



# THE HOT SHEET

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## NEW MEMBERS

At the Book Bag Sale on January 18<sup>th</sup> we were able to offer new members 1/2 off on membership for the second half of the 2013-14 year. We signed up the following new members:

- Pam Palis-Kalisz
- Mary Lemberger
- Donna Wetzel.

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

There will be an updated new member page in the photo directory with contact information available on our website.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the rescheduled Scholarship Luncheon on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

-Sue Luerssen-  
**Sunshine Committee**

A card was sent to Helen Valentine to let her know we are thinking of her.

-Marge Collins-



## GENERAL MEETINGS

**April 16, 2014** Village United  
Methodist Church 10 am – 12 noon  
Guest Speaker: Melisa Glen, Founder  
Of Seeds of Hope.

**May 21, 2014** Social TBA

~Mary Jane Attwood~



## SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our membership, this year AAUW is awarding scholarships over \$21,000 not only to women attending NPCC, but those continuing their education at 4-



year colleges. Presentations will take place at the Scholarship Luncheon which will take place at the Hot Springs Country Club on Saturday February 15 beginning at 10:30. Reservations were due to Meg Kozier by February 3.

The Second Chance Book Sale drew more people than anticipated!! We sold over 250 bags of books with a net income of \$1072. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on set up, clean up and sales to make this event so very successful. Special thanks to this year's Book Sale Chairpersons, Karen Dolan and Mary Kay Benkert.



Website: [hshsv-ar.aauw.net](http://hshsv-ar.aauw.net)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The first few months of 2014 have not been "same old, same old." Instead of being a rather uneventful month for our AAUW Branch, this January proved to be productive for us and ultimately for our scholarship recipients. As you already know, the Second Chance Book Sale was a success. We netted over \$1,000 and found new homes for over 250 bags of books. Of course, our labor "costs" were minimal because the hard work of sorting was done last summer. Several spouses helped move the many

left over boxes of books to the sale tables and the much fewer ones back to the outer rooms. And because we only had to sell bags, fewer members were needed to work the sale itself. All in all, we were able to make a pretty good return for a minimal investment of time, muscle, and money. A big "thank you" goes to everyone who helped make this possible.

February 2014, like January, will also deviate from the norm. For the past few years, our February Branch meeting featured speakers who addressed issues of diversity. This year, however, we will be hosting our annual Scholarship Luncheon that was "weather-delayed" from its customary December date to February 15. Fortunately, most of those who planned to attend in December are still able to participate in this year's event. Let's hope that the weather won't spoil our celebrations again and that we'll be able to honor our scholarship recipients in our traditional style.

I look forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks ... and in the coming months as we prepare for our 20<sup>th</sup> Book Sale this October.

-Susan Brayford-

## 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.

## 2013-14 Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Paula Mathews and Susan Brayford

VP Programs: Mary Jane Attwood

VP Membership: Sue Luerksen

Secretary: Becky Elliott

Treasurer: Meg Koziar

Past President: Becky Gifford

President-Elect: Pam Burns



**NEXT Board Meeting:** March 20, 2014.



## Reproductive Rights Rally in Little Rock

On January 18, 2014, six members of the Hot Springs/HSV branch of AAUW attended the ACRJ (Arkansas Coalition for Reproductive Justice) Rally on the steps of the Capitol. Also in attendance were AAUW members from both the Little Rock and Fayetteville branches. At the AAUW booth, Paula Mathews helped answer questions about our organization, passed out brochures, and brought awareness to the strong women's rights work that AAUW has done. Invocation was given by Rabbi Barry Block of Temple B'nai Israel. About 400 people of all ages heard inspiring words from Bowen Law School Professor Adjoa Aiyetoro, AR State Representative Fred Love, and ACLU Staff Attorney Holly Dickson. Rally vice-chair and co-president of UCA's Feminist Union, Greer Williams, closed the program with a poetry performance.

Many attendees signed postcards to our Representatives supporting sex education and reproductive justice. An After-Rally party was held at VINO's Pizza and Pub where we networked and spread the message of HS/HSV AAUW.