



Valley View

Co-President's Message



It seems strange to be writing this note to my fellow members. I hope that I can live up to the stellar leadership that I have enjoyed in my Green Valley AAUW experience. How lucky I am to have Nancy Puckett to share this job with, to say nothing of all the accomplished women who have been in this position in the past and who generously share their thoughts and advice. I am looking forward to

another year of renewing acquaintances, meeting new members and sharing this AAUW experience.

October's program on the activities of the Arizona ACLU was worrying and inspiring at the same time. The program planned for our November meeting, **Immigrants and the Economy: A Vicious or Virtuous Cycle?** promises to be just as timely and informative.

Several of us are headed to Phoenix on November 1 for the AAUW Arizona Fall Forum. The focus will be on Women's History and DEI. We'll report on this timely program in next month's Valley View.

We have several new members this fall, and I know we will all warmly welcome them. I hope everyone has found or will find at least one Interest Group to join. I am continually grateful to the members who keep these groups going/scheduled/organized. As Nancy has written before, we are open to forming new groups if you find an unmet need.

Despite not having found a chair for our fundraising needs, several members have responded with ideas and suggestions, as well as generous donations to meet our operating needs and particularly, our scholarship fund. As plans are solidified, we will keep you informed.

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Board Meeting:

10:00 a.m., Monday,
November 3, 2025
Via Zoom

General Meeting:

9:00 a.m. (social) 9:30
(program), Tuesday,
November 18, 2025
3rd Tuesday of the month
Canoa Hills Center, 3660
S. Camino del Sol.

Website:

[https://greenvalley-
az.aauw.net](https://greenvalley-az.aauw.net)

Next Valley View Deadline:

Articles: November 22 to
valleyviewgv@gmail.com

Calendar items:

November 15 to Henne
Queisser

**Cards (condolences, get
well, etc.):** Stacie Meyer



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Co-President's message - continued

I want to thank everyone involved in making our general meetings run so smoothly. The room is set up, the speakers are warmly greeted, the Hospitality Committee provides a lovely spread, and the Membership Committee welcomes members and guests. The Interest Group information is set out, the raffle tickets are available, the St. Andrew's lunch sign-up is out, and the Keeping Girls in School table is "womanned" (see my note in Community Service). Who did I miss? Together we make things work!

Gerry Peterson

November Program: Immigrants and the Economy: A Vicious or Virtuous Cycle?

Tuesday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. (social) and 9:30 (program)
Canoa Hills Center, 3660 Camino del Sol



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

**School of Government
& Public Policy**

Dr. Lisa M. Sanchez, associate professor in the School of Government and Public Policy at the University of Arizona will discuss the important relationship between immigrants and the economy. While current rhetoric suggests that immigrants are harmful to the economy, they have historically been a generator for growth and development. Together we will delve into the historic underpinnings and discuss the current consequences associated with their unprecedented removal from our economy through deportation.

Mystery Readers and Non-Fiction Book Clubs are responsible for bringing treats to the November meeting.

We hope you will join us!

Upcoming General Meeting Programs 2025-26

Date	Topic	Presenter
December 16	Securing Arizona's Water Future	Rosanna Gabaldón, Arizona State Senator, Legislative District 21
January 20 New location! See below	Beef, Wheat & Chiltepín: Sonora's Culinary Heritage	Alex LaPierre, co-founder of Borderlandia

Coming in January 2026: a new location!

The Board of Directors has voted to move our general meetings to **La Posada Recreation Center, 685 S. La Posada Circle #37, Green Valley, AZ 85614 beginning in January 2026.** Social time will begin at 1 p.m. and the program will start promptly at 1:30. We will be done by 3 p.m.

Membership Corner

Welcome to our new members who joined at the October 21 program: **Donna Haas, Patricia Nakoneczny, and Susan James.**

New members wear a red ribbon on their name badges. Please make a point to introduce yourself and welcome them to our meetings and Interest Groups!

