



THE HOT SHEET

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PROGRAM

“Why Ruth Bader Ginsburg Matters”

We are very pleased to announce that for our next Lunch Bunch, to be held Sept. 29, we have an exciting guest speaker.

Dr. Nancy Hendricks, an award-winning author, will talk to us about her latest book, “Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Life in American History.”

Nancy, an AAUW member and resident of Hot Springs Village, wrote the book “Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy,” which offers a fresh look at Hattie Caraway of Arkansas, the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate. It was named by Cosmopolitan magazine as one of the “Twenty Political Books All Women Should Read.” Her book “Notable Women of Arkansas: 100 Names to Know” was named an “Arkansas Gem” to be represented at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC. Her other books, available on Amazon.com, include “America’s First Ladies: The Remarkable Women of the White House” and “Lives of Postwar American Women.”

Nancy is a contributing writer for the “Encyclopedia of Arkansas” and Smithsonian.com. Among her honors are the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) “Women in History” Award and the White House Millennium Award.

The luncheon will be at the DeSoto Club at 11:30 on Sept. 29. More details regarding menu selections will be forthcoming.

RSVP to Mary Eliades at maryeliades@gmail.com.

President's Message

Dear members —

Sue is a hard act to follow, but I’m going to do my best as your new president!

We still need a president-elect, and there will be other openings next year, so if you’re thinking of getting more involved with AAUW, let me know and we’ll figure out how you can help.

We’ve had three successful Lunch Bunch sessions this year, and it’s been fun getting reacquainted with each other.

We have a lunch program coming up Sept. 29, and it will be a good one—mark your calendars now!

The scholarship committee has done a great job of selecting recipients—read Carol Freeland’s article to learn a bit about them and plan to attend the Scholarship Luncheon on Nov. 6.

I’m always open to suggestions, so feel free to contact me—maryeliades@gmail.com.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you all!

Mary Eliades

NAMETAGS

Anyone wanting one of the beautiful new name-tags can contact Jeanne Ginnaven at jginnaven@gmail.com.

The magnetic tags are \$15.

MEMBERS CORNER

Our Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch has the honor of having TWO 50-year AAUW members—Pat Ormsbee and Diana Reeves.

This month we'll learn a bit about Ms. Ormsbee, as written by Carol Freeland, and next month we'll feature Ms. Reeves.

PAT MAACK ORMSBEE

Meet Pat Maack Ormsbee, one of our 50-year AAUW members! Pat currently lives at Good Sam here in the Village.

Originally from Illinois, where she grew up and graduated from high school, Pat attended Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and transferred as a junior to Northern Illinois University (in DeKalb, Illinois), where she graduated in 1951 with a BS degree in education.

Pat began her teaching career at the elementary school level but took a hiatus when her children came along. Children Sharon, Karen and Steve kept her busy for many years, but during that time she managed to participate in the AAUW local chapter book club and was supportive of its scholarship efforts. Her husband's business transfer took them to Wisconsin, where the family lived for many years. Once Pat's youngest child graduated from high school and was off to college, Pat went back to teaching elementary school.

Pat enjoys travelling and, although no longer on her "plans" list, immensely enjoyed her trips to Europe, New Zealand and Australia. She attended a family reunion in Arizona in August and was pleased to find the travel people along the way accommodating and friendly. Pat and her husband selected Hot Springs Village as their retirement choice because, beating Califor-

nia and Florida, it promised to be warmer, with "no snow to blow," than Wisconsin, but offered the rural, wooded small community they had come to love and appreciate.

Always, always, Pat's AAUW participation has been about scholarships, scholarships, scholarships! She has served on the HS/HSV branch scholarship committee and was a leader in donating a scholarship, the Maack-Ormsbee Endowment, which provides annual funds to the AAUW Fund, managed through National Park College. The endowment is named for each of Pat's husbands, both of whom are deceased.

Although not so much anymore, Pat has been an avid reader all her life and has participated in many book clubs. She doesn't claim to be interested in only one genre but rather nearly everything – perhaps with a bit of a bent toward history. She is a member of Kirk of the Pines Presbyterian church, where she has also provided scholarship assistance to deserving young people.

Pat's favorite color is blue – no surprise with her pretty blue eyes. And you'll often find her dressed in blue. Pat has been an inspiration to other AAUW members and we are grateful she has been such a generous contributor.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Nonfiction: "Come Fly the World" by Julia Cooke—Sept. 16

Contemporary Lit: "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict—Sept. 28

Novel Discussion: "Interior Chinatown" by Charles Yu—Sept. 7

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

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

MEET THE RECIPIENTS

Carol Freeland ***Scholarship Committee chair***

First, let me share with you our Scholarship Committee: Anais Troadec, Ronnie Zuege, Carol Freeland, Kim Townsan, Mary Kay Benkert, Chris Cash, Wilma Gunn, Paula Mathews and Dianne Morton.

