



THE HOT SHEET

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LUNCH PROGRAM

Join us for lunch and a program!

HSV Police Chief Kristi Bennett and Administrative Commander Shawna Yonts will be our guest speakers as they discuss women in law enforcement, a traditionally male-dominated field.

When: Wednesday, Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m.

Where: DeSoto Club

RSVP to Mary Eliades at maryeliades@gmail.com

SAVE OUR LIBRARY!!

The Coronado Center Library, in the heart of Hot Springs Village, needs our help.

Many of us routinely visit the Book Club section, while browsing for good reads – fiction and non-fiction—as well as magazines, audio books, puzzles, etc.

The library budget has been cut almost in half this year—from \$22,000 to \$12,000.

We are fortunate to have two dedicated, professional librarians, but with the new budget, the selection of books and magazines will dwindle without our help.

Friends of the Library are spearheading donations and fundraising. If you would like to donate money or your time, please contact Friends president Sunny Lofton at sundance09nv@gmail.com.

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

I trust you all had a fun and family-filled holiday season and, hopefully, you were not affected by the airline debacle. The day after we arrived in Chicago the wind chill was 30

below – needless to say, we did not leave the house for two days.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you on February 15th at the Desoto Club. I am interested in meeting our new police chief and her assistant and hearing their stories. There is still time to sign up to join us – just let Mary know you can make it.

Thank you to all of you that answered our survey. The board will use it to try to map out a more meaningful future for us.

The scholarship applications are available at National Park and I am looking forward to learning about the amazing women we will be able to help for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thanks for your support. Hope we all have a safe, healthy 2023.

Sue Luerssen

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Our 2022-2023 recipients have entered their spring semester!

Now your scholarship committee is working on the plan for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications for AAUW scholarships are online at NPC and we will accept them through March 17. Qualified applicants will be interviewed by a team of 5 AAUW scholarship committee members in mid-April. Decisions are made by the end of April and recipients notified by mid-May.

You will recall that the AAUW scholarship is based on need and can be used only for tuition, books and associated fees. Through the fundraising efforts back in the Fall of 2022, along with funds from interest on our endowments at NPC and some “unused” cash in our account at NPC, we will have \$20,000 to award this cycle. As with everything else, costs have gone up and, of course, we want to help as many women as possible. There is no question that our scholarships make a world of difference to those selected!

Thank you for whatever you were able to do for the AAUW Fund!! We'll make good use of your generosity.

Carol Freeland, scholarship committee chair

PREGNANCY CENTER IN LITTLE ROCK

The Arkansas Abortion Support Network is thrilled to open a first-of-its-kind pregnancy center in Little Rock.

The YOU (Your Options Understood) Center will offer Plan B, pregnancy tests, and referrals and resources for abortion access, adoption, and parenting.

All services are free and provided without judgement.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Novel Discussion: “The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto” by Mitch Albom—Feb. 7

Contemporary Lit: “American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins—Feb. 28

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

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

AAUW Missouri will host a regional conference Oct. 19-21 in St. Louis.

If you are interested in helping with the planning, contact Maria Jones, AAUW Arkansas president, at mhjones2@comcast.net.

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