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## November 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message

Dear BOND members,

Welcome to November! Hopefully, we will celebrate the new season in good health with many activities to invigorate us. PLEASE read your newsletter carefully. There are a variety of events to participate in, and they can offer a perfect antidote for a chilly early winter day.

On behalf of Branching Out In New Directions, thank you for your support this past year. Your generosity allowed us to successfully accomplish our philanthropic missions, and at the same time, continue to create an array of innovative programming.

I hope you will continue your engagement as a member this coming year. Enjoy your association with bright, lively, and dedicated BOND women. The breadth of our goals and offerings are a testament to the wide-ranging interests of our members. We are truly unique! Most importantly, take pride and satisfaction in providing assistance to those in our community who desire career growth and economic stability.

My best to all of you, Saralee Mogilner 952-935-2156 or [saraleem@comcast.net](mailto:saraleem@comcast.net)



## Adventures in Learning—Save the Dates and Do Not Miss! Proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund

### Botticelli and Renaissance Florence: Masterworks from the Uffizi

Friday, November 11, 2022 • 1:00PM-2:00PM (arrive promptly at 12:45 at the information desk across from Mia store; we must enter the exhibit at 1:00) • Minneapolis Institute of Art • 2400 Third Avenue South • assisted hearing devices available

\$20 per person for a private tour • Guests welcome • Limit 15 people • Prepayment only



Join us for a private tour of Botticelli and Renaissance Florence: Masterworks from the Uffizi, guided by Mary Merrick. The tour is set up for a maximum of 15 guests to assure an optimal experience.

Italy's Uffizi Galleries will loan more than 45 artworks to the Minneapolis Institute of Art for the exhibition "Botticelli and Renaissance Florence," marking the first collaboration between the two institutions. Nine Botticelli paintings, including three drawings that are rarely lent and have never been seen in the United States, will be on view.



Send registration and check made out to BOND to: Sharon Posnansky, 12800 Marion Lane West Apt 605w, Minnetonka, MN 55305. Questions: Saralee Mogilner [saraleem@comcast.net](mailto:saraleem@comcast.net) 952-935-2156

### "The 2022 Election" – What Happened and Why and What Comes Next? – Examining the factors that impacted the mid-term November 8, 2022 elections as well as what they mean locally, nationally, and internationally.

Professor David Schultz • Wednesday, November 30, 2022 • 12:00 noon

Laurel Apartments Party Room, 250 Turners Crossroads So., Golden Valley • \$20 per person • Guests Welcome



David Schultz is a Hamline University distinguished professor of political science, legal studies, environmental studies, as well as Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota. He is a three-time Fulbright Scholar who has taught extensively in Europe and Asia. Professor Schultz is the author of more than 45 books and 200 articles on various aspects of American politics and law including his most recent book *Presidential Swing States* - third edition.

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## Join us for a rare opportunity!

### AN ART TOUR INSPIRED BY LOUISE ERDRICH'S "THE NIGHT WATCHMAN" WITH Mia DOCENT DAVID FORTNEY

Friday, December 16, 2022 • 1:30 PM, Meet at desk across from gift shop

Minneapolis Institute of Art • 2400 Third Avenue South \$15 per person • Guests Welcome • Limit 15 people



David Fortney has been a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art since 2005. While giving a wide range of tours, David particularly enjoys book tours. Prior to being retired, he practiced law and was a Human Resources administrator.

"The Nightwatchman", by Minnesota's own Louise Erdrich, is set in 1953. Erdrich skillfully weaves two narratives: first, the true story of efforts by some members of the US Senate to terminate the treaties between the United States and native tribes, including Erdrich's *Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa*; and second, the fictional account of a young native woman who travels to the Twin Cities in search of her missing sister. The story is compelling, and David's use of art to further the story is even more so!

