



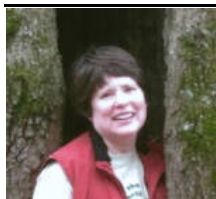
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Becky Gifford

A church message board on Highway 7 last week said "Want to be Rich? Count Your Blessings."

So I'm counting my blessings today. High on my blessing list is our country and the people who defend it. I'm thankful for Hot Springs and Hot Springs Village communities, where we take care of each other. I'm thankful for the many organizations that have as their goal 'service'. And I count AAUW as a blessing that has a special place in my heart for many reasons.

Yes, AAUW and its members help people in many different ways. In fact, AAUW has the goal of service. AAUW has specific goals of education and equal pay, has concern for international issues, and works on legal advocacy and public policy. It is also a place where members can speak their mind even though everyone doesn't agree with their comments. It's a place where people work for a common goal and compromise when needed. It's a place where members accept positions because it is needed. It encourages reading, thought, and participation.

I'm thankful for Pam Burns who headed up the book sale activity for so many years. I'm thankful for Mary Kay Benkert and Karen Dolan for accepting the book sale leadership this year. One of the blessings is the many individuals who volunteered to take responsibility for different parts of the activities at our first meeting. I know that this major event will provide the resources for the scholarships we give. I know that the members will grow closer to each other as they

work on this project. And I know that at the end of the book sale when we have our celebration, the work will feel good and we can look forward to hearing the scholarship awardees talk about what the scholarship means to them. I believe we have added to each recipient's blessings, and perhaps that is our greatest blessing.

March General Meeting

By Mary Jane Attwood



Mary Erdman is the commander for the American Legion Department of Arkansas, only the second female commander in the department's history. Please join us as we listen to Mary share her experiences during our luncheon March 20, 11:00, Diamond D's Restaurant, HSV.

Lunch will be chicken salad on lettuce with fruit. Checks payable to AAUW for \$14 are to be sent to Barbara Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV by March 13. Please indicate on your check if you have special dietary needs.

Benches for Education

By Mary Jane Attwood

The HS/HSV Branch voted at the February meeting to collect donations for benches to be made for schools in Africa. In our February meeting Anais Troadec, who works with WinRock International, told us about the need for benches in the schools where she was working. Each bench will cost \$9.00. Please send your donation (whatever amount you choose) to help with this program that will benefit girls' education.

Make your check to AAUW and send to Barb Larson at 16 Galeon Lane, HSV 71909. Indicate BENCHES on your check. Our branch will then send the donations to WinRock designated to the bench program.

Anais is very appreciative of this effort and sends a "Thank You" to each of you.



Photo from WinRock International website. Children in African school.

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: The Legal Advocacy Fund

Last month the EOF was featured as an AAUW fund. This month we will learn about the LAF or Legal Advocacy Fund, one of the five AAUW Funds

The following is an example taken from the AAUW web site of how the LAF is used.

"Through the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund support case program, AAUW supports the veterans in two lawsuits documented in the film *The Invisible War*. AAUW works to make all workplaces free from sex discrimination and sexual violence, and we believe that women and men in the military, who face so much danger in their work, should feel safe in their barracks, among their comrades."

Donations to this fund can be made online or by giving to our LAF Chair, Linney Rohrer.



The Sunshine Committee

By Marge Collin

A get well card was sent to Diana Reeves.

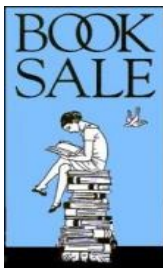
A sympathy card was sent to Barbara Larson. Her father passed away.

Thanks to all the members who are so conscientious about notifying me when a member needs our support. I can be reached at 922-6032 or margaret.collin@att.net.

Book Sale Update

By Pam Burns

During the February Book Sale meeting, Becky Gifford announced that Mary Kay Benkert and Karen Dolan are our book sale coordinators for our 19th Annual Book Sale, Oct 11-12, 2013. Other coordinators include barrel collections, Joyce Anderson; large collections, Mary Jane Attwood; publicity, Cynthia Saalfeld and Carol Freeland; publications, Becky Gifford; cashier and sale day volunteers, Pam Burns; table sponsorship, Marge Collin; Saturday bag sale, Linda Davis.



The following members have volunteered to be monthly sorting leaders: April-Sue Barber and Jeanne Koons; May-Meg Koziar and Pam Burns; June-Becky Elliot and Susan Brayford; July-Becky Gifford and Mary Jane Attwood. Please contact Karen or Mary Kay if you can be a monthly leader or co-leader for August or September.

AN INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS



Our March book sale meeting is for members who have joined our branch from 2010-2013. The informational meeting will be at 10:00, March 5, at UUVC, 403 Barcelona Road. This is an opportunity to learn about the book sale while meeting other AAUW Newcomers. Please join us as we explore the AAUW Book Sale. Call book sale coordinators Mary Kay Benkert (922-6927) or email Karen Dolan (kanndolan@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. A count is needed.

