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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Saturday November 11, 2017 with arrival time beginning at 10:30am
Diamante Country Club in HSV

An all-inclusive price is \$22.00. Deadline for reservations is November 3. Any questions call Sue Luerssen at 922-1837.

Once again there will be gorgeous centerpieces available via a raffle ticket. So bring some cash to purchase your tickets to win. (\$5.00 gets you 6 tickets!!) The drawings occur after lunch.

Send your check made out to AAUW to Paula Mathews at 25 Navegar Circle, HSV, AR 71909.

We are hoping all our valued members will be present to meet our scholarship recipients. This is one of our most important gatherings. Please plan to attend. And if you need a ride, call Myra Sanders at 226-5106 or Kim Townsan at 226-5062.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"YOU'VE GO TO BE KIDDING ME"

We all share stories of the challenges we've faced as women ... stories and situations which many young women of today would not believe were encountered by those who came before them. I really don't know if some younger women know there was a time in their mother or grandmother's life time that a woman couldn't get a loan in her name, sign a lease, get a credit card, or even have the ability to play competitive basketball in high school.

I started high school in 1972, the year Title IX was passed. During my time in high school, girls' sports were expanded to include basketball and track. So during my mid-teens, I really didn't feel held back by the fact that I was woman. I played sports, was a class officer, editor on the paper and yearbook. I could do anything; no one made me feel second class because I was female.

My college experience started with me heading off to University of Connecticut. But that lasted only one semester and I moved back home to attend community college. My first "adult" job was working as a legal secretary while still attending college part time. I then moved to a large corporation working as an administrative assistant, where I completed my associates in business. I was thrilled when I was offered a position my department: Corporate Communications...to work as a meeting planner. My promotion was initiated by my current boss, who was also being promoted. The man who would be my new boss,

appeared initially to be progressive. Was I wrong!!



Within our first month together, I had two "You've got to be kidding me" experiences. The first was in a planning meeting. He was a big coffee drinker, and the first thing he did when he came in the office was to go to the coffee pot. If there was no coffee, he would make some. I didn't drink coffee back then...and knew nothing about how to make coffee in the office. This was before the pre-measured packets of coffee were available. As four or five of us were heading into the conference room...all men except me... he looked over and saw the coffee pot was empty. He then looked at me and said "Kim, make some coffee". Why me? We know why the woman was picked. I jokingly said I didn't know how...and he repeated it again. So I did. When he took the first taste of the mud, I thought my days of getting such requests were over. Not so.

A few weeks later, we were working in his office on the annual budget. It was him, myself and another man. The offices had metal walls with metal shelves on which you could place books, pictures ... and plants. During the meeting, he looks up at the plant and I hear, "Kim, would you water that plant, it needs water. I remember looking at him thinking, "You've got to be kidding me". I didn't move. He then repeated it and said "please" in a somewhat sarcastic tone.



Well, I didn't water plants and didn't know how much water to put in. But I went out, got the pitcher, came back and gave the plant a really good drink of water. Funny thing about water, it's

heavy. And magnetized shelves are only meant to hold so much weight. And so he experienced another "mud from Kim" experience...the shelf let go, the plant spilled all over his desk and his budget work papers were covered. This is before personal computers...all had to be redone manually.

I didn't have any more "special requests" ... sometimes ignorance is bliss?

So what's your "You've got to be kidding me" story? We'd love to have members share their stories and make this a regular column in the Hot Sheet!

Kim



DIVERSITY is the one thing we all have in common. CELEBRATE it every day.

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AAUW AND HSDF

We continued the tradition of our October member meeting coinciding with the **Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival (HSDF)**. Seventeen members gathered on October 11 at Vina Morita in downtown Hot

Springs to enjoy lunch, conversation and a presentation by one of our own, Peggy McCoy.

Peggy has attended the Festival for four years and has participated as a screener/reviewer for three years. She shared with everyone the “Why’s”, “How’s” and “Rewards” of being a reviewer.

First the “Whys” ... for Peggy this translates into the “I’s”. Volunteering as a screener is Interesting, Inspiring, Intellectual, Informative, and International. And there is one other “Why” ...it’s FUN.

For those who may be interested in what’s involved, i.e. the “How”, the time commitment by screen volunteers starts in January and goes through July 1. The documentaries are accessed online and the reviewer completes a substantive review about the technical, artistic quality and audience appeal of the film. There are eight characteristics to be considered when viewing/reviewing.

Reviewers are expected to watch a minimum of 50 films. Over 1,200 documentaries were submitted by filmmakers for this year’s HSDFF. Of that number, 100 were selected for the festival. Peggy reviewed 151 features and shorts as a reviewer this year investing about 40-50 hours a month watching and writing her reviews.

And as for “REWARDS there is a financial benefit if a reviewer hits the magic number of submitting 150 acceptable reviews. Those volunteers receive an all access pass (having a value this year of \$300) to the entire Film Festival, enabling them to not only see all/any of the documentary films, but also access to the VIP lounge and parties. But there are the non-financial rewards! As Peggy shared, work done well provides the benefit of being aware, astonished and sharing the astonishment.

If you are interested or want to know more about being a reviewer for next year’s

HSDFF, contact Chris Wilks at chrisw.hsdfisc@gmail.com . Chris is a filmmaker, film buff and also according to Peggy a great leader of for the screener/reviewer team. He provides help for new reviewers to get them acclimated to the process and what’s expected.

A big thank you to Peggy for sharing her experiences and also to Mary Jane Attwood for putting together our luncheon again this year!



Advance Notice on First Quarter 2018

JANUARY 17, Wednesday

Pizza Party at Molly O’Brien’s
(HSV) 11:30 am

FEBRUARY 21, Wednesday

Diversity Month – Unitarian
Universalist Village Church 1:00pm

MARCH 21, Wednesday

Trip to Purse Museum, Little Rock

Details on all of these important and fun events will appear in the Hot Sheet and through special communications.