addition to not being affected by any increase in national dues that may occur, is that all of the \$980 which goes to national is tax deductible. So if you are seeking deductions for 2014 and also wish to support AAUW, the MBL status is very attractive.

Renewal fees may be sent to Barbara Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV, AR 71909. If you are interested in the MBL, please call Barbara Larson.

Save The Date...October 11-12



Cynthia Saalfeld, Chris Cash, Susan Brayford, Mary Kay Benkert, and Becky Gifford are sharing ideas for our Book Sale, Oct. 11-12, 2013. Tuesday, April 2 is our first sorting day.

The Sunshine Committee

By Marge Collin



A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Helen Valentine to support her while she is dealing with her husband's illness.

A "Get Well" card was sent to Barbara Booth who is in Good Samaritan's rehab recovering from a broken ankle.

Thanks to all the members who are so conscientious about notifying me when a member needs our support.

I can be reached at margaret.collin@att.net or 922-6032.

This month is our first edition with the newly designed AAUW logo.

Update

Book Sale



Our first sorting day will be April 2, 10:00-12:00 at UUVC, 403

Barcelona Road.

Jeanne Koons and Sue Barber are April monthly sorting leaders.

During the first sorting, we will make and label boxes and organize the non-fiction categories. Time permitting, we will start sorting and pricing the hardcover books in the storage room that we have collected over the winter.

AAUW Scholarship Committee News

By Diana Reeves

The Scholarship Committee will be interviewing National Park Community College students for AAUW's 1st/2nd Year Regular Scholarships and AAUW's Transfer Scholarships Monday, April 15 and Monday, April 29.

The AAUW Board has approved seven \$1400.00 scholarships to be given for the 2013-14 school year to 1st/2nd year NPCC students. These scholarships are made possible by the success of our 2012 AAUW Book Sale.

In addition, Jeanne Koons is funding a one year scholarship for a 1st/2nd year minority student at NPCC. Mrs. Koons stated that she wanted to give a scholarship to a woman of a different ethnic background since this is one of the priorities of the National AAUW Organization.

Five Endowed/Transfer Scholarships (President's, Coolidge, Fox, Gifford, and Maack-Ormsbee) will be given to students who will attend four year colleges. In addition, Gene Heath yearly gives a Transfer

Scholarship in memory of her daughter Jeanie Marie Paris. The Transfer Scholarships will also be \$1400.00 each.

AAUW members who have contributed to the AAUW Funds at NPCC from April 30, 2012 to December 31, 2012 are, Joan Choyce, Velma and John Coolidge, Rita Davis, Wilma Gunn, Gene Heath, Jeanne Koons, Meg Koziar, Diana Reeves, and Suzanne Stofer.

The Scholarship Committee appreciates the generosity of these donors and the hard work of AAUW members who make the AAUW Book Sale a success.

Contributions can be made to the AAUW Funds at NPCC at any time. Contact Diana Reeves or Lisa Carey, Director of Development at National Park Community College for instructions.

AAUW FUND: The Leadership Fund

This is the final article about the five AAUW funds. The Leadership Programs Fund supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. The funds are used for the following programs:

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Campus Action Projects

Elect Her

Donations to the five funds that we have reviewed this year can be made online at aauw.org or to Fund Chair Linney Rohrer or Treasurer Barbara Larson.

Looking Ahead

- April 17 General Meeting & Luncheon
Diamante 11:00, Susan Brayford
- April 19-20 Arkansas AAUW State
Convention Little Rock
- May 15 Social-Cortez Pavilion
- June 9-12 AAUW National Convention
New Orleans, LA
- June 30 Deadline for renewing
membership for 2013-2014



Celebrating 90 Years Hot Springs/HSV AAUW 1923-2013

We will be celebrating our 90th anniversary at our April meeting. Come join us as we recognize the members who started our branch. A delicious cake will be served.

Serendipitous Outings

by Suzanne Stofer

Serendipitous Outings had to cancel their visit to Riley Glass and Dryden Pottery March 18 due to illness and weather. Judy Theobald (judick@suddenlink.net, 915-9315) is in charge of rescheduling, so let her know if you are interested.

Once that outing is rescheduled, we will plan a visit to the Clinton Center and River Market area for either a walking tour or a segway tour (check it out at segwayar.com -- look under What We Do or type in "tours" in the search box.) Suzanne Stofer (226-5036 or suzannestofer@yahoo.com) is in charge of the segway outing, so let her know if you are interested.

Remember: Meg sends the e-mails for us so you know that they are AAUW approved/sanctioned events, but PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO HER -- the person who schedules the event is the one you should contact!

Benches for Education ...A Donation to WinRock International

Our branch raised over \$1400 to purchase benches, uniforms, etc. for the village of Nialya, which is near Faramah, Guinea, Africa. This donation was given to AnaisTroadec at our March 20 general meeting. Anais, a guest speaker at our January meeting, noted that students in many African village schools lacked benches to sit on and that local carpenters could build them for \$9. Our donation will make a difference for many students and the school facilities.

