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# January 2023 Newsletter

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## President's Message:

Dear BOND members,

Dynamic, engaged and ever-growing, BOND's mission is to provide its membership with intellectually stimulating volunteer, educational, civic and social opportunities. The community and camaraderie that can grow out of shared experience is significant and lasting. There are many ways to get involved and many wonderful people to meet. Read about our "special interest" groups, created and managed by members for members. Offer your professional skills, unique talents and creativity for new event initiatives. We would love your participation in the planning of our April Spring Luncheon, our annual Book Author Fundraiser in August, and our monthly educational programming. Feel free to offer new ideas. Introduce yourself; introduce one member to another; introduce someone new to BOND!

Continue to support BOND. If you have not already done so, please renew your 2023 membership. Your investment will continue to help sustain our vision to transform lives by unlocking human potential through education and opportunities for career advancement. Thank you for your generosity, friendship and belief in our mission.

In closing, my best wishes to you and your loved ones for a very healthy, happy and fulfilling New Year.

**Sincerely, Saralee Mogilner 952-935-2156 or [saraleem@comcast.net](mailto:saraleem@comcast.net)**

## ADVENTURES IN LEARNING TOP SUPREME COURT CASES TO WATCH IN 2023



Marshall Tanick

Thursday, January 12, 12:00 noon • refreshments  
12:30 program • Guests welcome • \$10 per person.

Location: Overlook On The Creek Apartments,  
Community Room, 1st floor,  
9731 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka 55305

**Send registration & check to:** Sharon Posnansky  
2800 Marion Lane West, Apt. 605W • Minnetonka 55305



Marshall Tanick, a constitutional lawyer and historian, returns with another timely and vital discussion on the Supreme Court as it finishes its most conservative term in nearly a century.

After last year's tumultuous rulings, this presentation will look at seven important and interesting cases currently before the U. S. Supreme court and their implications for Minnesota. They are highlighted by lawsuits concerning rental arrangements at the Mall of America, a copyright battle between two high-profile estates of Prince and Andy Warhol, affirmative action for racial diversity in college admissions, gerrymandering of Congressional districts, and the procedures for the 2024 Presidential election, among other matters.

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*Left to right: Saralee Mogilner, Professor David Schultz and Babe Wartnick*

On November 30th, Professor David Schultz gave a presentation on the 2022 Election to BOND members and guests. He 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. As an author of more than 45 books and 200 articles on various aspects of American politics and law, he clearly examined the factors that impacted the mid-term November 8, 2022 elections. Both during his talk and after a lengthy Q and A, we all came to understand what November 8 events meant locally, nationally and internationally.

BOND is fortunate to have Professor Schultz on our program agenda as one of the outstanding educators and speakers in the Upper Midwest.

## Fundraising Scholarship Fund

For a minimum \$10 donation, BOND makes sending cards easy, whether it is a condolence card, a birthday or anniversary, say "Thank You", Mazal Tov - whatever, and you help BOND's Scholarship Fund. Please include your message for the tribute card. Also, please indicate your preferred closing (Love, Sincerely, Best Wishes, Sympathy, etc.). Make your check payable to BOND, indicating the purpose of your donation and mail to:

**Margie Marks, 2405 Zealand Ave. N, Golden Valley, 55427- 3352**

H-763.544.2401-C-612.990.9399 • margendmar@gmail.com

### IN MEMORY:

**Stuart Yellen, husband of Dian Yellen**

Marian Altowitz

Sheila Goldstein

Millie Segal

Babe & Norman Wartnick

### CONGRATULATIONS:

**Birth of Abigail, Great Granddaughter of Fruma & Benjie Goldfarb**

Millie Segal

### Erna Fishhaut Early Childhood Education Fund

### GET WELL WISHES: IN MEMORY:

**Lynn B-H Seigel**

Eva Broude

Beverly London

Judy Serrell

**Stuart Yellen, husband of Dian Yellen**

Eva Broude

Beverly London

**Doreen Greenblat**

Eva Broude

Beverly London

Judy Serrell

### Silver

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.

### Dining Club Cards

BOND sells DMC cards for \$30 a set of approximately 169 cards. They make great gifts for your salon, cleaning help, car repair service, etc. Using the cards is a great way to save money and helps raise money for our scholarship fund. You can use them for 12 months expiring on May 31.

Contact Carolyn Kaufmann 763.473.3031; Saralee Mogilner 952.935.2156 or Beverly London 612.718.9951.

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join us. We dine at Noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at different restaurants each time and enjoy a lunch and socialize with members. Please RSVP to **Eva Broude 952.544.5948**.

January 11 **50's Grill**, 5524 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center 763.560.4947  
RSVP January 9.  
Exit Hwy 100 on Brooklyn Blvd and it is within 2 blocks on the right.

January 25 **Christo's Greek Restaurant**, 2632 Nicollet, Minneapolis 612.871.2111  
RSVP January 25.



We do car pools to eliminate too many cars and to accommodate members that don't drive any more.

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### Short Story Group

Short Story meets on the 2nd 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 Altowitz**, maltrow@comcast.net or 952.935.1914.

In January we are finishing "The Best American Short Stories 2019" by Anthony Doerr and Heidi Pitlor. In February we are beginning a lively new anthology "The Best Short Stories 2021: The O'Henry Prizes" edited by Chimamanda Ngozi.

January 11 *Omakase* by Weike Wang

Facilitator: Fruma Goldfarb.

