

**American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch** 

**April 2014** 

March General Meeting April 15th Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM

The Speaker for the Branch AAUW April meeting is Sandy Bahr of the Sierra Club.



The topic of Sandy's presentation is "The Top Ten Ways the Arizona Legislature is Harming Our Environment."

Sandy Bahr is the Chapter Director for the Grand Canyon (Arizona) Chapter of the Sierra Club, where her responsibilities include advocating for environmental protection with various state and federal agencies, conducting research, developing and evaluating policies, conducting grassroots outreach and organizing, developing and implementing priority projects, fundraising and budget development, and supervising staff, among others. She has worked actively on environmental protection issues in Arizona for the past twenty-four years, both as a volunteer and as staff for various organizations including the Sierra Club, Arizona Audubon Council, Arizona Common Cause, and the McDowell Sonoran Land Trust. She has served as Chapter Director for the past 16 years. Sandy has an associates in applied science in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University and a bachelors degree in Environmental Studies from Prescott College. Sandy and the Sierra Club were recognized in 2012 with the Best of the Capitol Watch Dog Group and Sandy was recognized by the Arizona Capitol Times with a 2011 Leaders of the Year award

for advancing environmental public policy, Arizona Game and Fish Commission with its *Advocate of the Year Award* in 2010, the League of Women Voters *Frances Munds* Award in 2010, Arizona Center for the Law in the Public Interest with their *2007 Public Interest Award*, the Wilburforce Foundation with its *Conservation Leadership Award* for 2006, the US Environmental Protection Agency with its *2004 Award for Outstanding Environmental Achievement*, by the Sierra Club in 2002 with its *Virginia Ferguson Award*, and in 2000 by the Arizona Social Change Fund with its *Visionary Award*.

During the legislative session, Sandy Bahr spends much of her time at the legislature. Attending Sandy's presentation on April 15th, is an opportunity to find out what our law makers do and learn about new laws. Carolyn Maxon stresses that Sandy has important observations that are not reported by the media. Carolyn said, "There are so many bad laws that I can't keep up what's happening to them." She feels that Sandy would give AAUW members insight on what happened in the legislative voting.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RSVP

We need your RSVP as promptly as possible and no later than Friday before the meeting. The number can be changed as late as noon on Monday before the meeting. If you must cancel, please call me before noon Monday or YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE \$14. The branch must pay for the number reserved. New reservations may be added before noon Monday. Please be considerate and RSVP ASAP. Mary Beth Lemons, (602)510-1544 or mlemons1@cox.net

Dinner is \$14 and is at 5:30 followed by our guest speaker at 6:30. Monthly meetings are held at the Luther Life Center at the Beatitudes, 1616 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ. Please enter the Beatitudes at the gate by the flag pole. Visitors are welcome. Garden Salad, Pork Roast, Sauerkraut, Boiled Potatoes, Red Velvet Cake. A vegetarian option is available.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**Phoenix Branch** 

**President: Dorothy Ward** 

Co-presidents elect: Barbara Presler and

Gretchen Peniska

Vice-president: program; Carolyn Maxon

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Treasurer: Mary Ellen Bloomburg Recording Secretary: Marilyn Scheidat Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Baker

### Nominating Committee Report for 2014-2015 Board Members

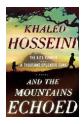
Carolyn Maxon, Chair

Co-President – Barbara Presler
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Co-Vice-President Program – Sara Presler
Co-Vice-President Program – Dorothy Ward
Vice-President Membership – Linda Byers
Recording Secretary - Suzanne Petersen
Treasurer – Mary Beth Lemons

The voting will take place at the April 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

### Things to Do

### **Morning Book Discussion**



For information about the book discussion, group and its location please contact Sue Zeigler: (602)380-8780. On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> the group will discuss <u>And the Mountains</u> Echoed by Khaled Hosseini at 9:30 am.

#### **Evening Book Discussion**



The date April evening book discussion is April 16th. This month we will discuss <u>Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide</u> by Nicolas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

The discussions are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Discussions are held at the Orangeaire Villas Club House. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions: ritachristina@cox.net, 623-872-6448

#### **Board Meeting**

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. On April 2nd, the meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Ward (602)246-1246.

Please contact Dorothy Ward for more information: UniqueDorothy@cox.net or (602)246-1246.

**Equal Pay Day** 2014 will fall on Tuesday, April 8, so mark your calendar! Wear Red for the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings.

#### **Great Decisions**



The Great Decisions Study Group will meet twice this month on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at I:00 P.M. in the home of Mary Beth Lemons at 6825 N. 29th Ave. Snacks will be served and members are asked to bring their own beverages.

Study topics for these meetings will be: April 9, Energy Independence and April 23, Food and Climate.

#### **World Travelers**

Upcoming travelers meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Noon to 2pm. Please contact Carolyn Baker for directions or information: 602-277-5032.

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the AAUW's World Travelers will see more of Germany. Gina Vesco will continue about her years spent in Germany with a video highlighting German cities

#### **Coffee and Conversation**

We will be meeting at Scott's Generation Restaurant and Delicatessen, 5539 N 7th St (NE corner of Missouri & 7th Street) on the last Saturday of each month at 9AM.

On April 26, the agenda is VISITING. Come one, come all, and bring friends. Join us on Saturday, at 9AM.

### **Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics**

Bring your brown bag lunch if you like.

