

## Join Us

Membership is open to anyone holding an associate or equivalent (RN), baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university.

The annual membership fee and fundraising events support the operations and programs of the Green Valley branch, as well as our contributions to scholarships, and the local and national AAUW efforts to eliminate educational and economic barriers by addressing such issues as pay equity, sexual harassment, Title IX, and promotion of STEM careers.

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## Elected Officers

Co-President Nancy Puckett  
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Nominating Committee Sharon Lyons

## Benefits of Membership in the Green Valley Branch

- ❖ Continuing lifelong learning through relevant and timely information on issues impacting women, girls, and communities
- ❖ Engaging in networking, mentoring, leadership development, and opportunities for community involvement
- ❖ Participating in special programs and activities to support scholarships for women and girls
- ❖ Meeting and building relationships with empowered women who share similar interests and values
- ❖ Belonging to a significant state and national organization with opportunities to pursue state or national leadership roles, if desired
- ❖ Networking with AAUW empowered women at local and state meetings
- ❖ Branch, state and national newsletters to keep you informed of relevant and public policy issues

## Green Valley AAUW Interest Groups

Exploring Women's Culture  
Fiction Book Discussion  
Mah Jongg  
Mostly Fiction Book Discussion  
Mystery Readers Book Discussion  
Needles and More  
Non-Fiction Book Discussion  
Out to Lunch Bunch  
Summer Book Club



**Established 1974**

## What is the American Association of University Women?

AAUW is a national organization whose mission is to promote gender equity and economic security by advocating for education, workplace and economic equity, and leadership.

## AAUW Mission Statement

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

Learn more about us at:  
[greenvally-az.aauw.net](http://greenvally-az.aauw.net)

## 2025-26 Programs

**Programs are open to the public  
Please join us!**

### September-December 2025

Meetings will be held at:

Canoa Hills Rec Center • Saguaro Room  
3660 S. Camino del Sol  
Green Valley, AZ

Social time 9 a.m. • Program begins 9:30  
Business meeting follows program  
Exit by 11:00

### September 16 – *Youth On Their Own* •

Presenter: Rashel Olalde, Development  
Coordinator for Annual Giving, Youth On  
Their Own

### October 21 – *Defending Our Rights and Liberties: Legal Action, Advocacy,*

*Community Power* • Presenters: Katelyn  
Contreras, Policy Strategist, and Victoria  
López, Executive Director, ACLU of  
Arizona

### November 18 – *Immigrants and the Economy: A Vicious or Virtuous Cycle?* •

Presenter: Dr. Lisa M. Sanchez, Associate  
Professor, School of Government and  
Public Policy, University of Arizona

### December 17 – *What is Dyslexia and Why Does it Matter?* • Presenter: Dr. Jan

Spooner, Sopori Elementary School

## January-May 2026

Meetings will be held at:

La Posada Recreation Center  
685 S. La Posada Circle #37  
Green Valley, AZ

Social time 1 p.m. • Program begins 1:30  
Business meeting follows program  
Exit by 3:00

**January 20 – *Beef, Wheat & Chiltepín:  
Sonora's Culinary Heritage* • Presenter:**  
Alex LaPierre, co-founder of  
Borderlandia

### **February 17 – *From Girdles and Gloves to the Glass Ceiling and Beyond* •**

Presenters: Bonnie Boyce-Wilson, Debbie  
Hansen, Arizona AAUW “We Made  
History!” Project

**March 17 – *Current Borderland Issues  
and Status* • Presenters:** Panel moderated  
by Marilyn Kern, AAUW Green Valley  
Branch

**April 21 – *Spring Luncheon* •**  
Entertainment by Silver \$ Duo  
(Reservation required)

**May 19 – *Arizona's Public Schools at  
Risk: Vouchers, Privatization, and the  
Fight for Equity* • Presenter:** Shelly  
Hartman, Pima County Community  
Action Team Coordinator for Save Our  
Schools

## Community Outreach

Green Valley AAUW supports the community  
and the advancement of women locally and  
nationally through various activities, such as:

### **St. Andrews Children's Clinic**

Providing bag lunches for children attending  
the medical clinic

### **Pima Community College**

Providing scholarships to worthy applicants to  
continue their education

### **Annual Fundraising**

Raising money for scholarships

### **Keeping Girls in School**

Providing feminine hygiene products to  
Continental School and other non-profits so  
girls can stay in school

### **Public Policy**

Educational speakers and advocacy programs  
in support of the AAUW mission

### **Flag Raising**

Raising U.S. flags on La Cañada on Martin  
Luther King Day

### **Rally to End Violence against Women and Girls**

Rallying to raise awareness

### **International Women's Day Celebration**

Celebrating with women worldwide