

## Book Sale Update

Books, books, books..... The gathering of books for the October sale is off to a good start. A good number of books have been stored at the Unitarian Universalist Village Church as a result of the April and May and June 9 drop off dates. Even though the donations have been good, more books are needed. So get those boxes and bags in your garage and start collecting. Ask your neighbors and friends for donations. **THE NEXT DATE FOR COLLECTION AND SORTING IS TUESDAY JULY 14, 8:30-11:00 AT UUV.** Pam Palis-Kalisz and her committee have already been putting certain books on eBay. We appreciate the hard work this group is doing to earn "book sale" money before our sale even begins.

The BOOK BARRELS will be going out in July. If you have any questions about these, please contact our barrel collection coordinator, Kim Townsan at [townsaka@yahoo.com](mailto:townsaka@yahoo.com).



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If you would like to volunteer to help with the Book Sale, please feel free to contact Marjorie Griffith at [ssmkg1@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmkg1@yahoo.com) or by phone 501-209-1816 or Brenda Sellers at [brendasellers1699@gmail.com](mailto:brendasellers1699@gmail.com) or by phone 479-651-0969.

## Sunshine Corner

Our girls are improving. Peggy McCoy is getting around using only a cane as she recovers from a broken leg. Joyce Anderson is out of her sling as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Sheila Jones is scheduled for a mastectomy so please keep her in your prayers. Perk her up with a card or note.

That's always helpful.



## Diversity



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.

### Diversity Advocates

“What we have to do is find a way to celebrate our *diversity* and debate our differences without fracturing our communities.” Hillary Clinton



## LOOKING BACK

By Pam Burns

We can be proud of what our branch achieved this year. I want to thank you and the following members for making it one of the best.

**Rita Davis** and **Marge Collin** provided excellent programs at the general meetings that were informative and interesting. We dined with documentary film festival directors, learned about the African American workers at a HS bathhouse, met four fascinating women who broke the

barriers in their careers, and discussed the state initiatives on the November ballot.

Our annual book sale was successful thanks to the leadership from co-chairs **Mary Jane Atwood** and **Marjorie Griffith**. Thanks also to these amazing members: **Marge Collin**, **Becky Gifford**, and **Karen Vinyard**, who raised almost \$3000 from local businesses and Friends of AAUW. **Pam Palis-Kalisz** single handedly sold over \$1000 on eBay; **Myra Sanders** continued the book sale raffle with beautiful baskets of goodies; **Judy Theobald**, our official bag lady, organized the volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Sale in January.

Distributing scholarships would not be possible without **Sue Luerssen**, our scholarship chair, and her dedicated committee. The Scholarship Luncheon last November was very impressive. Having Dr. John Hogan and three other NPCC representatives at the luncheon was an added treat.

Thanks so much to member **Jeanne Koons** for donating another Diversity Scholarship from our branch and the members who donated funds to honor Diana Reeves and Gene Heath with a scholarship in their name.

Our communications team-**Carol Freeland**, Hot Sheet editor; **Ronnie Zuege**, web page facilitator; **Paula Alan**, Facebook coordinator; **Cynthia Saalfeld**, local press releases; **Paula Mathews**, fundraising publicity chair; **Diane Bielanski**, branch secretary and book sale correspondence- have done a super job keeping members and the community informed about our branch events. Thanks also to **Velma and John Coolidge** for donating the new AAUW sign at the West Gate.

Treasurer **Meg Koziar** has worked hard keeping our finances in order. We were able to sponsor a girl in the state Girls of Promise program and donate to the American Legion Arkansas Girls' State program. The branch made a generous contribution to National AAUW Funds and last fall over 18 local women received scholarships.

Meg represented our branch at AR AAUW Legislative Day and she and Cynthia Saalfield attended the AR AAUW Convention in April.

To our members who donated to our branch projects, sent cards to those who needed one, volunteered at the book sale, led an interest group, and attended our branch meetings--THANK YOU!

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !**