

AAUW THE PHOENICIAN

American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch

January 2014

**January General Meeting January 21st
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**

**Speaker for Phoenix Branch AAUW
January meeting is Anne Greenberg**



Making the Grade – School Board Duties and Opportunities

In Arizona, the statutory life of a school district governing board member involves everything from approving budgets and building schools to making sure student athletes have water. In reality, school board members serve as advocates for students, parents, and teachers; lobbyists for education issues and funding; and, hopefully, models and inspirations for learning and innovating. Find out what serving on a school board means – and why you should think about running for your local board.

Anne Greenberg is president of the Paradise Valley Unified School District Governing Board, where she was first elected in 2004, and subsequently re-elected in 2008 and 2012. Within the district, one of the 10 largest in the state, Anne has served in numerous volunteer positions, including as a founding member of the Community Legislative Network. She currently chairs the Legislative Committee of the Arizona School Boards Association, which honored her with its All-Arizona School Board Award in 2011, and represented ASBA on the state board of the Arizona Academic Decathlon for six years. The former national president of Women in Communications, Inc., Anne is the

Executive Vice President of Health & Medical Multimedia, a communications firm that creates medical publications and educational programming. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Northwestern University. Anne and her husband, Rick McGuire, are the proud parents of two graduates of Paradise Valley schools.

Since there were vacancies in the Phoenix districts for school board candidates at the last election, we need to encourage someone to run in various districts. Please bring someone to this meeting that may be interested in Public schools. Often serving on a school board contributes to preparation for other public office.

Dinner is \$14 and is at 5:30 followed by our guest speaker at 6:30. Monthly meetings are held at Elaine's fine dining room at the Beatitudes, 1616 W. Glendale Ave. Phoenix, AZ. Please enter the Beatitudes at the gate by the flag pole. Visitors are welcome. Dinner will include: Tomato Basil Bisque, Cobb Salad(Entrée), Boston Cream Pie

THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RSVP

We need your RSVP as promptly as possible. The number can be changed as late as noon on Monday before the meeting. If you must cancel, please call me before noon Monday or **YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE \$14**. The branch must pay for the number reserved. New reservations may be added before noon Monday. **Please be considerate and RSVP ASAP.**

Mary Beth Lemons, 602-510-1544 or mlemons1@cox.net

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Things to Do

Morning Book Discussion

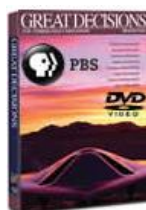


Upcoming discussions are held at the home of Martha Hoyt, 1821 E. Keim Dr. Contact Martha for directions: mhHoyt@aol.com , 602-279-9662. Friday, Jan 3rd and 17th at 9:30 am
Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo

Evening Book Discussion



The discussions are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm and are held at the Orangaire club house. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions: ritachristina@cox.net, 623-872-6448. Wednesday, Jan 15th 7pm
The Hummingbird's Daughter by Luis Alberto Urrea



Great Decisions

Wednesday The first session of the Great Decisions Study Group will begin on **Wed. Feb. 12th** at 1:00 P.M. at Mary Beth Lemons' residence at 6825 N. 29th Ave. Study sessions will continue on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays through May for a total of eight sessions.

If you have not yet signed up to participate, do so immediately by contacting Dot Fields at [602.253.1643](tel:602.253.1643) or dotfie@cox.net. A study book order will be placed early this month in order to have them for distribution at our January meeting.

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm.

This month the meeting will be on th 2nd Wed. January 8th, at the home of Dorothy Ward.

Please contact Dorothy Ward or Martha Hoyt for more information: UniqueDorothy@cox.net or 602-246-1246 mhHoyt@aol.com or 602-279-9662

World Travelers

Travelers meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the home of Carolyn Baker 1639 E. Tuckey Lane, Noon to 2pm. Contact Carolyn Baker for directions or information: 602-277-5032.

On Jan 9th, Linda Eaglestone discusses her Amazon trip through Peru

Coffee and Conversation

We will be meeting at Scott's Generation Restaurant and Delicatessen, 5539 N 7th St (NE corner of Missouri & 7th Street) on the last Saturday of each month at 9AM.

On January 25th, the agenda is VISITING. Come one, come all, and bring friends.

Saturday Matinee

Noon Classics

Bring your brown bag lunch if you like. Popcorn/nuts/candy and beverages will be provided. *These are not classic movies, they are movies of classics. Movies will start promptly at 12:30.

Located at the home of Roberta Rowland – please contact Roberta (602-689-0774)

by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home.

