



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Becky Gifford

I've enjoyed being president of Hot Springs / Hot Springs Village Branch of AAUW. Paula Mathews and Susan Brayford will soon be co-presidents for 2013 - 2014. I'm happy at things we have accomplished. We now have a website when I'm asked a question about activities, schedules or other things about the branch, I'm learning to say that it's on the website. I'm happy that we have 107 members in the organization. We've had wonderful speakers at the branch meetings. I'm delighted that members who have stepped forward to accept a position are excellent. The book sale in the fall is in good hands and members have already shown that it will be a success. Now I know that 2013-2014 will be a very good year.

A wise man said that there are four thoughts we should concentrate on. They are:

I'm sorry. Thank you. Forgive me. I love you.

As I look at the last year, my thoughts are as follows.

I'm sorry. At the State Convention last weekend, our branch received only six of the eight possible diamonds for the Diamonds in the Rough awards. I'm sorry.

Thank you. I've been supported and want to thank all the many members who helped me –

particularly when I ran out of energy. It happens and you stepped up to help me. Thank you.

Forgive me. There were things we could and should have done and I didn't lead enough to get them done. There were some deadlines to be met and I didn't meet them. Forgive me.

I love you. I love that AAUW exists and is doing important work for women and girls. I love the fact that the Hot Springs / Hot Springs Village branch is here and has been here for 90 years. I love the fact that I quickly found AAUW when we retired here. I love what our members have accomplished and their generosity. I love you.

## END OF YEAR SOCIAL

By Mary Jane Attwood

We will have a spring outing at Cortez Pavilion on Wednesday, **May 15, 2013**. Dinner's Ready will cater the event with an 8 Layer Mexican Dip, Cheese and Cracker Tray, Chicken Kebabs, Cookies and Brownies. Soft drinks, bottled water and wine will be served at this casual gathering and you are encouraged to bring your spouse or friend or a possible new member.

Cortez Pavilion will be available beginning at 4:30 p.m., so plan to join us for a great time and lots of visiting. We will introduce new members and have a short meeting for our last gathering until September. Come join the fun!

The cost is \$10.00 per person and payable to Barb Larson, 16 Galeon Lane, HSV by **May 10**. Please make your reservations early if possible. Call Mary Jane Attwood (915-0206) for questions.

## The Sunshine Committee

By Marge Collin



A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Helen Valentine to support her while she is dealing with her husband's illness.

A get well card was sent to Beth Sampsel during her hospitalization.

A get well card was sent to Jackie Thornton.

A sympathy card was sent to Karen Dolan for a death in the family.

Thanks to all the members who are so conscientious about notifying me when a member needs our support.

I can be reached at [margaret.collin@att.net](mailto:margaret.collin@att.net) or 922-6032.



## Today a Reader, Tomorrow a leader

Our May sorting day will be May 14, 10:00-12:00 at UUVVC, 403 Barcelona Road. Meg Koziar and Pam Burns will be May sorting leaders. Please join us as we sort and price books that have been collected during the winter from estate sales and library donations.

A theme was chosen by members for this year's sale: *Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader*. The theme will be used in sponsorship materials. Marge Colin is Chair of the Sponsorship Committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, please call Marge at 922-6032. The committee hopes to raise \$5000 in sponsorships to help supplement the book sale's scholarship fund.

## AAUW State Convention

By Cynthia Saalfeld



Four Hot Springs/HSV branch members attended the State Convention on April 19-20. Paula Mathews, left, Linney Rohrer, Becky Gifford, and Cynthia Saalfeld heard several impressive speakers, including LAF Plaintiff Virginia LeBlanc and Arkansas Access to Justice Commissioner Annabelle Imber Tuck. Connie Hildebrand, AAUW National Board Member, brought us up-to-date on the new logo and website, as well as led attendees in a rousing rendition of Patti LaBelle's *New Attitude*.

Congratulations to our branch for being awarded six Diamond Awards! On the lighter side, branch members enjoyed a tour of the Heifer International building and dined at Bosco's at the Riverfront Market.

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## 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.

