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The Prickly Pear Newsletter

November 2025

Thankful for each
of you!

November General Meeting



Guest Speaker: Paul Sanders
Chandler-Gilbert Community College (CGCC) -
Senior Development Office/Institutional
Advancement

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

NEW LOCATION: Oakwood Country Club
24218 South Oakwood Blvd.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248
Bradford Ballroom

Those coming from outside the Ironoaks Community should use the entry gate at Riggs Road and EJ Robson Blvd.

Sanders will address CGCC's story and how its programs benefit new and returning female students, particularly in STEM-related degrees. Our members also will hear about opportunities to support these students as they strive to reach their educational goals.

Happy Hour Fun!

Branch happy hours are held the third Thursday of each month. Members and anyone interested in joining AAUW are invited to join us.

Location: Grill on the Green at Ironwood

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

**Next Happy Hour:
November 20, 2025**

Update Your Calendar!

Our major fundraiser is now scheduled for:

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 - 6:30 pm

The fundraising committee met and will provide new and exciting details at the November general meeting.

No Kings Day - A Huge Success!

Did you know that National AAUW encouraged us to participate in the No Kings Day protest? Several SEV members made signs and gathered at local events on October 18, 2025. The following statements are from the No Kings Day Toolkit from National AAUW.

WHY THIS MATTERS

"Across the country, coordinated efforts are undermining inclusive public education, weakening civil-rights protections, limiting access to affordable higher education, and narrowing participation in our democracy. These shifts widen racial and gender gaps and put burdens on women, first-generation students, and students of color."

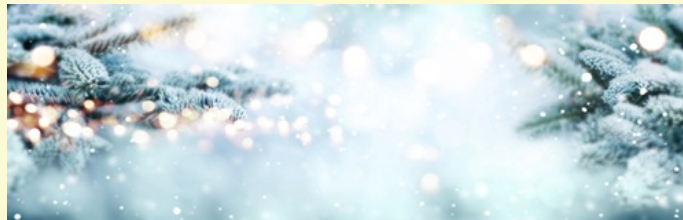
SINCE YOU ASKED

"Is this nonpartisan? Yes. AAUW's participation is mission-driven and nonpartisan. We advocate for strong public education, equitable access to higher education, civil-rights enforcement, economic security for women and families, and voting rights — core values that transcend party labels. The No Kings protest is about communities affirming those values together."

"AAUW members are not bystanders — we are change-makers."

There will be future No Kings Day protests. National AAUW wants us "to show up together and defend the guardrails that help people learn, work, and thrive."

Vice-President of Public Policy



Save the Date - Holiday Funds Brunch

**December 13, 2025
10:00 AM
SAGUARO ROOM
COTTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

Membership News

Welcome to new members, **Kathy Archer, Susan Berman, and Eileen Garces!**

Remember to invite friends who might be interested in joining AAUW SEV to a meeting or a Happy Hour!

Members are the best recruiters.

Ten members are due for renewal in November. Those due for renewal will receive emails from National AAUW.

Calendar of Events

BOARD MEETINGS:

November 12, 2025
December 10, 2025
January 14, 2026
February 11, 2026
March 11, 2026
April 8, 2026
May 13, 2026
June 10, 2026

BRANCH MEETINGS:

November 17, 2025
January 19, 2026
February 16, 2026
March 16, 2026
April 20, 2026

Happy Hours:

November 20, 2025
December 18, 2025
January 15, 2026
February 19, 2026
March 19, 2026
April 16, 2026
May 21, 2026
June 18, 2026

EVENTS:

December 13, 2025 - Holiday Funds Brunch
March 21, 2026 - Scholarship Fundraiser

SEV Branch Special Interest Groups

Bridge Group **Mon., Nov. 3**

It meets on the first Monday of the month at the Poolside in Oakwood. This is fun, not competitive, bridge.

Movie Group **Thurs., Nov. 6, 1:10 p.m.** **Meet at the theater at 12:40 p.m.**

**Movie: Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere, Harkins Chandler Crossroads
Towne Center 12, Germann & Gilbert Roads.**

**Afternoon
Book Club**

Mon., Nov. 10 - 1:30 pm

**Book: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*
by Lisa See**

Lunch Bunch

Fri., Nov. 14 - 11:30 am

**Olive Mill, Queen Creek (carpool 11:00 a.m., NE corner of Alma School and
Riggs)**

Great Decisions

Wed., Nov. 19, 3:00 pm

Topic: AI and American National Security

Happy Hour

**Thurs., Nov. 20
4:30-6:00 pm**

**Location: Grill on the Green at Ironwood
No reservation required**

Evening Book Club

Tues., Nov. 25 - 6:00 pm

**Location: Grill on the Green
Book: *Mad Honey*
By Jodi Picoult and Finney Boylan**

Dinner Group

Next Meeting in January

Mah-jongg Group

Need a new leader.

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