



# THE HOT SHEET

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**From Your President**  
Kim Townsan

## ENCOURAGEMENT ... IT'S WHAT WE DO!

She leaned in and quietly said to me “you’re supposed to let the boy win”. I was eight years old; we had been invited to a private swim club where friends of my parents were members. Their oldest son, who was my age, challenged me to a swim race. And I had won!

I can remember looking at his mother in disbelief as I tried to process what she said. “Let the boy win?” This wasn’t anything I ever heard in my house.

I was fortunate that my parents never made a distinction between my brother and myself. We rotated doing chores; we both washed dishes, brought out the garbage, mowed the lawn, folded our cloths. Our family vacations were spent camping, boating and fishing. Hauling wood, carrying water, setting up camp ... boys and girls were capable of doing the same thing. No one told me I couldn’t do something because of my gender. I was always encouraged to try.

**So what does this have to do with being a member of AAUW?** Because as a member of the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW we are able to encourage a special group of young women each year to pursue their education, and dreams, through our financial support. That’s why I joined AAUW... because of our branch’s focus ... women’s education. It’s also the local

connection that is important to me; making a difference within our local community.

So I’m hoping that for this upcoming year, you’ll join me in supporting our branch’s mission by maintaining your membership, attending meetings, volunteering on a committee, contributing to our **Academic Angel** program and joining in the fun at our **Academic Angel Auction** in September. All which help us encourage a special group of young women each year!

And as a follow up to the swim race ... ten years later that boy was the captain of my high school’s swim team. You’ll recall the tradition of writing in yearbooks? In my yearbook he wrote “to the only girl who beat me in a swim race”.

Looking forward to serving as your President this year,

*Kim Townsan*



## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Sandra Williams, 14 Campeon Way, HSV. 225-603-3040, [sangran0412@gmail.com](mailto:sangran0412@gmail.com). A 1976 grad of LSU with a BS in Marketing and Fashion Design. Introduced to AAUW by Myra Sanders.

# Reminder!

## Dues REMINDER

Even if you are not able to attend all of the AAUW branch activities or numerous interest groups, your membership in AAUW is valued. Because of your membership, our branch can **continue the scholarship program for local girls and women; encourage leadership and pay negotiating programs for college women; contribute to our community; promote studies for girls in science, technology, engineering and math; provide funds at the national level for women in postgraduate studies and research.** Thank you for your continued support in the AAUW Mission.

Dues renewals can be sent to Myra Sanders, Treasurer: 4 Romera Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. Dues are **\$64** from July 2017-June 2018. Paid Life Members owe \$15 for State and Branch dues; Honorary Life Members (50 years of membership) owe no money.

**Remember that \$46 of your dues is tax deductible.**



## Meeting Dates 2017-2018

We realize that there are more meetings scheduled than usual. This does not mean that you are expected to attend all. We

have had several people who have expressed that they miss the camaraderie we used to have by working at the book sale. We believe that by getting together more often, this will perhaps fill that empty spot felt by some of us. As you notice, several of our added meetings will be for fun times just to get to know one another better.

### **July 27, Thursday –**

Rally for “Angel Launch”  
Good Sam’s Campus (HSV)

### **August 23, Wednesday –**

Speaker at  
Coronado Center (HSV)

### **September 21, Thursday night– Angel Launch Event at Desoto Club**

Located in HSV

### **Nov.1, Wednesday –**

Documentary Film  
Festival (place to be determined)

### **November 11, Saturday-**

Scholarship Luncheon  
Diamante Club (HSV)

### **January 17, Wednesday –**

Pizza Party at  
Molly O’Brian’s (HSV)

### **February 21, Wednesday-**

Diversity  
Meeting at Coronado Center (HSV)

### **March 21, Wednesday –**

Trip to Purse Museum  
in Little Rock

### **April 18, Wednesday –**

General Meeting/Speaker  
Coronado Center (HSV)

### **May 8, Tuesday –**

“Teacher Appreciation  
Day” (Local Schools)

### **June 20, Wednesday –**

Social at Cortez Pavilion (HSV)

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From Mary Jane Attwood, Historian

### A piece of our AAUW History From 1997

#### **A Tribute to Kathryn "Kit" Barnum By Pat Maack Ormsbee**

The year was 1997. Our famous book sale was still in its infancy. The most we had earned was about \$2500. Kit Barnum made an offer to match whatever we earned. When we earned \$5000 that year, I told her we had never earned that much before – did she still want to match it? She did!! Kit pulled out her checkbook and wrote a check for \$5,000. She had two stipulations. One was that the gift would be from an “anonymous” member and two that the money should only be used for scholarships. That was the year we founded the Garland County Community College AAUW Endowment Fund. As president that year, I kept my promise to Kit and did not reveal her name until after her death which was April 14, 2005.



#### Departing Remarks from 2016-17 President

As Kim takes over as president for the new year I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being your president. Kim was an excellent president-elect and I'm sure that she will be an even better president. It was a new experience for me and one that I found

very busy at times but also very rewarding. I would like to thank everyone who helped me with all the decisions and all those who helped put all the parts together to make a working machine. I am especially indebted to Pam Burns for all of her excellent guidance and the use of her home for board meetings. I will still be working with Kim very closely as one of the Angel Launch chairmen and I'm sure that will keep me busy. I'll also be working with Paula Mathews as co-treasurer and I look forward to the upcoming year and serving in this new position. Thanks again for everyone's help.

*Myra Sanders*

Important Note: This is what a bathroom in Fonfoyah, Guinea, West Africa looks like. Our fellow AAUW'er, **Anais Troadec** works to build these and your contributions have helped.



### **2017-2018 Leadership**

#### **Officers**

**President, Kim Townsan**

**President-Elect, Sue Luerssen**

**Program Co-Chairs, Mary Jane Attwood & Linda Broeder**

**Membership Chair, Karen Vinyard**

**Co-Treasurers, Myra Sanders & Paula**

Mathews  
Secretary, Stephanie Hicklin

Appointed Officers

AAUW Funds, Diana Reeves  
Historian, Mary Jane Attwood  
Newsletter, Carol Freeland  
Publicity, Cynthia Saalfield  
WebMaster, Paula Alan  
Diversity, Tish Fisher  
Sunshine, Ronnie Zuege  
Communication, Meg Koziar

Standing Committee Chairs

Fund Raising, Myra Sanders &  
Kim Townsan  
Bylaws, Myra Sanders  
College/University Relations,  
Sara Brown  
Scholarship, Sue Luerssen



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.

“One day our descendants will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings.”

**Franklin Thomas**

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“Insight, I believe, refers to the depth of understanding that comes by setting experiences, yours and mine, familiar and exotic, new and old, side by side, learning by letting them speak to one another.”

**Mary Catherine Bateson**

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“If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.”

**John F. Kennedy**

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