

September 2024

DESERT BREEZE



Las Vegas (NV) Branch

American Association of University Women



September MEETING
Saturday, September 21, 2024
11:30 AM

THE SUMMIT
2215 Thomas Ryan Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Come join us at The Summit. The cost is \$25.00 per person. The price includes the room fee, technical equipment, lunch from the menu, a drink, and dessert. Guests are welcome, so bring a friend. No reservations are needed.

Program

Meet Your Local Candidates



Support our local Girl Scouts. Donate a sleeping bag. Please bring it to the meeting. See the details on page 5.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



We welcome our members back after this extremely scorching summer! Hopefully, the weather will cool down soon.

In September, our meeting on September 21, will be your opportunity to meet local candidates running for office, in the upcoming election. We hope everyone will join us, as we begin a new AAUW year.

There are many issues this year that impact women. The upcoming elections are important for us to be informed and to know where candidates stand on issues that are priorities for AAUW. To support this, we will be holding a Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 10, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The forum will be held at Goodwill Corporate Headquarters, located at 250 E Pilot Rd., Las Vegas, NV. This is just off Sunset, near the airport. We hope our members will attend and invite friends as well. This event will be open to the public.

We have several new members who joined our branch this summer, so please welcome them at our meetings.

We have awarded six \$1,000 scholarships this year, due to the generosity of our members. We will be inviting our recipients to the September meeting. We worked with the Public Education Foundation to process the scholarship applications. Their names are listed on page 4.

This year we will be distributing our directory electronically to our members. We will print a small number of directories, which will be available on request at meetings this fall.

Unfortunately, our annual Ice Cream Social had to be cancelled due to the lack of rsvp's from our members. We hope to plan this again next year.

We continue to stay focused on our mission of gender equity and economic security.

Janis and Marilyn



Sunshine

Rowena Trim is at PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Centennial Hills. We wish her a speedy recovery!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND GROWING OUR BRANCH

Let's grow our branch membership. Every member can be a recruiter. Most individuals join AAUW and other organizations because someone they know told them about the organization and invited them to a meeting or activity.

We challenge all our members to bring guests to our meetings and activities, so we can grow our membership with individuals who support the mission and work of AAUW.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals now occur throughout the year. While most of our branch members have June 30 membership expiration dates, our newer members may have a membership renewal date that occurs in a different month. The Membership Directory included each member's renewal dates this year.

Beginning In April, members that have renewal dates of May and June will begin receiving monthly email notices from AAUW regarding renewing your membership. There will be a link to renew, using a credit card, or you may still send a check to our treasurer, Letti Dowell (see Letti's address below).

Members will begin receiving renewal notices approximately three months prior to their renewal date and will continue to receive them through the grace period, which is three months after the renewal date or until the member renews their membership. After the three-month grace period, members that have not renewed their membership are dropped from the membership.

All members with May - September renewal dates should be sure to renew their membership no later than August 31, to ensure that your membership does not lapse and so we can be sure to include you in our membership directory for 2024-2025.

Membership dues remain at \$98 for branch members, \$18.81 for student affiliate members and \$17 for Honorary Life Members.

Honorary Life Members should send their membership dues of \$17 to Letti Dowell, Treasurer. Renewing members may also send a check to Letti to renew their membership. Letti's address is: 9633 Gavin Stone Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89145.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
CINDY MAXWELL**





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Brianna Wallace, Nevada State University, Nursing
Emilie Rubalcava, UNLV, Biology/English/Teaching
Janai McFarland, Nevada State University, Nursing
Michille Liang, UNLV, Kinesiology
Reign Echavez, UNLV, Nursing
Tianbao, Meng, UNLV, Statistics



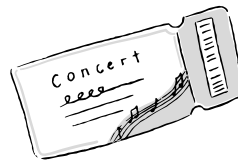
SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

While we hold our annual fund-raising event at our November meeting, we want to remind you that donations can be made throughout the year.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund, checks should be sent to the Public Education Foundation, 4505 South Maryland Parkway, MS 1077, Las Vegas, NV 89154. **Be sure to designate that the check is for AAUW Las Vegas Scholarships.** The Foundation will acknowledge your gift.

You can also donate online to our Scholarship Fund at www.thepef.org. Again, **be sure to indicate that your donation is for AAUW Las Vegas Scholarships.**

Non-Deductible contributions can also be made at any time by writing a check payable to AAUW Las Vegas. Checks can be given to our treasurer, **Letti Dowell**, at any meeting or mailed to her at 9633 Gavin Stone Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89145.



AAUW NOVEMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
NOVEMBER 16, 2024
11:30 AM
SUMMIT RESTAURANT

Please contact Marian Stanton, at 951-529-1203, to help her with the AAUW Scholarship Fundraiser. Marian needs baskets and items for the silent auction. Please start bringing them to Marian at the September meeting. Her committee members are Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert and Letti Dowell.

INTEREST GROUPS

- **Bridge:** Cam Usher (702-456-0702)
- **Book Club:** Kathryn Robinson (702-458-1747)
- **Out to Lunch Bunch:** Janis Schoen (516-376-9856)

OUT TO LUNCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

NORA'S ITALIAN CUISINE

5780 W FLAMINGO RD

LAS VEGAS, NV 89103



AT 1:00 PM

CONTACT JANIS SCHOEN

BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

516-376-9856 (CALL OR TEXT)

AAUWSCH@GMAIL.COM (EMAIL)



GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

The Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada are in need of approximately **30-35 sleeping bags** for an overnight camping experience called Taste of C.A.M.P. This event will offer a camping opportunity to 50 community troop girls who might not have the opportunity to experience camp.

