



THE HOT SHEET

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LUNCH BUNCH

Join us for the next Lunch Bunch:

When: Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 a.m.

Where: El Jimador (107 DeSoto Center Dr.)

No program, just catching up!

RSVP to Mary Eliades at maryeliades@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Carol Freeland

IT'S SPRING.....SO IT MUST BE SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we once again have \$15,000 in scholarship money to distribute for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Applications for the are currently being collected online by the NPC financial aid department. An interview team of five from the scholarship committee will conduct in-person interviews April 20 and 21.

Our scholarships are given to NPC women and to women who are transferring from NPC to another accredited college or university in Arkansas. The applicants must show a GPA of at least 3.0 and be a full time student. Heavy consideration is given to need, long-term goals and the required references from faculty and employers. Although the scholarship award is for a full academic year, funds are released by semester with proof of full time enrollment and grades.

Current members of the scholarship committee are: Ronnie Zuege, Kim Townsan, Anais Troadec, Mary Kay Benkert, Chris Cash, Paula Mathews, Wilma Gunn, Dianne Morten, and Carol Freeland.

President's Message

Dear members:

It looks like Spring has finally sprung, and it's about time! I love this time of growth and renewal (except for the renewal of my allergies). We've got a Lunch Bunch coming up April 13 and our annual meeting on May 18. We hope you can join us for one or both and catch up with old friends and fellow members.

The scholarship committee is doing great work—please read Carol's update in this issue.

For those of you who are interested in getting involved with political issues, consider joining the CFC initiative about "period poverty" (read state treasurer Nell Matthews' article).

We are still looking for help on the board, particularly on programs. If you're interested, contact me!

Sincerely,

Mary Eliades

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GET INVOLVED!

Recently, at a monthly meeting while listening to a presentation from Last Chances.Period, a group that works to supply young women with free feminine hygiene products, AAUW Little Rock learned that feminine hygiene products are taxed at a very high rate, relative to other products you buy in the grocery store. Food is taxed at 1.5%. Depending on where you live in Arkansas, you may pay as much as 11% (state, local tax) or more.

We were shocked. We want to see the tax in feminine products reduced or even eliminated. Nell Matthews (AAUW LR and AAUW Arkansas) has asked for help from her legislators (Rep. Tippi McCollough and Sen. Clarke Tucker) in crafting a resolution to be presented to the Citizens First Congress (AAUW AR is a member) for selection on the priority platform at the June convention. This way the power of the CFC is behind efforts to get the tax removed or at least reduced by the state (6%).

If you would like to help, we will need many co-sponsors of the legislation, in both the house and senate. We need support to get this elected as a priority at the CFC convention June 24. We will need a campaign to bring this issue to the front of people's minds and into their conversations. It is time we stopped being ashamed of our biology and talked openly about the need, especially for girls and young women.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Nell Matthews at aauwnell@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

April 13—Lunch Bunch (El Jimador)

May 18—Annual meeting (Lagniappe, Hot Springs)

May 21—State convention (Zoom)

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held May 18, 11:30, a.m., at Lagniappe in Hot Springs.

We'll have lunch, reports from board members, and election of officers for 2022-2023 (and maybe a little shopping!).

Stay tuned for further details!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Novel Discussion: "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen—April 5

Contemporary Lit: "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult—April 26

STATE CONVENTION

The state convention will be held Saturday, May 21, on Zoom.

Potential topics include "period poverty" and a review of legislative issues.

Members should receive information and an invitation to participate in the next few weeks

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