We were able to award ten \$1,500 scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year.

A full article and photo for each recipient are appearing in the Village Voice, starting in late July until the end of September. Be sure and read “the whole story” on each of these outstanding young women. The articles will eventually be posted on our branch website as well.

In briefer form, here’s some interesting facts: GPAs range from 3.2 to 4.0; five of the 10 awards went to transferring students, with five staying at NPC. Six of our women are married or single heads of household, and four are single. We have five recipients majoring in nursing, two in criminal justice, and one each in the fields of elementary education, respiratory therapy, and graphic design/business. Three of this year’s recipients are prior AAUW scholarship recipients.

Sarah Rudder is a business major with a graphic design emphasis. She interned at Ouachita Children, Youth and Family Services, designing and implementing an educational component on marijuana, focusing on at-risk youth. Within her art interests, Sarah works with ceramics and design. She was greatly influenced by her grandmother, who was an

artist. Sarah is president of the Student Government Association at NPC and a member of the Honors Program. She plans to stay in the Hot Springs area, with a long-range goal of owning and managing an event center.

Karin Owens returned to school in nursing after the pandemic closed her and her husband’s business (the Italian restaurant at the West Gate). Her husband and three grown children support her ambition to earn her RN degree and then her master’s. She is a member of the national honors society, Phi Theta Kappa. Karin says she is focused and determined, and she knows what she wants and needs to get where she wants to be.

Kristen Willet maintains a 3.9 GPA, with plans to graduate from Henderson State in 2022 with a degree in elementary education. A busy single mother of a 7-year-old, she still finds time to teach Sunday School at her church and is described by her professors as “ambitious, responsible, with a great attitude.” Kristen works full time as well and is known for her great attitude.

Jessica Fox will finish her studies at NPC and then go on to UAMS for her bachelor’s in respiratory therapy. A former member of the military, Jessica somehow finds time to volunteer at the NPC Night Hawk Food Pantry, remaining on the Dean’s List with a goal of teaching her teenage daughters that “it’s never a bad time to grow or improve yourself.”

Ali Meeks, an honors graduate of Mountain Pine, continued as an honors student at NPC and is now at Henderson State, where she is majoring in nursing with plans to apply for graduate school. Her goal is to become a nurse practitioner at either Henderson State or UA for Medical Science. One of her professors says she is “driven to succeed and to help make the lives of others better, overcoming significant obstacles in pursuit of her education.”

Jinny Winchell, currently working as a hair stylist, is an RN candidate with thoughts of going

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into surgical nursing. She maintains a high GPA and has received the President's Award for outstanding academic achievement. Her family, including four children, drove her decision to enter the health care field. Jinny cares for several ill family members and serves as a volunteer by giving haircare appointments to nursing home and cancer patients. She's a hands-on caregiver, who believes community volunteering is a must for bringing a community together.

Jennifer Iberra-Reyes, has earned an associate degree in criminal justice from NPC and is headed to University of Arkansas in Ft. Smith to earn her bachelor's degree. Her plan is to attend Bowen School of Law at UALR, with the intention of becoming an immigration attorney. At 39, Jennifer seeks to provide a better life for her children and has overcome several major illnesses. She serves as president of the newly-formed AAUW affiliate branch at NPC. Somehow, Jennifer finds time to volunteer at Changing Point and within the homeless community.

Sarah Duran started her adulthood as a homeless 19-year-old, living in a "totaled" car. By 20, she was valedictorian of her high school class. She is now a married mother of three and a proud homeowner! Sarah will attend Henderson State to complete her Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2022. Her focus is geared towards women's health and advocacy and ultimately a Master Degree in nursing. She maintains affiliations of both professional and volunteer organizations and makes time to participate in her children's school activities. Her professors and peers alike see Sarah as a community servant, a committed parent, a compassionate person who is determined, loving and dedicated.

Yolanza Ford is a graduate of the Hot Springs World Class High School, where she received the Presidential Scholarship. Currently at NPC, she will transfer to University of Arkansas in

January 2022 to complete her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Yolanza is a student ambassador at NPC and a member of TRIO, an organization for first-in-family college students. She describes these two groups as having helped her step out of her comfort zone. Yolanza shares that her grandfather, also in law enforcement, was a great influence in her life. She sees a career as a crime scene technician in Hot Springs in her future.

Laury Ramos is a prior recipient of an AAUW scholarship. She is transferring from NPC to Henderson to complete her work in nursing, earning her bachelor's degree. She has received the President's Award for academic achievement on more than one occasion and is a member of Phi Kappa Theta and the Honors Program. She volunteers as an assistant at the Adult Education Center at NPC. Perhaps her desire to be in the medical field stems from having to attend doctor's appointments with her parents from the age of 5 to act as their translator, something she still does. Laury would like to be a "voice for the voiceless, especially those who have a language barrier." A helper, a listener, a voice.

