



# THE HOT SHEET

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## A Season to be Generous

Pam Burns, President

Members of our branch donated money to provide two scholarships honoring Gene Heath and Diana Reeves. It was noted at the Scholarship Luncheon that these two ladies have something in common: They are both generous and have served the branch in many different ways.

As we close 2014 and look ahead to 2015, the nominating committee will be contacting members about serving in a leadership role for 2015-2016. We need a President, President-Elect, VP of Membership, and Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve in one of these positions, please contact the nominating committee: Paula Mathews, Carol Freeland and Nancy Alkov.

In addition, we need a Book Sale Chair and Co-chair. If you can serve as the leader of our most important event of the year, please contact me at (jbreelem@yahoo.com). Someone told me at the luncheon, that this is her favorite meeting of the year. Please remember that this luncheon is not possible unless someone steps up and chairs the Book Sale.

This is the season of joyful music, family gatherings, holiday festivities, giving gifts, and sharing memories of the year. We will not have a general meeting during the holiday season but look forward to the **February 18, 2015** meeting at the Fordyce Bath House in Hot Springs for our Diversity program.



The AAUW Board wishes all of you who celebrate, a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



## Diversity Statement

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

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## Looking Ahead-Schedule

- January 31 Second Chance Book Sale
- February 10 Lobby Day 2015  
18 Diversity Program & Meeting
- March 5 Board Meeting
- April 15 Branch Annual Meeting
- May 20 Annual Social

Information about these events will appear in the monthly *Hot Sheet*.



### AAUW Fund Honorees for 2014-15

This is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW Funds, a major source of funding for graduate women. Over 3.7 million dollars has been awarded in 2014 for scholarships, research, and action grants so women can pursue graduate studies.

Not only does our branch support local scholarships, but yearly makes a contribution to AAUW Funds to help women with graduate work. In addition, sixteen of our members contributed \$742.00 toward this funding.

With AAUW's \$2000 contribution, we have the opportunity to honor our

members and friends who have supported AAUW programs through the Named Gift Honoree Program.

This year Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW is adding four persons to this esteemed list of AAUW members who have supported AAUW programs. Those people are members Sue Luerssen, Pam Palis-Kalisz, Myra Sanders, and AAUW friend Jim Whisonant (aka Susan Brayford's husband).

Read AAUW's Outlook Magazine to learn about recipients' studies, research, and projects.



Our AAUW Scholarship Luncheon on November 15<sup>th</sup> was wonderful. We heard some very touching stories from women in whose lives we have been able to help make a difference.

Twelve of the 18 scholarship recipients were able to join us as well as five people from NPCC – Dr. Hogan (the president), Jane Yamouchi, Susan Aldridge, Maggie Picking and Dr. Rebekah Robinette. Dr. Robinette is a previous AAUW scholarship recipient who now teaches at the college.

Velma and John Coolidge put together a wonderful display celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> year of our book sale. I hope you were all able to enjoy seeing some of our history.

We were proud to be able to give two honorary scholarships to two AAUW members that have given freely of their

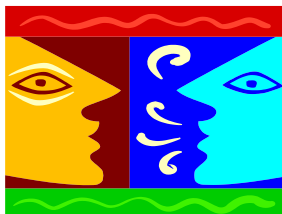
time and donations – **Gene Heath and Diana Reeves.**

Thank you again to the committee for helping to make this luncheon a big success.



**SUNSHINE CORNER**  
Nancy Alkov & Joyce Hayek

Two of our members will be facing surgery at the beginning of December. Both will be having hip replacements. **Bev Smith** on Dec. 1 and **Barb Mulley** on Dec. 2. We wish both of them a speedy recovery!  
We wish all of our members a special holiday season and a very healthy new year! Nancy and Joyce



### Great Decisions Organizing for 2015

Great Decisions is a fantastic discussion group for those interested in **foreign affairs**. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Members take turns leading discussions on the eight topics chosen yearly by the Foreign Policy Association. We all feel like we gain so much knowledge from our readings and discussions. The group meets eight times during the year

starting in February and ending in November (with July and August off in the summer). It is time to order our books for 2015. Interested parties should send a check for \$30 to Mary Jane Attwood, 9 Campana Ln, HSV by December 15. This covers the cost of the book as well as our meeting space for the year. Any questions can be directed to Rita Davis 922-0965.



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Book Sale** has been scheduled for Jan.31. Workers will be needed to set up on Jan. 30 and at the sale. Please call Mary Jane Attwood (915-0206) or Marj Griffith (209-1816) to volunteer. We need plenty of helpers. We'll have a good selection from 400+ boxes for those bargain shoppers.





#### 2014 Scholarship Recipients

**Front Row from left:** Angela Taylor, Conni Valencia, Alyssa Diggs

**Second Row from left:** Stephanie Carpenter, Sandra Escobar

**Third Row from left:** Gayla Mattoon, Hope Bratton, Amber George

**Fourth Row from left:** Marlo Gohla, Eileen Nowacki

**Back Row:** Tracy Edmondson, Doris Burton

**At the top:** Dr. Hogan, NPCC President

**Absent Recipients:** Nancy Seaton, Medea Thomas, Kristaleen Gullledge, Brittany Kerstan, Lisa Nichols, Stephanie Parks.

#### FAREWELL

.....to our wonderful AAUW friend, **Susan Brayford**. Susan and her husband, Jim and their 7 (yes, 7!!) cats are moving on December 2 to Maryland. Susan has served AAUW so well and in so many capacities. She is currently, at least through December 1, the President-elect of our branch. In 2013-14, she served as co-President along with Paula Mathews. And who can forget her constant work on Tuesdays for our book sale...along with her ever faithful and helpful hubby Jim. We'll have a hard time replacing either of these two people. She'll be missed at the Rec Center leading many in "body toning" and at Christ of the Hills UMC where she taught classes in the Old Testament and in Luke to so many. Fare-thee-well, Susan and Jim. We'll just say "adieu" and not good-bye.