



The Phoenician

May
2009

President's Corner

Many thanks to **Alicya Malik** for serving most faithfully as Membership Vice President during the last year. Alicya will be stepping down from the board. She has done an outstanding job. We have welcomed seven new members during her time in office.

Thank you also to **Judith Hardes** who is completing her first term as Recording Secretary. Judith has added her humor and excellent minutes to our board meetings for two years and has agreed to continue for another two year term.

I appreciate very much the competent job that **Ann Joines** has done this year as Corresponding Secretary. Even more I appreciate her willingness to become our next President!

I have a great deal of admiration for this year's Nominating Committee, Chaired by **Dorothy Ward**, with **Louise Thompson**, **Mary Palsma**, and **Doris Turner** as members. They have recruited an outstanding group of women to fill the offices that are becoming vacant this spring. I look forward to working with the following exceptional women:

Ann Joines as President Elect; **Judith Hardes** as Recording Secretary; **Carolyn Maxon** and **Linda Rosenthal** as co-Vice Presidents of Membership; and **Martha Hoyt** as Corresponding Secretary.

Barbara Neubert, Arizona State AAUW President, will be installing our new board members at our meeting this month.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Publicity Chair. Did you know that **Marilyn Schiedat**, was successful in getting an announcement of our April Speaker into the North Central News? Good Job! We are currently forming a Publicity Committee to work with Marilyn. If you have any experience in Public Relations please contact me or Marilyn. We'd love to have you on the committee.

Let me also thank the following dedicated and effective women who also attend board meetings and keep our branch running smoothly:

Dorothy Ward, Program Vice President; **Louise Slotta**, Treasurer; **Doris Turner**, Bylaws; **Linda Blackwell**, Public Policy and Community Action; **Mary Palsma**, *Phoenician* Editor; **Cindy Holmes**, EF & LAF

The board is working to update our Web Site. If you have any expertise in web pages or know of anyone with such expertise who would be interested in the job of creating our web site, please contact, **Kathleen Preece** or **Louise Slotta**.

There will be a June issue of the *Phoenician*. Please send your information to Mary Palsma at maryjpalsma@yahoo.com

Kathleen Preece, President

May Branch Meeting And Installation of Officers

When: Tuesday May 19th
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Program: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Beatitudes: Everett
Luther Life Center
1616 W. Glendale.

Speaker: **Mary Melcher**, Curator of the Arizona Historical Society

Program: "Making Do with Less: Arizona Women and the Great Depression"

She will discuss the difficult years of the 1930s when Arizonans coped with drought and falling prices for copper, crops and cattle. Arizona women from rural and urban areas found a variety of means to contribute to their families' economic survival. They expanded their gardens, diversified farming operations and found jobs to cope with the hard times. This talk uses memoirs, oral histories and photos to explore women's experiences during the 1930s.

Cost: \$12.00

Entrée: Cobb Salad
Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP for yourself and your guest by phone to **Alicya Malik**, 602-944-3516 or email President **Kathleen Preece** kathleentofaz@cox.net

If you wish to attend the meeting only, please come by 6:30. To ensure ample seating, please RSVP for meeting only too.

CALENDAR

Great Decisions

7 p.m. Wednesday May 13th
Human Rights with Alicya Malik
Realty Executives Office, 7600 N
16th Street #100

World Explorers

Noon Thursday May 14th
Home of Carol Rogers
2846 E. Mission Lane
Program: *Egypt* presented by
Mary Palsma and Doris Turner
(Bring a sack lunch.)

Book Discussion

9:30 a.m. Friday May 15th
Home of Martha Hoyt
1821 E. Keim Drive
To See You Again by Betty
Schimmel

General Meeting

5:30 p.m. Tuesday May 19th
Everett Luther Life Center
Beatitudes
1610 W. Glendale Avenue
See page 1 for details.
(Reservations required)
Call Alicya Malik
602-944-3516

Coffee and Conversation

9 a.m. Saturday May 23, 2009
Scott's Generation Restaurant and
Delicatessen, 5539 N. 7th Street
(NE corner of Missouri and 7th St.)
Friends are always welcome.

Sonoran Soundings

9:30 a.m. Wednesday May 27th
Our Writers Group meets to share
and critique our writing.
RSVP to Linda Blackwell 602-
971-3004.

Board Meeting

1 p.m. Wednesday May 27th
Home of Dorothy Ward
2215 W. Claremont Street
602-246-1246
All members are welcome.

Great Decisions

7 p.m. Wednesday May 27th
Egypt: key ally in the Middle East
with Mary Palsma
Realty Executives Office, 7600 N
16th Street #100

New Member Brunch

10 a.m. Saturday May 30th
Home of Louise Slotta
1547 W. Butler
(See article on page 3.)

Deadline for June Phoenician

Monday June 1st

Evening Book Group

6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 3rd
Douglass' Women by Jewell
Parker Rhodes
For location, call Debbie Gately
602-493-4704

Book Discussion

9:30 a.m. Friday June 5th
Home of Carolyn Baker
1639 E. Tuckey Lane
The Egyptologist by Arthur
Phillips

World Explorers

Noon Thursday June 11th
Home of Carolyn Baker
1639 E. Tuckey Lane
Program: Dr. Dorothy Wirtz reads
her poetry of places that she has
visited.
(Bring a sack lunch.)

General Meeting

5:30 p.m. Tuesday June 16th
Legislative Wrap-Up: Women
Republican and Democratic State
Legislators will speak on the
2008-2009 session.

