



OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(Pictured left to right. Back row: Tina Graham, Keanna Peck, Dr. John Hogan-President of NPC. Front Row: Loren Frances, Elvira Murillo, Sheena Burrow, Yoselin Canas-Ramos
Recipients not in photograph: Alyssa Diggs, Hope Bratton, Jennifer Edwards, Terra Ford, Faith Bratton, Tasha Jones.

This year's Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Diamante Golf Club on Saturday November 11th. We were able to hear the inspiring and humbling personal stories from six of our recipients. **What an amazing group of women!** We had a lovely lunch with time to visit with our recipients and their guests, our NPC representatives and our members and their guests. Ten lucky women went home with a beautiful centerpiece from our raffle which raised \$285 for next year's fund. Thank you to everyone involved in making this such an inspiring afternoon.

Sue Luerssen, Scholarship Chair

HONORING OUR MEMBERS

When we look at our branch, we are fortunate to have many who step up and devote time and energy to our mission. This year our Board is recognizing three members for their work and efforts to AAUW:

Mary Eliades – Mary joined AAUW at the 2016 Angel Launch. Since then she has put her writing skills to work for AAUW by her numerous articles in the Voice promoting AAUW and reporting on our activities. We've all appreciated seeing news about our branch in the local press and appreciate Mary's efforts in getting our information out to the community.

Jeanne Ginnaven – Jeanne is another new member to our branch, joining earlier this year. Jeanne was a member of the Academic Angel Auction volunteer team and managed our auction item process. Jeanne not only pulled everyone's donations together, but did a great job in displaying the items at our September event at The De Soto Club.

Karen Vinyard – Karen isn't a new member ... she is now in her 11th year with AAUW HS/HSV. Karen's ongoing efforts for our branch covers many areas ... reaching out to local businesses for donations and representing HS/HSV AAUW at the

Village New Comer's meetings. Karen's direct involvement with National Park College has been instrumental in maintaining our branch's visibility. And Karen has also served as Scholarship Chair. We recognize Karen for the culmination of her many activities supporting AAUW.

Meetings 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.



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.

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President's Notes Kim Townsan

November is the month our branch gets to experience the impact of our fund raising at our annual scholarship luncheon. Many thanks to Sue Luerssen and the scholarship committee members for their excellent work in the selection process. For those who attended, I'm sure you'll agree it was a wonderful time and rewarding to talk to our impressive scholarship recipients.

At the Scholarship Luncheon, we announced the results of our 2017 Academic Angel Launch. Donations from the Angel Launch, Auction, Coolidge Corner and the Centerpiece Auction resulted in a total contribution towards our scholarship fund of \$14,000. And while this is slightly less than last year's results, it is still a significant level of donation. The Board will be meeting in January to begin the process of scheduling next year's fund raising. Suggestions/ideas on fundraising are welcomed...please reach out to me or other board members with your ideas.

November also included a vote by the board to financially support the Arkansas Coalition for Reproductive Justice. We join the AAUW State Organization, in addition to other Arkansas AAUW branches, providing funding for an AAUW table at the rally to be held on **Saturday, January 20**. This is the **ACRJ's 8th annual rally**, and will begin at **1:00 at the State Capital in Little Rock**. If you are interested in attending, please send me a note at townsaka@yahoo.com and I'll work on coordinating carpooling. I plan on attending...I hope others will join me.

Leaving a Legacy

BRANCH HONORS THIRD LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER

A third member of the HS/HSV AAUW branch has joined the AAUW Legacy Circle. **Velma Coolidge** was honored at our November Scholarship Luncheon as she joined **Bonnee Hagen** and **Meg Koziar** as members of the AAUW Legacy Circle. Bonnee and Meg, along with Kim Townsan presented Velma with her Legacy Circle pin.

The Legal Circle pin, designed by Swarovski and former AAUW Educational Foundation President Alice Ann Leidel, is adorned with crystals. It also includes a gold ribbon proclaiming “A Legacy of Equity”.

The Legacy Circle is comprised of AAUW members who have made arrangements for planned gifts as a part of their estate plan. There are many ways to make a planned gift. Information is available by visiting www.aauwlegacy.org or calling 877-357-5587.

