

August/September 2021

DESERT BREEZE



Las Vegas (NV) Branch

American Association of University Women

SEPTEMBER MEETING **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021** **11:30 AM** **THE SUMMIT** **2215 THOMAS RYAN BLVD.** **LAS VEGAS, NV**

We will be meeting in person in September. We have secured a meeting room at **The Summit**, on **Saturday, September 18**, at **11:30 AM**, for **\$20.00 per person**. The price includes the room fee, technical equipment, lunch from the menu, a drink, and dessert. It will be a joy to see each other and to work together toward our AAUW mission and goals. Come join us and bring a friend. No reservations are needed.

Guest Speaker

Hollis Gillespie

Director of Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas

Meet Hollis Gillespie

Hollis Gillespie has joined the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, as its new director. Hollis worked in finance before pursuing a career in the cultural sector. Hollis is a graduate of the Getty Leadership Institute in Museum Management and she is a member of American Alliance of Museums, Western Museums Association and National Association of Interpretation. She has worked at museums in Florida, California, Alaska and New Mexico. In 2012, Hollis founded Cultural Assets Consulting, a museum management practice in Henderson. Before working in the cultural sector, Hollis was an international management consultant focusing on financial and market analysis. She holds a master's degree in geography, geomorphology and biogeography from the University of California, Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. She is fluent in Spanish. Hollis is a member of Rotary International.



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Fall is in the air. Summer flowers are fading. Autumn colors tell us that the end of the year is approaching. We've all been somewhat isolated for the last year and a half. We're anxious to see old friends and meet new ones.

Our first meeting will be on September 18, at 11:30 AM, at The Summit, next to Starbright Theater. There is no need for reservations. The room holds up to 36 people. Just come and enjoy our speaker.

As we begin our two- year term, we need some help. Marian Stanton has volunteered to be Communications/Sunshine. Please let her know of anyone who needs some cheering up, is recovering from an illness or surgery, or any change in life's events. Additionally, we need a person to assemble the Newsletter, a person to be Hospitality, and another to keep us up with AAUW's Public Policy events. Many hands make light work. Let us know if you are interested.

Membership renewal time is here. If you haven't renewed, now is the time. Our chapter has gained several new members, who we all need to welcome in person.

We're looking forward to seeing each of you on September 18.

Shirley Hills and Judy Ingham

DUES ARE DUE

It is time to renew your AAUW membership if you have not done so yet. The current membership year ends June 30. Thank you to those members who have already renewed their membership for 2021-2022.

Just as a reminder, National dues have increased by \$3 this year. See information below on the dues for Lifetime Members and Student Affiliate Members.

National dues will also increase by \$5 in 2022-2023 and again by \$5 in 2023-2024. The AAUW Fiscal Year started on July 1. Therefore, all dues should have been paid before the end of June 2021. We will generate monthly email renewal notices to current members who have not yet renewed their dues. The email comes from memberinfo@aauw.org, so if you don't see it, be sure to check your spam email.

By following the link on the email notice, you may pay your dues by credit card. You do not need to sign in or need any other information to renew using this method. All you do is verify that your information is correct, (name, address, telephone and email address), fill in your credit card information and submit. Then you are done and don't have to worry about this until next year. Once you have renewed this way, you will receive an email confirmation.

You can also pay the dues by sending a check, payable to AAUW Las Vegas Branch Treasurer, Marilyn Zimmerman.

Marilyn Zimmerman, 3513 E Viking Rd., Apt. 126, Las Vegas, NV 89121

\$88 for Branch Members (\$62 goes to National, \$9 to AAUW NV, and \$17 to our Branch).

\$26 for Lifetime Members (\$9 goes to AAUW NV and \$17 to our Branch.)

\$17 for Honorary Lifetime Members (\$17 goes to our Branch.)

\$18.81 for Student Affiliate Members (\$18.81 goes to National.)

Of the \$62 National Dues, \$59 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

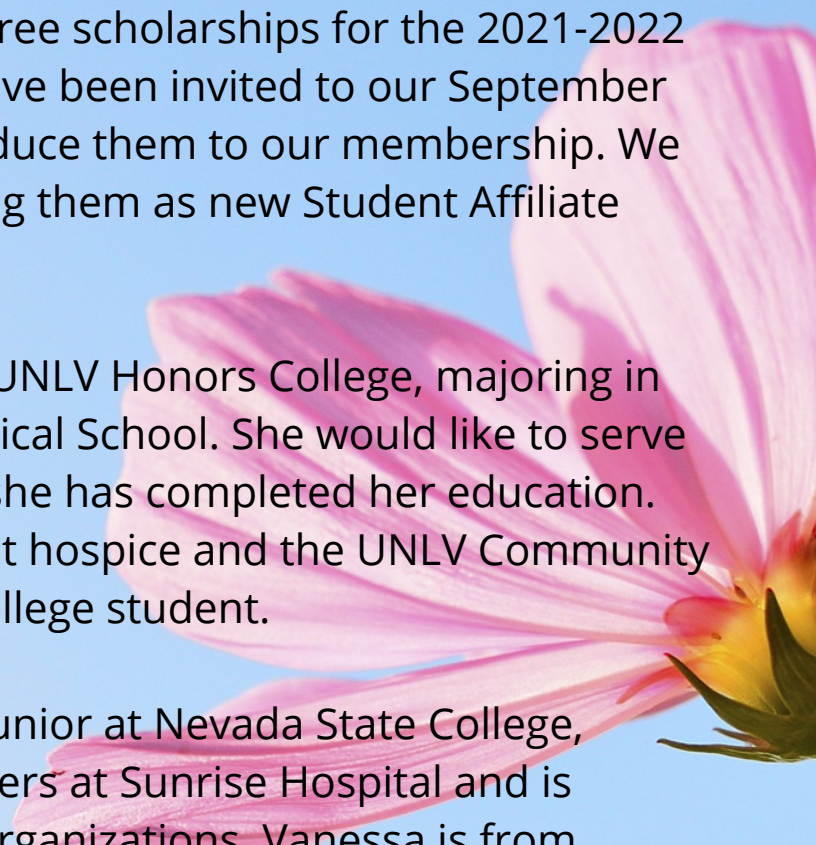
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR THE 2021- 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

AAUW Las Vegas has awarded three scholarships for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. The recipients have been invited to our September Branch Meeting, so we can introduce them to our membership. We hope you will join us in welcoming them as new Student Affiliate Members of our branch.

