

**General Meeting Tuesday, December 17th
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**



Dina Gerdon,
The Community Engagement Manager and
Development Coordinator of
The Sojourner Center
She will speak on "Overcoming Domestic
Violence One Life at a Time."

Dina graduated from University of Phoenix. She taught at Thomas J Pappus school for homeless children from August 1999 to June 2002 when she became the Principal of the school.

In September 2012 she became responsible for the Sojourner Center monthly tours to the center, the organization of the yearly fundraising lunch that has 600 to 800 in attendance, the ambassador program, speaking engagements and third-party events. She would encourage you to come take a tour of Sojourner Center and see how they are helping to overcome the impacts of domestic violence one life at a time.

The history of Sojourner Center mission

Sojourner Center was founded in 1977 as an emergency program for women who had recently been released from prison. A passionate group of 12 visionaries recognized that women who were leaving the criminal justice system rarely had the skills or support to be successful in the outside world. Sojourner Center provided a temporary home as well as programs that taught self-sufficiency, empowerment, and family skills, which helped the women rebuild their lives and re-enter society.

During the first four years, the staff and Board of Directors found that the dominant issue affecting the women at Sojourner Center was domestic violence. In an effort to better meet the needs of the women staying at the shelter, the Board changed the mission to focus exclusively on serving victims of domestic violence.

Since then, the facility has grown from a house with only 28 emergency beds to three campuses with the capacity of 280 beds and 32 transitional apartments. Twenty- nine of the apartments are located at Sojourner Center's Transitional Family Living Campus. This facility also has a community clubhouse, as well as an education center, and a donation and resource facility which are currently under construction. Sojourner Center is one of the largest domestic violence shelters the United States. As a direct result of its capacity, Sojourner Center is able to serve over 2,900 women and children annually.

The woman behind the name



Her slave name was Isabella Baumfree. Carrying an infant daughter, she fled her chains in 1826 and struggled for months to reunite her family. She became a passionate Christian who, after nearly two decades as a housekeeper, told friends in 1843, "The Spirit calls me. I must go." She adopted

the name Sojourner Truth and traveled the country, preaching and singing. Her theme was abolition, but as the crowds who came to hear her grew, so did her message. Tens of thousands were stirred by her words on the rights of women and the equality of all, and she shared them tirelessly: "I felt as if I had three hearts!" she said, "and that they were so large, my body could hardly hold them!" Sojourner lived and worked until 1883. Though born into slavery, she escaped to become the guest of two presidents, and the conscience of a nation. Sojourner Center is proud to carry her name and her convictions.

Clothing/accessories

clothing (including plus-sizes), underwear (all sizes)
robes & slippers (with soles) loungewear,
shoes, sports bras, jackets, scarves & gloves
jewelry, watches & purses

Personal Care items

curling irons/fat irons, hair dryers
makeup kits, mirrors, dorm carriers for hygiene items
manicure sets, bath-and-body kits
aroma therapy with infusers & perfume

Other

water bottles, thermal lunchboxes
messenger/tote bags, backpacks,
yoga/exercise equipment,
calendars, stationery, note cards, journals,
picture frames, art supplies, decorative items
throw blankets & Snugglys,
& scrapbooking supplies

Dinner is \$14 and is at 5:30P followed by our guest speaker at 6:30P. Monthly meetings are held at the Beatitudes, Elaine's Dining Room: 1616 W. Glendale Ave. Please enter the Beatitudes at the gate by the flag pole. Visitors are welcome.

Dinner will include: Garden Salad, Ham, Mac & Cheese, Peas/Carrots, Pumpkin Pie.

There is a vegetarian option available.

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

Things to Do

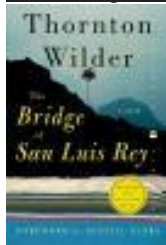
Morning Book Discussion

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, December 6th at 9:30am

The Bridge of San Luis Rey, by Thornton Wilder.