Thank you to Bonnee, Meg and Velma for their commitment to AAUW ... their future gifts provide the continuation of AAUW for future generations.



Our branch will have its **January 17** meeting at **Molly O'Brian's Pizza House** on Highway 5. Social time will begin at **10:30** and the meeting at **11:00**. Lunch will be

served at **12:00**. We will be sending an email later to let you know how much lunch will be. So please check your email in January. Our speaker will be the director of the Boys and Girls Club in Jessierville. She will be speaking about the work that they do at the club and opportunities for our branch to work with them. Please put the date on your calendar and make plans to attend.



In It for Life? Make It Official!

Empower future generations through your lifetime membership in AAUW! Show your commitment to advancing equity for women and girls. [Contact us to upgrade your existing membership](#) today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. [Become a life member today!](#)



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NCCWSL – SUPPORTING A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

At the Arkansas State Convention hosted by our branch in April, we were fortunate to have Maddie Spickard share with the group her experience at NCCWSL (“**nick whistle**”). NCCWSL is the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** which is held each May at the University of Maryland. The conference is meant to provide a transformative experience for attendees...and Maddie conveyed to attendees the transitional impact NCCWSL had on her: her first trip alone, surrounded by hundreds of other young women leaders, attending leadership skill building presentations. I remember being struck by her comment “I felt like a big girl”. As a NCCWSL delegate from Arkansas, our State AAUW was well represented by Maddie at NCCWSL.

To provide other young women with the NCCWSL experience, the AAUW Arkansas State Board has **set a goal of sending four delegates to the May 2018 NCCWSL**. And in support of that goal, Maddie has volunteered to spearhead a campaign to raise the funds. She will be working on setting up advertising and a selection process and has already set up a “Gofundme” account and utilizing social media for spreading the word.

As an expansion of our areas of support, the HS/HSV AAUW Board will be reviewing opportunities for us as a branch to assist with the State goal of four delegates. The cost to send a delegate is approximately \$900 (registration and lodging), plus transportation...the costs can be lower by early registration and the availability of some scholarships.

We will be sharing more about our NCCWSL initiative at our 2018 branch meetings, so stay tuned! In the meantime, if you would like to donate directly, you can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/aauw-arkansas-nccwsl-conference>. And for information on NCCWSL, go to www.nccwsl.org.



AAUW Fund

Each year at the Scholarship Luncheon, HS/HSV AAUW not only introduces the scholarship recipients but also honors AAUW members who have contributed to AAUW's programs and mission. The Angel Launch has been a success for two years due to women who have worked tirelessly in planning and fundraising. Without this dedication that began with the historic book sale, HS/HSV AAUW would not have been able to give local scholarships and continue to support AAUW Funds at the national level.

Congratulations to Mary Eliades, Jeanne Ginnaven, and Karen Vinyard who were honored this year for their continued support of AAUW.

Many of our branch members contribute directly throughout the year to AAUW Funds by purchasing the beautiful note cards designed by AAUW members or by making individual contribution to a particular AAUW Program. **HS/HSV AAUW thanks you** for recognizing the importance of AAUW's programs and mission.

So what is the AAUW Fund? It is a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are needed. By donating to this fund, we are supporting programs such as **Tech Trek** and **Tech Savvy**, **Smart Start** and **Work Smart**, the **Legal Advocacy Fund**, the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, research grants, etc.

Congratulate Mary, Jeanne, and Karen when you see them if you did not attend the Scholarship Luncheon. Take the time to log onto AAUW's web site and go to AAUW Funds to learn more about AAUW's programs, resources, and grants.

Diana Reeves



JUST FOR FUN

During the holidays when family, and especially “grands” are about, see how many of these holiday questions they can answer.. you, too!

Who was Scrooge’s dead business partner in A Christmas Carol?

In “It’s a Wonderful Life”, how do you know that an angel has received his wings?

In what year were electric Christmas tree lights first used?

How many sides does a snowflake have?

In Australia, Santa’s sleigh is pulled by 6 white_____ called boomers.

If you received all the gifts in “The 12 Days of Christmas”, how many gifts would you receive?

The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany. From what was it made?



Answers: Jacob Marley; a bell rings; 1895; 6; kangaroos; 364; goose feathers dyed green.