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## Fundraising

For a minimum \$10 donation, BOND makes sending cards easy, whether it's a condolence card, a birthday or anniversary, say "thank you", Mazal Tov—whatever, and you help BOND raise money. **Contact Margie Gendler Marks, 2405 Zealand Avenue North, Golden Valley, MN 55427, H-763-544-2401, C-612-990-9399** [margendmar@gmail.com](mailto:margendmar@gmail.com). Please include your message for the tribute card. In addition, please indicate your preferred closing (Love, Sincerely, Best Wishes, With Sympathy, etc.).

### Scholarship Fund

#### In memory

**Arlene Davis**

Millie Segal

Sheila Goldstein

Renee Gainsley

Barbara Bearmon

**Robert Burk**, husband of Eunice Burk & brother of Janice Waller

Marilyn Wert

Marian Altowitz

#### Get Well Wishes

**Margie Gendler Marks**

Millie Segal

**Arnie Odesky**

Marian Altowitz



### Erna Fishhaut Early Childhood Education Fund

#### Get Well Wishes

**Margie Gendler Marks**

Eva Broude

#### **Why make donations to BOND?**

Even through COVID, we have continued to donate scholarships to Jewish Family Children's Service, contribute to Jewish Family Service, and provide a variety of activities to our members. **Please send your check, payable to BOND, indicating the purpose of your donation.** Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### Fine Dining Cards

As comfort levels continue rising to eat in restaurants, BOND is again selling DMC cards at \$30 a set. Using the cards is a great way to save money and help BOND raise scholarship funds at the same time! To purchase cards for the Twin Cities/Suburbs please contact Carolyn Kaufmann at 763-473-3031. BOND earns \$12.50 per set, and they make great gifts.

### Silver Cash

*Your silver or silverplate no longer a treasure? BOND Scholarship Fund educates many without measure.*

*Donate items one or a few, these additional dollars may surprise even you!! Over \$6,614.40 has been raised for scholarships since the project began. To donate, contact Nancy Garber 952-922-4990.*



### GOOD NEWS—JELLY DONUT FUNDRAISER!



**A limited number of sessions will be offered on how to make "Doreen's delicious strawberry jelly donuts" for the holidays.**

**Watch your email for a flyer with full information for the "Jelly Donut Holiday", which will arrive soon.**

**Coordinators: Doreen Greenblatt and Beverly London**

## Monthly Activities



### Lunch Bunch

**To RSVP, call Eva Broude 952-544-5948**

**November 9 noon Big Bowl Ridgedale Mall, please confirm to Eva by November 7.**

**November 23 noon Crossroads Deli, 2795 Hedberg Dr, Minnetonka, please confirm to Eva by November 21.**

### **Short Story Group**

Short story meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, starting at 9:30 to socialize and 10:00 discussion. We read one story each month and take turns facilitating. We would love to have you join our group. If you are interested, contact Marian Altrowitz, [maltrow@comcast.net](mailto:maltrow@comcast.net) or 952-935-1914. We are reading short stories from "The Best American Short Stories 2019" by Anthony Doerr and Heidi Pitlor. There are two books with this title so be sure to get this one.

November 9<sup>th</sup> "Wrong Object" by Mona Simpson. Arlis Grossman will facilitate at her home.  
1640 Virginia Ave. S., St. Louis Park R.S.V.P. 952-545-6526

December 14<sup>th</sup> "They Told Us Not to Say This" by Jenn Alandy Trahan. Barb Ritzen will facilitate at her home.  
250 Ardmore Dr., Golden Valley. R.S.V.P. 612-578-0800

*In February we will start a lively new anthology. The book is "The Best Short Stories 2021: The O'Henry Prizes" edited by Chimamanda Ngozi. Sharon Zweigbaum has offered to place a book order for those interested. Contact Sharon to order a copy by November 28th. The book is \$14.95 payable when she receives the books. Contact Sharon at [szweigbaum@gmail.com](mailto:szweigbaum@gmail.com) or 952-595-9992.*



### **BOND Book Club**

BOND Book Club meets at 10:00 a.m. the 3rd Friday of the month. Contact Sharon Levine if you are interested in joining the group and to let her know if you are attending or not— [splevine2002@yahoo.com](mailto:splevine2002@yahoo.com) or 952-212-4994. We will continue meeting at the Lurie Bldg., 2501 Wayzata Blvd unless noted otherwise.

