

HS/HSV AAUW host state convention

The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of American Association of University Women recently hosted the annual Arkansas state convention.

Delegates from Fayetteville, Little Rock and Jonesboro attended.

The theme was "Women Leaders: Past, Present, Future."

Friday events, held at Coronado Community Center, included a viewing of the movie "Equity." A highlight of Saturday's events was a panel discussion about challenges in the workplace.

Panelists were Lesley Nalley, CEO of Hot Springs Village; Dr. Margaret Ellibee, chancellor, University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College; and Dr. Susan Aldridge, University clinical supervisor in the Teacher's College at Henderson State University.

Moderator for the panel discussion was Claudia Richards, senior branch relations manager at the



Participating in the panel discussion at the AAUW state convention held in HSV April 28-29, from left, were Lesley Nalley, Dr. Margaret Ellibee, Dr. Susan Aldridge, and moderator Claudia Richards.

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philan-

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AAUW hosts second annual Academic Angel Launch dinner

By MARY ELIADES
Voice correspondent

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has been a tireless promoter of education and equity for women and girls since its founding in 1881, and is the oldest and largest national organization working for women. There are seven branches in Arkansas, and around 1,000 local branches throughout the United States.

The organization has a voice in public debates on social issues; sponsors research on women, girls and



Sara Brown describing the selection process at the 2016 Academic Angel Launch.

(Submitted photo)

education; and provides millions of dollars in scholarships and fellowships.

The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch was established in 1923, and primarily focuses on funding scholarships for students at National Park College (NPC) and those who are continuing their education. Since 1995, AAUW has funded more than \$250,000 in local and transfer scholarships. The amounts awarded annually have grown by leaps and bounds, from three \$250 scholarships in 1995 to 12 scholarships totaling \$18,000 in 2017.

"Every scholarship applicant is either currently enrolled at NPC or has graduated from NPC and gone on to a four-year school in Arkansas," said Sue Luersen, scholarship chair. "We have two types of scholarships - regular (for those attending NPC) and transfer (for those at four-year schools in Arkansas)."

Applicants fill out forms at NPC, and in April the AAUW scholarship committee interviews prospective recipients and makes its



Velma and John Coolidge were honored through the "Coolidge Corner," with a selection of good reads for donations. (Submitted photo)

selections.

Sara Brown, director of development for the National Park College Foundation and liaison with the AAUW branch, said, "The AAUW scholarship fund has positively impacted the lives of many women in our community. We are making a difference in our students by helping them find their career path and then financially supporting their educational endeavors through the AAUW scholarships."

In the past, funds were raised through AAUW's mega-book sale, which raised thousands of dollars for the program. The annual sale has been discontinued, however, and in 2016 the club began looking for alternative funding sources.

Last year, in addition to member donations, it was decided to host a gala event to raise funds through silent and live auctions. Generous sponsors throughout the area stepped up with high-quality items, and an "Academic Angel" launch dinner was held for the first time at the DeSoto Club. A large crowd enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and free-flowing drinks as they bid on auction items and learned about the scholarship program.

Following the success of last year's event, AAUW will be hosting its second annual Academic Angel Launch dinner, also at the DeSoto Club, on Sept. 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year's event will feature a

sit-down dinner. Auction items are rolling in, and will include various hosted parties and dinners, an Oaklawn finish-line box, golf at Diamante, home-baked goods, boat rides, gift certificates, etc. The "Coolidge Corner" - with a selection of good books - will again honor Velma and John Coolidge.

The event is open to the public, and is \$35 per person. Checks can be mailed to Myra Sanders at 4 Romera Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909; include a list of attendees.

AAUW encourages Villagers to attend this event, bring your friends, and help the organization continue to promote education for women in the area.

Branch president Kim Townsan is enthusiastic about the event and the scholarships to be funded.

"What's important to me - and why I am so active in the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village AAUW - is its local focus," she said. "The monies raised through our Academic Angel launch donations and auction fundraising benefit our community directly, as all of the women receiving scholarships are local women. And not all have taken the traditional path to college. It's inspiring to hear about these young women, many who have overcome some significant challenges. Their goal is the same as our branch - prioritizing education."

For more information about the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of AAUW, visit the website at <http://hshsv-ar.aauw.net/>, or contact Myra Sanders at 501-226-5106.



Last year's AAUW scholarship recipient Rebecca Echols. (Mary Eliades photo)



Recipients of 2016 AAUW scholarships included (front row, from left) Devon Russell, Aaron Johnson and Kelli LaRue; middle row, Tina Graham, Remedios Santos and Michelle Godwin; top row, NPC president Dr. John Hogan (Submitted photo)

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Sara Brown, second from left, director of development for National Park College, works closely with AAUW to select scholarship recipients. With Brown are Jeff Weaver, vice president for external relations for NPC, Karen Vinyard and Neal Vinyard.

