



Nevada Branch AAUW
May 2017



President's Message

We have had a great amount of rain lately. In the midst of that we have seen the beautiful phenomenon of rainbows. You must have sunshine and rain for a rainbow to appear. It always makes you feel good to see its beauty and you must resist the urge to head to the pot of gold. The rest of the week it is predicted to have sunshine and warm temperatures and we look forward to summer. It seems to be instilled in our inner clock to

be excited about the summer. As we complete our yearly AAUW activities and look forward to the many summertime adventures. We want to recap our past year. We have been fortunate to gain new members and look forward to getting to know them better. We have had a great variety of wonderful speakers. We had a wonderful community project with Equal Pay Day and have promoted the cause of AAUW. I hope that

we enjoy the summer and look forward to our new AAUW year.

It has made me feel good to have the connection with all of you and want to thank you for your support and dedication. I hope we can all see the rainbows when we have down-pours.

Phyllis Sprenkle
Nevada Branch President

Officers for 2016-2017

Branch Officers for the AAUW year are:

Phyllis Sprenkle, President
Sheryl Baer, President Elect
Allison Fast, Membership VP
All Members, Program VP
Ashley McKinney, Treasurer
Judy Campbell, Secretary

STEM Program for Girls



Not all STEM education takes place in the classroom. AAUW members provide community programs that break down stereotypes about STEM and show girls that intellectual skills grow over time, regardless of gender. These programs create an environment where girls are encouraged to expand their knowledge and ability in STEM through fun and educational activities. And they foster girls' excitement for STEM, rather than dim it.

These programs take place on a national scale but draw on the hard work and community knowledge of local AAUW members. In one year alone, AAUW organized more than 150 STEM programs in 35 states and 93 congressional districts, reaching more than 10,000 girls and their families.



May Banquet & Awards Presentation

Tuesday, May 23, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Moore-Few Community Room



Cost 11:00 (pay at the door), Please RSVP to Sheryl at 417-448-9464 by **Friday, May 19**. State you name, and note if you attending or not attending.

Menu: Salad, Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake, Drink

Meet our Scholarship Winners

Alexis Moore, daughter of Amber and James Overton, from Nevada High School, is our high school winner. Alexis wants to be a trauma nurse and has been accepted to Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, KS. While working at Moore-Few Care Center to save for college, she also earned her Certified Nursing Assistant license. Alexis has been active in National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and Future Health Professional. She has participated in multiple health-field related volunteer activities.

Katie Crawford is our adult who has returned to college. Katie works at the Nevada Regional Medical Center on the Med/Surg floor as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Katie is attending college in Fort Scott, KS, majoring in pre-nursing. Her ultimate goal is to attain her RN and BSN degrees. Katie and her husband, Seth, have two children ages 5 and 2. Katie was recommended to us by last year's adult scholarship winner, Kayla Jones. They work together at the hospital.



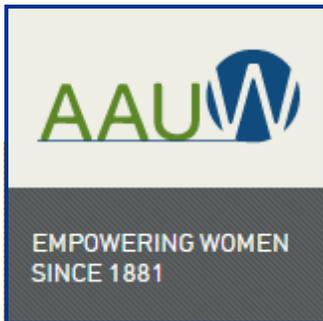
HELP!! We need to set a time to get together this summer for planning next year. Please **bring your calendar to the May meeting** so we can do this. Also be thinking of ideas for programs. Be considering what you can do, one person can not do it all. We will need volunteers for Equal payday, scholarship committee, banquet committee and Girl EmPOWERment. And that's in addition to monthly hostesses and of course the auction. I would really like to have much of this established this summer.

A good strong plan in advance will produce a great year. Sheryl Baer, President Elect

Membership Dues will be collected at the May Banquet.



AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families



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

Check out more about AAUW at www.aauw.org

Branch Calendar

Friday, May 19, 2017 - Deadline for May Banquet Reservations

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Tuesday, May 23, 2017 - Moore-Few Community Room

6:00 p.m. May Banquet & Awards Presentation

It's that time of year!

We certainly hope to continue our strong momentum into next year with our current and new members. **Dues are due.** Please help our treasurer, Ashley McKinney, by getting your check to her either at the May meeting, or mailing it to her at 9733 S AA Hwy, Harwood MO 64750 (417-667-1862) by the end of May. Dues are \$60 for the 2017-18 year. Make checks payable to AAUW.

Renew Your Membership



Branch Meeting Minutes

AAUW Minutes
April 25, 2017

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with a social time that was hosted by Sara Compton. Dr. Trisha Stubblefield, Professor at Cottey presented a very informative talk on "Feminism". She shared the key issues of several Feminist Theories and shared examples of each. Thanks to Ashley McKinney for securing Dr. Stubblefield for the program.

The business meeting began with notification of an unchanged treasury balance. Dues were accepted and will be accepted in May also.

The Equal Pay Day activity was reviewed and announced that we partnered with the Vernon County Democrat Women and collected \$68 dollars from cookie sales. Cost for the activity was \$72. The Democrat Women will split the cost with us.

We discussed that we would probably work through the Civics classes in all schools for next year.

Jennifer Smith reported that Sheldon had no one interested in Girls State.

The Scholarship committee reviewed applications and noted that counselors would be notified about the lack of following directions. There was not a non-traditional applications. Two seniors were selected but Allison and Jennifer will work at locating a non-traditional candidate. Alexis Moore will be the senior receiving the traditional scholarship. Alexis and her mother will be invited to the banquet.

It was noted that the Voter PIN # was on your Outlook and voting for board members is due soon.

Phyllis brought attention to a new program the AAUW has developed call "Deeper in Debt". This program brings attention to Women and Student loans.

The banquet committee reported that Buzz's room was not available. We had a bid from Bella Rose that was more than was comfortable. Phyllis and Sheryl will work on other options and will plan the menu with the location being at the Moore Few Community Room.

Phyllis announced that she planned to attend the May 6 State Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Sprenkle, acting secretary

Member News

Sheryl Baer is a relatively new member of the Habitat for Humanity Board. Anyone interested in becoming involved with Habitat, please let her know.

Phyllis Sprenkle's mother, Darlene Sheridan, has been hospitalized and is now recovering in Medicalodge and is showing very slow improvement.

Sara Compton & husband, Terry, hosted their Cottey daughter's mother, Sanae, from Japan, prior to Hakari's graduation in May. Sanae observed local elementary schools, as she teaches elementary students in Japan.