Join us at the Nov. 6 Scholarship Luncheon as we honor these young women!

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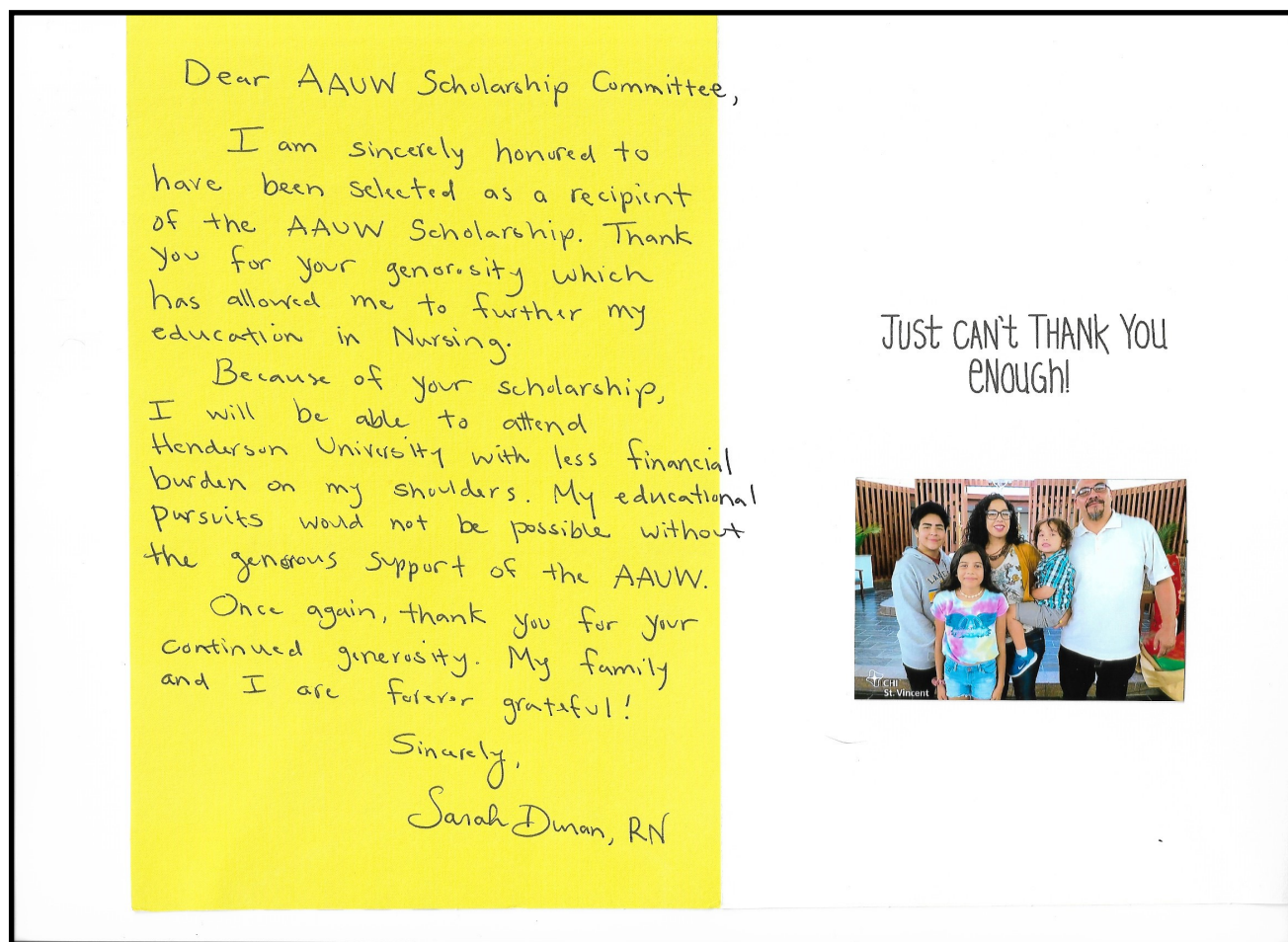
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Our scholarship recipients are always grateful for our support.

Below is a card from one of this year's recipients, Sarah Duran, as well as a note from NCCWSL attendee Leslie Camacho.



FROM LESLIE CAMACHO: “The NCCWSL was amazing; I almost felt I didn't deserve to be participating when I got to compare my small achievements with everyone's huge achievements. Those ladies...leaders, writers, masters and doctorates, great, strong, independent, amazing women!!

“The NCCWSL touched topics such as leadership, feminism, fair payment for women, jobs opportunities, and so much more. They practically encouraged us to keep pushing to become the best version of ourselves. The only downside to it was, of course, the digital part, I wish it would have been a real in-person meeting.

“Please thank the wonderful women at AAUW for this great opportunity they gave me.”