Our donation is reported in a WinRock volunteer blog. To read about Anais and our donation, click link below.

<http://winrockvolunteers.wordpress.com/>

Interest Groups

Novel Discussions

April 2

Book: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Leader: Jeanie Olstad

Hostess: Mary Kay Benkert

May 7

Book: *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Leader: Barb Mulley and Ronnie Zuege

Hostess: Jeanie Olstad

Contemporary Literature

April 23 11:30 Diamante

Book: *Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht

Leader: Jane Schenkelberg

May 23 11:30 Diamante

Book planning luncheon

Non-Fiction

April 18

Book: *The Panic Virus: A True Story About Medicine, Violence, and Fear* by Seth

Minookan

Leader: Helen Valentine

Hostess: Kathy Jarvis at Christ of the Hills

May 16

Book: *Beyond the Beautiful Forever: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by

Katherine Boo

Leader: Ronnie Zuege

Hostess: Pam Burns

Mah Jongg 101

Mah Jongg meets in members' homes every Friday from 1:00 to 4:00. For information on joining our group, call Paula Alan at 226-5088.

Biography

The newly formed Biography Interest group will be meeting on May 22 at 10:00 am in the home of Bev Smith. The book to be discussed is *The Duchess* originally published as *Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire*, winner of the prestigious Whitbread Prize for biographies. Anyone interested in participating in this group which meets 4 times a year is encouraged to contact Becky Elliott (elliottbecky@sbcglobal.net). The 2008 movie of the same name starring Keira Knightly and Ralph Fiennes is based on this book which is set in the late 18th century.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet April 9, 9:30 at UUVC. Rita Davis will facilitate the discussion *NATO*. New members are welcome. For more information on joining this group, contact Mary Jane Attwood (915-0206) or Rita Davis (922-0965).

Hot Springs Cultural Events

The Cultural Activities for the coming month are the following films at 2:00 Sunday afternoons at the Carmike Movie Theater on Higdon Ferry Road:

April 7 --La Fille Mal Gardee, Royal Ballet

April 14 --Eugene Onegin, Royal Opera House

April 21 --Rite of Spring, Bolshoi Ballet

April 28 --Il Trovatore, Gran Teatre del Liceu

Those interested, please contact Jackie Thornton at 501-318-0875 or jac26d71@sbcglobal.net.

Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW Branch

April 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sorting 10:00 UUV Novel Discussion 10:00	3	4	5 Mah Jongg 1:00	6
7 HS Cultural Events	8	9 Great Decisions 9:30 UUV	10 Reservation Deadline for April general meeting/ luncheon	11	12 Mah Jongg 1:00 Reservation deadline for State Conven.	13
14 HS Cultural Events	15 NPCC Scholarship Interviews	16	17 General Meeting Diamante 11:00	18 Non-fiction Book Group 10:00	19 State Convention Little Rock Mah Jongg 1:00	20 State Convention Little Rock
21 HS Cultural Events	22	23 Cont. Literature 11:00 Diamante	24 HSV Community Fair 10-2	25 Hot Sheet Articles Due	26 Mah Jongg 1:00	27
28 HS Cultural Events	29	30				

MONEY MATTERS

Send checks payable to AAUW for luncheon reservations to Barbara Larson, 16 Galeon Way, HSV 71909. If you are attending the meeting and not eating, please let Barbara Larson know in order to have enough seating.

Barbara Larson is collecting money through June 30 for the 2013-2014 membership year which begins July 1. Cost is \$64 for national and state dues. Please remember to pay before starting your summer travels.



78th ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

Heifer International 1 World Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 19-20, 2013

Tentative Agenda

Friday, April 19 4:00pm Tour of Heifer International

6:30pm Dinner at Holiday Inn Presidential (cost extra; not included in registration fee)

Saturday, April 20 – Heifer International 8:00 am
Registration Opens
9:00 am Silent Auction Bidding Begins
9:30 am Flag Ceremony and Girl Scout Gold Award Winners
9:45 am Welcome - Maria Jones, Little Rock Branch President and Debory Wade AR AAUW President
10:00 am Keynote Speaker - Connie Hildebrand, AAUW National Board Member
10:30 am Break
11:00 am Silent Auction Closes
11:00 am Access to Justice Panel featuring National AAUW LAF Plaintiff Virginia LeBlanc and Arkansas Access to Justice Commissioner Annabelle Imber Tuck
12:00 pm Lunch with Featured Speaker Shirley Breeze, AAUW Leadership Core
1:00 pm Silent Auction Bids Awarded and Donations Collected
1:30 pm State Business Meeting

Please Note: Our branch will pay \$30 of the registration fee for 5 delegates. At the present time, we have two members attending. If you would like to attend, please contact Treasurer Barbara Larson.

Access to Justice



Hotel: Holiday Inn Presidential
1-888-465-4329

(Special rates deadline has already passed.)

Please send the following information below by April 12 made out with your check for \$45 to Maria Jones, 5413 Hawthorne Rd, Little Rock, AR 72207-3751.