The Membership Committee is planning a **New Member Event on Wednesday, November 12.** Everyone is welcome to attend to meet and greet new members and introduce them to club activities and groups. Stay tuned to your inbox for details on time and location!

Please remember to check your membership renewal date to keep your membership up to date. Your date can be found on the sign-in sheet at every general meeting, or you can contact the Membership Committee at gymembership@gmail.com if you have questions. Renewal Forms are available at each general meeting and on the AAUW Green Valley website.

Alice Sowards
Membership VP and the Membership Committee

October Meeting Recap

We had good attendance at our October 21 program, with 44 members present, 8 guests, and 3 new members joining.



Victoria López

It was fitting that just days after "No Kings Day," our Green Valley Branch had the opportunity to learn about the efforts of ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) Arizona at our October general membership meeting. Victoria López, Executive Director, and Katelynn Contreras, Policy Strategist at ACLU Arizona, presented the mission of ACLU and issues that they are currently addressing.

We may be most familiar with ACLU's successes through litigation. However, they also are actively working to influence policy and engage communities to protect civil rights, and "liberties and dignity of all Arizonans." Issues they address include immigrants' rights, abortion access, criminal justice reform and LGBTQ+ rights. Because Arizona is a border state, they work to hold Customs and Border Patrol and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies accountable and address the human rights abuses found at the border and across our state.

To learn more about **ACLU Arizona**, visit their website: acluaz.org



Katelynn Contreras



Kathy Davisson and Ann Bradford selling raffle tickets.



The **Hospitality Committee** organized another beautiful spread.

Public Policy



We need your help. The Department of Education (DOE) has proposed a regulation [34 CFR Part 75] whose purpose is to “provide a common foundation and shared conception of this more perfect union” by “transmitting to all American students a shared understanding of our political, economic, intellectual and cultural history.” The DOE also announced a partnership with a group of 40 conservative organizations to form the America 250 Civics Education Coalition, with a goal of creating patriotic civic materials and programming in celebration of the 250th

anniversary of the United States.

To put this in perspective, the DOE is prohibited by law from exercising “any direction, supervision or control over the curriculum, program or instruction...or over the selection of library resources, textbooks or other printed or published instructional materials by any institution or school system” [20 USC1232a]

This regulation is not yet law. Public comment ended October 17, after which the DOE is required to consider the comments before issuing a final regulation. The final regulation will be forwarded to Congress, which has 60 legislative or session days to react.

The regulation does not become law if a simple majority of Congress disapproves of it. Email or call your representatives. Let them know that you want them to file a joint resolution of disapproval of 34 CFR Part 75.

Marilyn Kern and Judy Thut
Co-Chairs, Public Policy

AAUW National News

AAUW National recently made the announcement that they are an official sponsor of **No Kings Day**. Here is some information from their policy website that explains their involvement: “Members are joining communities nationwide to show the power of people working together for education, economic opportunity, civil rights, and a healthy democracy. This is not a day of quiet reflection — it’s a day of courage and nonpartisan, nonviolent action grounded in AAUW’s mission. We’ll lift up students and families, stand with educators, and affirm that every person deserves the freedom to learn, to earn, and to live with dignity...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.”

Member News



AAUW Green Valley branch members were among the 1200 people who attended the No Kings Day rally in Green Valley on Saturday, October 18.

AAUW Arizona News

Watch the December issue of Valley View for highlights of the AAUW Arizona Fall Forum, held November 1, in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

Community Outreach Spotlight: St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

For about 50 years, the St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales has provided free specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who can't get - or afford - the care they need in their home country. It would have been over 50 years, but the clinic was forced to shut down during the Covid 19 pandemic and is currently working to rebuild both their clientele and volunteer staff.



Originally held in the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales (hence the name of the program), after the pandemic, the church was no longer able to accommodate the clinic at the church location, and after a dicey re-start, the staff was able to acquire a permanent location at 969 W. Country Club Drive in Nogales, Arizona.

