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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Becky Gfford

There are many exciting things happening in the HS/HSV AAUW Branch. VP of Programs Mary Jane Attwood has provided us with excellent speakers. In the January meeting, Anais Troadec spoke of her experiences in Africa and Bangladesh. In February, Annie Abrams will be the presenter.

Ronnie Zuege, our webmaster, showed me the first design of our branch's new web site. She has been working with National AAUW on both the content and restraints for the site. It looks wonderful. As it is further developed, the board and members will have an opportunity to see the site in action.

On February 11, 1:30 at UUVVC, I will host an organizational book sale meeting. Bring your ideas and come to the meeting.

While most of our book sale efforts aren't needed until later in the year, the book sale coordinator should be serving soon. Our rental contract meeting with UUVVC is next month and is attended by the President, Treasure, Book Sale Coordinator, and the UUVVC contact.

Sandy Garcia and Pam Burns have the sorting and meeting dates for the book sale scheduled. (Read Hot Sheet book sale news.) Please keep the book sale schedule for your records.

We hope to announce the 2013 Book Sale Coordinator at our next meeting. If we cannot find a coordinator or several members who will be coordinators, we will need to plan another fundraiser. The Book Sale is our main source of income and directly affects the scholarships that the branch gives.

## February General Meeting



By Mary Jane Attwood, VP of Programs

In recognition of Black History Month, Annie M. Abrams will be guest speaker at our luncheon Feb. 20, 11:00 a.m. at the HSV DeSoto Club.

Abrams has been involved in Arkansas politics for over 60 years and will discuss experiences gained with her many civic and political duties. She has served as a consultant to many Arkansas governors and was inducted into the AR Black Hall of Fame In 2010.

To make a reservation, make checks payable to AAUW for \$13 and send to Barb Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV, AR 71909 by **February 13.**

The meal will be catered by Home Plate and will include soup and ½ sandwich. Please indicate if you need vegetarian.

## Membership News

by Sue Luerssen, VP of Membership

We had an excellent turnout for our first meeting of the new year on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013. We had 35 members, 4 new members and 6 guests.

### *Welcome our four new members:*

- **Myra Sanders** – moved here from Texarkana, TX in 2012. She taught for 34 years and is interested in one of our book clubs, hospitality and helping with the book sale. She was introduced to the group by Mary Jane Attwood.
- **Peggy McCoy** - moved to Arkansas from Dallas, TX in 2012. She spent her career working in libraries and is interested in our book clubs, hospitality, communications and being an advocate for women's issues. Peggy was introduced to us by Nancy Alkov.
- **Sissy Trabant** – moved to the Village in 2011 from Austin, TX. Sissy was introduced to our group by Mary Jane Attwood.
- **Karen Muth** – is a returning member who has an interest in the legal side of women's issues.

Please take the time to introduce yourselves to all of them and make them feel welcome.

#### **Our Diversity Statement**

In principle and in 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, disability, or class.

## AAUW FUND-EOF



This is the second of five articles informing members about the different AAUW funds. Last month was about the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. This month's article is about the Education Opportunities Fund (EOF). AAUW member Judy Theobald's daughter was a recent

recipient of the EOF.

Our branch donates to this fund annually from the book sale funds.

"AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$4.3 million in funding for more than 278 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2012-13 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities." AAUW Web Site

**AR AAUW Lobby Day, Feb. 12 at State Capitol from 10-2. Speakers include Gov. Mike Beebe, senators, and other notables. Please contact Meg Koziar for carpooling.**

## Book Sale Update

Becky indicated in her monthly president's message that we are still looking for a book sale coordinator or possibly two or more members who would work together as coordinators.



Don't forget to join us for the 2013 Book Sale organizational meeting Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30, UUV, AAUW room 5. Pricing and collecting books will be evaluated at the meeting.

During our November 2012 and January 2013 board meetings, we discussed other ways to raise money as a supplement to our book sale. The following ideas were discussed:

Marge Collin suggested that we ask area businesses to sponsor a table with a \$50 donation. The tables would have signs acknowledging their contribution. Marge has also agreed to be responsible for contacting businesses and the sign printing.

Another idea was to have a purse/jewelry sale at a different time or during the book sale. We would collect used but like new purses and jewelry for resale.

A third suggestion was to have a Shop and Shred Day in April. Customers would pay a small fee to watch a professional mobile shredding truck shred their documents, old checks, bills, etc. They can also shop the Beach Book Sale. (Paperbacks and nearly new fiction from the fall sale would be sold.) Rita Davis has offered to look into this event for April 2014.

We are brainstorming for ideas and would like to have input from our members. If you have other ideas, please contact Becky Gifford, Susan Brayford, or Paula Mathews.

## 2013 Book Sale Schedule

**Feb. 11** 1:30, UUV, Room 5  
403 Barcelona Road  
Organizational Meeting

**March & April** 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

**May & June** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

**July 8** Barrels go out

**July 16, 23, 30** Sorting Days

**August 6, 13, 20, 27** Sorting Days

**September 3, 13, 17, 24** Sorting Days

**September 23** Barrels picked up

**October 8** Sorting if needed

**October 9** Wednesday-Table Set Up

**October 10** Thursday-Set up Day

**October 11-12** **Sale Days**



**Lilly Ledbetter will be one of the speakers at the 2013 AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. Register before February 3<sup>rd</sup> and take advantage of the lower convention rate.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

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| Feb. 20   | Black History Program & Luncheon<br>DeSoto Club 11:00, Annie Abrams |
| March 20  | General Meeting & Luncheon<br>Diamond D's, Mary Erdman              |
| April 17  | General Meeting & Luncheon<br>Diamante 11:00, Susan Brayford        |
| May 15    | Social-Cortez Pavilion  |
| June 9-12 | AAUW National Convention<br>New Orleans, LA                         |



*Celebrating 90 Years*

*Hot Springs/HSV AAUW*

*1923-2013*

We will be celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary at our April meeting.