Book Discussion

9:30 a.m. Friday June 19th
Back to: Home of Martha Hoyt
1821 E. Keim Drive
The Egyptologist by Arthur
Phillips

World Explorers

Noon Thursday July 9th
Home of Carolyn Baker
1639 E. Tuckey Lane
Program: Alan Rogers: *Kayaking
the Rivers in Alaska* (Subject to
change.)
(Bring a sack lunch.)

Member updates

Carol Hall is recovering from a
fall. She broke her leg below the
knee. Her current telephone
number is 602-314-6937.
Her address is:
7202 W. Libby
Glendale, AZ 85308

LaRue Hubbard

Mail sent to her home is delivered
to her daily. Feel free to send a
card of greeting. A phone number
is not available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Book Discussion Summer Planning Sessions

9:30 a.m. July 17th and August 21st
Home of Martha Hoyt
1821 E. Keim Drive
Recommendation for September
book: The Story of Edgar Sawtelle

Association Convention

June 26-28, 2009
St. Louis, Missouri
On-line registration
<https://svc.aauw.org/convention/reg/>

Fall Forum

November 7, 2009
Scottsdale Community College

BIRTHDAYS

May

Ann Joines
Laura Pogue

June

Dr. Souad Ali
Judith Harges
Nan Steiner
Louise Thompson
Dorothy Ward

**Brunch/Auction
Wrap-up
(April 11, 2009)**

Many thanks to **Judith Hardes** who was our gracious hostess (and outstanding auctioneer of books) for our second annual Brunch and Auction on April 11th.

Thank you also to those who:

- donated items for the auction
- donated food for the brunch
- attended the event
- purchased the auction items

An unexpected donation for the day was ‘rain from the sky’. Resilient women that we are - Some fast shifting -- auction items on long tables in the enclosed side patio -- the coffee, tea and fruit juices in the kitchen -- 2 card tables in the family room and two more in the living room - --cramped quarters -- but happily the sun attempted to cut through the clouds and we were able to move some of us back in the middle of the yard (with dry cushions, of course). Despite the inconveniences, the day was a memorable one AND WE MADE MONEY!!!!!! Unofficial total for the day was \$388.75.

Regretfully, Judith has requested a change of venue and leadership for next year. We understand, Judith. It is time to spread the fun! We are looking for a new chairperson and a committee to start now to plan for next year’s event. Call Kathleen if you would like to be involved.

New Member Brunch

Louise Slotta is hosting a New Member Brunch on Saturday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. at her home at 1547 W. Butler.

This Brunch is to welcome members who have joined our branch in the last two years. It also is an event designed for prospective members and guests.

A representative of each of our study groups will be present to explain the activities and invite new members to participate.

Please RSVP to **Linda Rosenthal** 602-274-3322

linda_rosenthal@hotmail.com by Thursday afternoon May 28th.

If you would like to help with the food for this event, please contact Louise at 602-944-5715.

Everyone is welcome, and we especially hope all of our new members will attend.

Inter-Club Council of Arizona

The Board has voted to rejoin Inter-Club Council of Arizona. Organized April 29, 1950, the first statement in their purpose is “To Promote Civic Betterment Through Combined Action”. Phoenix Branch AAUW was one of the 7 Charter Member clubs of the organization. Other Charter members clubs were: Altrusa Club of Phoenix, Business and Professional Women’s Clubs of Phoenix, League of Business and Professional Women, Pilot club of Phoenix, Soroptimist Club of Phoenix, and Zonta Club of Phoenix.

The May meeting is a Luncheon and Silent Auction held at Marie Calendars on Northern and I-17 on the 9th of May. The cost is \$20 and proceeds will go to a scholarship. If you wish to attend, RSVP by May 6th to Mary Baeten, 602-943-5453.

One of the goals of the organization is to acquaint members of the Council with each organization’s projects (and fundraisers). Let us plan, in the coming year, to promote our AAUW activities through this organization. (At this Saturday’s meeting we will extend an invitation to our New Member Brunch on May 30th.) Mary Palsma will be our delegate for the coming year, and Kathleen Preece will be our alternate.

**Phoenix Branch AAUW
Community Project**

**Train to be a Facilitator for AAUW and WAGE Project \$tart \$mart
Campus Negotiation Workshops**

If you are interested in becoming a facilitator or assisting in recruiting campuses for these fall workshops, please call Linda Blackwell, 602-697-1084, Phoenix Branch Community Action Coordinator. (Please refer to your April edition of the *Phoenician* for a detailed description of this project.)

PHOENIX BRANCH MEMBERSHIP DUES 2009/2010
PHOENIX BRANCH DUES \$14, ARIZONA STATE DUES \$9.00, ASSOCIATION DUES \$49.00

Total: \$72.00

As of April 1, 2009, \$46 of the \$49 you pay for Association member dues are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**.
The remaining \$3 goes to support your AAUW Lobby Corps, and election related activities are not deductible.

Name _____ Phone(s) _____

Address _____ City, _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Degree(s) or Associate Degree _____

College or University _____

Legislative District _____ Congressional District _____ Birth month _____

Please send dues to: Louise Slotta, 1547 W. Butler, Phoenix, AZ 85021-5458



A Legacy of Leadership

Phoenix Branch

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Phoenix, AZ 85029-3230

Mission Statement of AAUW

Advancing Equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.