



THE HOT SHEET

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JANUARY MEETING

Finally – a program!

We are pleased to host a Zoom meeting featuring Rhiannon Zerbe, a registered nurse at UAMS, who will speak to us about “Providing for Equity of Care Through Innovative Digital Technologies” on January 27 at 4 p.m.

Her presentation is about how UAMS is utilizing digital technologies to offer healthcare specialties to patients that might not otherwise have access. Rhiannon said her discussion mainly focuses on UAMS’ very successful stroke program, as well as the newest program that gives sexually assaulted patients access to expert level care.

Rhiannon is a registered nurse, currently working as a sexual assault outreach nurse and educator with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Institute for Digital Health and Innovation (IDHI) Digital Health Sexual Assault Assessment Program.

She began her career as an Army combat medic and went on to obtain her RN in her home state of Kansas. Most of her career has been within the emergency department.

Rhiannon is passionate about the outdoors. She loves to hike, backpack, trail run, paddle board, and mountain bike. If she is not outdoors, then you can find her at home relaxing with her wife Catina and her little dog, Ziggy.

Because of Rhiannon’s love for life, she is determined to help those who have experienced a sexual assault. She discovered during her first sexual assault forensic examination that care for

the patient requires the utmost specialization. She finds it beyond rewarding to make sure she does the absolute best for the patient in order to aid them through their healing journey.

Rhiannon said, “I’m so happy and thankful to have the opportunity to speak about programs that change the lives of those they touch, and to get the word out there so that more people are aware of what is offered.”

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 27

TIME: 4 p.m.

WHERE: The comfort of your home – all you need is a computer, tablet or phone with a camera

We will send a Zoom link to everyone, along with instructions on how to join the meeting.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Novels: “The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood—Feb. 2

Nonfiction: “Women Rowing North” by Mary Pipher—Feb. 18

Contemporary Lit: “March” by Geraldine Brooks—Feb. 23

For information about group leaders, meeting times and places, visit the website at hshsv-ar.aauw.net.

President's Message

Welcome to 2021! I am very much hoping this new year will eventually bring us a more normal, peaceful life in more ways than one. My husband and I were able to get our first vaccine shot yesterday and I cannot wait for the second dose. The only side effect so far has been a sore arm.

In case you are not aware, our membership has gone above and beyond this past year and we raised over \$15,000 for scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you all for your continued support of our mission during these trying times. We are hoping to be able to have in-person interviews in April, but have contingency plans in place should we need them. And we are going forward with plans for our Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, November 6th, so please save the date. I, for one, really missed being able to celebrate our recipients this past year.

Arkansas AAUW has a Zoom membership that all state chapters can use for AAUW-related events. If you need to use it, please let me know and I will help you get your meeting set up. So far I know we have been able to use it for board meetings and a couple of our book clubs without a meeting time limit.

Hope to see you all at our virtual branch meeting on January 27th. You can see the details on page 1.

Stay safe, everyone!

Sue Luerssen

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our branch awarded 10 \$1500 scholarships for the academic year 2020-2021. Funds are deposited into each recipient's financial account at her college. Eight of the recipients will receive their second semester deposit of \$750, and collectively earned fall semester grades of 3.3 to 4.0, carrying 10 (for nursing students) to 15 hours.

The scholarship committee consists of Kim Townsan, Anais Troadec, Chris Cash, Carol Freeland, Wilma Gunn, Ronnie Zuege, Paula Mathews, Mary Kay Benkert and its newest member, Dianne Morton.

Applications are online at NPC for the 2021-2022 academic year. The committee will be able to award up to a total of \$15,000 in scholarships. Interviews will commence in April, hopefully in person. We are planning for, and hopefully can hold, our annual Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, November 6th. Pencil it in!

Questions/ideas/comments on scholarship activity can be forwarded to Carol Freeland at 915-8961 or by email at cfreeland@actsplus.com.

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