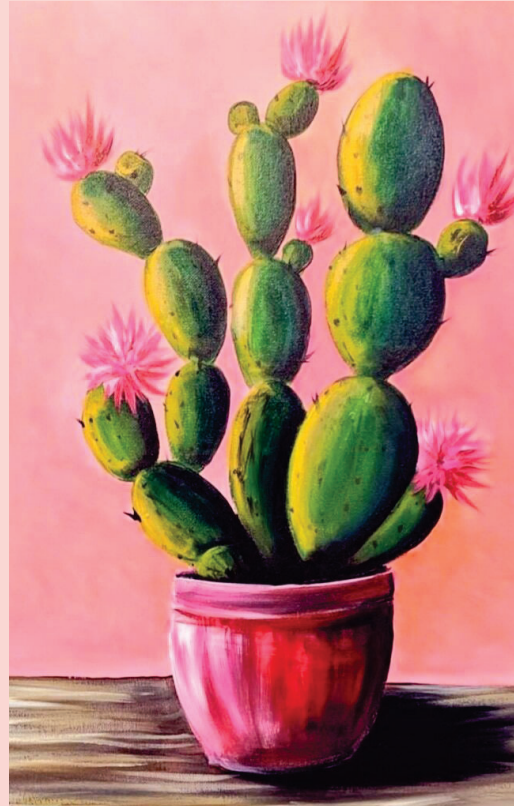




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# The Prickly Pear Newsletter



**February 2024**

## February Branch Meeting

**Guest Speaker**

Misti Gustafson is the supervisor of the city of Chandler/Neighborhood resources. She will share with us how the programs she supervises provide direct support to the homeless in our community.

The ultimate goal of the city of Chandler's Homeless Programs is to "ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurrent."

**Monday, February 19**

**5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**United Methodist Church**  
**9248 E. Riggs Road**  
**Lindsay Hall**

5:30-5:40 - Social Time  
5:40-6:10 - Branch  
Business  
6:10-7:00 - Speaker



**Annual Fundraiser Is Soon!**

**February 2nd**



**Friday, February 2  
4:00 - 7:00 pm  
Cottonwood Ballroom**

Hopefully you have already purchased your ticket or table. You are in for a special night!

Enjoy the fashion show, appetizers and cash bar. Proceeds from the silent auction, raffle, and 50/50 raffle support our scholarship program. What a great way to support young women in our community working to create a successful and meaningful life.

A great time for a great cause!



## Arizona AAUW Legislative Day February 21, 2024 Arizona Capital Museum Historic Senate Chamber

Arizona AAUW Legislative Day is February 21st. The theme is: Women's Health — Legislation, Initiatives and how AAUW is involved.

Registration begins at 8:30 and is followed by the day's events from 9:00 until noon. After noon, a Petition Signature Gathering Training will be offered for those who wish to attend. A box lunch will be provided for those participating.

Due to size limitations, the state is requiring registrations. Each branch is allowed seven members to attend. After seven SEV members register, additional registrants will be put on a waitlist.

**SEV**  
**BranchSpecial**  
**Interest**  
**Groups**

**Branch Calendar**

February 2 - Happy Hour  
Fashion Show

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## **Evening Book Club**

**Tues. Jan 30 - 7:00 pm**

Book: *Bright Young Women* by  
Jessica Knoll

**Tues. Feb 27 - 7:00 pm**

Book to be determined

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## **Bridge Group**

**Mon. Feb 5**

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## **Dinner Group**

**Thurs. Feb 8 - 5:30 pm**

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## **Mahjong Group**

**Fri. 16 - 1:00 pm**

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## **Afternoon**

## **Book Club**

**Mon. Feb 19 - 1:00 pm**

Book: *The Paris Bookseller* by  
Kerri Maher

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## **Great Decisions**

**Wed. Feb 28 - 3:00 pm**

Topic: NATO's Future

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## **Lunch Bunch**

**Next Meeting in March**

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## **Southwesters**

**Details of day trips to come**

February 5 - AAUW Art  
Contest Voting Begins

February 19 - Branch  
Meeting

February 21 - Legislative  
Day

February 22 - Prickly Pear  
Submissions due

March 18 - Branch Meeting

March 22 - Prickly Pear  
Submissions due

April 15 - Branch Meeting

April 22 - Prickly Pear  
Submissions Due

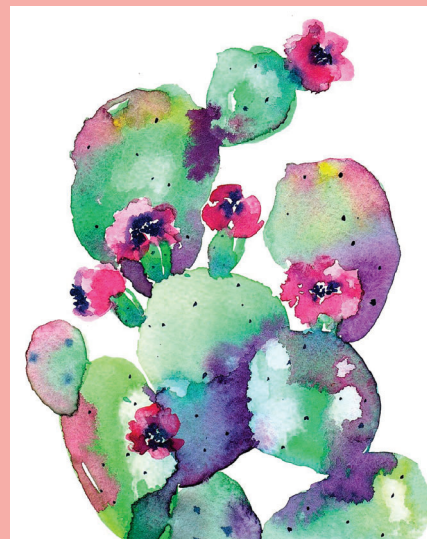
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Arizona AAUW is supporting the effort to ensure Arizona women have the freedom to make their own reproductive health decisions. The Arizona Ballot Initiative for Reproductive Freedom would amend the Arizona constitution to include a women's right to make her own decisions about abortion. It will restore abortion access in Arizona by preventing politicians from limiting abortion before fetal viability.

Volunteers in our community

are currently collecting signatures for the initiative.



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