

**General Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Dinner 5:30PM, Presentation 6:30PM**

**LAYLA DIANNE MAROUFKHANI**

Program director for  
"Helping Hands for Single Moms"



Layla and her 3 children

Layla Dianne Maroufkhani is currently the program director for a non-profit organization named "Helping Hands for Single Moms". The organization provides scholarships to low-income single mothers, while the mother pursues a college degree.

She is a graduate of the program herself. She received her bachelor's degree in Criminology while she was in the program in 2015. Since then, she has worked in the Criminology department at ASU for 4 years and just recently finished up her master's degree in Criminal Justice.

She is a mother of three children, ages 17, 14 and 8. She has attended school for most of their lives, and is happy to finally be finished!! Her education has given her the opportunity to have a career that she absolutely loves, and she is able to help women become financially independent and achieve their goals.

She is 37 years old and is originally from Phoenix, Arizona. She has lived in Arizona all of her life. Her parents are Mexican and Persian, quite a rare mix; She grew up very culturally diverse. She has one younger sister and one nephew. She currently

lives in Gilbert, AZ, which she loves. It's a wonderful city to raise a family in.

Her future goals consist of getting her doctorate degree in Criminal Justice and teaching part-time at the School of Criminology at ASU. She plans on working for Helping Hands for Single Moms for the remainder of her career and is excited to watch the organizations grown across the country.

## 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: Mary Beth Lemons 602-510-1544 or [mblemons1@gmail.com](mailto: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 entree is available.**

## At the Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>



**Robert McWhirter, Certified Specialist in Criminal Law**

Spoke to us about States do not have rights, States have power, People, individuals, have rights.

Here with Program Vice President Roberta Rowland.



Jillian Herner brought her friends, Yiwen Krus and Shayna Bell, to hear about individuals rights.

## Carolyn Baker (center) introduced the most recent scholarship recipients



**Leslie Porter and Natalie O'Rourke**  
Each of them told a little about their life and goals, thanking the members for their support.

## Board Meeting

We will NOT have a board meeting in April.

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

Phoenix Branch Officers:

President: Sue Enright

Vice-president: Program: Roberta Rowland

Vice-presidents: Membership: Mary Beth Lemons and  
Glenda Walker

Treasurer: Lesli Jones and Debra DeVault

Recording Secretary: Diane Tarris

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Baker

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This year in May we will be voting for Program Vice President, Membership Vice President and Corresponding Secretary.

The nominating committee is Dorothy Ward, Kathleen Preece and Mary Beth Lemons.

To make their duties easier, we need volunteers for these positions. **We know most everyone is retired but there cannot be an organization without officers.** Please be kind and give some thought to volunteering for one of these positions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

We will be contacting some of you to help fill these positions.

## Legislative Day – February 26th

On February 26, about 40 AAUW members gathered for the annual day at the Legislature. 4 were from our chapter; Dorothy Ward, Carol Rogers, Anne Radack, and Sue Enright. We heard Joaquin Rios who represents a woman's policy group called State Innovation Exchange (SIX). Rivko Knox, from League of Women Voters, spoke about several women's issues that LWV and AAUW share. Harriet Young, AAUW State Public Policy Chair reminded us of AAUW's targeted goals; Public Education Funding, Economic Security/Equal Pay, ERA, Women's Health, Title IX.

A main topic was the Right to Speak (RTS) system that the Legislature has developed so that citizens can speak to Legislators. You don't have to actually go to the Legislature; it is a system that allows you to make ONLINE comments regarding bills coming before the House or Senate committees. It should actually be called Right to Comment! Rivko says the comments are read aloud, and taken into consideration by the legislators. Ask us if you are interested in signing up.

We were given Equal Rights Amendment sashes to wear while we were at the Capitol. They were made by a Mormon Women's group who back the ERA. Progressive Mormons...now that's a leap forward for Arizona.



## Women Rising at Phoenix College

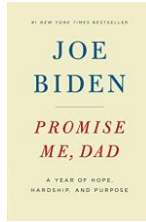
Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Chancellor, Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD), suggested that AAUW branches could support the female students in Women Rising Chapters at the community colleges.

Jillian has brought several members of the Phoenix College Women Rising to our meetings.

The Women Rising Chapter at Phoenix College is planning to attend the "Unhappy Hour" at Glendale Community College on April 9, 2019. The real focus of this event is on the Gender Pay Gap. **Please see the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter.**

## Things to Do

### Morning Book Discussion



#### **Promise Me, Dad by Joe Biden**

For information about the book discussion group and its location please contact Linda Eaglestone laEaglestone@gmail.com or 602-265-6962. Discussion is on Friday April 5th and Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the home of Mary Beth Lemons.

