

AAUW THE PHOENICIAN

American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch

March 2014

**March General Meeting March 18th
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**

The Speaker for the Branch AAUW March meeting is Jessica Doane of Fresh Start.



Jessica Doane is the Program Coordinator for Volunteers and Outreach at Fresh Start Women's Foundation. The mission of Fresh Start is to empower women to transform their lives through engagement and education. We fulfill this mission through the programs and services offered at the Jewell McFarland Lewis-Fresh Start Women's Resource Center in central Phoenix, including education, mentoring, career services, family law services, information and referral, and self-esteem services.

Jessica started as an intern with Fresh Start in July 2012 and began her current position in September 2013. She has experience in event planning, communications, conflict resolution, and leadership.

She has her Associate in Arts through Mesa Community College and will be receiving her Bachelors of Science in Human Services through the University of Phoenix in May 2014.

About Fresh Start Women's Center

Fresh Start focuses on three core values: economic self-sufficiency, personal development and education. The Jewell McFarland Lewis Fresh Start Women's Resource Center offers

counseling, mentoring, education, career services, legal services, child watch, an E-Learning center and personal development services that include wardrobing sessions, makeovers and empowerment classes.

Fresh Start also offers services in the East Valley at the Goodwill Career Center in Chandler and has classes available for free online at www.freshstartwomen.org. All of Fresh Start's services are free or low cost and are available to any woman over the age of 18.

Founders Pat Petznick and Beverly Stewart



Even as young teens, Pat and Beverly wanted to help women, who like their grandmother, suddenly became the sole support of their families. Over the years, the Arizona natives became ardent community activists on behalf of women. In 1992, Pat Petznick and Beverly Stewart were in a position to personally and professionally reach out to women in need. The initial offering was a day of pampering at Rolf's Salon, then co-owned by Pat, Beverly and Rolf Lohse. The women theorized that a new hair style and personalized make-up were immediate ways to boost one's confidence and increase self-esteem. Each month 20 women from shelters and social service agencies were invited to "A Fresh Start Day of Beauty at Rolf's." This core Fresh Start service remains in place today through Rolf's Salon as well as through the Personal Development Room at the Foundation's Women's Resource Center.

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

Dinner is \$14 and is at 5:30 followed by our guest speaker at 6:30. Monthly meetings are held at the Luther Life Center 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: Caesar Salad, Trout, Rice Pilaf, Ratatouille, Lemon Cream Cake. A vegetarian option is available

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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Nominating Committee Report for 2014-2015 Board Members

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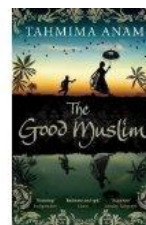
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Things to Do

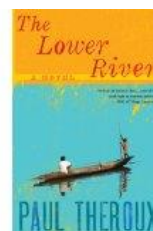
Morning Book Discussion



For information about the book discussion, group and its location please contact Linda Eaglestone: (602)265-6962. On Friday, March 7th and on Friday March 21st the group will discuss The Good Muslim by Tahmina Anam 9:30 am.

Evening Book Discussion

The date for March evening book discussion is March 19st. This month we will discuss The Lower River by Paul Theroux



The discussions are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm. Discussions are held at the Orangaire Villas Club House. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions: ritachristina@cox.net, 623-872-6448

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held the first

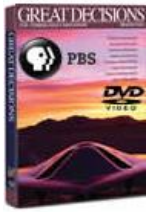
Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm.

On March 5th, the meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Ward (602)246-1246.

Please contact Dorothy Ward for more information: UniqueDorothy@cox.net or (602)246-1246.

Equal Pay Day 2014 will fall on Tuesday, April 8, so mark your calendar! Wear Red for the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings.

Great Decisions



The Great Decisions Study Group will meet twice this month on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M. in the home of Mary Beth Lemons at 6825 N. 29th Ave. Snacks will be served and members are asked to bring their own beverages.

Study topics for these meetings will be: **March 12--Turkey's Challenges** and **March 26--Islamic Awakening.**

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.

On March 13th, Gina Vesco will update us on her trip to Germany.

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 March 29th, the agenda is VISITING. Come one, come all, and bring friends. Join us on Saturday, at 9AM.

Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics

Bring your brown bag lunch if you like.

Popcorn/nuts/candy and beverages will be provided.

*These movies are not classic movies, they are movies of classics. On Saturday March 15, the movie will start promptly at 12:30. Mary Beth Lemons will host the movie at her home. Please contact Mary Beth at (602) 510-1544 by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home. On March 15 the feature is

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

Film (1967) of Thomas Hardy's classic love story set in 1865 rural England. Filmed in Dorset, England. Starring Julie Christie, Peter Finch, and Alan Bates. 165 minutes

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.

The price of registration is \$50 for the day. Students and military may register for \$25.

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.



Saturday April 5th, 2014

7th Annual Garden Party

See the tickets and flyer attached.

Fundraiser: Roberta Rowland and her committee have been collecting treasurers for the sale and silent auction.

Thank you to all who have donated. We should have a great sale in April. **Note: February was the last month to bring items for sale.**

Now we should be selling tickets to the brunch. Please send names of people attending to Mary Beth. This is our only scheduled fund raiser for scholarship funds.



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Beatitudes Campus of Care

Luther Life Center

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Local Celebrations

As recently as the 1970's, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978. The week March 8th, International Women's Day, was chosen as the focal point of the observance.

Mobilizing a Movement

In 1979, Molly Murphy MacGregor was invited to participate in The Women's History Institute at Sarah Lawrence College, which was chaired by noted historian, Gerda Lerner and attended by the national leaders of organizations for women and girls.

Presidential and Congressional Support

The first steps toward success came in February 1980 when President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In the same year, Representative Barbara Mikulski, who at the time was in the House of Representatives, and Senator Orrin Hatch co-sponsored a Congressional Resolution for National Women's History Week 1981. This co-sponsorship demonstrated the wide-ranging political support for recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the achievements of American women.

National Women's History Month

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women.