

# AAUW THE PHOENICIAN

American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch

October 2014

The General Meeting is Tuesday, October 21st  
Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM

The Speaker is Sam Leyvas,  
CEO of First Things First



## Childcare & Early Childhood Education in Arizona

First Things First is one of the critical partners in creating a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children birth through age five.

First Things First is committed to helping Arizona kids five and younger receive the quality education, healthcare and family support they need to arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed.

## 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 5:30 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. Menu: **Classic Tossed Salad, Roast Turkey, Apple Cranberry Stuffing, Broccoli Slaw, Green Beans, Roll and Strawberry Shortcake**

A vegetarian option is available.

## Things to Do

### Morning Book Discussion



Defending Jacob by William Landay

For information about the book discussion, group and its location please contact Mary Beth Lemons: (602) 510- 1544. Discussion is On **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** and on **Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30am.

### Evening Book Discussion



Holding the Line: Women in the Great Arizona Mine Strike of 1983 by Barbara Kingsolver

Evening book discussion is **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. The discussions are regularly scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7pm at the Orangeaire Villas Club House. Contact Rita Christina for information or directions: [ritachristina@cox.net](mailto:ritachristina@cox.net), 623-872-6448

## Board Meeting

The October Board Meeting will be at 1 pm on **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. The meeting will be held in the Bistro at the Beatitudes. If you would like to have lunch in the Bistro be there at 11:30. For information or directions contact Gretchen Peniska 602-978-8599 or Poncachief1@cox.net

## World Travelers

Upcoming world travelers meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, Noon to 2pm. Please contact Carolyn Baker for directions or information: 602-277-5032. On **Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, the AAUW's World Travelers will have Sue Guardino reporting on her trip to South Africa this last summer.

## 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 **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**, the agenda is VISITING. Come one, come all, and bring friends. Join us on Saturday, at 9AM.

## Saturday Matinee - Noon Classics

"AGNES OF GOD". Jane Fonda and Anne Bancroft star in this movie adaptation of hit Broadway drama of murder, spiritual passion and pride. **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** the movie will start promptly at 12:30. 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 classic books. Roberta Rowland will host the movie at her home. **Please contact Roberta (602)689-0774 by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home.**

## Women's breakthroughs

From the Christian Science Monitor Weekly  
Sept. 1, 2014

Maryann Mirzakhani should be lauded for a historic achievement: In August she was awarded the Fields Medal, making her the first woman to win, since its inception in

1936, what has been called the "Nobel Prize of mathematics."

Dr. Mirzakhani studies geometry and dynamical systems, particularly the properties of curved surfaces, at Stanford University. Many hope her achievement will be one more encouragement to young women to enter STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields, in which women are strongly underrepresented.

Recently, for example, Silicon Valley technology giants Yahoo, Google, Facebook, and Apple all released figures showing that most of their employees are male, often by a 2-to-1 margin or more. The gap is even more pronounced in the most technically sophisticated positions.

In the case of Mirzakhani, her older brother helped instill in her a love of the sciences. "I do believe that many students don't give mathematics a real chance," Mirzakhani said in an interview published by the Clay Mathematics Institute. "I did poorly in math for a couple of years in middle school; I was just not interested in thinking about it. I can see that without being excited mathematics can look pointless and cold. The beauty of mathematics only shows itself to more patient followers."

A year of quiet achievement

Quietly, 2014 is shaping up as year of breakthroughs and firsts for women across several fields. In economics, for example, Janet Yellen was appointed to chair the Fed-Reserve Board, the first woman to hold that highly influential position. In sports, Becky Hammon was recently appointed assistant coach of the San Antonio Spurs, the defending National Basketball Association champions, making her the NBA's first full-time female coach.

Women in the military have distinguished themselves as well. Marine Capt. Katie Higgins became the first female pilot to join the US Navy's elite Blue Angels squadron. And Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson took command of the Air Force Academy, becoming the first woman to lead one of the US service academies.

In business, a pay gap between women and men remains, as does a paucity of women on corporate boards and in executive suites.

Meanwhile, women like Mirzakhani continue to be an inspiring example.

**Kaleidoscope**  
**Arizona Women & Ever Changing Patterns**

AAUW of Arizona Fall Forum

Saturday October 18, 2014

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cougar Classroom

A. T. Still University

5850 E. Still Circle

Mesa, Arizona 85206

Anatomist Dr. Anna Campbell will take us on a tour of the only state of the art virtual anatomy laboratory in Arizona. Prepare to be inspired and to open windows of your imagination into innovations in teaching and learning in science and medicine today.

The AAUW of Arizona Board of Directors has contracted with Kerry Blume to map a plan to **Build an Inclusive Culture** within our branches and the state. Blume, former CEO of United Way of Arizona, has successfully worked to change and improve community conditions for women, children and senior citizens. The goal of our journey with Blume is to develop approaches so that AAUW members can reach out, become more receptive and celebrate the amazing diverse communities within Arizona. Blume asks AAUW of Arizona meeting participants to consider what unites us and what it will take to diversify membership across age, culture, gender, race, ethnicity and other classifications that divide us.

Dr. Robert Kelty, an award winning fourth grade teacher, former Superintendent of Coconino Schools and currently the senior managing director of Teach for America, will discuss the impact of *dark money* as an influence in determining the outcomes in Arizona elections. What is the role of Arizona voters in ensuring an education and justice system that is representative of who we are and what we want to become in the future?

Join with AAUW of Arizona members and leaders to envision and plan for our future. See you at the Fall Forum.



**Anna Campbell, Ph.D Ph.D**

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**Program Highlights**

**Diversity – Inclusion – Respect Empowerment**  
**Kerry Blume**

**Human Body Inside Out Virtual Anatomy**  
“UNIQUE” Sharon Gale

**Dark Money - Shadow Campaigns –**  
**Influencing Arizona Elections**  
**Robert Kelty, Ed.D.**

Contact Jane Adrian, President, AAUW of Arizona  
480-710-0353 or [jadrian@cox.net](mailto:jadrian@cox.net)

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Registration – AAUW Fall Forum October 18, 2014

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Branch (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name on Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office: State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: Must be postmarked by October 10, 2014 \$35.00

\*Late Registration Fee postmarked October 11 or after \$40.00

Includes Continental Breakfast and Box Lunch

Check payable to AAUW of Arizona

Mail to: Peggy Owen  
6520 N. 81<sup>st</sup> Place  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85250



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 1pm Contact <i>Gretchen Peniska</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Book Discussion</b> 9:30am Contact: Linda Eaglestone	<b>4</b> <b>Saturday Matinee</b> 12:30pm Contact Roberta Rowland
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>World Travelers</b> 12n-2pm Contact: Carolyn Baker	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Book Discussion</b> 7pm Orangeair Clubhouse Contact : Rita Christina	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Book Discussion</b> 9:30 am Contact: MB Lemons	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>General Meeting</b> At the Life Center Dinner 5:30 pm Speaker 6:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Coffee and Conversation</b> 9AM Scott's Generation
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 	<b>Notes:</b>