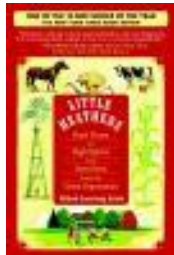
Evening Book Discussion

The discussions are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Discussions are held at the Orangaire club house. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions:

ritachristina@cox.net, 623-872-6448

Wednesday, November 20th, 7pm

Little Heathens, by Mildred Kalish



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Phoenix Branch

Co-presidents: Dorothy Ward and Martha Hoyt

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Vice-president: Membership; Mary Beth Lemons

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Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Baker

Board Meeting

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

On December 4th, the meeting will be held at Martha Hoyt's. 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

Upcoming travelers meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Noon to 2pm.

Please contact Carolyn Baker for directions or information: 602-277-5032. **December 12th**, Robbie McGalliard reports on her trip to Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Finland. Please bring your own lunch.

Coffee and Conversation

We will be meeting at Scott's Generation Restaurant and Delicatessen, 5539 N 7th St (NE corner of Missouri & 7th Street)

The agenda is VISITING.

Come one, come all and bring friends.

Join us: The last Saturday in December 28th, at 9am

Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics

*These are not classic movies, they are movies of classics. Movies will start promptly at 12:30 pm.

Located at the home of Roberta Rowland

The 1952 British production of Oscar Wilde's

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST has a running time of 95 minutes allowing more time for Christmas cookies, popcorn and discussion. If you have never come before, you might want to join us this time. Call Roberta [602 689 0774](tel:6026890774)

by the prior Thursday or Friday if you are coming.

Bring your brown bag lunch if you like

Great Decisions

IT'S COMING!! DON'T MISS IT!! The Great Decision Study Group will meet for eight sessions on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 P.M. beginning on February 12th and continuing through May. This year, we will meet at Mary Beth Lemons' residence at 6825 N. 29th Ave. Members take turns leading the discussion or furnishing snacks.



The study book *Great Decisions* is annually published by the Foreign Policy Assoc. (FPA) – an independent, non-governmental organization promoting informed public opinion on U.S. Foreign Policy and Global Affairs.

The study topics for this year are: Defense Technology, Israel, Turkey, Islamic Awakening, Energy Independence, Food and Climate, China's Foreign Policy and U.S. Trade Policy.

To sign up for this study group, and to receive *Great Decisions 2014*, see Dot Fields at our general meeting in December, or phone her at 602-253-1643, or contact her via email at dotfie@cox.net. Cost of the book will be about \$23, depending on how many members sign up for the group.



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Phoenix College Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that **Valeria Ramirez** is the recipient of both the fall and spring semester Phoenix Branch AAUW scholarships to Phoenix College.



Each scholarship is in the amount \$750. Ms. Ramirez was one of our scholarship recipients last year, and we are happy to continue to endorse her as she completes her work at Phoenix College. (She is also a student member of our branch.) Please join us at the December 17th branch meeting as we present her with the award. Our fund-raising activities last year allowed us to add \$1500 to our endowment at the Maricopa Community College Foundation. Our balance in the endowment is now \$17, 240. Please support us as we begin to work on our fund-raising projects of the current year. Look for announcements in the near future.

Current committee members include: Mary Palsma, chair; Dot Fields and Gretchen Peniska. Please contact Mary maryjpalsma@yahoo.com if you would like to become a member of the committee. Review of scholarship applications is done on the computer so computer access is required. See pages 9-10 of our current *Members Directory* for additional information.



Bridge Marathon

Save the date (Friday) **January 24, 2014** for the end-of-year party for the AAUW Bridge Marathon. Location: Ironworks Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: Attendees will order from menu and pay for own meal. Following lunch, prizes for the year will be awarded and an afternoon of bridge will be enjoyed.

New pairs for the marathon are always welcome. Games are played once a month March through September. Accumulated total scores determine winner(s) for the year. In addition to raising money for AAUW, the marathon is a wonderful opportunity to interact with like-minded individuals in a small setting. Contact Mary Palsma maryjpalsma@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the marathon for the coming year (beginning March 2014).

EARLY ALERT

Glendale Branch Event

Join us on Friday, February 28, 2014 at 11:30AM in rooms 1,2 and 3 of the Herberger Administration Building – The Thunderbird School of Global Management. Cobb salad, rolls, dessert and beverage will be served. More details later.