### Evening Book Discussion



**Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward** The meeting will be Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The discussions are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the home of Kathleen Preece. Contact Kathleen Preece for information or directions: kathleenofaz@icloud.com or 602-717-3894.

### World Travelers

The World Travelers Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Edwards and Charlotte Smith will highlight their trip to Sicily. The meetings are usually on the second Thursday of each month. 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 be meeting at Scott's Generation Restaurant and Delicatessen, 742 E. Glendale Ave (NE corner of Glendale & 7th Street) on the last Saturday of each month at 9am. On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the agenda is VISITING. Come one, come all, and bring friends.

### Movies of Broadway Musicals

**HAIR** 1979 production with John Savage, Treat Williams, Beverly D'Angelo, Annie Golden, Dorsey Wright, Don Dacus, Cheryl Barnes, Melba Moore, Ronnie Dyson.

We gather at 4pm for visiting and snacks and the movie begins at 4:30pm.

\* 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 Monday to attend and get directions to her home.**

### Movies, Museums & Theater

There is **nothing** scheduled at this time, but if anyone has an idea of a fun thing, we could do it impromptu. Let me know, Mary Beth Lemons 602-510-1544 or [mblemons1@gmail.com](mailto:mblemons1@gmail.com).

There are some good things in April. Get your friends together and enjoy:

"SISTER-IN-Law", a new play about the first two US Supreme Court Women, Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg, will be in production at the Phoenix Theatre April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>.

Information on performance dates and ticket prices: Box office 602-254-2151

Or by Googling the PhoenixTheater.com

**ARIZONA WINDS CONCERT – FREE/OR/DONATIONS  
APR 7 2019 | 3PM**

**CACTUS HIGH SCHOOL "Water Works"  
6330 West Cactus Road - Glendale**



### GREAT DECISIONS

The meetings for Great Decisions will be Wednesdays April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the home of Mary Beth Lemons.

The program presentations will be:

Trade with China and Cyber Conflict

Please contact Gretchen Peniska 602-793-4313 or [poncachief1@cox.net](mailto:poncachief1@cox.net) for information or directions.

## Member Updates & Info

Thinking of you cards would be welcome  
Sue Petersen is still in assisted living and in rehab  
1208 E. Palacio Lane - Phoenix, AZ 85014-2348

Mary Shenefield is in skilled nursing at the Beatitudes.  
The prognosis is not hopeful. She loves visitors if you  
want to see her. Please send cards to:  
2601 W Roveen Avenue - Phoenix, AZ 85029-1410

Peggy Wollenman has respiratory infection. Thinking of  
you cards would be nice.  
2816 W Lawrence Road - Phoenix, AZ 85017-1216

Marty Horne has respiratory infection. Thinking of you  
cards would be nice.  
2824 E. Mission Lane - Phoenix, AZ 85028-5325

## Scholarship News

### By Margaret Brittingham - Scholarship Chair

The scholarship committee is very pleased to  
grant awards to four outstanding young women for the  
spring 2019 semester.

Maria Rodriguez received a \$1,000 grant from  
the Martha Hoyt Fund to continue her studies full time  
in Computer Science at Phoenix College, where she  
plans to receive an AA in 2020. Then she'll go on to ASU  
West for a B.A. in computer security in 2022. Her belief  
in life-long learning extends to her goal of eventually  
earning a Ph.D. Maria is a financially self-sufficient  
mother of two children, one of whom has epilepsy. Her  
dedication to her educational goal and work ethic is  
born out in her status as an honors student and  
member of Phi Theta Kappa, a TRAIN scholar in the  
biology department, vice president of the STEAM Club,  
and member of the Robotics Club.

Leslie Porter is returning to college after raising  
a daughter, as a single mom. She was delighted to learn  
that scholarships are available to adult students and is  
grateful for the \$750 grant she received from the  
Phoenix College Foundation. She supports herself by  
designing home furnishings and running a pet sitting  
business. Leslie plans to earn an AA in Design this  
December and post-graduation, is looking forward to  
joining a local real estate firm, where she hopes to  
oversee home renovations. She is especially proud of  
her work designing and installing an exhibit of valuable  
gems and jewelry at the planetarium museum at the  
University of Arizona.

Natalie O'Rourke, recipient of a \$1,000  
Foundation grant, is another self-supporting returning  
student. She gave up a higher-paying sales job to work  
at an inpatient substance abuse program in order to  
further her experience in behavioral health. Through  
the MAPP program, she will accumulate enough credits  
at Phoenix College in Exploratory Social and Behavioral  
Sciences to transfer to ASU for a B.S. in Nonprofit  
Leadership and Management, with a minor in Women's  
Studies. Her desire is to help vulnerable people with  
limited resources, specifically, to aid female victims of  
trauma and abuse. Her eventual goal is to open and  
operate a nonprofit providing sex workers with  
counseling and assistance in housing, education, and  
health. She has set her sights on a Master's in Public  
Health Administration in 2026.