2013 Book Sale Schedule

- March 5 Book Sale Orientation
for New Members 10:00 UUVC
- April 2 First Sorting Day 10:00 UUVC
- May 14 Sorting Day 10:00 UUVC
- June 11 Sorting Day 10:00 UUVC
- July 8 **Barrels go out**
- July 16, 23, 30 Summer Sorting Days 8:30
- August 6, 13, 20, 27 Sorting Days 8:30
- Sept. 3, 13, 17, 24 Sorting Days 8:30
- Sept. 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**

Please print this schedule and keep it for future reference. Everyone is needed but no one is expected to volunteer at every scheduled activity.



Book Barrel Volunteers

Joyce Anderson has volunteered to coordinate the barrel collections this summer. Barrels will go out July 8. If you would like to volunteer as a barrel collector, please let her know. She is presently working on locations and accepting volunteers.

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 20 General Meeting & Luncheon
Diamond D's, Mary Erdman
- April 17 General Meeting & Luncheon
Diamante 11:00, Susan Brayford
- May 15 Social-Cortez Pavilion
- June 9-12 AAUW National Convention
New Orleans, LA



Celebrating 90 Years

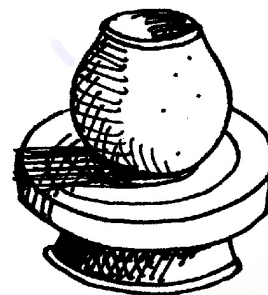
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We will be celebrating our 90th anniversary at our April meeting.

Serendipitous Outings

By Suzanne Stofer



We have tentative plans for our March and April outings, and lots of ideas. We will continue to gather ideas and make plans as we go along and see who joins us! Mondays are the day of choice as of right now, but whoever is in charge of an event is in charge of the details as well. March and April are morning outings followed by lunch.

We are planning to visit Riley Glass and Dryden Pottery on Monday, March 18, 10 a.m. Judy Theobald is chief planner for this event -- contact her at 915-9315 or judick@suddenlink.net for further details.

In April we are planning to visit the Clinton Center, the River Market, and the Heifer Village -- some may choose to walk and some may choose to do a segway tour. The segway tour has 2 options:

- 75 minute segway experience for \$39/person

- 2 hour segway experience for \$59/person

Details will follow in the April newsletter -- tentative date is April 29. Contact Suzanne Stofer, suzannestofer@yahoo.com, 226-5036 for details.

Interest Groups

Novel Discussions March 5

Book: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

Leader: Jeanie Olstad

Hostess: Joyce Hayek

April 2

Book: *The Shattered Chain* by Marion

Zimmer Bradley

Leader: Becky Gifford

Hostess: Mary Kay Benkert

Contemporary Literature

March 26 11:30 Diamante

Book: *South of Superior* by Ellen Airgood

Leader: Karen Vinyard

April 23 11:30 Diamante

Book: *Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht

Leader: Jane Shenkelberg

Non-Fiction

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: Meg Koziar

April 18

Book: *The Panic Virus: A True Story About Medicine, Violence, and Fear* by Seth

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Leader: Helen Valentine

Hostess: TBA

Biography

The newly formed Biography Interest group will be meeting on May 22 at 10:00 am in the home of Bev Smith. The book to be discussed is *The Duchess* originally published as *Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire*, winner of the prestigious Whitbread Prize for biographies. Anyone interest in participating is this group which meets 4 times a year is encouraged to contact Becky Elliott (elliottbecky@sbcglobal.net). The 2008 movie of the same name starring Keira Knightly and Ralph Fiennes is based on this book which is set in the late 18th century.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet March 12, 9:30 at UuVC. Chris Cash will facilitate the discussion *Egypt*. Group members are asked to bring \$14 in March to cover room expenses at UUVC for the year. 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 501-226-5

Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW February General Meeting

DeSoto Club, February 20, 2013

Mary Jane Attwood presented past-president Mary Seitz with an EOF honoree certificate, as she was not present at the Scholarship Luncheon when the awards were given.

In honor of Black History Month, Sammie Grace Tyree-Cox introduced our speaker, Ms. Annie Mabel McDaniel Abrams, an Arkansas icon and role model. She has lived history. She attended Dunbar High School in Little Rock and received her degree from Philander Smith College. Ms. Abrams has been president of many Arkansas and national organizations and helped integrate the AARP.

Ms. Abrams talked of her life and many accomplishments. She challenged us to always continue our education, be active in our community and in service to others. "Service is the rent you pay for your place on earth."

Due to inclement weather there was no meeting, just a few announcements.

Mary Jane Attwood, Program Chair, announced next month's meeting will be at Diamond D's Restaurant. Our speaker will be Mary Erdman, first woman Commander of the Arkansas American Legion.

Meg announced that the Serendipitous Outings group will go to the Riley Glass Works and a pottery shop on Monday, March 18. Those interested, please contact Judy Theobald.

Meg Koziar, Public Policy Chair, informed us of the Status of Women Meeting. If you would like information on the meeting, please contact her or Becky Gifford. She also attended the AAUW State Lobby Day. There were 70 women and Gov. Beebe stated that there weren't enough women attending. Please send an e-mail to him in support of Medicaid. If we don't, our designated money will go to other states.

Mary Jane Attwood discussed the benches for the school in Mali. They are \$9.00 each and if you are interested in donating to this worthy project, please send a check to Barbara Larson, Treasurer, by the March 20 meeting.

Pat Mershon, Secretary