AAUW holds second annual Academic Angel Launch

The DeSoto Club in Hot Springs Village was the setting for the second annual Academic Angel Launch, sponsored by the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of the American Association for University Women (AAUW), on Sept. 21. The event is the major fundraiser for AAUW's scholarship program.

Sara Brown, director of development for National Park College Foundation, administers the scholarship program and was a featured speaker at the event.

Chef Johnna catered the event, attended by 114 members and guests, who enjoyed a sit-down dinner and free-flowing drinks.

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Allen Tillery Auto Sales and Century 21 Realty, helped make the event a success.

Prizes were donated for a silent auction, and auctioneer Steve Thacker of Arkansas Auction Group presided over a spirited live auction to conclude the event.

Lake cruises, home-baked goods, jewelry, hosted parties and many other items were auctioned to add to the coffers.

AAUW was founded in 1881, and the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch was established in 1923.

Scholarships, totaling more than \$250,000, have been awarded to area women since 1995, primarily for students at National Park College in Hot Springs.

The Academic Angel

Launch, along with donations from AAUW members, will fund over \$15,000 in scholarships for next year.

For more information on AAUW and its scholarship program, contact Myra Sanders at 501-226-5106.

Morning

Stonecroft speaker Nancy Grace will speak at Dogwood Tree, Bella Boutique fall fashion show, featuring Pa Houser of the Dogwood Tree, at the Hot Springs Village Morning Connection, on Oct. 18, 9:30-11 a.m., Diamante Country Club, 2000 Country Club Drive.

Grace will share about



AAUW| hosts scholarship luncheon

Twelve local women were awarded scholarships by the Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of the American Association of University Women. The scholarship luncheon was held on Nov. 11 at Diamante Country Club. Recipients included, from left, Tina Graham, Keanna Peck, Loren Frances Elvira Murillo, Sheena Burrow and Yoselin Canos-Ramos. In the back is Dr. John Hogan, president of National Park College. Recipients not pictured are Alyssa Diggs, Hope Bratton, Jennifer Edwards, Terra Ford, Faith Bratton and Tasha Jones. AAUW's mission is to promote equity for women and girls, and to encourage lifelong education and positive societal change. The scholarships granted by the branch affirm its strong commitment to this mission.

AAUW members learn about P.H.O.E.B.E. and The Uzuri Project

The Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) welcomed guest speaker Cheryl Batts, with People Helping Others Excel By Example (P.H.O.E.B.E.), to its monthly meeting on

Feb. 21. P.H.O.E.B.E. is a non-profit organization, begun in 1997 as The Uzuri Project. What was intended as a temporary Black History Project, to gather information about African-Americans in the Hot Springs

area, became a continuing endeavor. More than 1,500 photographs, artifacts and documents were donated to the project and are now on permanent display.

A major focus of P.H.O.E.B.E. is its Uzuri Project Youth Leadership Institute, which teaches community youth ages 10 to 17 social skills, communications, community service and volunteerism.

Another ongoing project for the organization is preserving the John Lee Webb house at 403 Pleasant Street in Hot Springs. The Pleasant Street Historic District encompasses the historic African-American community area of Hot Springs. John Lee Webb was a well-respected African-American contractor and philanthropist from Tuskegee, Alabama, who "saw Hot Springs as a cosmopolitan town where African-Americans like himself could build and live without harm" (from Cheryl Batts' entry on Webb in "The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture"). Renovation work and fundraising are currently underway to continue the project.

For more information on P.H.O.E.B.E., John Lee Webb, or The Uzuri Project, visit <http://theuzuriproject.org/html/index.php> or <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=9199>.



AAUW members Wilma Gunn (left) and Barbara Mulley visit with P.H.O.E.B.E. CEO and founder Cheryl L. Batts and volunteer manager Woodie Davis. (Submitted photo)



Scenic 7 Rotary donates books

The Rotary Club of North Garland County/Scenic 7 recently donated several library books to Jessieville Elementary School. This has been an ongoing service project for the Rotary Club of North Garland County/Scenic 7 for several years. Pictured is Jed Johnson, Jessieville Elementary principal and Denise Smith, Jessieville Elementary librarian.

NPC hosts College Exploration Day

National Park College (NPC) hosted College Exploration Day last week for students interested in transferring to a four-year university.

The event was organized by the National Park University (NPU) transfer center. Nearly 300 students attended the event to learn about degree programs, scholarships and other transfer opportunities.

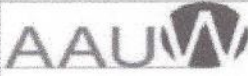
Forty-nine transfer representatives were on hand from 19 colleges and universities from around the region, including Arkansas State University, Arkansas Tech University, Baptist Health College, Central



Southern Arkansas University representative Steve Sutton (left) discussing transfer options with NPC student Keagan Furlong

College, Mississippi State University, Southern Arkansas University, University of Arkansas, University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, Uni-

versity of Arkansas at Monticello, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, UAMS College of Nursing, UAMS College of Phar-



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