The scholarship committee continues to  
support Jillian Herner with a \$750 Martha Hoyt Grant as  
she advances toward becoming a nurse practitioner.  
She has studied Nursing at Phoenix College and is now  
in the Nursing Congruent Enrollment Program with NAU  
at their Phoenix campus. As all the other awardees,  
Jillian is a self-supporting student. She maintains a 4.0  
GPA while giving of her time and energy to the  
community. We are proud that she received a standing  
ovation for her speech at the Maricopa Community  
Colleges Fund Raising event.

## Scholarship Fundraisers

### The Major Scholarship Fundraiser

The committee planning our 2019 scholarship fund  
raising event has planned an Author's Lunch on March  
30<sup>th</sup>. **A flyer to sell is attached** at the end of this  
newsletter. We need to have a good turnout for this  
event so tell all of your friends and relatives.

### Ongoing fund raiser

#### Fry's V.I.P. cards make money for scholarships

We have a scholarship fund raiser that is the easiest  
fund raiser of all. When you grocery shop at Fry's you  
make money for our branch's scholarship fund. All you  
have to do is register your Fry's VIP card. The  
instructions are on the next page. If you need help,  
please let me know.

Please note that if you have been registered it is time to  
renew the registration. Also we have been assigned a  
new Organization number as shown on the next page.

**This a a painless way to raise funds for our scholarships.**

**Note that we have a new Organization number this year.**

## **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 [mblemons1@gmail.com](mailto:mblemons1@gmail.com) or 602-510-1544.

### **AAUW Phoenix Branch Organization HG783.**

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

# April

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| <b>2019</b><br> | <b>1</b><br> | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b> <b>Book Discussion</b><br><b>9:30am</b><br>Contact:<br>Linda Eaglestone  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b><br>    | <b>8</b>     | <b>9</b><br><br>Unhappy Hour<br>4 to 6<br>Glendale College   | <b>10</b> <b>Great Decisions</b><br><b>1PM</b> Contact<br>Gretchen Peniska<br><b>Musical Movies</b><br><b>4pm</b> Contact<br>Roberta Rowland | <b>11</b> <b>World Travelers</b><br>12n-2pm Contact:<br>Carolyn Baker | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>14</b>       | <b>15</b>    | <b>16</b> <b>General Meeting</b><br>Dinner 5:30pm<br>Speaker<br>6:30pm<br>At the Beatitudes<br>Life Center | <b>17</b> <b>Evening Book Discussion</b><br><b>6pm</b> Contact<br>Kathleen Preece  | <b>18</b> <b>4/3 – 4/28 Phoenix Theatre</b><br>                       | <b>19</b> <b>Book Discussion</b><br><b>9:30am</b><br>Contact:<br>Linda Eaglestone | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21</b><br>   | <b>22</b>    | <b>23</b><br>  | <b>24</b> <b>Great Decisions</b><br><b>1PM</b> Contact<br>Gretchen Peniska   | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b> <b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b><br><b>9am</b> Scott's Deli<br> |
| <b>28</b>       | <b>29</b>    | <b>30</b>  |  |   | National<br><b>Humor</b><br>Month<br>(April)<br>                                  |   |



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

**An Organization of College Educated Women**

**Author's Lunch Fundraiser for Women's Scholarships**

**at**

**Beatitudes Campus of Care**

**Everett Luther Life Center**

**1616 West Glendale Ave.**

**Saturday, March 30th, 2019**

**12 Noon - \$40**

**Lunch: Sword Fish, Scolloped Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, roll and dessert**

**(Vegetarian entree is available)**

**With Authors: Betty Webb and Stella Pope Duarte**

**Anne Santoscoy and Katrina Shawver**

**For further information Contact Kathleen Preece 602-717-3894**

**or [ABCLunch@cox.net](mailto:ABCLunch@cox.net)**

**For reservations Lesli Jones 602-283-4884 or [leslipetlover@gmail.com](mailto:leslipetlover@gmail.com)**

Or mail your check to

AAUW C/O Leslie Jones - 10613 N 23rd St. Phoenix 85028

Your ticket will be at the door.

**If you are unable to attend donations are appreciated**

# Save the Date

Because of the gender pay gap women have less money for a rainy day.



## UnHappy Hour

April 9, 2019

Glendale Community College  
6000 W. Olive Ave. | Glendale, AZ. 85302  
Student Union Room 104 D & E  
4:00 - 6:00 pm



This event is free and open to the public. For questions, please call 623.945.4499

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