



The Phoenician

May 2008

Next Meeting

Tuesday, May. 20, 5:30 PM

Jerry's Restaurant 2323 East Thomas

Order individually, anything on the menu, and pay individually. Dinners range from \$7.49 to \$11.00. There is also a 'senior' menu, lower priced.

RSVP by phone to Kathleen Preece 602-943-2555.
By email: cjmaxon@cox.net

Speaker:

Representative Kyrsten Sinema

Legislative Wrap-up 2008

Our Republican speaker, Sen. Carolyn Allen opted out. Representative Sinema will be a very interesting speaker. Don't miss this, our last program for the year.

The Jerry's manger promised faster service from the kitchen. Please remember to order as soon as you arrive.

Installation of officers will follow the program.

Continuing all summer:

Saturday Morning Coffee and Conversation May 24 at 9 am

At Scott's Generation Restaurant & Delicatessen,
5539 N. 7th St. (NE corner of Missouri and 7th St.)
Always 4th Saturday.

New Interest Group?

Come and join us for Gourmet Grazing on Saturday, June 7th at 6:30 at Louise Slotta's home. Bring your spouse and/or a friend and a hors d'oeuvre to share.

RSVP to Louise at 602-944-5715

President's Corner

Our EF/LAF brunch and auction was a great success. We made \$403.50 from the ten dollar admission and auction. That is the most any of us can remember making for this fundraiser. The Century Club payments are on top of that, so we will meet our quota for the year for EF/LAF when the usual Century payments come in. The Board did a fabulous job of supplying the food. Linda Blackwell got so many requests for her Crème Brulee recipe that she decided to make copies to sell at the meeting for \$1. for EF/LAF. Likewise, Ann Joines will bring her Brazilian recipe for an avocado/lime dessert she brought to World Explorers. What a great team we are!

Some members have not yet sent in their dues for the '08-'09 year. We hope that you support the fabulous work of AAUW by sending in your dues even if you can't make many or any of the meetings. We want to get everybody in the new directory that will be done soon. Do it before someone has to call you, please.

This is my last newsletter and meeting as President. I have enjoyed this term more than any other because we've had such great people to work with. I want to thank you all for your participation the past two years whether you just came to meetings or did a job. The **MVP award goes to Louise Slotta**. She cured our awful treasury mess and made precise neat reports to every board meeting, but most of all for the use of her lovely home for all kinds of meetings. What a delight **Kathleen Preece** was as membership chair. She always came up with something innovative and thorough reports at board. Thank you and for accepting the role as President, Kathleen! Many thanks and special kudos to **Dorothy Ward** who put together a best ever program schedule for the year and we're looking forward to the same. Dorothy saved us many dollars by self-publishing at her home our wonderful directory with pictures. The best ever secretary's minutes were created by **Judith Hardes**. **Thank you** for your diligence and especially for hosting our brunch and many board meetings. Thank

you to **Doris Turner** for always being there with the answers. Thanks to **Cindy Holmes** for taking care of EF/LAF as well as Great Decisions. Thanks to **Dorothy Wirtz** for getting the cards out even before asked. Many thanks to **Mary Palsma** for taking all of our pictures for the directory. And did you know that **she is the best Bridge teacher ever!** **Carolyn Baker** did such a wonderful job of organizing World Explorers and having us meet in her home every single month! We're so glad that we have someone who does such a wonderful job as auditor, **LaRue Hubbard**. Thanks for those headaches spent in our behalf. Last, but the highest kudos go to **Linda Blackwell**. She spent endless hours in committee meetings making "Running and Winning" a success, as well as keeping us informed every week on Public Policy Community Action issues, and getting our slate of officers together, and much more.

After this May 20 meeting, I'll see you next September when Eric Ehst will explain all those tricky propositions that will be on our AZ ballot.

Thanks to you all!
Carolyn Maxon, President.

Interest Groups

Book Discussion

This is our May/June schedule for Books. We only meet once in July/August for a planning session—no discussion.

Fri May 2 9:30am BOOK DISCUSSION @ 1821 E Keim Dr, 279-9662 The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Fri May 16 9:30am BOOK DISCUSSION, same book/location as May 2

Fri June 6 9:30am BOOK DISCUSSION @ 1821 E Keim Dr, Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

Fri June 20 9:30am BOOK DISCUSSION, same book/location as June 6

We don't have our July/August date chosen. Anyone in town will have to call Martha to find out.