The St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is a non-denominational, non-profit, organization with a volunteer professional health care staff. The staff sees approximately 225 to 250 children on the first Thursday of each month except July, treating health needs related to cerebral palsy, spina bifida, blindness, hearing issues, club foot, brittle bone disease, and other conditions requiring nutritional and speech therapy assistance. Every October, in cooperation with Children's Surgery International, approximately 50-60 children have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

Many of the children who visit the Clinic travel by bus from Mexico's interior – a long ride to the Clinic and, seemingly, longer ride home. Our AAUW Green Valley branch members make 80 lunches each month on the day before the Clinic to distribute to the children, so they'll have something to eat on the ride back. In addition to a ham and cheese sandwich, we provide the children with a juice box, a granola bar, a washed apple, and a bottle of water.

The sign-up sheets for future lunch programs are available at each meeting. Please volunteer about 45 minutes of your time to help make lunches when you can (and PLEASE, when you do sign up, make sure you put it on your calendar!).

We are touring the clinic facilities on November 6. See details below.

Kralyen Miholer

Community Outreach News

Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic Tour in Nogales, AZ
Contact: **Kraylen Miholer/Sharon Rezac Andersen**

Thursday, November 6, 9:30 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Flag Raising
Contacts: **Nancy Bodmer and Karen Lueck**

Monday, January 19, 2026

Rally to End Violence against Women and Girls
Contact: **Libby Beyrer**

February 14, 2026

Your help is needed!

Would you be willing to change your seat for one meeting to help out at the **Keeping Girls in School** table at one meeting this year? **Joyce Davison** is doing a terrific job managing this valuable program by herself. It would be wonderful if five volunteers over five meetings could support her by joining her at the program table where she provides information and collects donations. Let **Gerry Peterson** or Joyce know if you can help.

AAUW Green Valley will tour **St. Andrew's Children's Clinic** in Nogales, Arizona, on Thursday, November 6th, leaving from the West Center parking lot by the cell tower, at 9:30 a.m. The ride will take 45 minutes and the tour one hour. We will carpool. 25 women can attend. Members who have not toured the facility will have first choice. If you can attend, email or call **Sharon Rezac Andersen or Kraylen Miholer**. This tour offers an opportunity for members to meet the staff, tour the entire facility, and see the young people for whom we make sandwiches each month.

Don't forget to sign up to help put up and take down the American flags along La Cañada on **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, Monday, January 19. We need eight people for the morning starting at 7:15 a.m. and 12 people for the afternoon starting at 4 p.m. People should be able to walk 1/2 mile. Warm clothing and gloves are a must. Fifteen have signed up so far. We are looking for five more volunteers! Both Nancy and Karen will be on hand that day to help. Contact **Nancy Bodmer** with questions or sign up at the November and December general meetings.

(Community Outreach News continued on next page)



Do you remember being in school, your period started, and you had to run to the nurse's office for help? If you are a student at Continental School in Green Valley, you will find a supply of pads and other sanitary products in your locker room ready for your use. These are available to girls through **Keeping Girls in School**. This very successful program, started by AAUW member Marie Cory four years ago, has helped many girls in the school. Please help us keep this program going by bringing Kotex Teen pads, Always Liners, and hand wipes, or a monetary donation to the KGIS table at our next meeting. We will do the shopping for you. Thanks—see you then!

Joyce Davison
Keeping Girls in School Chair

Save the Date

Annual Rally to
End Violence against
Women and Girls

Saturday
February 14, 2026
10 to 11 a.m.

American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Green Valley

Community Outreach News - continued

Several members of the AAUW Green Valley Branch toured the **Sahuarita Food Bank and Resource Center** recently. Besides the food distribution program, they learned that the Center offers many other services, including cooking, English language, and GED classes.

The Center has a mobile unit that delivers food and classes to rural areas and is offering a program that teaches students how to establish and run a food truck. Childcare and parenting classes are also available. A new class recently started in welding, a trade that is in high demand.

The program uses state-of-the-art equipment to simulate real welding situations. The students learn on the machines before doing regular in-person welding at an off-site location. Both men and women have enrolled and there is a waiting list. Members were impressed with the breadth of services offered right in their community.



