# AAU THE PHOENICIAN

American Association of University Women - Phoenix Branch

**April 2018** 

## General Meeting April 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM

**Phil Boas** is director of *The Arizona Republic* editorial pages. He will present his plan and recommendations for an establishment showcasing the accomplishments of another of Arizona's own, Steven Spielberg.



He will discuss **PROJECT FIRELIGHT, AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE SPIELBERG STORY PART OF OUR ARIZONA IDENTITY**.

One of the greatest stories in Arizona history is about a Phoenix boy who, Tom Sawyer-like, gathered up all the children in the neighborhood and put them to work not whitewashing a fence - but making his movies. Steven Spielberg may be the most accomplished person to ever come from Arizona, but we scarcely recognize his connection to our state. The story of his Phoenix childhood is magnificent and can provide enduring inspiration for future generations of Arizonans if we will only start to tell it. Project Firelight is a now 2-year-old effort to make that story part of our Arizona identity.

As director of the newspaper's Community Leadership department, he oversees the editorial board and manages the institutional voice of the newspaper. Before that, he was editor of The Republic's Sunday Viewpoints section and editor of its Community editorial pages. Earlier in his career he was metro editor at The East Valley Tribune and a reporter at the Los Angeles Daily News. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and is married with four children. He and his family live in Gilbert, Arizona.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RSVP

We need your RSVP as promptly as. The number can be changed as late as Monday before the meeting. If you must cancel, please call or YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE \$15. The branch must pay for the number reserved. New reservations may also be added on Monday. Please be considerate and RSVP to: MaryBeth Lemons 602-510-1544 or mblemons1@gmail.com

Dinner is \$15 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. Menu: Beet and Goat Cheese Salad, BBQ Ribs, Macaroni and Cheese, Roasted asparagus, Roll and Hot Apple Crisp.

A Vegetarian entry is available.

General Meeting Review for March 20<sup>th</sup> Sarah Suggs, President and CEO of the SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR INSTITUTE gave an overview of the institutes mission, scholarships, outreach, opportunities, and benefits of membership, as well as the life and legacy of Arizona's own Sandra Day O'Connor.



The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute Internship program provides opportunities for exceptional high school and college students to engage and participate with the O'Connor Institute throughout the year. Each Internship experience is designed around the interests of the student in conjunction with the needs of the Institute. Internship length is one or two semesters.

# **Board Meeting**

There is no board meeting scheduled for April 2018.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Phoenix Branch Officers: Co-presidents: Sue Enright Vice-president: Program: Roberta Rowland Vice-presidents: Membership: Mary Beth Lemons and Glenda Walker Treasurer: Lesli Jones and Debra DeVault Recording Secretary: Suzanne Petersen Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Baker

# AAUW Officers for 2018-2019

The Nominating Committee for AAUW Officers for 2018-19, Gretchen Peniska, Mary Beth Lemons and Pam Kohnken have introduced their slate of officers. Voting will occur at the May meeting 5/15.

President - Sue Enright Recording Secretary – Dianne Tarris Co-Treasurers - Lesli Jones and Debra DeVault

### Continuing second year of their 2-year terms:

Vice President of Programs – Roberta Rowland Co-Vice Presidents of Membership – Mary Beth Lemons and Glenda Walker Corresponding Secretary – Carolyn Baker

# **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

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#### **Bylaws Amendment Vote**

The AAUW Board of Directors <u>has put three proposals</u> for bylaws amendments before the membership to be voted on this spring. Members will receive their voter PINs via email in April and with the spring *AAUW Outlook* magazine, which will be mailed to members without registered email addresses and to those that have requested to receive *Outlook* in the mail. The comment period closes March 22 at 11:59 p.m. ET, and voting opens April 25.

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address 1. creating threeyear staggered board terms, 2. opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and 3. eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the AAUW website, the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

## **Membership Renewal**

It is again time to renew your membership. Please make sure you submit your check before June 30th.

If you have any changes needed for the directory use the attached form. If there are no changes of your information, you do not need to complete and send a form with your check.

If you would like a new picture, or you do not yet have a picture, please contact Mary Beth Lemons or Debra DeVault so we can have one for the directory.

## NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59.

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more.

We believe we can do great things together and thank you for your continued support.

From AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown, J.D., and Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches.

## PHOENIX BRANCH DUES DECREASE

As explained, National AAUW has increased dues by \$10. Treasurer Debra Devault, and Membership VP Mary Beth Lemons, worked to determine what could be cut from our budget. The goal was to cushion the increase, without limiting local activities. The Board voted in agreement with their suggestions. We can cut \$7.00 from our yearly budget. That would make your dues after the changes from \$72 to \$75. Thanks to Debra, MaryBeth and the Board for working to keep AAUW/Phoenix affordable..



