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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Myra Sanders

I want to take the time to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season! I am looking forward to working with everyone in 2016.

I also want to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to Sue Luerssen and the Scholarship Committee for the wonderful luncheon that took place at the Hot Springs Country Club last month. I am sure there were many people who helped to make it a success.

If you were not able to attend, you missed a great experience. It was my first one and it was so rewarding to hear the stories of each of the young scholarship recipients in attendance.

We were able to give 13 scholarships this year and it was evident that the scholarship committee had put lots of thought and effort into their choices.

Once again let me say "Merry Christmas" to all since I will not see you until January. I hope you all take time to enjoy your families and the spirit of the season. Please keep in mind all those who will be traveling during this time. Say a special prayer for their safety and for peace in our world.





Don't forget to keep those serving in the armed forces in your thoughts and in your prayers. Remember, that they make it possible for us to enjoy our freedoms as we celebrate at this time of the year.



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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#### AAUW Scholarship Luncheon Cynthia Saalfield

Sixteen local women were awarded scholarships by the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of the American Association of University Women, at a luncheon gala on November 14, at the Hot Springs Country Club. Scholarships were funded by the AAUW annual Scholarship Book Sale held in October. The sale has become an "event" in the area and is well-supported by the community through the donations and purchases of used books.

Those women receiving scholarships at National Park Community College are: Oralia Garcia, Stephanie Carpenter, Heather Adams, Meredith Sykora, Hope Bratton, Amanda Pennington, Alyssa Diggs, Remedios Santos, Mary Lynn, Ines Ramirez, Marcella Mendez, and Sheena Casteel.

Transfer scholarships were awarded to: Samantha Hager, Jennifer Blees, Briana Tedford, and Anne Benoit.

AAUW's mission is to promote equity for women and girls, and to encourage lifelong education and positive societal change. The scholarships granted by the branch affirm its strong commitment to this mission. Caption: AAUW scholarship recipients honored are (*front row, from left*): Briana Tedford, Stephanie Carpenter, Oralia Garcia, and Amanda Pennington; (*second row, from left*) Jennifer Blees and Anne Benoit; (*third row, from left*) Remedios Santos, Marcella Mendez, and Ines Ramirez. Standing in back is Dr. John Hogan, President of National Park College.

### **AAUW Funds Honorees**

Each year at the scholarship luncheon, HS/HSV AAUW Branch recognizes members or friends who have contributed to AAUW's programs and mission. The five members recognized this year have served our organization as officers, committee members, Hot Sheet editor, book sale leaders and workers, and financial contributors. Congratulations to Rita Davis, Carol Freeland, Jeanne Koons, Brenda Sellers, and Kim Townsan, the 2015 recipients.

The HS/HSV branch is able to recognize these ladies because of the monetary contributions to AAUW Funds. The branch is contributing \$1750.00 to AAUW National Funds and Tech Trek, a summer program for middle school girls. In addition, individual members have already given \$1290.00. With both of these, our branch has contributed a total of \$3,040 to National AAUW Funds.

A big thank you goes out to these honorees and everyone who contributed to AAUW National Funds.

## Thank You to Scholarship Committee Sue Luerssen

Our annual Scholarship Luncheon on November 14<sup>th</sup> was a lovely event. Nine of our recipients were in attendance and talked about their journey through school and how much our help has meant to them. We also heard about several more that were unable to be there with us. Again, hearing these stories makes all the hard work throughout the year worthwhile.

Thank you again to my wonderful committee – you all helped to make the afternoon a success. We thoroughly enjoyed the Centerpiece raffle and raised an extra \$400 dollars to add to our scholarship funds. On Your Calendar~~ Tell Your Friends!

# A C R J

(Arkansas Coalition for Reproductive Justice)

Mission: To build a grassroots network of reproductive justice supporters, who will take action to improve education, access and equality with regards to reproductive rights and services for all Arkansans.

Important Meeting: Saturday January 23, 2016, a rally on the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol at 1:00 pm.

This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Arkansas **R**eproductive Justice **R**ally, a great way to educate and inspire.

For more information and the possibility of carpooling, call Meg Koziar 922-0047.



BOOK SALE. I SAID BOOK SALE

With all our success in October would you believe we still have hundreds of boxes of books in need of a good home! We do!! And so we will have our big savings

#### SECOND CHANCE SALE

Location: Unitarian Universalist Church Dates:

Set Up Friday January 29 Sale Saturday January 30



Christmas Quiz for Readers

1-In which Laura Ingalls Wilder book does Christmas come late?

2-In Dicken's, <u>A Christmas Carol</u>, how long had Marley been dead?

3-What Christmas bribe does Ralph give his teacher in <u>The Christmas Story</u>?

4-What lisping author wrote the story <u>A</u> <u>Christmas Memory?</u>