Nancy Bossert 623-876-0540

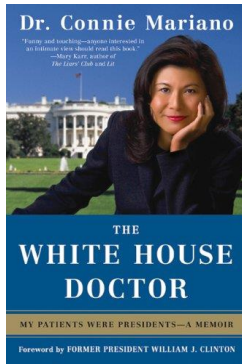
3rd Annual Arizona Women's Conference



Saturday March 1, 2014

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.

Registration will be available online when the day's schedule is complete. Register early 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.

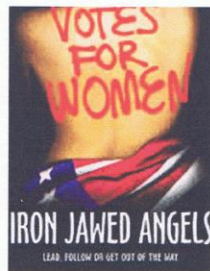
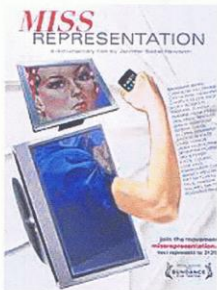
December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12 World Travelers 12n-2 pm Contact C. Baker	13	14 Saturday Matinee 12:30 Contact R. Roland
15	16	17 General Meeting At Elaine's Dinner 5:30 pm Speaker 6:30 pm	18 Book Discussion 7 pm Rita Christina	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28 Coffee & Conversation 9am Scott's Generation
29	30	31 	Notes:			

From Suffragists to Senators

A History of Women's Rights in America

The program is a series of three films (on four different dates), each dealing with an area of women's issues. The screenings will be followed by guided small group discussions. CEUs for social workers through NASW/AZ and extra credit for DUSD high school students are available.



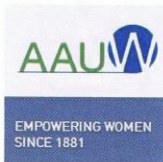
October 22, 2013 - Miss Representation
November 19, 2013 - Iron-Jawed Angels
January 21, 2014 - Makers: Women Who Make America (part 1)
February 11, 2014 - Makers: Women Who Make America (part 2)

Time: 6 p.m. - All films are free and open to the public.

Place: Dysart Education Center: 15802 North Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ.

Please RSVP to 623-546-8043 or email: dboycew@cox.net.

This film series is sponsored by the following organizations:



East Mesa branch of AAUW

(American Association of University Women)

AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON/SILENT AUCTION

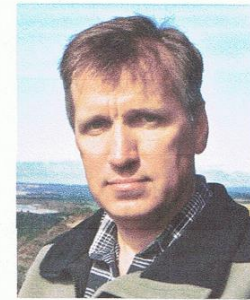
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 25, 2014

10:00 a.m. Rec II Leisure World

Mesa AZ

\$35.00 per person



GUEST AUTHOR: JAMES ROLLINS

You are cordially invited to attend our fifth annual event to raise funds to enable Mesa women to attend college at Arizona colleges and universities. The event includes a silent auction, a raffle, lunch and the opportunity to hear from a well-known author as well as to purchase his books, provided by the Poisoned Pen independent bookstore.

James Rollins is the bestselling author of nine Sigma Force thrillers, two connected novellas and the novelization of Lucas film's blockbuster movie, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, five individual adventure thrillers and *The Blood Gospel*, the first novel in a new series written with Rebecca Cantrell.

Known for building high-octane adventures on a solid science foundation, Rollins juxtaposes the familiar with the exotic and then turbo-charges his tales with suspense. Rollins reveals how secrets, some hidden for centuries, can change the course of human events.

Before he became a writer, James embarked on a career in veterinary medicine, graduating from the University of Missouri and establishing a successful veterinary clinic in Sacramento, CA.

James is chair for Authors United for Veterans (AUV) through USA Cares. AUV is a program that pairs USA Cares with bestselling authors nationwide to assist military families in crisis.

When he is not writing, touring or teaching seminars, he can be found spelunking, scuba diving, hiking and traveling. Jim and his family live in Northern California.

Tickets will be available after November 6, 2013, from Kay Steckleberg (klms37@cox.net or 480-325-8846). To donate to the silent auction or raffle or for more information, please contact Chair Judy Shahenian (480-354-3170 or dmsjas@mac.com.)