



February brings with it more mission-based programs and activities to advance women and girls. In this newsletter, let's celebrate our successes and look ahead to keep it going.

Saturday, February 10 Branch Luncheon



Welcome Gabriella Cázares-Kelly

We are excited to have **Gabriella Cázares-Kelly**, Pima County Recorder, as our speaker.

Ms. Cázares-Kelly was elected Pima County Recorder and began her administration in January 2021. She leads an office that oversees voter registration, early voting and document recording for Pima County and was inspired to run for office after encountering many systemic barriers preventing people from simply registering to vote.

When: Saturday, February 10

REGISTER FOR
LUNCHEON
HERE

Time: 11:00am until 1:00pm
Where: Ramada by Wyndham Viscount Suites,
4855 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson
Cost: \$25

More February Events - Join Us

- **Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26** – Tucson Great Decisions meeting begins 10:00a at the Ward 6 office also via Zoom. Membership is free, and the “briefing book” costs \$29. Contact Shirley Muney for details.
- **Sunday, February 18** – UA Women’s Basketball Game at McKale Center. Noon tipoff, Click TO PURCHASE TICKETS
- **Wednesday, February 21** – Legislative Day with AAUW AZ
- **Wednesday, February 28** – Branch Board meeting, contact AAUW President, Ana Nygren, for Zoom link

Check out the Branch website and Branch Facebook for all the details.

January's Program . . . Thanks x2!



Community Food Bank of Southern AZ, Patricia Barcelo and Sio Castillo, along with CEO, Malea Chavez accepted monetary donations from AAUW Tucson and members with many thanks. The donations were presented by AAUW Tucson President, Ana Nygren.

Malea shared the impact and community outreach made possible in 2023 by the generous donations the food bank received and plans for 2024.



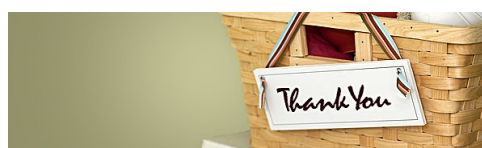
Pima Community College's ARC Resource Center & Food Pantry Program Coordinator, Susan Ho, and Leigh Ann Sotomayor talked about how ARC was started in 2019 and why their work is so important for Pima students.

Pictured is Susan, Leigh Ann, AAUW Tucson VP-Membership, Joan Jorgensen, and President, Ana Nygren,

Susan sent a note after the meeting, 'With your organization's support, we received roughly 105 pounds' worth of essential hygiene items. We can ensure these crucial supplies are readily available to students for the rest of the school year. The ARC Team wishes to extend our thanks and gratitude to the AAUW Tucson Branch for supporting ARC.'

Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship

The final donations tally, in Carol Dow's memory, to the Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship was \$1,840. Thank you.



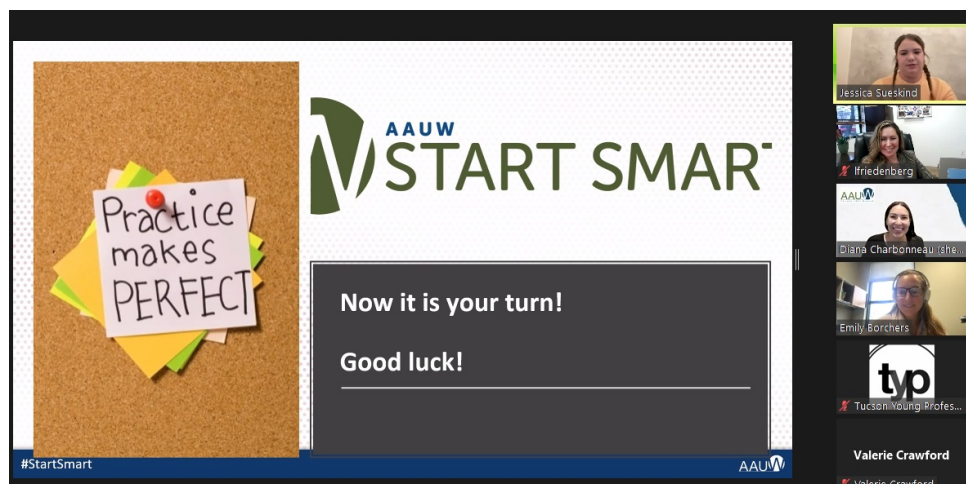
Wildcats Women's Basketball Sunday, February 18 at noon

Come join branch members + bring friends to show our support for UA's Women's B-ball. Tickets are \$19 and we will sit in the same section; transportation is on your own.

Mail-in option available through February 10, to: AAUW Tucson, PO Box 40822, Tucson, 85717. Make check payable to AAUW Tucson and note 'Basketball tickets' in the memo line.

Branch Treasurer, Jane Russ, will be in contact with you.

Buy Tickets
PayPal or Credit
Card Here



Start Smart Going Strong

On January 11, Past Branch President, **Diana Charbonneau**, facilitated Start Smart with the Tucson Young Professionals (TYP) group. AAUW Tucson kicked off TYP's first 2024 TYP Professional Workshop.

A note from a TYP organizer after the event said, 'So much great information, thank you Diana, for setting the bar incredibly high with our first PD workshop.'



College/University (C/U) Partners

AAUW Tucson VP-Membership and C/U coordinator, Joan Jorgensen, has been meeting with Pima Community College and the University of AZ representatives on several upcoming events.

Visit the branch website for C/U announcements and contact Joan if you would like to get involved with the



planning, participating, and/or have ideas about possible C/U events and programs.

AAUW Tucson Supports . . . SARSEF Science and Engineering Fair - 2024



SARSEF

Project registration is open for the 2024 SARSEF Fair which means they are looking for volunteers as a judge or event staff March 2 through March 7.

Elementary and middle school judging and interviews have a virtual option.

Visit the SARSEF Website
for all the Details and
Contact Information



To fulfill our mission, we need members to share their ideas, time, and expertise to support the women and girls of Tucson and local communities.

Can you help?

Contact any board member for more information or express your interest.

Our Branch Needs You

Volunteers needed:

- (1) **Nominating Committee** for the 2024-2025 board slate of officers
- (2) **VP-Program Committee** to plan and coordinate monthly programs
- (3) **VP-Finance/Treasurer**
- (4) **Finance Committee** to review funding proposals and oversee the Virginia Palmer Memorial Scholarship
- (5) **Audit** the 2022-2023 financial records
- (6) **Website editor** and newsletter

AAUW Tucson Branch Celebrates Our 115th Year

From our beginning in 1909, branch members have been generous with their time and funds. A cornerstone for forming the Collegiate Club, now AAUW Tucson, was to establish scholarships.

In historical records, from 1915 by Estelle Luttrell, is a financial report citing \$2.50 per Biology semester; \$6.00 per Chemistry semester; \$23 per month for room and board; and several other entries, all costs for a University of AZ student. Miss Luttrell's report was to fund-raise with the club goal to offer two \$100 UA scholarships. The scholarship were partially funded from the \$3 annual branch membership dues.

Today, AAUW Tucson members continue the tradition of financially supporting local and national scholarships. Over the past twelve months, the branch and members have contributed \$1,078.50 to the AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund.

First UA Logo from 1885



UA men and women students sitting on steps at Old Main in 1898



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