Co-President’s Message submitted by Toni Corrigan

I am excited about beginning a new season in Southeast Valley AAUW with my co-chair, Tillie Fortner, and seeing familiar and new friends. Welcome to our new members! I encourage you to participate in New Member activities which will be planned by Helen Semple and Madeleine Lutz. You will meet and make friends with amazing women who are engaged in purposeful and fun activities as we work to support education and equity for women.

Our activities slowed during the summer, but definitely didn’t stop! Thank you to our Chairs and Co-Chairs of committees, who have been working through the summer to ensure wonderful, productive meetings and activities. We are so fortunate to have capable and responsible members of our organization who say “yes” and get things done!

Three of our members: Margaret Noser, Tillie Fortner and Marcia Wagoner, attended the National AAUW Convention in Washington, DC. Tillie and Marcia attended their first National Convention and were impressed by the speakers and the activities at the Capitol. Reports and impressions are on our website.

Plan to attend the State Fall Forum in Prescott on November 4. The theme is “It’s All About Health; from the Individual to Society.” The Keynote speaker, Raquel Goodrich, of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, will share information and ideas for the Institute’s Revive Civility Initiative, definitely a timely topic. More information and registration form are on our website: southeastvalley-az.aauw.net. We will carpool.

Our first Board meeting October 11 at 7:00 p.m. is in the Library at Oakwood Country Club. I will send the agenda to board members for your input. Our General Meeting is October 16 in the Ballroom at Oakwood. Meet and Greet at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00. I hope to see you there.

Toni Corrigan, Co-President

Supreme Court Justice
Sonja Sotomayer
At the 2017 National AAUW Convention
GENERAL MEETINGS: October 16 and November 20

October 16: Eric Ehst  Executive Director of Neighbors Who Care

Eric Ehst is proud to be the executive director of Neighbors Who Care, a nationally respected nonprofit organization providing volunteer services to allow the homebound elderly the dignity and independence of living in their own homes. Since joining the organization in January 2012 he has become a leading advocate for innovative practices to find cost-effective, community-based solutions to allow our rapidly growing senior population to successfully “age-in-place”.

Eric’s passion is to empower people to live their lives to their full potential.

November 20: Lori Regnier, Vice-President of the Starbright Foundation

Ms. Regnier will be presenting on modern day slavery and the increase of sex trafficking in our community. She presents all over the Valley and teaches us about the ever present dangers of social media, cell phones and brings us up to date on the increase of the dark world of sex trafficking of children and how we can make a difference in these precious lives.

The Starbright Foundation offers free services to victims of trafficking and family members and is connected to many community organizations that reach out to children in need.
Evening Book Club

October 10

The October 10 Evening Book Club will meet at the home of Leo Recker at 7:00 pm to discuss the book selection "The Girl Who Wrote on Silk," by Kell Estes. Betsy Bollinger will lead the book discussion. If you can attend please RSVP to Leo at 480 895 7171 or email leor7171@yahoo.com. A reminder email will be sent a week prior to the event with directions to Leo’s home, 10435 E. Champagne Dr. New members are welcome.

November 14

November 14 Evening Book Club
Carmen Otero will host our November 14 Book Club meeting at 7:00 pm. The book is "Ordinary Grace," by Kent Kruger. The discussion leader will be Judy Manley. Please RSVP to Carmen at 480 883 3192 or hc02@aol.com, if you plan on attending. Her address is 24411 S. Lakeway Circle S.E. An email will be sent a week before as a memory assist. Interest leader: Barb St Peter barnei1962@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL DINNER
FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Save the date! The International Dinner will be held at Palo Verde on February 19, 2018. Our speaker is Josh de la Ossa, a lawyer who deals with immigration and citizenship issues. The International Dinner is a great event to include spouses, neighbors, and friends. More information coming soon!

Co-chairs: Holly DeVincck and Marcia Wagoner

Afternoon Book Club

October 9

We will meet on October 9 at the home of Cynthia Canter, our hostess. The meeting begins at 2:00. Our book for this month is The Other Einstein by M Benedict. Diane Larsen will lead us in our discussion. If you are planning to attend call Cynthia at 480-895-5686 or azcancyn@yahoo.com. Guests are always welcome.

