



The Phoenician

September
2009

President's Corner

Welcome home to all who have been gone to cooler climates and to those who have managed to survive the summer heat, congratulations!

We have had our first board meeting of the 2009-2010 year. Our plans are shaping up to be a good balance of accomplishment, learning, and enjoyment.

With changing political and economic conditions the equity issue is still extremely important. Women have made remarkable strides in education during the past three decades but these gains have yet to translate into pay equity. A typical college-educated woman, 25 years or older, working full time, earns \$50,600 a year compared to \$70,800 for a male of the same age and education. This is a difference of \$20,200! A very important way to close this gap is by educating women to know their value and to be able to negotiate fair salaries using **Start Smart**.

Linda Blackwell, Berta Leis, Ann Joines and myself are planning to fly to Reno to train for the **Start Smart** program on October 24th. We will learn how to conduct workshops to help women effectively negotiate their salaries, ask for promotions, and close their personal wage gap. We'd love for you to join us! If you are interested in this project, please contact Linda or myself. To learn more about this project visit <http://www.wageproject.org/> an AAUW partner.

A committee is being formed to look into giving a local scholarship.

If this is an interest of yours please contact me.

Also save November 7th for the Fall Forum. It will be held at Scottsdale Community College. Arizona Chief Justice (ret.) Ruth V. McGregor will be the keynote speaker. Our branch will handle the on-site registration.

Kathleen Preece, President

Lunch Honoring Doris Turner

Longtime member Doris Turner has contributed to AAUW on every level, local, state, regional & national. She sponsored & completed the \$100,000 Doris Turner Fund, which has provided several grants for women fellows thru the Educational Foundation. She is very involved with the Phoenix branch & currently serves on the board as by-laws chair.

To honor the contributions of Doris Turner, there will be a luncheon celebration at the Wrigley Mansion on Saturday, October 17th, at 12:30pm. The "pay what you think is fair for lunch" policy will be in effect. An optional no-fee tour of the mansion is available at 3 pm. For more information visit the Wrigley Mansion website. We hope to have many branch members in attendance to honor Doris. Call Cindy Holmes to RSVP for lunch and/or the tour at 602-769-7653.

Directions: The Wrigley Mansion, 2501 E Telawa Trail. Take Glendale Av to 24th street, turn south to the light at Arizona Biltmore Circle Drive, turn left to the National Bank parking lot & Wrigley Mansion sign, turn right & continue past the bank & over the canal bridge, follow arrows to self or valet parking.

Phoenix Branch Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Beatitudes: Town Plaza
Bistro Dining. 1616 W. Glendale
**NEW ROOM SEE DIRECTIONS
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Speaker: **Chris Thomas**
Director Of Legal Services for
Arizona School Board Assoc.

Subject: **How Private School
Tax Credits Are Failing AZ**

Private school tuition tax credit money, originally intended to fund the tuition of underprivileged children, has been benefiting the children of wealthy families while allowing donors to take state tax credits. In addition to the state losing the benefit of credited tax dollars, underprivileged children are still not being served proportionately in the private schools.

Cost: Dinner \$12.00

Please RSVP for dinner for yourself and your guest to Carolyn Maxon at 480-483-8267 or cjmaxon@cox.net If you wish to attend program only, please come by 6:30.

CALENDAR

World Explorers

Noon Thursday September 17th
(Note, normally second Thursday)
Home of Carolyn Baker, 1639 E.
Tuckey Lane
Program: Alan Rogers: *Kayaking
the Rivers in Alaska*

Morning Book Discussion

Home of Martha Hoyt
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by
David Wroblewski
9:30 a.m. Friday, September 18th
Schedule for upcoming months:
10/4 & 10/18 The Guernsey
Literary and Potato Peel Pie
Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and
Annie Barrows
11/6 & 11/20 Palace Walk by
Naguib Mahfouz

Evening Book Discussion

The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff
Oct. 7, at home of Kathleen Preece
at 6:30 p.m.
11/4 - Loving Frank by Nancy
Horan at home of Ann Joines
12/2 - A Sudden Shot by Camille
Kimball
1/6 - A Pearl in the Storm by Tori
Murden McClure
2/3 - A Moveable Feast by Ernest
Hemingway

Creative Writing

Sept. 9th at 9:30 a.m. at the home
of Kathleen Preece. Everyone is
welcome. Bring 5 or 6 copies of
something you have written --
poetry, fiction or nonfiction. The
group acts as supportive audience
and gives constructive feedback to
the author.

Gourmet Grazing

Save the date! Sunday, Nov. 1st.
We are planning a Dia de los
Muertos Tea.

Coffee and Conversation

Continues to meet at 9 a.m. on the
fourth Saturday. Our Sept. meeting
will be on the 26th at Scott's
Generation Restaurant and
Delicatessen, 5539 N. 7th St. (NE
corner of Missouri and 7th St.) The
only agenda is visiting. This is an
excellent place for new and
prospective members to get
acquainted. Come, bring a friend
and enjoy conversation with like-
minded women.

Poetry Outing

World-renowned poet Naomi
Shihab Nye will speak at Mission
Palms Hotel in Tempe on October
9th at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Nye is the
daughter of a Palestinian father
and an American mother. She
grew up in St. Louis, Old
Jerusalem, and Texas. In her
poetry, Naomi Nye often sees
significance in ordinary objects,
such as vases, brooms, and
buttonholes. She will speak on her
worldwide travel experiences, in
Europe, Asia, Mexico and the
Middle East. The Phoenix branch
of AAUW will attend this free
lecture on Oct. 9th. We will meet
at the west end of the light rail
parking lot at 19th Avenue and
Montebello at 6:00 p.m. and then
take the train to Tempe, where the
Mission Palms is only a block or
two from the light rail stop. It will be
an interesting evening!