Popcorn/nuts/candy and beverages will be provided. \*These movies are not classic movies, they are movies of classics. On Saturday, the movie will start promptly at 12:30. Roberta Roland will host the movie at her home. Please contact Roberta by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home. On April 19<sup>th</sup> the feature is <a href="https://dx.nuts.com/start/real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real/backtrain-real-back

The movie starring Demi Moore, Gary Oldman and Robert Duvall. 135 minutes



Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014
7<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Party
See the tickets and flyer attached.
Fundraiser: Roberta Rowland and her
committee have been collecting treasurers
for the sale and silent auction.

Thank you to all who have donated. We should have a great sale in April.

Note: Reservations for the Garden Party need to be in by Monday March 31, 2014. Please send names of people attending to Mary Beth: (602)510-1544 or <a href="mailto:mlemons1@cox.net">mlemons1@cox.net</a>. This is our only scheduled fund raiser for scholarship funds.



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### **Elegant Champagne Brunch**

Beatitudes Campus of Care
Luther Life Center

1616 W. Glendale Ave.

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10:30AM - \$20

Buffet with chefs preparing made-to-order omelets

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Sale and Silent Auction

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### **BAKE SALE!**

### Equal pay for equal work COOKIES ARE \$1 FOR MEN & 85¢ FOR WOMEN\*\*\*

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 7:30am-11:30am Arizona Capitol Lawn www.azfw.org 602-532-2800

Please join the Arizona Foundation for Women and other prominent Arizona women's organizations on the Arizona Capitol Lawn for the 2014 Equal Pay for Equal Work Bake Sale. Cookies will be prepared by an Arizona, female-owned bakery and will be "sold" in proportion to pay inequity. In Arizona, a woman earns 85¢ for every \$1 a man earns in the same job for the same work. We offer this Bake Sale to demonstrate the simple truth: women and paid less than men for the same work. If you want to learn more about Arizona's investments in women and children, read our co-sponsored Report on the Status of Women on our website at www.azfw.org. More information is also available at www.aauw.org for "The Simple Truth."



Media is invited to this important event. For more information, call the Arizona Foundation for Women at 602-532-2800.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the Foundation, please visit us online at <a href="www.azfw.org">www.azfw.org</a> or call 602-532-2800 today. The

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### April 12, 2014 Conference

9:00 greetings from AAUW-AZ President Claudette Haney

9:15 remarks from Jodi Liggett, Public Policy, Planned Parenthood

9:30 Panel 1 Status of Arizona Women: Where Are We Now

(Students from the four state schools)

10:30 break

10:45 Panel 2 Future of Arizona Women: Rekindling the fire?

(Students from the four state schools)

11:45 q and a

12:15 lunch Keynote by Arizona Foundation for Women CEO Sara Presler, WWW.AZFW.ORG

1:30 wrap up with a Round Table Discussion: "Is There a Women's Agenda for 2014?"

2:30 Farewell remarks from Claudette Haney

In order for AAUW to fulfill its mission to advocate for women and girls, from time to time we need to make an assessment of where we are and where we want to go. Since 1881, the American Association of University Women has led the movement for equality for women in education and in the workplace. Join us, together with Faculty and Students from Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and Arizona State University West as we explore education, economic empowerment, health, and safety for women in Arizona.

In an effort to find solutions, we need to understand causes. For this reason we turn to our academics in the field of Women and Gender Studies for answers.

Arizona State University West University Center Building: La Sala Ballroom 13590 N. 47th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85306

Link to the map https://campus.asu.edu/west

American Association of University Women Arizona (aauwarizona.org)

& Arizona Foundation for Women (azfw.org)

Presents this Conference with support from our State of Arizona Universities.

### AAUW - ARIZONA Conference

### Status of Arizona Women: Where Are We Now?

Saturday, April 12, 2014 9AM-2PM 4701 West Thunderbird Rd. Glendale, AZ 85306

### REGISTRATION FORM: Deadline April 1, 2014\* NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE DEADLINE

Name	Branch			
Address				
City	_ Zip Code			
Phone	Email			
Current Office: State	_ Branch			
Registration Fee: Must be postmarked *Late Registration after April 1 Includes Box Lunch Indicate your choice of lunch sandwi		\$ 20 \$ 25		

Make checks payable to AAUW-AZ and mail, along with this form, to:
Gail Garrison, AAUW-AZ
1931 E Canyon Wren Way
Green Valley, AZ 85614



Go north on I17→West on Thunderbird →at 47thAvenue you'll turn left onto campus (stoplight). When you get to the "T" (where the Paley Gates are located), you can take a right. Turn right immediately after the Credit Union to enter Visitor Parking.

April 2014								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	Board Meeting I pm Contact Dorothy Ward	3	Book Discussion 9:30 am Contact Sue Zeigler	5 Garden Party 1pm Contact MB Lemons		
6	7	8 Equal Pay Day Arizona State Capital Lawn 7:30-11:30	Great Decisions 1pm Contact Dot Fields	10 World Travelers 12n-2 pm Contact Carolyn Baker	11	AAUW OF ARIZONA CONFERENC E See attached flyer and registration form attache		
13	14	U	16 Book Discussion 7:00 pm Contact: Rita Christina	17	18 Book Discussion 9:30 am Contact Sue Zeigler	19 Saturday Matinee 12:30 Contact Roberta Rowland		
20	21	22	<b>23 Great Decisions</b> 1pm Contact Dot Fields	24	25	26 Coffee and Conversation Scott's Generation, 9am		
27	28	29	30	Notes:	•			