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NIGHT OF ANGELS

Although Mother Nature played with our scheduling, our first Night of Angels was a success. Ninety-four luminaria kits were sold – 752 lights shining throughout the Village! Between November 30 and December 1, members and neighbors lit up the night, despite rain and wind.

After expenses, the branch raised \$1,532 to send our first candidate (see related article, page 2) to NCCWSL, the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland next May.

Several members held get-togethers at their homes for neighbors and friends to celebrate the lights. There was quite the competition on the east end, between Team Brillante and Team Magnifico. But Team Magnifico, led by Meg Koziar and Stephanie Hicklin, sold 24 kits in their neighborhood and hosted a gathering at Meg's house. We're sure any planes going by couldn't help but see the glow of Magnifico.

Several members who had shared they would be hosting an event purchased AAUW Night of Angels signs to put out in front of their homes for the night – something more members may want to do next year.

We want to thank again our sponsor, Walmart, who provided the luminary bags and plastic containers.

Paula Mathews shares a portion of the acknowledgment letter received from National Park College Foundation interim director of development Nicole Herndon:

"Your commitment to National Park College and our students is greatly appreciated. At National Park College we offer associate, certificate and technical training programs, as well as concurrent classes for our area high school students. These programs prepare our students for our local work force needs. With your partnership we continue to fulfill our mission of student success...Again, thank you for your generosity to National Park College and our students."

President's Message

Happy holidays to all!

As 2018 comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for making this an amazing year for our HS/HSV branch of AAUW. We were able to give 11 scholarships this year, plus we will be sending Keanna Peck, one of our recipients, to the AAUW NCCWSL conference in Maryland in May.

None of this would be possible without the commitment and hard work of our board and members. I am blessed to know all of you and honored to be your president this year.

I hope to see you all January 16th for our tour of the Boys and Girls Club.

Sue Luerksen

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 16—Paul Bewie Boys and Girls Club—Tour of the Club, followed by lunch at Home Plate. Keanna Peck, a scholarship recipient and our first NCCWSL recipient, will share her research on the closing of the Hot Springs Boys and Girls Club.

Feb. 20—program to be announced

March 20—Little Rock Road Trip—Visit with Garbo Watson Hearne, director of **Hearne Fine Art and Pyramid Art, Books & Custom Framing**, in the historic Dunbar neighborhood.

April 17—Annual Meeting

May—Teacher Appreciation Day

May 6—cookie assembly

May 7—cookie delivery

June 19 – Social, member recognition, NCCWSL presentation

BRANCH SELECTS FIRST NCCWSL CANDIDATE

The board, at its November meeting, approved unanimously the nomination of Keanna Peck as our first attendee at NCCWSL. Those of you who attended the past two scholarship luncheons will remember Keanna, who received the 2017 President's Scholarship and this year received the Coolidge Scholarship.

Keanna is "thrilled beyond belief" to be selected and will submit a scholarship application to NCCWSL, which may help defray the branch's cost for her attendance.

Keanna is currently a senior majoring in political science at Henderson State University. She received a degree in criminal justice at National Park College. For those who have not yet met her, Keanna will be speaking at our January 16 luncheon, sharing her research on the closing of the Hot Springs Boys and Girls Club.



AAUW Reproductive Justice Rally

The AAUW Women's March and Reproductive Justice Rally is January 19. For anyone interested in participating:

"Join us at the Arkansas Capitol steps at 1 p.m. on Jan. 19, 2019, for our 9th Annual Rally for Reproductive Justice! This is a VITAL year to come together in solidarity to support reproductive justice issues and get energized for 2019. Help us spread the word by sharing this event far and wide! Featured speakers and after-party details coming soon. You can contact the ACRJ at acforri@gmail.com for further information."

Our board decided we are not going to make a donation this year, but if anyone would like to make an individual donation, please make your checks out to "ACRJ" and mail to Rally finance chair Leeann Bennett at 400 Booker Street, Little Rock, AR 72205.



Keanna Peck with long-time AAUW member Velma Coolidge at the Scholarship Luncheon.



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