



# THE HOT SHEET

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## President's Message

Dear members —

As you can see, our scholarship luncheon is the big news right now—coming up Nov. 6, at Diamante. Since we didn't have a luncheon last year—that dang Covid—we have invited last year's recipients to join the new "crop" at the luncheon. Come meet these wonderful young women!

When you send your checks to Paula Mathews, please consider adding a little extra to help cover the cost of our guests.

Also, if you have a favorite local business that might be willing to donate a centerpiece, let Paula know and she will take it from there.

I look forward to seeing you all at the luncheon!

*Mary Eliades*

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Members! And perhaps friends and family of members.....our call for the annual fundraising for the scholarship program has been sent to all current members from our president, Mary Eliades. A number of you have heeded the call to action and somewhere down the line a deserving young woman will be ever so grateful! We hope to hear from every member because more dollars in the AAUW Fund at NPC Foundation means we can offer more scholarship assistance. If you have any questions about this fund or the scholarship program, call me and we'll chat (Carol Freeland 915-8961). Send your tax deductible contribution asap to NPC Foundation, 101 College Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913 and be sure to indicate in the memo section AAUW Fund. THANKS for the future!!

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## MEMBERS CORNER

Last month we featured 50-year AAUW member Pat Ormsbee, and this month we're pleased to learn a little about another 50-year member, Diana Reeves (in her own words)!

### Diana's Journey in AAUW

I joined AAUW in 1967 in Bartlesville, OK. As a new stay-at-home mother, I was looking for a place/organization to nurture my mind beyond motherhood. My mother had emphasized how important it was for women to be educated and prepared to take care of themselves, since she had been left with a 2-year-old when my father was killed during WWII. AAUW sounded like an organization I needed. Meetings at night and Saturdays enabled working women and lots of young mothers to attend. I made many friends in Bartlesville through AAUW during the short time we lived there. Also, I joined an AAUW book group that I have continued wherever I have lived.

We moved to Topeka, KS in 1969. The Topeka branch is the only AAUW branch that asked me to show them my diploma. With Washburn University in Topeka, many members were college professors.

When the opportunity arose, my husband chose to transfer to the Dallas area, so our stay in Topeka was short. At that time there was no AAUW chapter in Plano, so in 1971, I transferred my membership to the Richardson AAUW branch. As both communities grew, Plano established its own chapter. I was one of the early active members of this new group until I moved to Arkansas in 1992.

I was an active member of the Fayetteville branch, the largest Arkansas branch for many years. While there, I met and became friends with Mary Burton and Othelia Paul, who became my mentors. They were wonderful leaders and felt deeply about education for women. For years the fundraiser for the branch was a Giant Sale. I still have pictures of one of the sales. Now the branch has partnered with other groups for fundraising.

Berta Seitz and I shared the co-presidency job for several years. I also served on the state board and met Velma Coolidge and other Arkansas AAUW members. Berta and I attended the AAUW International Convention in California, along with other Arkansas delegates (Margaret Perritt and Pat Ormsbee from HSV) and Dorothy Truax, Little Rock.

In 2006 I moved to HSV. Being a member of a book club and working to give scholarships to women has continued my passion here. I have served as scholarship chair and when Chris Cash and I were State co-VP, we spearheaded the 2011 State AAUW Convention in Hot Springs.

Wherever I have lived, I have been active in AAUW and have wonderful memories of each branch. One of my dear Bartlesville friends and I wish we had become lifetime members early on, but we were newly marrieds with babies and did not have the money. It is an exciting day to say I have been a 50-year member of such an important organization.

### OTHER MEMBER NEWS

One of our longtime members, Velma Coolidge, recently had a fall and broke her hip.

If you'd like to let Velma know you're thinking of her, send her a card at Good Samaritan Society, #432, 121 Cortez Road, HSV, AR 71909.

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Nonfiction: "Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR" by Lisa Napoli—Oct. 21

Contemporary Lit: "Sold on a Monday" by Kristina McMorris—Oct. 26

Novel Discussion: "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett—Oct. 5

For information about group leaders, meeting times and places, visit the website at [hshsv-ar.aauw.net](http://hshsv-ar.aauw.net).