Miah Strellnauer is a senior, at UNLV Honors College, majoring in Biology. She plans to attend Medical School. She would like to serve the Las Vegas community, once she has completed her education. Miah has also been a volunteer at hospice and the UNLV Community Clinic. She is a first-generation college student.

Vanessa Magana-Pedraza is a junior at Nevada State College, majoring in Nursing. She volunteers at Sunrise Hospital and is involved in a variety of campus organizations. Vanessa is from Pahrump and was a commuter student until this year. She is a first-generation college student.

Ruby Munoz Eguiluz is a junior, at Nevada State College, majoring in Speech-Language Pathology. She plans to become a Speech Language Pathologist working with children, to improve their speech language delays, as well as providing guidance to children who are culturally and linguistically challenged. Ruby is bilingual in Spanish and English. She is also currently serving as the Secretary for the Nevada State Student Speech Language Hearing Association.



Bridge News

The next AAUW Bridge Marathon will run from October 2021 through May 2022.

The cost to participate is \$25.00 per person and the proceeds fund college scholarships for Clark County women. The first and second place winning teams are refunded a portion of their entry fee. If you and a partner are interested in participating, please contact Cam Usher as soon as possible, so she can create the player list. Players are not required to be AAUW members. Gentlemen players are welcome!!!

Games are scheduled by the teams at their convenience. Play is 24 hands; a player from each team records a scoresheet and one sheet is given to Cam, who maintains the cumulative scores for all participants. If they wish, players may switch positions (north/south to east/west etc.) after 12 hands. Scoring is standard social bridge scoring.

Should you have questions or wish to participate, please contact Cam at 702-456-0702 or e-mail to uslinc@cox.net.

Spotlight on AAUW

Life Member Mary Gafford

Mary Gafford has been a member since 1966. She spent her entire teaching career at Roy Martin Middle School in Las Vegas. She taught English and Spanish, Creative Writing, Journalism, and Newspaper. Mary was President of Las Vegas Branch from 1977-1978. She is active with the Southern Nevada Women's History Project and has contributed chapters of written historical accounts to their publications. Additionally, Mary is a member of the Mesquite Club, Genealogy, Descendants of the Mayflower, and DAR. She is originally from Dallas, Texas.



EXERPT FROM AAUW.ORG

The history of the American Association of University Women mirrors the progress of women in the United States. As the number of women graduating from college grew, so did our membership.

AAUW has published hundreds of research reports, from an 1885 paper disproving a prevailing myth that college impairs a woman's fertility to, most recently, a study documenting the economic impact of workplace sexual harassment.

AAUW has supported the academic achievements of thousands of scholars, from scientist Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, to astronaut Judith Resnik, the second woman to travel in space.

AAUW advocacy efforts have propelled countless new laws, including the Equal Pay Act, first proposed in 1945 and finally passed in 1963; the Title IX amendment in 1972; the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993; the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009; and the Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2019 but is awaiting action in the Senate.

AAUW has come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. In many ways, the fight for gender equity is just getting started. Join us and get involved!



Keep Your Information Updated

Annually, the Las Vegas Branch produces a Membership Directory for our members. Be sure your information is current and up to date. If you have moved, changed your email address or telephone number, please let us know so we can be sure to have current and up to date information in the directory. Email any changes to aauwlasvegas@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Depain 8/4

Barbara Straight 8/10

Marilyn Zimmerman 8/12

Julie Davies 8/14

Donna Franz 8/15

Sandra Mack 8/15

Marlene Adrian 9/3

Sally Thomas 9/3

Julia Jeffries 9/6

Blanche Berensweig 9/19



SUNSHINE



Mary Gafford is home convalescing.

Marian Stanton is recuperating from shoulder surgery.

Next AAUW Meetings:

September 18 The Summit

October 16 The Summit

November 20 The Summit

December 12 Shirley Hills

ZOOM Board Meetings:

September 21

October 26

November 30

December 14

Special Announcements

Bridge: Cam Usher (702-456-0702)

Book Club: Kathryn Robinson (702-458-1747)

Out to Lunch: Marilyn Zimmerman (970-712-0474)

***Marilyn will soon announce Dates, Times and Places.**

Paid Advertisements:

AAUW members are welcome to advertise their business in our newsletter for a \$10 fee from September to June each year. Please send or give Marilyn, Shirley, or Judy your check and business card. The fees will help defray some of the Branch's business costs. Thank you.

New Officers 2021 - 2023

Co-Presidents: Shirley Hills & Judy Ingham (2 years)

Vice President Membership: Ouida Brown (2 years)

Secretary: Helene Winkler (1 year)

Treasurer: Marilyn Zimmerman (2 years)

Immediate Past President: Marian Stanton (2 years)

Mission

**Gender Equity
Economic Security**

Values

**Intersectional
Inclusive
Intergenerational
Empowering**

Focus

**Economic Security
Education
Advocacy**

