



# THE HOT SHEET

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## APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the April 15, 2015 general meeting. We will meet at the Coronado Center, Room 6. There will be a social at 10:00 followed by a short business meeting. Our program will be a **"Breaking Barriers"** panel discussion. Our panel will feature, Suzanne Hartnett an Environmental Engineer; Kelly Millender, owner Spa City Golf and teaching golf professional; Melanie Bell, Certified Hypnotherapist; and, Nichole Good, Director Garland County Habitat for Humanity. These women have traveled rather unusual career paths and will share those with us. Please plan to attend what promises to be a very interesting and informative meeting. Contact Marge Collin at 922-6032 or [hsvhusker@att.net](mailto:hsvhusker@att.net) for your reservation. A fee of \$5.00 for refreshments is payable at the door.

## Looking Ahead

Pam Burns, President

Our year is at the half-way point and we have several important dates that need to be saved on the 2015 calendar. Our program chairs Rita Davis and Marge Collin have planned outstanding presentations during the general meetings. All of our meetings have been well-

attended. To all who have planned and to those who have attended, much thanks.

## March 5

Executive Board Meeting  
1:00 pm 19 El Espinar Lane, HSV

## April 15

Annual Meeting-Officers selected and program: Women Breaking Barriers

## April 24, 25

AAUW Arkansas State Convention  
Conway, Arkansas

## May 20

End of year social-May Magic  
(Marge has a fun program planned. Time & location to be announced.)

## June 18-21

National AAUW Convention  
San Diego, CA





### NEW FACE FOR AAUW AT GATE

Becky Gifford and Velma Coolidge have been planning to replace the 10+ year old AAUW sign at the West Gate on the organization "billboard" for some time. In January, working with Edwards Sign Company, a new, more visible sign was created. Look for it right in the middle of the sign board! Can't miss it. The sign is a gift of **John and Velma Coolidge**. How "Cool" is that! Thanks so much for a new face, Velma. And to Becky for helping to make it happen.



### Book Sale Orientation Meeting

Those interested in coordinating and participating in the 2015 book sale should attend the first organizational meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at the UUV Church. We need volunteers to serve as leaders, coordinators, and sorters. If you want to volunteer but cannot attend the March 17



meeting, please call or email one of our co-chairs: Marjorie Griffith 501-209-1816 [ssmkg1@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmkg1@yahoo.com) or Brenda Sellers 479-651-0969 [brendasellers1699@gmail.com](mailto:brendasellers1699@gmail.com).

### Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at Fordyce Bathhouse Rita Davis

Wednesday February 18, 20 AAUW members escaped our "cabin fever" and headed to Hot Springs for a special tour of the Fordyce Bathhouse. And it was special! Led by retiring National Park Ranger Toni McDowell, we were treated to a new perspective that you may not have received in other tours. Over her tenure with the Park Service, Toni has gathered oral histories from the predominantly African American attendants whose jobs varied from cleaning the bathhouses to giving mercury treatments to ailing bathers.



We enjoyed stories that included Ranger Toni's great aunt and Alfred Peppers. He was a bath attendant at the National Baptist Sanitarium and Bathhouse as well as the Superior and Lamar Bathhouses. We learned that the jobs of the attendants provided financial stability for many families and helped send their next generation to college. The site of the other segregated bathhouse is where the Austin Hotel stands today. The National Baptist is now a completely renovated senior housing complex.



Although many of us have toured the Fordyce before, I think we felt it was an enjoyable and educated visit. The Park Service is working to give all the Bathhouses new life. A boutique hotel is planned for the Hale and several enjoyed lunch at the Superior. We are fortunate to live among such great history.

### **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**

*"Diversity is the art of thinking independently together."* **Malcolm Forbes**, American Publisher

### **Welcome NEW MEMBERS**

**Kim Townsan** and her husband Jamin lived in Simsbury, Connecticut, before moving to the Village in July 2014. She received a BS Accounting, University of Hartford and MS Finance Rensselaer - Hartford Graduate Center.

Her work career was focused on legal administration. Prior to retiring she was the Senior Manager of Legal Administration for United Technologies Corporation. Her hobbies are golf, walking, reading and gardening. With respect to AAUW, she plans to volunteer at the book sale. Her directory information is Kim Townsan, 9 Brillante Way, Hot Springs Village, Phone 226-5062, [townsaka@yahoo.com](mailto:townsaka@yahoo.com).

**Kaynella Williams** and her husband Craig moved to the Village 4 1/2 years ago from Las Vegas. She is originally from Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a BS in Education. She got her Master's Degree in Las Vegas. Before retiring, she taught fifth grade reading. She owns a professional organizing business, "Organizing with Kaynella. Kaynella added that "as crazy as it

may seem, I start drooling when I see a cluttered room or piles of paper work! Love putting everything in its place!” Kaynella has two therapy dogs, Heidi, a yellow lab, and Ranger, a cocker spaniel, who goes to the library with her and listens to children read. She was eager to join the Novel Discussions Book Club and is looking forward to attending the Contemporary Book Club as well as helping with the Book Sale. Kaynella’s directory information is: Kaynella Williams, 8 Esplendor Way, Hot Springs Village 71909, phone 501-463-1168, [krwilliams@ymail.com](mailto:krwilliams@ymail.com).

**Dee Dixon** joined our branch in November and was featured as the Chef of the month in the January 19 Village Voice. She taught Home Economics (later named Family and Consumer Living) in the Kansas City area for 28 years before retiring and moving to the Village. Her son’s family resides in Overland Park, Kansas. Dee’s directory information is Dee Dixon, 26 Sosegado Lane, Hot Springs Village, 903-205-0459. [dixon77@gmail.com](mailto:dixon77@gmail.com).

Don’t forget to check the [AAUW](http://www.hshsv-ar.aauw.net) Branch website for other information.  
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Watch for information on 2 other new members next month: [Becky Wakefield](#) and [Stephanie Hubbard](#).



**Happy New Year**  
From your Scholarship Committee!

We have restructured the Scholarship committee according to the new AAUW by-laws change, voted into effect February 18th. We now have 10 members instead of 14 (which seemed to be cumbersome). Three members will rotate off each year and 3 new members will be appointed to serve on the committee. This will allow more of our members to participate in this important activity.

After expenses, we will have **\$9,260** to add to our scholarship fund at NPCC for the 2015-2016 academic year. That money was earned from the October Book Sale and the January Second Chance Bag Sale. Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and dedication to our cause.

We are looking forward to our scholarship interviews the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> and our Scholarship Luncheon on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hot Springs Country Club.

Sue Luerksen, Chair

