

# AAUW THE PHOENICIAN

American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch

March 2015

**The General Meeting is  
Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**

**The Speaker is Sister Adele O'Sullivan  
Founder and President of Circle the City**



Circle the City is a 501 (c) (3) public charity founded by Sister Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ, M.D., as a result of her work as a physician provider with the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program in Phoenix, Arizona. A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1968, Sister Adele sees her medical work with Phoenix's homeless population as a calling that is directly in keeping with the mission of her community to "engage in works of compassion and mercy that respond to the spiritual and corporal needs of persons in our times."

From 1996 to 2009, Sister Adele provided primary health care to homeless patients all over the Valley. During those years, she successfully appealed to her community, and other faith communities and individuals throughout Phoenix, for the seed money to help address the unmet needs of this population. Over the years, monetary donations kept in a shoebox gave way to a bank account as the generosity of the community came forth.

Sister Adele's community fully embraced her work on behalf of homeless persons, and it is from these humble beginnings that Circle the City was born. With the assistance of an Advisory Board formed in September 2007, Circle the City incorporated in March 2008 and has been recognized by the IRS since that time as a tax-exempt public charity.

Between 2008 and 2012 the organization continued its mission of assisting homeless persons during times of illness by addressing unmet needs. These needs

were as varied as medical care and imaging studies, vision exams and glasses, travel funds, rent and utility assistance. But while providing these services, the organization steadily worked toward the accomplishment of Circle the City's main goal: the establishment of Arizona's first Medical Respite Center for homeless persons.

In the fall of 2011, through a partnership with Hospice of the Valley, Circle the City acquired the building at 333 W. Indian School Rd. in Phoenix. Construction began in the spring of 2012, and the building was finished in September. On September 28, 2012, Phoenix celebrated the opening of its first Medical Respite Center, where homeless men and women will be able to recover from illness or injury in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, receiving all the services they need to move on to healthy independent living. Since opening its doors, Circle the City has served more than 180 patients and partnered with more than a dozen healthcare facilities throughout the Valley.

We will be accepting donations to Circle the City, cash or check (tax deductible) or grooming products.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RSVP

We need your RSVP as promptly as possible and no later than Friday before the meeting. The number can be changed as late as noon on Monday before the meeting. **If you must cancel, please call before noon Monday or YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE \$15. The branch must pay for the number reserved.** New reservations may be added before noon Monday.

**Please be considerate and RSVP ASAP** to Sue Zeigler 602-992-8145 or SueZee85028@aol.com

Dinner is \$15 and is at 5:30p followed by our speaker at 6:30p. 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. Menu: **Caprese Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Broccoli, Spaghetti Noodles, Garlic Bread and Tiramisu.**

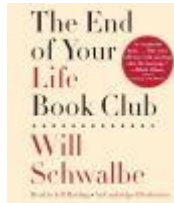
A vegetarian option is available.

## Board Meeting

The Board Meeting will be at 1:15pm on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting will be held at Phoenix College. We can lunch in the Culinary Café beforehand at 11:30am. Contact Barbara Presler for information or directions [bpreslerlv@aol.com](mailto:bpreslerlv@aol.com) 602-463-5088.

## Things to Do

### Morning Book Discussion



The End of Your Life Book Club, by Will Schwalbe  
**Discussion is at 9:30am on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Orangeaire Villas Club House and March 20<sup>th</sup> at Mary Beth Lemons home.** Contact Mary Beth Lemons for information or directions: [mlemon1@cox.net](mailto:mlemon1@cox.net) 602-510-1544.

### Evening Book Discussion



The Goldfinch, by Donna Tartt  
Evening book discussion is at **7pm Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. The discussions are regularly scheduled for the **3rd Wednesday of each month**, at the Orangeaire Villas Club House. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions: [ritachristina@cox.net](mailto:ritachristina@cox.net) 623-872-6448.

### World Travelers

Upcoming world travelers meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Noon to 2pm. Everybody is welcome. Bring a sack lunch to Carolyn Baker's for directions or information call 602-277-5032.

On **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon**, AAUW's World Travelers will have Barb Presler tells of her adventures in the Maritime Provinces and Prince Edward Island.

## Coffee and Conversation

We will be meeting on **the last Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 at **9AM**.

### Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics

There is no Classic Movie scheduled for March. Watch the April Newsletter for information on the next movie.

## GREAT DECISIONS STUDY PROGRAM



Two study sessions will be held this month at Mary Beth Lemons' residence, 6825 N. 29th Ave. at 1:00pm. Snacks will be served, but please bring your beverage of choice.

#### 1st Meeting: March 11

Topic: Sectarianism in the Middle East

Leader: Dot Fields

#### 2nd Meeting: March 25

Topic: India Changes Course

Leader: Dorothy Ward

Contact Dot Fields 602-253-1643, or E-Mail [dotfie@cox.net](mailto:dotfie@cox.net) with questions.

## Directory Changes

### New members:

Carmela Arnoldt – 602-996-0866  
4021 E Becker Ln – Phoenix 85028-3529  
[carmieba@yahoo.com](mailto:carmieba@yahoo.com)

And

Brandi Reyes – 602-692-6383  
4039 W Berridge Ln – Phoenix 85019-1606  
[brandireyes555@gmail.com](mailto:brandireyes555@gmail.com)

### Phone number change

Linda Blackwell – remove her home phone #.

## Movies, Museums & Theater

The first event of the newly formed group, met at the Kax Theater on Feb. 19 and had lunch while experiencing the one-act play, "March," written by Larissa Brewington. The play is about the Civil Rights movement, focusing on the women who influenced and organized many aspects of those activities, but were not often given credit for their ideas, strength and courage. It follows the paths of several women from the experience of Rosa Parks to the March on Washington. We enjoyed the play and found it to be inspirational. After that, several of us went to Starbuck's for coffee and conversation. Twelve of us attended, and it was an enjoyable outing!

We will be going to a movie next month and would like to encourage other AAUW members to join us! We are hoping to see "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," which is coming out on March 6. Details of the event, which will include lunch near the theater, will be announced as soon as they are available. We will always try to schedule the activities during the day, rather than the evening. Suggestions are welcomed!

Contact: Kay Baughman [Kaybaugh@aol.com](mailto:Kaybaugh@aol.com) or 623-742-7388 or cell 260-414-7469

**AAUW National Convention June 18-21, 2015**  
Prepare to attend the AAUW National Convention June 18-21, 2015 – San Diego, California – Sheraton Hotel and Marina.



### Looking for a new Phoenician Editor

Would you like to take over the position of Phoenician Editor? It is not really difficult or time consuming. I just have many things in my life right now and would love to give this one to someone else.

Let me know. I would be happy to help someone get started.

Mary Beth 602-510-1544 or [mlemons1@cox.net](mailto:mlemons1@cox.net).

## The General Meeting February 17th The speaker was our own Heidi Huusko

She presented a brief overview of Common Core Standards



She presently teaches common core math at Oakwood in the Peoria District.

## Congratulations Amanda



Amanda is our server at dinner. She had a baby boy in February. Many of the branch members brought or sent gifts and gift cards.

**The Annual Brunch Fundraiser for our Scholarships is Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
You should be talking to your friends to sell tickets for this event.

Watch your email in the next week for more information and tickets.

Page 6 is a printable flyer to pass out.

# Legislative Day

Wednesday, February 25th, 2015-9am to 2pm



## **Eight AAUW Phoenix Branch Members Attended AAUW Day at the Legislature**

Co-President Barbara Presler, Sara Presler, Dot Fields, Barbara Bailey, Dorothy Ward, Sybil Eppinger, Suzanne Petersen, and Sharon Kurtz along with seventy-five other AAUW members from around the State heard about numerous bills that are pending in the legislature.

AAUW of Arizona stressed three points for us to talk about with our Legislators:

1. Advocate for adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students. We respectfully urge the Legislature to treat education as a ticket to a better future for everyone and not as a political football.
2. Opposes the use of public funds and diverted tax credit monies for non-public elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and transparent operational standards as required of other schools.
3. Advocates for the implementation of Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards. When Ted Simon did a survey asking "Are you in favor of Common Core?" 58% were against. When people were given a description of Common Core, 68% were in favor.

