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SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

With one month left to sell tickets, we have sold a total of 162—our goal is 275. That goal was based on members buying tickets AND members selling tickets! Only 11 members have sold tickets to non-members!!!

Here are the numbers so far:

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| TICKETS SOLD | 162 |
| # members purchasing tickets | 35 |
| # tickets sold to business sponsors | 10 |
| # tickets purchased by members | 79 |
| | (49% of tickets sold) |
| # tickets sold to non-members | 83 |
| # members selling tickets to others | 11 |

THE MONEY

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| Receipts from ticket sales | \$16,200 |
| Donations | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total collected | \$17,200 |
| Less admin expenses | (\$400) |
| Tauk trip prize | (\$10,000) |
| Travel expense prize | <u>(\$1,000)</u> |

NET \$ FOR SCHOLARSHIPS \$5,800

Depending on the winner's choice, monies available for scholarships may be \$6,000 greater – that would happen if the winner decides to take \$5,000 in cash, rather than the Tauk trip.

To thank our business sponsors, we have presented each with a framed certificate of appreciation. The sponsors are American Arts Gallery & Gifts, Cavanaugh Hyundai, Century 21, EyeCare Specialties, Good Spirits, Historic District Antiques, Ike Eisenhower State Farm Insurance, ToMorrow's Therapy. We have also provided them with a supply of raffle brochures to assist with

marketing. If you happen to visit one of our business sponsors, please say thank you on behalf of AAUW!

And please continue to reach out to family, friends and your volunteer organizations – let's get that ticket number increased! Remember, the raffle drawing will take place immediately following the Nov. 2 scholarship luncheon at Diamante. Tickets are \$100. Checks should be made out to NPC Foundation, AAUW Fund and sent to Kim Townsan, 9 Brilliante Way, HSV AR 71909.



Oct. 14, 4—6 p.m. (UUVC)—Historic flags with Dennis Zymboly
Columbus Day program, with Dennis Zymboly sharing his collection of historic U.S. flags, along with the stories and myths that go with them.
Wine and appetizers will be served.

Oct. 31—Last day to pay dues for national membership list

Nov. 2—Scholarship luncheon and raffle drawing (special presentation by Tauk Tours and champagne toast)

Nov. 18—Cutoff for ordering luminaries

Dec. 6—Night of Angels—Neighborhood Luminaries

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

The October program will be a special Columbus Day event, featuring Villager Dennis Zymboly, who will share his collection of historic flags and stories about their backgrounds.

Zymboly started collecting reproductions of early U.S. flags in 1971, with the purchase of a “Betsy Ross” 13-star flag to fly in front of his home in suburban Chicago. After moving to Hot Springs Village in 2002 – and displaying that flag in his front yard – another Villager noted Zymboly’s interest in flags and invited him to view his collection. Zymboly bought another flag; later, another neighbor – one who owned a flag store – invited Zymboly to see his collection. Zymboly is also interested in genealogy and went on the hunt to learn more about the history of the flags. That first “Betsy Ross” has now grown into a collection of 60-plus flags and a continuing interest in how the U.S. flag has evolved.

Zymboly grew up in western Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He retired after 37 years in sales and marketing with the Fort James Corporation. He has two grown, married daughters and seven grandchildren. Zymboly refers to flags as the “government’s nametag,” especially true for

ships at sea. Every flag has an important and interesting story behind it.

There are also myths that have become part of the mystique of our flag. Zymboly will discuss these and do some “debunking” as he shares his collection and stories with members and guests.

The public is invited to join AAUW members for this special Columbus Day program, so bring your friends and neighbors. Wine and appetizers will be served, and the event is free, starting at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Kim Townsan at townsaka@yahoo.com or 860-836-7234.

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 14, 4-6 p.m.

**WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Church,
403 Barcelona, HSV**

NIGHT OF ANGELS

The branch will once again host our “Night of Angels,” in which neighborhoods come together to enjoy a night of luminaries, while supporting a great cause. Proceeds from luminary sales will send a local college woman to AAUW’s National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, held in May at the University of Maryland. Monies received in excess of conference costs will go to the HS/HSV Scholarship Fund. We want to thank the Hot Springs Village Walmart for once again sponsoring our event by their donation of most of the supplies.

A luminaria kit costs \$20 and includes 8 luminaries. The luminaries will be displayed on Friday, Dec. 6, in front of homes and/or on driveways by 6 p.m. Neighborhood “angels” are encouraged to host open houses and invite neighbors to enjoy the lights and camaraderie.

And yes, we know many of you may still have your kits from last year! We hope you will just expand the luminary presence in your neighborhood by purchasing more kits.

If you are hosting an event at your home the evening of the “Night of Angels” and would like to purchase an AAUW “Night Of Angels” sign for your front yard, please send a note to Kim Townsan, townsaka@yahoo.com, who will be placing

an order on Nov. 18. Signs will cost approximately \$18.

Luminaria order forms and payment must be received by Nov. 8, and luminaria kits will be delivered to “angels” the week of Nov. 18. Send your forms and checks made out to AAUW to Kim Townsan, 9 Brilliante Way, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. Contact Kim for questions at townsaka@yahoo.com.

We also need volunteers to assemble the luminary kits and deliver. The kit assembly team will meet on Monday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Village Church at 403 Barcelona. Hope to see members that day!



Membership: If you haven't renewed your membership yet, there's still time to be included on the national membership list. Send your checks for \$76, payable to AAUW, to Terry Marx, 9 Badajoz Way, HSV, AR 71909, before the end of October.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The scholarship luncheon is coming up on Nov. 2, at Diamante Country Club. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a social hour and table centerpiece raffle, followed by lunch and the program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The cost is \$22, and centerpiece raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.

Reservations and money should be sent to treasurer Terry Marx at 9 Badajoz Way, HSV, AR 71909, no later than Oct. 26. Checks should be made out to "AAUW."

Our guests will include the 13 scholarship recipients, and speaker Dr. John Hogan, president of National Park College.

At 1:30 p.m., the "Pop and Popcorn with Tauck Tours" will take place, and will include the drawing for the scholarship raffle prize, a champagne toast, and a presentation by Tauck Tours.

September Program

Linda Pennington Black was the honored guest in September, when she visited to discuss her latest book, "Sanaa: The Golden Princess."

The book, a fictional story bookended by factual prologue and epilogue, is about a young girl born in Tanzania with albinism – a genetic condition that affects the pigmentation of the skin, eyes and hair due to the lack of melanin. The condition is widespread in Africa, and people with albinism often face overwhelming challenges – not just medical challenges, but fear of oppression and even slaughter.

Black became interested in the subject after doing a DNA test and learning that some of her ancestors came from sub-Saharan Africa. She started doing research of her own, became particularly interested in Tanzania, and eventually "hit on albinism." In Tanzania, the incidence of albinism is 1 in 3,000, whereas in the U.S. it affects around 1 in 18,000 to 20,000.

People with albinism (PWA), as they prefer to be called (rather than albinos), have low vision and usually die young – the main cause of death is skin cancer. Some clinics have been established in recent years, distributing basic items like hats, umbrellas, sunscreens and sunglasses.

Families are often encouraged to kill their children with albinism or sell them to witch doctors, who use their body parts in "traditional" healing.

The story relates Sanaa's escape from Tanzania after her adoption by missionary parents, who bring her to the United States. Sanaa returns to Tanzania in search of her biological family and faces the same challenges that prompted her escape in the first place.

Black is an author, poet and speaker – you can follow her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lindawriteright/>.

Remember: The Boys & Girls Day Care center on Carmona at DeSoto is happy to have your plastic shopping bags. They use them for sending home dirty clothes and toting projects. Drop them off anytime during hours or, if more convenient, drop them with Carol Freeland at 50 Atrayente Way and she'll get them there!