November 18 *My Russian Grandmother and her American Vacuum Cleaner* by Meir Shalev

Facilitator: Marian Altrowitz

Dec. 16 *The Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

Facilitator: Marilyn Wert

Jan. 20 2023 *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

Facilitator: Gerry Feldman

Feb. 17 *The Little Old Lady Who Broke the Rules* by Catharina Ingelman-Sudberg

Facilitator: Joyce Martin

March 17 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Facilitator: Suzanne Prass

April 21 *The Lions of 5th Ave* by Fiona Davis

Facilitator: Babe Wartnick



### **Bridge, Qwirkle or Mahjong**



Tables of 4 for bridge



Tables of 3-4 for Mahjong



Tables of 3-4 for Qwirkle

This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 at McCoy's (3801 Grand Way) in St. Louis Park for lunch and games. Tell your friends about it. Call Fruma Goldfarb 612-930-9409 to make your reservation and let her know if you are playing Bridge, Mahjong, or Qwirkle. **Our next get-together is November 1, followed December 6.**

## Philanthropy and Community Service



### **Hag Sameach**

The holiday season is coming, and JFCS is ready to schedule days and times to wrap gifts. BOND has been participating in this important project for many years. Contact Mindy Teele directly at 952-542-4870 or e-mail [mteele@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:mteele@jfcsmpls.org) to volunteer.

*"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things."*

*Albert Einstein*

## Membership



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### Membership Looking for Volunteers

Please help with membership retainment phone calls. Last year Renee Kurnow was an outstanding helper for our organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Babe Wartnick at 612-554-6195.

## Getting to Know our Members

### Meet Renee Kurnow



Renee was born in Minneapolis, growing up on the North Side, part of a loving family with a nice childhood. As Renee says, "It was the loveliest childhood anyone could have." She graduated from North High School and then went to the University of Minnesota, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. She was certified to teach nursery school, kindergarten, primary. Renee was the first and only child in her major family to go to college.

Renee met her husband in Los Angeles when she was visiting her aunt. They married and lived there 12 years, where Renee taught for about four years. One of her daughters was going to a Jewish Day School and Renee was co-chair of the lunch program. After moving back to Minneapolis, Renee taught for a year in Minneapolis in Waite Park.

Renee did substitute teaching in the St. Louis Park public schools and then moved to pre-schools. She worked at Bet Shalom, Adath Jeshurun, Beth El, and the Minneapolis JCC. She found it interesting as she met a lot of nice people. Renee also loved being with the kids – it was always a joy. She remarked that they are free, spontaneous, fun to talk with, and not inhibited. She loved laughing with them.

Travel was mostly in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, along with cruises in the Caribbean.

Reading is one of Renee's hobbies, which includes being part of the BOND book club. She also plays mahj, besides volunteering for BOND. She started in Brandeis and then was a charter member of BOND. Renee loves the people, activities, and doing fundraising. Her volunteer work with the organization has included coordinator and chairperson of board meeting refreshments, hostess at BOND luncheons and book author events, garage sales, and contacting members for the membership committee. She also continues volunteering for JFCS Hag Sameach doing gift wrapping.

Renee now lives in Minnetonka, has two lovely daughters and three grandsons.

## Miscellaneous

### SNOWBIRDS

Please verify your winter address, dates you leave, and return so you can "Keep you in Touch" with BOND's activities and upcoming events. Reply by [email: bjlondon01@gmail.com](mailto:bjlondon01@gmail.com) • Phone: 612.718.9951 • mail: BOND, PO Box 50006, Minneapolis MN 55405-0006. This information is not shared. It is for BOND mailings only!

You will receive directory updates through the newsletter. Please contact Beverly London, [Bjlondon01@gmail.com](mailto:bjlondon01@gmail.com) 612-718-9951 or Marian Altrowitz, [maltrow@comcast.net](mailto:maltrow@comcast.net) 952-935-1914 with any updates.

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