



As the end of the year comes to close, join us as we celebrate all our hard work this year, and look forward to the new year ahead.

December 2023 Newsletter

** Last Call ** Branch Holiday Luncheon

Join us to celebrate the holiday season and share our 2024 events and programs.



When: Saturday, December 9
Time: 11:00am until 1:00pm
Where: Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites,
4855 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson
Cost: \$25 + optional \$5 raffle ticket

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Non-perishable donations will be collected for the **University of Arizona Campus Pantry**.

Click [here](#) for a list of items.



In Memory of Carol Dow

It is with deep sadness to share the passing of Carol Dow on November 19, 2023.

Carol was an AAUW Branch Past-President, long time AAUW member, and advocate for women and education. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship (AAUW Tucson) at Pima Community College that grants scholarships every semester to women in financial need.

[Link to
Obituary](#)

Carol was a friend to many of our members and we will miss her.

In lieu of flowers, Carol's family has asked that donations in Carol's memory can be made to our branch. All donations received will be added to the Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship fund. See her obituary for more details.

It's Time to Vote on the 2023-2024 Branch Budget

Branch By-laws require a membership 30-day review period prior to a vote on the annual branch budget.

The budget was distributed to members via the November 3 Newsletter. The budget is available at the link below.

Contact Treasurer, [Jane Russ](#), with any questions.

Please Cast Your Budget Vote
Using A Button Below ↓

[Yes, I approve](#)

[No, I disapprove](#)



[Review Budget
Here](#)

Voting will close on Tuesday,
December 12.

Wildcats Women's Basketball

The votes are in! Mark your calendar for the Wildcats vs. Washington on Sunday, February 18 at noon. Watch for more details about AAUW Tucson game tickets.



Thanks for all the votes cast from the Branch November Newsletter.



Our Branch Past-President goes 'Over the Edge' for Girl Scouts of Southern AZ

Diana Charbonneau does it again!



On November 11, the Girl Scouts of Southern AZ partnered with Over the Edge, a rappelling organization, for its annual fundraiser.

The event was held at the largest commercial office building in Tucson (14 floors) at 5151 E Broadway Blvd.

Diana raised awareness about AAUW Tucson during the event, collected over \$1,000 in donations for the Girl Scouts of Southern AZ, and accomplished the rappelling feat.



Great job Diana!



TUCSON *great*
DECISIONS

by Shirley Muney,
AAUW Tucson Member

For those who might be new, Great Decisions is a program of discussion meetings about foreign affairs,

run nationally by the Foreign Policy Association, and here in Tucson by the Tucson Great Decisions Association (TGDA). Our AAUW branch has been sponsoring one of these discussion meetings for over 20 years, first as part of our International Interests Discussion Group, and then as a stand-alone program. Since the COVID pandemic, we met on Zoom, but last year and this coming year we'll be meeting "hybrid"—in person, and on Zoom at the same time.

The program is run much like a book discussion series, except that instead of a series of books, we read chapters in a "briefing book" provided (with a charge) by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), with a separate chapter for each of the eight different topics each year. In our group, as in most, the discussions are led by the members themselves, with guidance from a moderator. The moderator also maintains a group roster, passes along information to and from TGDA, and provides access to the brief video on each topic from the FPA. There is no charge for membership, but just the (discounted) price for the briefing book and any speaker programs that TGDA produces.

Our **Great Decisions** "season" begins on Monday, January 22 and runs through the end of March. We'll be meeting in the west conference room at the Ward 6 office, located near Country Club Road and Speedway, on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 AM. For those who can't make it at this time in person, we urge you to participate via Zoom at the same time. And if you find this schedule difficult, you can join other **Great Decisions** groups in the area: just go to www.tgda.org and click on "Discussion Groups" to see the complete list and schedules.

Please feel free to contact me for more information and to sign up, at smuney2k@yahoo.com. Remember, AAUW's concerns are international, as well as local and national.

Happy Holidays

Hoping your holidays are filled with cheer, good tidings, and joy throughout the holiday season.



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