January 11: ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT Film (1979) of Erich Maria Remarque's classic novel set largely on the battlefields of WW I. Cast: Ernest Borgnine, Richard Thomas and Patricia Neal. Nominated for three Emmy awards. 128 minutes

Bridge Marathon

January 24, 2014, 11 a.m. , is the occasion of the end-of-year party for the AAUW Bridge marathon. The location is Ironworks, 17233 N. 45th Avenue , at the Bellair Golf Course, in Glendale AZ 85308. Bridge players and attendees have the option of ordering meals from a moderately priced menu. Following lunch, prizes for the year will be awarded and an afternoon of bridge will be enjoyed.

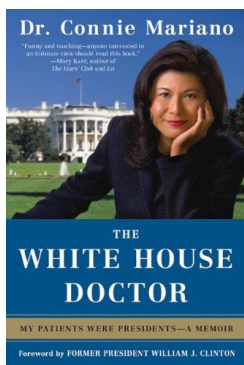
Accumulated total scores determine the winners for the year. Games are played once a month from March through September. New pairs for the marathon are very welcome. Contact Mary Palsma

marypalsma@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the marathon

The 3rd Annual Arizona Women's Conference



The conference is scheduled for Saturday March 1, 2014 at Scottsdale Community College Campus. Dr. Connie Mariano will be the featured speaker at the 3rd annual Arizona Women's Conference on March 1, 2014.



In addition, each participant may attend four workshops. The planning committee is in the process of finalizing the workshop facilitators. There will be over a dozen workshops to choose from. Visit the website www.azwc1.org for details.

Early registration is available to guarantee your choice of workshops. Early registration will be \$40 for the day. Students and military may register for \$25. After the deadline the registration will be \$50. A flier will be available in the *Phoenician* when plans are complete.

State Division AAUW has partnered in this event since its inception. The goal of the conference is to *bring Women from all walks of life together to share their passions, ideas, struggles and successes*. Mary Palsma, Phoenix Branch AAUW, is the State Division AAUW's representative on this committee.



Carolyn Maxon and Dina Gerdon

Program Vice President Carolyn Maxon at the meeting December 17th, introducing Dina Gerdon, The Community Engagement Manager and Development Coordinator of The Sojourner Center. She spoke on "Overcoming Domestic Violence One Life at a Time."



At the meeting on December 17th we celebrated Phoenix Branch Honorary Live Members (50 years), **Elizabeth Manera**, **Dixie Carpenter** and Louise Slotta (not able to attend). We are very fortunate to have these long time members.

Scholarship Chair, **Mary Palsma** presented \$1,500 scholarship to our own member **Valeria Ramirez**. Valeria had a nice cheerleading group attending the meeting for the presentation, her mother, sister, daughter and 2 friends

Valeria gave a very nice speech thanking AAUW Phoenix Branch and told how much this helps and what it means to her.

Phoenix AAUW Prepares For Legislative Day



Old State Senate

Historic Capitol Museum

1700 Washington Street

Phoenix, Arizona

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Arizona AAUW invites its 1,400 members to take part in AAUW at the Legislature on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014. Our National Lisa Maatz, vice president AAUW Government Relations, will join us from Washington, D.C. and lead Arizona members through an issue based Legislative Day.

Jane Adrian, our State Policy chair, asks each Branch to submit 3-5 policy questions to her by January 15th. What questions are you interested in asking our legislators? The Policy questions should be based on AAUW 2013-2015 Public Policies <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/07/Public-Policy-Program-Brochure-2013-2015.pdf>, She will collect the questions, select a suggested 3 to 5 that we can all ask and gather responses. This exercise will help us to focus our lobbying efforts on February 20, 2014.

Please send your policy questions to Carolyn Maxon cjmaxon@cox.net or Dorothy Ward uniquedorothy@cox.net. In order to determine our questions, there will be a meeting of our interested members at Dorothy Ward's home on Monday, January 13th, at 1:00 p.m.

Dorothy Ward
CoPresident



**PHOENIX BRANCH OF
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**

7th Annual 'Garden Party'

Elegant Champagne Brunch

Beatitudes Campus of Care

Luther Life Center

1616 W. Glendale Ave.

Saturday, April 5th, 2014

10:30AM - \$20

Buffet with chefs preparing made-to-order omelets

Entertainment - Door prizes

Proceeds to Benefit the Scholarship Funds

Contact Mary Beth Lemons 602 510-1544 or

mlemons1@cox.net for tickets

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