AAUW Wins ASAE's 2009 Associations Advance America Award of Excellence

AAUW is one of only 24
organizations nationally to receive
an Award of Excellence in the first
round of the 2009 Associations
Advance America Awards
program, a national competition
sponsored by the American
Society of Association Executives
(ASAE) & The Center for
Association Leadership. AAUW
received the award for our Campus
Action Projects, which enable
student leaders and campus
faculty to design and implement
effective programs that enhance

campus offerings, promote
leadership, and improve academic
and career outcomes. Each year,
AAUW chooses a mission-based
topic that the projects will focus on,
such as sexual harassment or pay
equity. Read the full press release
online.

[http://www.aauw.org/About/newsro
om/pressreleases/](http://www.aauw.org/About/newsroom/pressreleases/)

A Musical Bonanza

By Jo Cleland

Summer 2009 afforded me
two very special musical
opportunities. In June, I
joined members of the Four
Seasons Orchestra for
performances at the Haydn
Bicentennial Festival in
Vienna. Locals and tourists
attended our concerts at the
Esterhazy Estate and the
Konzerthaus. Their
responses indicated their in-
depth knowledge of the
repertoire, and their
expressions of appreciation
enhanced the delight of the
occasion for us as
performers. In July the
Moravian Music Festival
(MMF) in North Carolina
provided me a highly
sentimental experience. In
1950, the conductor of the
Cincinnati Symphony,
serving as the musical
director of the first MMF,
graciously invited me, a 13-
old-kid, to play cello in the
orchestra, which consisted
primarily of his professional
musicians. Fifty-nine years
later, I was invited to perform
again some of the oldest
instrumental and choral
music of our country. What
an enormous joy it was to
celebrate my Moravian
heritage once more as a
member of the MMF
Orchestra.

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE

Now that we're heading for autumn and cooler weather (yes, we are, trust me) -- and flu season, it's time to start thinking about the shots we might need to keep us healthy.

Within the next month there will be lists in the newspaper indicating where around the valley the Mollen Clinic will have nurses available to give flu shots. Conveniently, many of these sites are in grocery stores, a great time saver. For many of us on Medicare, the inoculations are free. Check with your primary care provider first to see if he or she knows any medical reason why this shot might not be for you. Pneumonia shots are also available, but call the Mollen Clinic to learn what sites will have the serum.

There has been publicity recently informing us of the availability of a vaccine to lessen the impact of the H1N1 virus -- or "swine flu". At the moment, prime concern is the spread of this flu in schools and on campuses. Ask your doctor if it is advisable, because of age or occupation, to schedule this shot now.

Another vaccine you should consider seriously is for herpes zoster, also known as "shingles", which is caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox. This pesky virus, for some reason not yet understood, may become active again, weakening your immune system and presenting rashes, blisters and, for some people, intense pain and discomfort. Again, because of certain allergens in the live serum, it is important to confer with your primary care person before scheduling this shot. He or she should have a list of locations where this vaccine is available.

The inoculation, depending on your health insurance, can cost little or nothing or as much as \$250, but if you've ever had shingles or known someone who has, even the higher fee is a

"bargain".

None of these shots usually causes an adverse reaction and all are relatively painless, depending on each person's reactions.

New Members

We have five new members this fall. I'm sure we are going to enjoy getting to know them! Please welcome them when you meet them. Their biographies and pictures will appear in next month's newsletter.

Our newsletter editor, Mary Palsma, is on vacation. Carolyn Maxon volunteered to produce the newsletter this month. However Carolyn's husband is quite ill and back in the hospital as I write this. I wish Carolyn's husband a swift recovery and Mary a safe return. Meanwhile I apologize for having incomplete information about our new members. Their bios and pictures will appear in next month's newsletter.

Dr. Roberta Rowland -

BA in Philosophy from State University of New York at Buffalo, later graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine in Cleveland

Dorothy Hull -

Bachelor of Social Work at ASU

Ellyn Ventura -

BA in Psychology and Sociology at U. of Miami

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Barbara Presler -

BA & MA in Art Education & Art Practice, MA Michigan State in Ed. Administration, Doctorate in Ed. Leadership from U. of Nevada

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Carolyn Woolf -

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The next **board meeting** will be October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. at the Home of Ann Joines. All members are invited.

Free Event at Arizona Historical Society Museum Papago Park, 1300 N. College Avenue, Tempe Oct. 8th 7-8 p.m.

Heidi Osselaer discusses her book Winning Their Place: Arizona Women in Politics, 1883-1950 This book is about how women shattered traditional notions about "woman's place" to pave the way for future female politicians who have changed the course of Arizona history.

New Room - Important

Directions to meeting at the Beatitudes (Sept.15th)

From Glendale Av. turn north at 17th Dr. Curve right. The gate to the Beatitudes is on the right. Go straight through gate as far as you can go.

Jog right, jog left. Park straight ahead at East end of the parking lot.

At the end of the parking lot see the building on the right, Number 1. Walk to the building. Enter through the glass doors marked **Town Plaza Bistro Dining**

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Advancing Equity of women and girls through advocacy education and research.

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