

**General Meeting January 16th
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**

Kathy Knecht, Charter member of AAUW Peoria Branch, Peoria Unified School District Governing Board member, Past President of the Board for the Arizona School Boards Association.



Kathy will share A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE OF LOCAL AND STATEWIDE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ISSUES

Kathy is very active in schools and the community. She believes that quality education is the key to a brighter future for everyone in America.

Fighter Country Partnership is proud to feature Kathy Knecht, an alumni member of the Honorary Commanders Program and currently a member of the Blue Blazer Squadron of Fighter Country Partnership. Ms. Knecht was assigned to the 607th Air Control Squadron at Luke Air Force Base from 2010 to 2012 and is a highly engaged and influential community leader.

Kathy has served as Executive Director of Leadership West, President of the West Valley branch of the American Association of University Women; Vice President of the West Valley Arts Council; and Founder of the Rancho Santa Fe Mommy Co-op. She is currently serving in her 10th year as an elected member of the Peoria Unified School District's Governing Board, and is the President of the Board for the Arizona School Boards Association. She is the Vice Chairman on the Peoria Chamber of Commerce Board and a Blue Blazer, serving to support the airmen and their families at Luke Air Force Base.

Among these and other adventures, she has been a Girl Scout Leader since 2001 and has recently earned a Masters of Interdisciplinary Studies at ASU, in which she integrated the disciplines of education and politics in her efforts to make Arizona and the world a better place. Kathy has been married to Tom Knecht, a SW Valley business owner, for 23 years. They live in Peoria and have two daughters who graduated from Cactus HS and are now attending ASU.

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RSVP

We need your RSVP as promptly as. The number can be changed as late as Monday before the meeting. If you must cancel, please call or YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE \$15. The branch must pay for the number reserved. New reservations may also be added on Monday. Please be considerate and RSVP to: MaryBeth Lemons 602-510-1544 or mblemons1@gmail.com

Dinner is \$15 at 5:30p followed by our speaker at 6:30p. Meetings are held at the Luther Life Center at the Beatitudes, 1616 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ.

Menu: Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Stir Fry Ginger Beef, Fried Rice, Sugar Snap Peas, Roll and Peanut Butter Pie A vegetarian option is available.



Chefs at The Beatitudes

General Meeting Review for Dec 19th
Chris Coffman, founder and CEO of **HELPING HANDS FOR WORKING MOM'S** discussed the organization's beginning, mission and function.



Chris, Valeria & Roberta



Dot Fields with scholarship recipients Valeria & Jillian

Board Meeting

There is no board meetings scheduled at this time. If the need of a board meeting arises we will send out notification.

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

Phoenix Branch Officers:

Co-presidents: Sue Enright

Vice-president: Program: Roberta Rowland

Vice-presidents: Membership: Mary Beth Lemons and
Glenda Walker

Treasurer: Lesli Jones and Debra DeVault

Recording Secretary: Suzanne Petersen

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Baker

Things to Do

Morning Book Discussion

Fridays January 5th and 10th at 9:30am



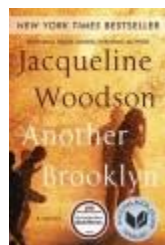
The Whole Towns Talking by Fannie Flagg

For information about the book discussion group and its location please contact Linda Eaglestone
laEaglestone@gmail.com or 602-265-6962.

Meetings are in the home of Mary Beth Lemons.

Evening Book Discussion

Wednesday December 20th at 6pm



Another Brooklyn: a novel by Jacqueline Woodson

For information please contact Kathleen Preece
kathleenofaz@cox.net or 602-717-3894.

Meetings are in the home of Kathleen Preece.

World Travelers

Thursday, January 11th Nancy Edwards reports on her trip to the Galapagos Islands. Please contact Carolyn Baker 602-277-5032 for information or directions. Also, if you know of anyone that has been on a trip and would like to share their experience with our group, let Carolyn know.

Coffee and Conversation

We will continue to meet on the last Saturday at 9am. We are still looking for a possible new place that can accommodate our group. If you have any ideas, please contact Mary Beth Lemons mblemons1@gmail.com.. Watch for emails concerning the place for future meetings. It may remain at Elly's Brunch January 27th.

Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics

There is **NO** movie scheduled for January. We will have Schindler's List in February. The Date will be announced in the February newsletter.

*These movies are not classic movies; they are movies of classic books. Beverages and popcorn are provided. Feel free to bring along any munchies or crunchies to enjoy and share and/or your own brown bag lunch. **Please contact Roberta (602)689-0774 by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home.**

GREAT DECISIONS



This is a reminder that it is necessary for me to have an idea who will be participating this year as I get ready to order our study books. The topics that we included in last month's newsletter look interesting and timely. I am looking forward to our regular participants and hoping more will join to enliven our learning experience. So in closing, please let me know your intentions.

Thank you! Gretchen Peniska
poncachief1@cox.net or 602-793-4313.

If you [GOOGLE Great Decisions 2018 Topics - Foreign Policy Association](#)

There is a one paragraph description of each topic.

Topic 1: The waning of Pax Americana?

Topic 2: Russia's foreign policy

Topic 3: China and America: the new geopolitical equation

Topic 4: Media and foreign policy

Topic 5: Turkey: a partner in crisis

Topic 6: U.S. global engagement and the military

Topic 7: South Africa's fragile democracy Topic 8:

Global health: progress and challenges

Movies, Museums & Theater

MM&T Group Enjoyed Holiday Lunch.