November 13

We will meet on November 13 at the home of Susan Meer, our hostess. The meeting will begin at 2:00. Our book for this month is Hidden Figures by M. Shetterly. Betty Raveret will be the discussion leader. Please call or email Susan at 480-895-4664 or SusanMeer@aol.com. Guests are always welcome.
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017
Saguaro Room, 11 A.M.

Mark your calendars so you won’t forget to attend our annual holiday luncheon. The social hour will be from 11-12, and wine and non-alcoholic beverages may be purchased. We will hand out more information at our first meeting on October 16.

Joyce Ellenbecker and Cheryl Pullan, Co-chairs

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Lynette Taleno is our 2017 $1000 scholarship recipient. She graduated from Basha high school in May and is attending Chandler-Gilbert Community College where her major is Psychology. She plans to work toward her Associates Degree there and then to attend Grand Canyon University to continue for the BA degree. Her hope is to become a counselor or clinical psychologist. She thanks us for the scholarship and says that it enabled her to buy her books and calculator this term. This is an example of how expensive books are now!

2017 AAUW ALUMNAE AWARD

Southeast Valley Branch Co-President
Tillie Fortner with
Terarai Trent at the
AAUW National Convention Banquet
**LUNCH BUNCH**

We will visit some new to us locations and some favorites. Please be sure to contact Diane Beatty at beattybooks@yahoo.com at least two days prior to the event so she can make an appropriate reservation for the group. Also let Diane know if you wish to carpool. All lunch reservations are made for 11:30 A.M. Carpool meeting times vary. We meet in the Ed. Center / Medical Center parking lot for carpools in the corner of the lot closest to Alma School Rd. and Riggs Rd. intersection.

Wednesday, October 25.  Va Bene Italian Restaurant at 4647 E. Chandler Blvd., Ahwatukee, carpool time 11:05

Tuesday, November 28.  Arcadia Farms Restaurant. 7014 E. 1st Ave., Scottsdale. (in old town). carpool time 10:40

No Lunch Bunch in December.

Wednesday, January 24  Trattoria D'Amico. 4902 E. Warner Rd., Ahwatukee. carpool time 11:00

Tuesday, February 27. Lon's. Phoenix

Wednesday, March 28.  Ginger Monkey, Chandler

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Thanks to the contributors of articles and pictures.  Due Dates for 2017/2018:

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**Seeking a member to work with current Branch Website Manager to learn the ropes and provide ‘fresh eyes’.** Future goal: to assume Website Manager position with local and National AAUW support. Contact Margaret Noser, mnoserAAUW@aol.com 480-883-0474

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Donna Haugland & Gail Jones  Co - Membership VPs
Pictures from the 2017 International Dinner with hostesses Sharon Gale and Judi Edmonds

Co-president Toni Corrigan
“hiking” in Sedona

San Marcos Volunteers
Luann Hulbert, Margaret Noser, Helen Semple, Sharon Gale and Ann Slattery

Donna & Ken Haugland in Beautiful Costa Rica
COMMUNITY ACTION

COMMUNITY ACTION MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH AAUW
OPPORTUNITIES WITH TRAINING PROVIDED
SAN MARCOS READING, WORKROOM, ART
OTHER CHANDLER SCHOOLS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT,
ART MASTERPIECE (HELP OR TEACH)
CHANDLER LIBRARY AND MAYBE CHANDLER STEM FAIR

For a number of years Branch Volunteers have been involved with San Marcos Elementary, a Title One school (on Frye Ave between Alma School and Arizona Ave.) A request for volunteers in the One-to-One Reading Program for 2nd, 3rd, and perhaps 4th grade has once again been received. Beginning in mid-October, we listen to children as they read, review vocabulary, track fluency and reinforce comprehension. Each volunteer is assigned 4-5 children to meet with one to one on a weekly basis during the school year. Flexibility is available for scheduling. Special education training is not necessary as the students just need some extra attention and practice for reinforcement.

If you have volunteered in the past or wish to join us, please contact Margaret Noser, 480 883 0474 or mnoseraauw@aol.com. Basic training will be provided and all materials supplied by the school.

PLEASE CONTACT AT ANY TIME IF YOU CAN GIVE SOME OF YOUR TIME TO VOLUNTEER IN OUR COMMUNITY Sandy Shepoiser 480 883 7975 shepmilk@aol.com or Mary Ann Habib arizonahabib@gmail.com

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