## **Our 2015 Scholarship Recipient**

Brandi Reyes, our 2015 Phoenix College scholarship recipient, was introduced at our February membership meeting. Brandi is an education major at the College, has two children, and plans to become a teacher and ultimately a principal. She has been given a complimentary AAUW membership and invited without cost to all of our dinner meetings.

We presented Brandi with a signed certificate confirming her as our scholarship recipient, and she told the membership about her high academic achievements and plans for the future. She was warmly received by the membership.

The excellent program on teaching math and Common Core by master teacher and member, Heidie Husko, was a great introduction to AAUW for Brandi and fit her goal to become a teacher. The scholarship committee, led by Mary Palsma, did a fine job picking the scholarship recipient.

When you see Brandi at meetings, introduce yourself and welcome her.

# Your Board

Our Phoenix AAUW Board meetings have been meeting this year in the Willo Room at Phoenix College, the first Wednesday of each month at 1:15 PM. The motive to meet at the college is to bring us closer to the college and this stems from our connection as scholarship donors. Any Board member and visitor wishing to eat lunch first can meet in the HRS Cafe Oso at 11:30 AM where student workers' deliciously prepare food and service. This also promotes Board fellowship. Subsequent Board meetings are about an hour. Every member is welcome to join us for Board meetings.



The February Board meeting welcomed the President of Phoenix College, Dr. Anna Solley. Productive Ideas for communication with the college were shared on both sides. Also present, Dr. Bair, who is a new staff member, discussed her background and her intention to improve the scholarship application process.

Also, there was a request to visit our March Board meeting from Phoenix Councilwoman, District 8, Kate Gallego's, representative, who will discuss the Council's recent adoption of a Fair Pay resolution for women, based on Lilly Ledbetter's Fair Pay Act.

Lilly is coming to Phoenix this spring and AAUW members will have the opportunity to meet her. More later on that visit.

Barbara Presler  
Gretchen Peniska  
Co-Presidents, Phoenix AAUW



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

# **8th Annual 'Garden Party'**

**Elegant Champagne Brunch**

**Beatitudes Campus of Care**

**Luther Life Center**

**1616 W. Glendale Ave.**

**Saturday, April 18th, 2015**

**10:30AM - \$25**

**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](mailto:mlemons1@cox.net) for tickets**



## Have you registered your Fry's V.I.P card

### TO BENEFIT AAUW PHOENIX BRANCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We have registered with Fry's Food Stores to have our members, friends and relatives use their Fry's V.I.P. cards at time of purchase to earn money that will be used for our scholarships. The instructions to register your V.I.P. card are below. If you need help, please contact Mary Beth Lemons [mlemons1@cox.net](mailto:mlemons1@cox.net) or 602-510-1544.

AAUW Phoenix Branch Organization **34523**

**NOTE: I followed these instructions and I am now signed up.**

PLEASE NOTE: Before you can link your Fry's V.I.P card to an organization, you must have an email address.

#### STEP 1: Creating an Online Fry's Account

\*NOTE: If you already have an online Fry's account, skip to #2

\*Go to <http://www.frysfood.com/>

\*Select 'Register'.

\*Under Sign-In information, enter your email and create a password. (Write down your email & password—will need it in step 2)

\*Select 'Use Card Number'.

\*Enter your Fry's V.I.P Card Number, last name and postal code.

\*Under 'Select Your Preferred Store' enter your postal code.

\*Select 'Find Stores'.

\*Choose your store then select 'Create Account'.

\*You will then be prompted to check your email for a confirmation email.

Click the hyperlink in your email to finish creating your Online Fry's Account.

\*Continue to step #2 to register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program of your choice.

#### STEP 2: Register for the Fry's Community Rewards Program

\*Go to <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2>

\*Select 'Sign-In'.

\*Enter your email and password then select 'sign in'. (This will be the email and password you created in step 1)

\*Select 'My Account then select 'Account Settings' from drop down menu.

\*Click 'edit' under Community Rewards. If prompted, enter personal information.

\*Under Find Your Organization: Enter the NPO number or name of organization then select 'search'. (You can get the NPO number from your organization)

\*Under Select Your Organization: Select box next to your organization

\*Then select 'save changes'.

\*If you have registered correctly, you should now see your organization information listed under 'Community Rewards' on your Account Summary page.