## AAUW - PHOENIX BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018-2019 Make Check payable to AAUW and mail along with completed form (if needed) to: AAUW

Debra DeVault 1342 East Palm Lane Phoenix, AZ 85006-2201

## **Dues Structure**

National Dues	\$59 (\$56 is tax deductible)
State Dues	\$9
Branch Dues	<u>\$ 7</u>
TOTAL	\$75

Donations are welcome for National EF/LAF and/or Local Phoenix College Scholarship.

Donation amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation for: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

E-mail\_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Month and Day: //

I would be interested in participating in . . .

- \_\_\_\_\_ Book Discussion Group \_\_Day \_\_Evening
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Directory Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Great Decisions Group
  - (Foreign policy study group Eight sessions)
  - Public Policy Action Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Program Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Committee

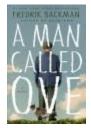
(Raises funds and awards local scholarship[s)

- Bridge: \_\_Marathon \_\_Lessons \_\_Games
- Mahjong: \_\_Lessons \_\_Games
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ways & Means (fund raising)
- \_\_\_\_\_ World Travelers Discussion Group
- Last Saturday Morning Coffee & Conversation
  - Educational Foundation-National

# Things to Do

# **Morning Book Discussion**

Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am LOCATION CHANGE Sue Zeigler's home, 2649 E Beryl Ave, <u>602-992-8145</u> And Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am BACK AT Mary Beth's



## A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

For information about the book discussion group and its location please contact Linda Eaglestone laEaglestone@gmail.com or 602-265-6962.

# **Evening Book Discussion**

Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm



The Nest by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney For information please contact Kathleen Preece kathleenofaz@cox.net or 602-717-3894. Meetings are in the home of Kathleen Preece.

# **World Travelers**

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Roberta and Art will highlight the main significance of the Presidential Libraries they have visited. Please contact Carolyn Baker 602-277-5032 for information or directions. Also, if you know of anyone that has been on a trip and would like to share their experience with our group, let Carolyn know.

# **Coffee and Conversation**

We will continue to meet on the last Saturday at 9am. We will be meeting at Denny's located on the NW corner of I17 & Dunlap April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

# Saturday Matinee Movies of Broadway Musicals

Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> Noon snacks and visiting with the movie beginning at 1pm.

A Chorus Line - A sour director, Zach (Michael Douglas), and his brusque assistant (Terrence Mann) whittle down the ranks of hundreds of hopefuls until they're left with 16 dancers. All tell their life stories -- some tragic, some comic -- and explain their love of dance. Tension mounts when Cassie (Alyson Reed) -- once both a big star and the director's lover but now desperate for a part -- auditions. But Zach must choose only the best for his show. A 1985 PG13 Drama/Musical 1h 58m

Beverages and popcorn are provided. Feel free to bring along any munchies or crunchies to enjoy and share and/or your own brown bag lunch. Please contact Roberta (602)689-0774 by the prior Thursday to attend and get directions to her home.



Great Decisions will be Wednesdays April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. There are 8 lessons in the series so we will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1pm in the home of Mary Beth Lemons through May.

Please contact Gretchen Peniska poncachief1@cox.net or 602-978-8599 for information or directions.

# Movies, Museums & Theater

We are missing Kay Baughman who usually plans these events. Hope she is back with us soon.

At few of us gathered at Phoenix College for a very pleasant Desert Overture Concert with the theme "Guilty Pleasures" on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

The next event will be Arizona Winds concert at 3pm on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Cactus High School 6330 W Greenway Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306. The theme is How "Suite" It Is. There is no charge but donations are welcome and very worth it.

Get there early seats fill up quickly.

# **GREAT DECISIONS**

# Please note that we only have 5 participants this past quarter: So if you have not been registered be sure and get registered 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 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 <u>https://www.frysfood.com/topic/community?activePage=community-rewards-2</u> \*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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 + April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Book Discussion Note location change 9:30am Contact: Linda Eaglestone	7 Saturday Matinee 11:30am Contact Roberta Rowland
8 MM&T Arizona Winds Concert 3pm Contact MaryBeth	9	10 National Libraries Day Join It:	11 Great Decisions 1pm Contact Gretchen Peniska	12 World Travelers 12n-2pm Contact: Carolyn Baker	13	14
15	16	17 General meeting At the Life Center Dinner 5:30 pm Speaker 6:30pm	18 Book Discussion 6pm Contact Kathleen Preece	19	20 Book Discussion Back at Mary Beth's 9:30am Contact: Linda Eaglestone	21
Earth Day	23	24	25 Great Decisions 1pm Contact Gretchen Peniska	26	27	28 Coffee and Conversation 9am Place TBA
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# Note from Program VP

Roberta Rowland, our Program VP, is always interested in your suggestions or wish list items, presenters or topics for our dinner meetings. Kindly email any relevant information to Roberta at <u>neldenger@gmail.com</u> soon, as preparations have begun already for next season.

Thank you. Roberta Rowland