Bridge

BRIDGE MARATHON INFORMATION: High scorer for the month of March was **Geri Breese** with a score of 5250. Remember to turn in your scores by the 15th of the following month to qualify for the

high score award. Anyone who is interested in a bridge game may call Mary Palsma 602-803-3617.

World Explorers

Always on second Thursdays

Meet at the home of Carolyn Baker at noon.

1639 E. Tuckey Lane, Phoenix. Bring your own lunch if you wish.

June 12, Ethiopia, at home of Doris Turner

July 10, South American trip, Louise Slotta, at Carolyn Baker's home

Aug. 14, at Joyce Tatham's home in Pinewood,

17980 Walapai Rd. #6A, 928-286-0482, Geri

Breese on her Uganda Peace Mission Trip.

Great Decisions

Phoenix AAUW Great Decisions Schedule

5/14-US-China Trade-Dorothy Ward

5/28-Philanthropy-Christie Lopez

Both meetings at home of Kathleen Preece.

New Member Bios

Mia Lorenzen.

I'm originally from New Jersey, I spent most of my life growing up in Westfield, NJ. I went on to get my Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Central Florida in 1989. I then got to spend a few years at home raising my boys. In 1994, I began my music teaching career and have been teaching ever since! In 1999, I began my graduate studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. I attained my Master of Music Education from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in 2002 with distinct honors.

I'm a classical pianist and have performed around the world, including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall and on Broadway in New York City, NY.

I have two beautiful boys!! David is the oldest and he's almost 18 and will be attending DeVry University on scholarship in the fall. My youngest is Ben, almost 16, although he thinks he's 34!!

I have recently remarried to a wonderful man named Larry Lorenzen. He's a principal engineer at Fender Musical Instruments and he's a wonderful guitarist, oboe player and sings beautifully as well! Most important, though, he's just a wonderful person to

love!

I'm also a very active member of the West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Glendale, AZ.

I am currently teaching music to grades K-3 at the Wilson Primary School in downtown Phoenix. I love it! I'm super happy here in Arizona and I'm very excited to be a part of AAUW. I look forward to meeting many of you and also to sharing my music.

Cristy Lopez

Cristy Lopez is a Financial Advisor for one of the world's leading financial institutions. She helps individuals, families, and business owners by developing comprehensive financial strategies tailored to her client's current needs as well as goals for the future. Prior to becoming a Financial Advisor, she earned her Master and Doctorate degrees in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia and built a successful private practice.

Cristy is active in a number of professional, business, and community organizations. She currently is a member of the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board.

Happy Birthday

May

Adrienne Miklas
Laura Pogue

June

Souad Ali
Judith Harges
Louise Thompson
Dorothy Ward

July

Ginny Clark-Wright
JoAnn Cleland
Rose Marie King
Louise Slotta
Dorcas Walker

In Memoriam Pete Blakney

Pete Blakney, husband of long-time member, Mary Blakney, passed away on April 25th. A memorial service will be held later in the summer.

Adrienne Miklas

Adrienne was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and live in other Michigan cities. Her BA in English is from Wayne State University. She has a MA in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Eastern Michigan University.

She has lived here in the Valley for six years, and now works as a Behavioral Health Technician at Triple R Behavioral Health.

She is divorced with no children. She took care of her Dad, who was born in Brazil, until he died last year. Her Mom is Polish.

Animal Rescue work is her passion.

Adrienne is a member of the West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, Polish Women's Alliance, and ACLU.

Hobbies are crafts, knitting, and creative writing

Rocky Mountain Regional Conference.

Our AAUW region, the Rocky Mountain Region, is having a conference in Salt Lake City in June -- Friday the 20th through noon on Sunday the 22nd.

It sounds very interesting. Kathleen is definitely going. Doris Turner is going also. Maybe we can get a group from our branch.

Here's information about the conference. (Interesting presentations!)

http://www.aauwutah.org/aauw_regconf_files/RMR%20info%201.pdf

Here's the agenda

http://www.aauwutah.org/aauw_regconf_files/RMR%20agenda%20final.pdf

Here's the registration form. (It's a bargain!)

http://www.aauwutah.org/aauw_regconf_files/RMRregister%203.pdf

Here's the home page.

<http://www.aauwutah.org/>

If you're interested let Kathleen Preece know.