Claudia Levin,
Community Service Chair

Branch members (l to r): **Judy Thut, Bev Peake, Claudia Levin, and Lorelei Schober**, at the Sahuarita Food Bank and Resource Center.

A wealth of information at your fingertips...

Take a spin around the [Branch website](#) and you'll find a wealth of information!

At the top of the website, you will find links to AAUW National and AAUW Arizona websites.

You can contact anyone you read about in the Valley View by looking up their phone numbers, email addresses, or home addresses in the membership roster. You can find the roster in the Members Only (password-protected) section of the AAUW Green Valley website. We are no longer publishing these personal details about our members in this newsletter.

Also in the Members Only section, you can find past issues of the Valley View, minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, reimbursement forms, and many other useful documents.

Interest Group News

November is a special time to thank our Veterans who've protected our freedoms, as well as family and friends who've enriched our lives. Thanks also to AAUW members who serve on the Board, lead Interest Groups, and serve on various committees. Please stop by the Interest Group table at our next meeting to check out our November offerings.

Linda Winterland
Interest Group Chair



Out to Lunch Bunch enjoying coffee hour at Posada Java (top) in August, and at Arizona Family Restaurant (bottom) in September.

Interest Groups Calendar

Please refer to your membership roster to contact the group or meeting leaders.

Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m., *Mostly Fiction Book Group* –Joany Peterson will lead a discussion of *Code Name Hélène* by Ariel Lawhon. Contact Liz Adams for information.

Nov. 6, 1:00 p.m., *Exploring Women's Culture* –We will discuss and celebrate the Native American Indian Culture, honoring the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans. All are welcome! Contact Sharon Rezac Andersen for more information.

Nov. 10, 3:00 p.m. & Nov. 25, 9:00 a.m., *Mah Jongg* — Mah Jongg meets the second Monday of each month from 3-5 pm and the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 am at La Perla's Apache Room in La Posada. We also try to schedule two pop-up games a month at Canoa Hills Rec Center. If you want to be informed about pop-up games, please email Amy Perlick to be added to the list.

Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m., *Afternoon Fiction* — We will meet in the Apache Room at La Perla on the La Posada campus to discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Judi Brauns will lead our discussion. For more information, contact Kathy Davisson.

Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m., *Mystery Book Club* -- We will be discussing *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron. Alice Sowards will be our discussion leader. Meet at the Sunset Ramada in Desert Meadows Park. Contact Karen Lueck for more information.

Nov. 19, 10:00 a.m. (new time), *Non-Fiction Book Group* –Marilyn Taylor will lead us in a discussion of the modern media. No book needed--the information will be accessible on the internet. Contact Marilyn Taylor for potential resources to consult prior to the group meeting. The group will meet on Zoom. Contact Karen Lueck to receive the ZOOM invitation.

Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m., *Out to Lunch Bunch* –We will go to Mountain View Cafe located at 277 W. Duval Rd. Please RSVP to Nancy Bodmer. NOTE: this is the third week of November because of Thanksgiving.

Mondays, 1:00-3:00 p.m., *Needles and More* -- The Needles and More interest group meets every Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Lantana Room in La Vista at La Posada. For more information, contact Pat Young.

Contact Linda Winterland if you are interested in starting a new group.

Send calendar items to Henne Queisser by the 15th of the month.

AAUW Green Valley Board 2025-2026

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents	Nancy Puckett & Gerry Peterson
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Vice President Membership Elect	Bev Peake
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Community Outreach	Claudia Levin
Fundraising	Vacant
Hospitality	Kathy Davisson
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Public Policy	Judy Thut & Marilyn Kern
Newsletter Editor	Amy Perlick

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Interest Groups	Linda Winterland
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Assistant Webmaster	Henne Queisser
Honored Members Committee	Amy Perlick
Blast Chair	Kathy Davisson
St. Andrew's Clinic Lunches	Kraylen Miholer
Keeping Girls in School	Joyce Davison and (vacant)

Valley View Notes

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AAUW Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.