They need them by **September 21!** If you would like to donate one or more lightweight sleeping bags to this effort, you may **bring them to our meeting on September 21**, and we will ensure that they are delivered to the Girl Scouts. If you cannot attend the meeting but would still like to donate sleeping bags, **they can be dropped off at Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, 2941 Harris Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89101 Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



Public Policy Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert



Hello Ladies!

Happy September! Our hard work continues. I thought we would have a little fun as we transition from Summer to Fall! See the table of National Days below and see how many you can connect to AAUW's Mission. You'll be surprised!

First, as Public Policy Chair, I have been collaborating with many community groups aligned with our mission. In August, AAUW Las Vegas visited Goodwill of Southern Nevada Headquarters! Many were surprised at the amazing community career programs they offer, like Certified Nurses Aid (CAN), Stagehand, programs for those with disabilities, and many more! Thank you, Bryan Fukuzawa, VP of Missions, and Danyel Barber, Director of Mission Programming. Higher education has dramatically changed, and Goodwill offers new and different pathways to careers and education.



Stay tuned for our October 10, 2024 Candidates Forum at Goodwill Southern Nevada.

Are you affiliated with a community group organization that aligns with AAUW? Let me know.

Contact me:

**Dr. Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert, AAUW-Las Vegas & Nevada State Public Policy Chair
ethilbert1@gmail.com.**

**See the table below to see how many National Days you can connect to AAUW!
"AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls."**

HAPPY AUTUMNAL EQUINOX! AND HAPPY OBSERVED NATIONAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER!

<p>1 NATIONAL NO RHYME (NOR REASON) DAY NATIONAL CHICKEN BOY DAY</p>	<p>2 NATIONAL VJ DAY (VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY) NATIONAL BLUEBERRY POPSICLE DAY</p>	<p>3 NATIONAL SKYSCRAPER DAY NATIONAL WELSH RAREBIT DAY</p>
<p>4 NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY NATIONAL MACADAMIA NUT DAY</p>	<p>5 NATIONAL CHEESE PIZZA DAY NATIONAL BE LATE FOR SOMETHING DAY</p>	<p>6 NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY NATIONAL COFFEE ICE CREAM DAY</p>
<p>7 NATIONAL SALAMI DAY NATIONAL BEER LOVER'S DAY</p>	<p>8 NATIONAL PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY NURSES DAY NATIONAL AMPERSAND DAY</p>	<p>9 NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY NATIONAL WIENER SCHNITZEL DAY</p>
<p>10 NATIONAL TV DINNER DAY NATIONAL SWAP IDEAS DAY</p>	<p>11 PATRIOT DAY & NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE NATIONAL MAKE YOUR BED DAY</p>	<p>12 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILKSHAKE DAY NATIONAL VIDEO GAMES DAY</p>
<p>13 NATIONAL PEANUT DAY NATIONAL BALD IS BEAUTIFUL DAY</p>	<p>14 NATIONAL LIVE CREATIVE DAY NATIONAL CREAM FILLED DONUT DAY</p>	<p>15 NATIONAL LINGUINE DAY NATIONAL CHEESE TOAST DAY</p>
<p>16 NATIONAL WORKING PARENTS DAY NATIONAL CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD DAY</p>	<p>17 NATIONAL APPLE DUMPLING DAY CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY</p>	<p>18 NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY NATIONAL RESPECT DAY</p>
<p>19 NATIONAL TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY NATIONAL BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING DAY</p>	<p>20 NATIONAL PUNCH DAY NATIONAL PEPPERONI PIZZA DAY</p>	<p>21 NATIONAL PECAN COOKIE DAY NATIONAL NEW YORK DAY</p>
<p>22 NATIONAL ICE CREAM CONE DAY NATIONAL CENTENARIAN'S DAY</p>	<p>23 NATIONAL CHECKERS/DOGS IN POLITICS DAY NATIONAL GREAT AMERICAN POT PIE DAY</p>	<p>24 NATIONAL PUNCTUATION DAY NATIONAL CHERRIES JUBILEE DAY</p>
<p>25 NATIONAL LOBSTER DAY NATIONAL COMIC BOOK DAY</p>	<p>26 NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY NATIONAL DUMPLING DAY</p>	<p>27 NATIONAL CHOCOLATE MILK DAY NATIONAL SCARF DAY</p>
<p>28 NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY NATIONAL STRAWBERRY CREAM PIE DAY</p>	<p>29 NATIONAL COFFEE DAY NATIONAL BISCOTTI DAY</p>	<p>30 NATIONAL HOT MULLED CIDER DAY NATIONAL CHEWING GUM DAY</p>

Special Announcements



Birthdays

Janai McFarland	9/1
Vanessa Magana-Pedraza	9/9
Cynthia Smith	9/30
Lisa Hahn	10/15
Janis Schoen	10/23
Nora Wieland	10/23
Carol Lomen	10/25
Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert	10/28

AAUW Meetings

September 21	The Summit
October 19	The Summit

Board Meeting

September 24
October 22

Officers & Committee Chairs 2023 - 2025

Co-Presidents: Janis Schoen & Marilyn Zimmerman

Vice President Membership: Shirley Hills

Vice President Programs : Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert

Secretary: Afi Bruce

Treasurer: Letti Dowell

Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Shirley Hills & Judy Ingham

Public Policy: Evelyn Thompson-Hilbert

Newsletter: Judy Ingham

Scholarships: Marilyn Zimmerman & Shirley Hills

Sunshine: Marian Stanton

Mission

Gender Equity
Economic Security

Values

Intersectional
Inclusive
Intergenerational
Empowering

Focus

Economic Security
Education
Advocacy