Becky Gifford noted that in 10 years, we will be celebrating 100 years. If you would like to serve on a Centennial Committee, let her know.

## Serendipitous Outings

By Suzanne Stofer

We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 9 a.m. at Suzanne Stofer's home, 10 Princesa Drive -- please call 226-5036 or e-mail [suzannestofer@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannestofer@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend.

We have been slow getting off of the ground this year, but we have been collecting ideas and are now ready for some going and doing!

Some of the ideas for this year include Segwaying around the Little Rock Riverfront and Clinton Center, visiting the Arkansas Craft guild gallery in Mountain View, learning how to do leaf castings and/or make hypertufa planters, taking an eagle tour on Lake Ouachita (February is the end of the season) -- the possibilities are only as limited as our imagination.

Come and bring your ideas



Mail checks payable to AAUW for \$13 for the February luncheon to Barbara Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV by Feb. 13.

All Hot Sheet articles are due the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your article to Pam Burns ([jbreelem@yahoo.com](mailto:jbreelem@yahoo.com)).

Early bird registration for the 2013 Nation Convention in New Orleans ends Feb. 3. (Save money with early registration.)



## Interest Groups

### Novel Discussions

Feb. 5

Book: *Blue Diary* by Alice Hoffman

Leader: Ellen Harkey

Hostess: Becky Gifford

March 5

Book: *The Shattered Chain* by Marion

Zimmer Bradley

Leader: Becky Gifford

Hostess: Mary Kay Benkert

### Contemporary Literature

Feb. 26 11:30 Diamante

Book: *The Dove Keepers* by Alice Hoffman

Leader: Jackie Thornton

March 26 11:30 Diamante

Book: *South of Superior* by Ellen Airgood

Leader: Karen Vinyard

### Non-Fiction

Feb. 21

Book: *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert Massie

Leader: Jane Schenkelbeg

Hostess: Pam Burns

March 21

Book: *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Death of a President* by Candice Millard

Leader: Meg Koziar Hostess: TBA

### Biography

February 25 10:00

Book: *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power* by Jon Meacham

Hostess: Becky Elliott

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet

February 12, the second Tuesday of the month. Our books are here and the price is \$18.00. We will meet at the home of Becky Elliott, 2 Lindo Lane, HSV, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Pat Mershon will facilitate the discussion Future of Euro. For more information on joining this group, contact Mary Jane Attwood (915-0206) or Rita Davis (922-0965).

### Hot Spring Events

Contact Jackie Thornton for more information at 318-0872 or jac22d71@sbcglobal.net.

### Mah Jongg 101

Mah Jongg meets in members' homes every Friday from 10:00 to 4:00. For information on joining our group, call Paula Alan at 501-226-5800.



AAUW member Diana Reeves was hospitalized in January and is recuperating at home. Send get well wishes to her at 22 Excelso Lane, HSV. Contact Marge Collin if you know of a member who needs our support.

## **AAUW Branch Meeting Minutes Mountainside Methodist Church Hot Springs Village-January 16, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Gifford at 10:25 a.m. with 34 members present. Guests included Leslie Johnson, Myra Sanders, Sissi Trabant, Suzette Watson, Katherine Winslow, Mary Erdman, Peggy McCoy, Ruth Marlin, Sue Tanner, speaker Anais Troadec and new member Karen Muth.

### **Announcements:**

- The AAUW Annual meeting will be held in New Orleans on June 9-13. Early registration deadline is February 4. Becky urged us to consider attending. Linney Roher is going.
- The book sale is October 11-12 with a planning meeting on February 11 at 1:30 at UUVC with all invited. It is hoped that someone will volunteer to be overall chair by or before that meeting.
- Sorting will start in March. The schedule is in the Hot Sheet.
- Karen Vinyard announced that today is the last day to order name tags before summer and asked who might have the one for Pat Poole, which is missing.
- Chris Cash thanked the group for the many children's books. Three boxes were delivered to the school near Jasper and were much appreciated.
- Meg Koziar thanked the group for their many expressions of sympathy.

Treasurer Barbara Larson reported that the balance in the General Fund balance is \$2567 and in the Book Sale Fund \$12,099 after the donation of \$2000 to AAUW Opportunity Fund, and \$250 to UU Village Church for rental.

The February meeting will be at the DeSoto Club, with a program for Black History month, and in March at Diamond D's, with Mary Erdman as speaker.

Mary Jane Attwood presented our speaker, Anais Troadec, who recently returned from Guinea in Africa for WinRock International. She was dressed in clothing from that country and had brought with her a number of artifacts from employment with USAID and the UN. She told us of her work in Africa in organizational development for Food Security with groups of women and men who were illiterate, and how she dealt with the challenges of getting a message across.

Among her stories was one of going to a school with a crowd of young children following her. Upon arriving, she asked the teacher of a class of 60 or so children why these other children were not in school and was told it was because they had no benches for them. "Would you take these children if there were benches?" she asked. Upon receiving an affirmative answer, she went to the carpenter and ordered three at a cost of \$9 each. Perhaps we could donate for more benches, she suggested.

(Funds could be sent to the Little Rock office of WinRock for forwarding to Guinea.)

She answered questions about FGM - 90+% of the girls in Guinea are mutilated so they will be marriageable; about trafficking of women and children - there is more money made in trafficking them than in trafficking drugs; and about Mali. She explained the geopolitical situation in Mali, with former al Qaeda supporters of Kadafi returning and France trying to combat them, with some American support.

The meeting was over at 11:30.

Meg Koziar, Acting Secretary