

# DESERT BREEZE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

## MISSION

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



**February 20, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting for AAUW Members and Guests**

**11:30 AM**

Our guest speaker will be Liz Ortenburger from SAFE Nest. Liz Ortenburger has been fighting for the rights of women and youth during the past 20 years of her professional career. In nationwide organizations such as Girl Scouts and the YMCA, Liz worked diligently to ensure all youth had the opportunity to thrive through experiences that helped them realize their full potential. In her current position as the CEO for SafeNest, Liz employs her energy and passion for domestic violence victims and their children as she leads staff and volunteers, ensuring every survivor can see their path from crisis to confidence. Liz earned her MBA at IESE, a top globally-ranked business school in Barcelona, Spain, and her undergraduate degree in Business Administration stateside at California State University, Fresno. A nationally ranked track and field athlete in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races, Liz earned academic honors and an athletic scholarship during her education. Today, working to end the domestic violence epidemic in Clark County and raising two happy, healthy children are Liz's main focuses.

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## VISION

Equity for all

## VALUES

Nonpartisan, Fact Based, Integrity, Inclusion and Intersectionality

## FOCUS AREAS

Education and Training, Economic Security, Leadership, Governance and Stability



## A Message from the President

Marian Stanton

Happy Valentine's Day to all my lovely members. I would love to come and give everyone a big hug, but it's not going to happen. This mask thing is our safety net which will be in existence for some time.

Let's give our speaker from Safenest, Liz Ortenburger, a big reception. Our speakers do prepare and it is nice to have a big audience. Our meetings have been lasting from 45 min. to 60 min. We can always learn something new.

I attended the AAUW Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19th which discussed changing the requirements for AAUW membership. The AAUW National Board strongly supports the elimination of the degree requirement for membership and will put this requirement up for a membership vote this spring. This important change is a critical step in bringing AAUW's Bylaws and membership requirement in line with our mission of advancing equity for women and girls. Please read the email that was sent out which will give information as to why this is going for a vote by the membership. The Board encourages respectful debate.

Our May meeting will be a fun meeting. Every member will be a contestant in a Spelling Bee. A word will be announced and all members will produce their word on a paper virtually in front of them at the same time. This contest is a process of elimination until one person is left. The winner will receive a nice prize. We will also have an Auction of 5 or 6 items which all members and guests will have a chance to give a verbal bid. The highest bid will win the item and all funds will go into the scholarship fund. We hope that we will continue to receive donations and sincerely appreciate all future funds. Join us to make our Spelling Bee and Auction a successful fun event! Give Marian (mikistanto@aol.com) an email if you have a connection to get a good auction item.

We are also going to have a virtual State Conference on April 17th. This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting. This will be free so take advantage and plan to participate. We will have some exceptional speakers that day including Chancellor Melody Rose.

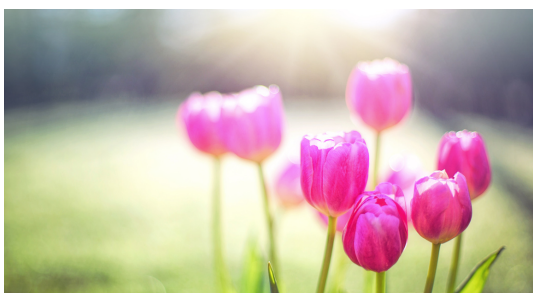
This is a time to reach out to our members who have lost someone through COVID or just life and the ones who are struggling with health issues. It's great to know that someone cares.

Because we have saved money by having virtual meetings this last year by not having to buy lunch and drive, it was suggested to me that I encourage donations to the scholarship fund. Please send checks or you can use credit cards. Email Marilyn0812@gmail.com if you need help sending your donations.

## BIRTHDAYS



## SUNSHINE



John Ohanian passed a couple of months ago in Arizona. He was a member of the AAUW Bridge Marathon for many years and ice cream scooper at our socials.

Donna Maria Franz passed on January 14, 2021. She was also a member of the AAUW Bridge Marathon.

If you are not giving to their chosen charities, consider donating to AAUW Las Vegas Scholarship Fund.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEWEST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

I wanted to say thank you again for the opportunity and for your generosity in giving me the AAUW scholarship. It does help me a lot in times like these, especially now since I've officially started nursing school. I'm grateful that this organization has recognized my academics and has given me the chance to support my educational path! It definitely motivates me to keep pushing myself further. Also, I'm honored to be a part of your organization because it can help me learn and focus on different life aspects as well. Glad to be part of a network and I hope to further meet more people who value education and careers.

AAUW Las Vegas Branch awarded Briahnna Carrera a \$500 Scholarship. She just entered Nursing School at Nevada State College and will be in school for the next 20 months. Briahnna is the first in her family to go to college and has been working in a medical office full time while going to school with a 3.7 GPA.

## Cookie Recipe Contest

Trader Joe's has kindly donated a BAG of Groceries (value \$51) for our PRIZE, which will be voted on and awarded at our March meeting, so send them in to Rica: AndrادهforJudge@gmail.com

### Kahlua Toffee Bars



Cookie Base: Cream together  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup each butter and shortening and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup firmly packed brown sugar. Stir in 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour, mixing well. Spread over bottom greased and flowered 13X9x2 inch pan. Bake 350 degrees 10 to 12 minutes. Beat 2 large eggs, and add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup Kahlua, 1 cup packed brown sugar until fluffy. Resift  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sifted flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt. Stir into creamed mixture. Fold in 1 cup flaked coconut, 1 cup finely chopped nuts. Pour over baked crust and return to oven. Bake 20 minutes longer or until top is set. Remove from oven and cool on rack before cutting into bars, about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.



### Nevada Women's Lobby Webinar

Board Member Helene Winkler attended the Nevada Women's Lobby Webinar. Here is a short summary of the two speakers from Tuesday, February 2nd:

Niccole Canizzaro, State Senator, talked about all the various issues that are of concern. Obviously the budget, economic plight especially hard hitting to women during the Covid-19 Pandemic. They seem to be not as resilient as men during this time. There is concern for women who have been hit economically; concern for health plans covering basic needs of women such as preventative care, contraception, etc.; the concern for not having enough money to take care of all the needs of Nevada residents.

Teresa Benitez-Thompson: Majority leader of Assembly. Her last term, She was complimented for all her hard work over the years. Her main concern and goal is to keep the participants in the Legislature safe and healthy. Health Care is a main focus as people even with insurance and plans have huge deductibles and then co-payments. Trying to find a way the Federal Government might aid in this area or make a more affordable insurance plan. It is a Very big area as many many Nevada residents do not have insurance or are underinsured. They will hold this webinar once a month to keep everyone updated on what is going on in the Legislature sessions.

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## INSPIRATION CORNER

Our lives begin to end the day we become  
silent about things that matter.  
- Martin Luther King Jr.

"I think the perfection of love  
is that it's not perfect."  
-Taylor Swift

## P.S. from the President, an excerpt from her friend Stuart Bernthol

For those of us that think they have actually been successful on their own, in a vacuum, without being grateful for standing on the shoulders of all those before us that have paved our way. To live in a country, at this time, like ours that is in the Goldilocks zone, in spite of all of its problems, we have an obligation, as Lincoln said, "To appeal to the better angels of our nature" and help this country heal and repair itself. We also can't lose sight of those who have no voice and no political power to be fair and kind. As Lincoln expressed in his 1862 message to Congress as he described our country as the "Last Best Hope on Earth." We have an obligation to humanity to fulfill that promise.