Nicely decorated for the season, the Stockyards Steakhouse was an elegant, festive place for our holiday lunch! Several people fondly remembered this restaurant from years ago, as it has been a revered Phoenix landmark since 1947. There were nine AAUW members and one guest that enjoyed our visit and lunch: Linda Rosenthal, Sue Enright, Roberta Rowland Barb Presler, Joann Babich, Gretchen Peniska, Kay Baughman, Mary Beth Lemons, Dorothy Ward and guest Doug.



The next MM& T event will be in late February. Thank you for your participation!

Kay Baughman

Happy New Year, everyone!

Contact Kay Baughman Kaybaugh@aol.com, 623-742-7388, or 260-414-7469 if you have any questions or suggestions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee met in late November to select candidates for scholarship awards for the spring semester of 2018. Three were chosen.

Franchesca Garza was selected to receive \$700 from our Endowment fund at MCCF. She is an adult reentry student at Phoenix College, mother of two children, and majoring in Criminal Justice and Accounting. She will earn her Associate of Arts degree this coming May and plans to enter a university in the fall. A good part of Franchesca's life was spent as a ward of the state and her passion is to help children caught in that same position. She plans to become a Juvenile Probation Officer, with an ultimate goal of becoming a Juvenile Judge. While she does not work--her husband funds part of her tuition--she volunteers many hours at her children's school, and has spent the last eight years speaking to youth in public schools, churches and prisons. She is possessed with the desire to help young people make better choices.

We awarded two Martha Hoyt Memorial Scholarships of \$750 each for this period. The first was given to Carol Hernandez who is majoring in Social Work at Phoenix College. She also is an adult reentry student, a widow with two children and care of an autistic brother, a legal citizen whose parents live in Mexico, and she relies on scholarships and federal work study for funding. She plans to enter ASU when she graduates from PC. She is involved with three campus clubs and definitely a "people person". Her goal in life is to help people.

The second recipient of the Martha Hoyt Memorial Scholarship Fund is Shelby Christianson. Her career choice is Statistics because math is her strongest subject and she finds statistics exciting. When she completes her studies at PC, she plans to enter ASU to ultimately earn a masters degree. Shelby works for the Arizona Diamondbacks & Sports and Entertainment Services, and her love of sports and math motivates her goal to become a statistician for a sports team.

The committee hopes to host these recipients at our January or February dinner meeting. Please feel free to come up to meet them and encourage them in their goals.

Dot Fields – Committee Chair

**Please note that we only have 5 participants this past quarter:
So if you have not been registered be sure and get registered
TO BENEFIT AAUW PHOENIX BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS**

We have registered with Fry's Food Stores to have our members, friends and relatives use their Fry's V.I.P. cards at time of purchase to earn money that will be used for our scholarships. The instructions to register your V.I.P. card are below. If you need help, please contact Mary Beth Lemons mlemons1@cox.net or 602-510-1544.

AAUW Phoenix Branch Organization **34523**

NOTE: I followed these instructions and I am now signed up.

PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address.

STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account

*NOTE: If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to #2

*Go to <http://www.frysfood.com>

*Select 'Register'.

*Under Sign-In information, enter your email and create a password. (Write down your email & password—will need it in step 2)

*Select 'Use Card Number'.

*Enter your Fry's V.I.P Card Number, last name and postal code.

*Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.

*Select 'Find Stores'.

*Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.

*You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.

Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

*Continue to step #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

*Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2>

*Select 'Sign-In'.

*Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in step 1)

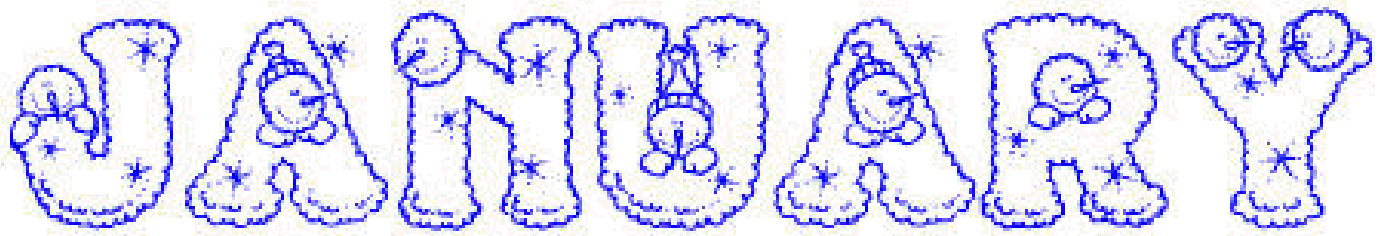
*Select 'My Account then select 'Account Settings' from drop down menu.





*Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

*Under Find Your Organization: Enter the NPO number or name of organization then select 'search'. (You can get the NPO number from your organization)

*Under Select Your Organization: Select box next to your organization

*Then select 'save changes' *If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Book Discussion 9:30am Contact: Linda Eaglestone	6
7	8	9	10	11 World Travelers 12n-2pm Contact: Carolyn Baker	12	13
14	15 CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 	16 General Meeting At the Life Center Dinner 5:30 pm Speaker 6:30pm	17 Book Discussion 6pm Contact Kathleen Preece	18	19 Book Discussion 9:30am Contact: Linda Eaglestone	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Coffee and Conversation 9am Place TBA 
28	29	30	31			

AAUW of Arizona 2018 Legislative Day

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 9AM

The featured speaker this year is Pamela Powers Hannley who will speak on the introduction to the Arizona Legislature of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. She is leading the effort to accomplish the acceptance of the amendment in Arizona. If it passes here, there will only be one more state needed for passage. We will have the opportunity to meet with our own legislators and/or to sit in on legislative activities. **More information will be in the February newsletter.**