(Please Print)

Name:

Branch:

Preferred way to be Contacted:

Email:

Phone:

Type of Registration (Please Circle):
MEMBER or STUDENT

Are you a 50+ year Member (Please Circle)
YES or NO

Please list any dietary restrictions:

Please check if you will be

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Attending the Heifer Tour
and/or

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Attending Friday Dinner

HSV/HS AAUW Branch Minutes

March 20, 2013

Pat Mershon, Secretary

Mary Jane Attwood, Program Chair, introduced our speaker, Commander for the American Legion Department of Arkansas, Mary Erdman, who spoke about her life and its many challenges and accomplishments. Locally, she has been Director of Nurses at Good Sam's and Commander of the General Staff at Camp Robinson. She continues in her efforts to pave the way for young women in their endeavors. She was surprised to learn that all of our AAUW Branch Scholarships go to non-traditional students.

President Becky Gifford opened the meeting after lunch. Thirty-six members and 3 guests attended the meeting. Sue Luerksen, Membership Chair, introduced our guests: Lida Bagini, Suzanne Bratcher, Anais Troadec, and Terry Smith--all of whom intend to join AAUW.

Ronnie Zuege and Becky have been setting up our website and it is now functional. They have been working with NPCC and Fountain Lake High School students. The site is open to the public but there is a members only section--Password is Hot Sheet. There is a calendar of events, History Section by Meg Koziar, and a member application form. Our goal is to connect to Facebook and Twitter. Paula Alan has volunteered to help with this committee.

Becky sent a letter to NPCC in support of their mileage campaign in Garland County. Early voting is from April 4-9 at the Chamber of Commerce.

Treasurer Barbara Larson presented a check for \$1,427 to Anais Troadec for the Bench Program for a rural school in Guinea. Anais thanked us and told us about the school and how she is encouraging girls in Guinea to get an education.

Mary Jane Attwood showed us the partially filled basket donated by Paula Mathews, for the Silent Auction at our State Convention in Little Rock, April 11-20th. She asked for more donations to fill the basket. We have room for 4 more delegates to represent our branch at the convention. Each attendee receives \$30 of the \$45 registration fee.

Mary Jane announced the April Meeting will be at Diamante Country Club and Susan Brayford will be the speaker. Our annual May Party will be held at Cortez Pavilion and she has asked us to bring appetizers. There will be an anniversary cake to celebrate our 90 years.

Mary Jane has asked for suggestions for next year's programs. Anais Troadec and Susan Brayford have already agreed to be on next year's programs.

Becky Gifford reminded us that money for new name badges should be sent to Barbara Larson soon, as May is the last time the badges will be made at NPCC in this school year.

Becky announced the nominees for next year's Branch Board. They are President Elect, Pam Burns; Treasurer, Meg Koziar; and Vice President of Membership, Sue Luerksen.

Barbara Larson, Treasurer, reminded us that annual dues of \$64, of which \$46 are tax deductible, are due now. Anyone joining now will also have next year's dues paid.

General Fund Balance is \$2,038 and Book Fund Balance is \$2,299.

Mary Kay Benkert, Book Sale Co-Chair, announced that our first book sorting day will be April 2, at 10:00.

For those who are collecting books, the boxes at the Library belong to the Library. Please leave them. We need more volunteers to collect from the barrels.

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee announces the following slate of officers for 2013-2014. Pam Burns, President-elect; Sue Luerksen, VP of Membership; Meg Koziar, Treasurer. The election of officers will take place at the April 17 Branch meeting with nominations from the floor accepted. Members of the board continuing in office will be Susan Brayford and Paula Mathews, Co-presidents; Mary Jane Attwood, VP Programs; Pat Mershon, Secretary.

President's Message (Cont. from p. 1)

"Go for it! The degree signals that you've worked hard for something and you made it — that regardless of the obstacles, you were able to persevere and follow your dreams. We all should be dream keepers. All of us." — Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz

"Study hard. Plan well. Have hope. Never give up your dream. Balance work and play." — Kimberly Ennico

"Don't lecture people on what they should do; show them what they can do. Educate yourself and be open to change." — Dianne Braden

"It's important to stay focused and to embrace the challenge of learning new skills. It can pay dividends to go outside of your comfort zone." — Valerie Streit

AAUW Diversity Statement:

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.



Membership News

By Sue Luerssen

We had 35 members and three guests attend our March 20th branch meeting. Since the beginning of the

AAUW fiscal year, we have nine new members and one member returning after being gone for a year. Please welcome our three new members:

Suzanne Bratcher — came to Arkansas from Arizona and was a University Professor teaching English/English Education. She is definitely interested in our book clubs and would like to share her teaching and writing talents

Anais Troadec — came to Arkansas in 2007 and is interested in women's issues in education and the work place. Anais was our guest speaker earlier in the year talking about her wonderful work with WinRock International.

Terry Smith — has been living in Arkansas since 2000 and is interested in sharing her hospitality skills with the group. She is interested in opera, bridge, reading and comparative religions.