## Interest Groups

### Novel Discussions

May 7 10:00

Book: *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

Leader: Barb Mulley and Ronnie Zuege

Hostess: Jeanie Olstad

June 4

Planning luncheon

Hostess: Mary Kay Benkert

### Contemporary Literature

May 21 11:30 Diamante

Book planning luncheon

*Summer Schedule TBA in June Hot Sheet*

### Non-Fiction

May 16

Book: *Beyond the Beautiful Forever: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by

Katherine Boo

Leader: Ronnie Zuege

Hostess: Pam Burns

June 20

Book: *Catherine the Great: A Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie

Leader: Group

Hostess: TBA

July 18

Planning Meeting

Coordinator: Pat Mershon

### Mah Jongg 101

Mah Jongg meets in members' homes every Friday from 1:00 to 4:00. For information on joining our group, call Paula Alan at 226-5088.

### Biography

The newly formed Biography Interest group will be meeting on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. 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 interested 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 May 14, 9:30 at UUVC. Barbara Mulley will facilitate the discussion Myanmar and SE Asia. New members are welcome. For more information on joining this group, contact Mary Jane Attwood (915-0206) or Rita Davis (922-0965).

### Hot Springs Cultural Events

The Cultural Activities for the coming month are the following films at 2:00 Sunday afternoons at the Carmike Movie Theater on Higdon Ferry Road:

May 5 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland-The Royal Ballet

May 12 Nabucco Royal Opera House

May 19 Giselle, The Royal Ballet, London

Those interested, please contact Jackie Thornton at 501-318-0875 or jac26d71@sbcglobal.net.

## Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW

May 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Mah Jongg 1-4:00	4
5 Cultural Events HS 2:00	6 Branch Board Meeting 1:00	7 Novel Discussions 10:00	8	9	10 Mah Jongg 1-4:00 Deadline for End of Year Social	11
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19 Cultural Events HS 2:00	20 Biography Group 10:00	21 Cont. Lit 11:30	22	23	24 Mah Jongg 1-4:00	25
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## **UPDATE on the JASPER SCHOOL DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOK**

By Chris Cash

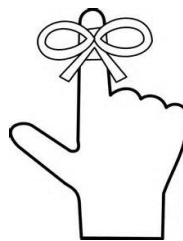
Several months ago, I asked for donations of children's books for the very needy kindergarten in Jasper, AR. Members of our HS/HSV AAUW Branch were very generous in donating books, especially Jeanne Koons who donated multiple boxes of books. Several shipments of donated books went up to Jasper (thank you to those who contributed money toward shipping).

The bookcases now have been built by volunteers, and the donated books will be presented at the May 22nd Jasper Kindergarten Graduation. All members of our branch have been invited to the graduation, which will be held at 9:00am at the Jasper School, 600 School Street in Jasper. Pam Ernst, the coordinator in Jasper, has promised us pictures of the event. Again, thanks to all who helped make this happen.



Nancy Blevins, a former elementary school teacher in Texas, who has a BSE Speech/English from the University of Arkansas. Nancy came to the Village via Farmers Branch, TX. Her hobbies are reading and volunteering.

As an AAUW member, Nancy is interested in helping with organization and hospitality. She was introduced to AAUW through Karen Vinyard.



### **Don't Forget**

Just a reminder. If you have not yet paid AAUW dues for 2013-14, please send your check to Barb Larson. (\$64 unless you're a paid life or honorary life member). This includes those who paid half dues for this year. It is a lot easier on your officers if you do this before you go away on summer vacations or summer homes.

## **2013-2014 Officers Elected**

The following were elected officers during the April 17 meeting at Diamante: Co-Presidents, Susan Brayford and Paula Mathews; President-Elect, Pam Burns, Vice-President of Membership, Sue Luerksen; Vice-President of Programs, Mary Jane Attwood; Secretary, Pat Mershon; Treasurer, Meg Koziar. Becky Gifford will serve as Past President.

In addition to electing officers, members enjoyed Susan Brayford's program about women and their role in religion. Meg Koziar presented interesting facts about our branch and a delicious birthday cake celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary was served.



Pat Maack- Ormsbee, Meg Koziar, Velma Coolidge, and Marlys Moodie Dodson-all members of our branch for 20 years.