February 8 *Brown Girls* by Daphne Palasi Andreades

Facilitator: Lorraine Diamond

March 8 *Two Nurses, Smoking* by David Means

Facilitator: Sharon Zweigbaum

**Note: These will be on Zoom.**

**BOND Friday Book Club** meets at 9:30 for social and lite refreshments and 10:00 discussion, 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 or 952.212.4994. We will continue meeting at the Lurie Bldg., 2501 Wayzata Blvd., Minneapolis, unless noted otherwise.

**January 20** *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

Facilitator: Gerry Feldman, Lurie Bldg.

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

Facilitator: Suzanne Prass, Saralee's Party Room

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

Facilitator: Babe Wartnick, TBA

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### Bridge, Qwirkle or Mahjong

Table of 4 for Bridge

Table of 3-4 for Mahjong

Tables of 3-4 for Qwirkle

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, 11:30 at McCoy's Public House, 3801 Grand Way, St. Louis Park for lunch and games. Invite your friends to join us. Contact **Fruma Goldfarb** 612.930.9409 to make your reservation and let her know if you are playing Bridge, Qwirkle or Mahjong. Upcoming dates are January 3 and February 7.



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## MISCELLANEOUS

### Snowbirds

Please verify your winter address, dates you leave, and return so you can "Keep In Touch" with BOND upcoming events and activities. This information is not shared, but is for BOND mailings only. Contact: Beverly London, 612.718.9951 • email: bjondon01@gmail, US Mail: BOND, PO Box 50006, Minneapolis. MN. 55405-0006.



#### Branching Out in New Directions Mission Statement

Through Education, Service and Philanthropy,  
BOND, a nonprofit organization,  
offers its members opportunities for  
intellectual pursuits, community service,  
social interaction and philanthropy.  
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# GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS

## Meet Jean Efron

I was born in north Minneapolis - a far different place then than now! I attended Minneapolis Vocational High School and Technical Institute - taking stenography. For many years I worked at this profession (I still write notes to myself in shorthand).

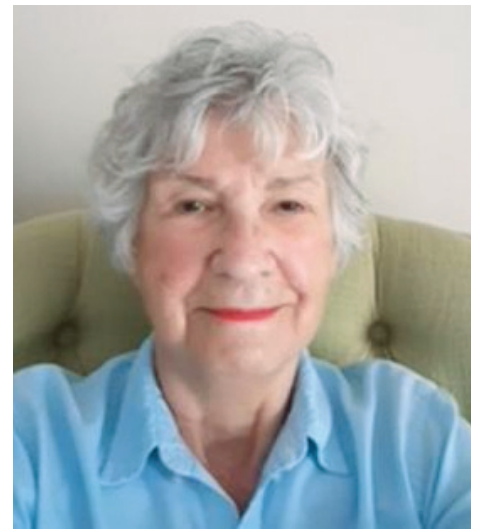
My first husband and I had 3 sons and I was a stay-at-home mom until the 3rd one went to school. After a few more years as a stenographer, I was offered the chance to go back to school to become a building inspector for the City of New Hope. It took more than two years of night classes (while working as the dept. clerk in the daytime) to be qualified to take the state certification tests to become a Building Official. I then worked over 20 years as General Inspector for the City of New Hope.

When I retired, I looked for volunteer things to do. By then I had lost my first husband and found myself at a new place in life. My first choice was to go through JFCS where I took on the role as a "Lunch Buddy" for kids at Aquila Elementary in St. Louis Park. I loved it and I found my "calling" was working with kids in need. After several years at Aquila I gave that up when I learned of the Guardian ad litem program for Hennepin County. During these many years I had remarried and after 21 years together he also passed away.

One Shabbat at Adath, a congregant spoke of his "job" as a volunteer Guardian ad litem for the Juvenile Justice System. He inspired me to apply and I was accepted to train for the position, which is to advocate for children in the system, either through no fault of their own; i.e., their parent(s) not taking care of them or sometimes the youngster already participating in criminal activities. I am now in my 10th year and currently have only 2 cases. With some children there is much to do, taking lots of time - visiting the child at least once a month, getting updates on school through teachers, counselors, therapists, social workers, foster moms and then attending the routine hearings where the judge on the case reviews information. We are expected to be neutral, not necessarily agreeing with the opinions of the professionals. Our job is for the child's best interest and where it lies. The object is reunification whenever possible. It is very sad to terminate a parent's custody, sad for all, but mostly the child.

I will retire from this volunteer job when these last two cases are dismissed. It has been troubling, humbling, distressing and exhausting BUT also gratifying, and I know it has made me a better person. I am told this volunteer program may be eliminated and the new cases handled by paid Guardians.

I will find other things to do - I already go to an elementary school 2 mornings a week to assist 1st grade teachers with students struggling how to read. I will also have more time to attend BOND functions and events! I am happy to be a BOND member, and very proud of what we do!



Jean Efron

### Volunteers Needed

**Newsletters:** Members to work on our newsletter in various capacities. Writing, interviewing, photography, proofing, etc.

**Events & Publicity:** Help planning and setting up for events and publicity

**Email & Computer skills:** Tell us what your skills are and what you like to do as a member of BOND to advance our organization.

**Contact Saralee – 952.935.2156**

**Membership:** Volunteers need to help with retention of memberships.

**Contact Babe Wartnick – 612.554.6195**

**Watch for Directory updates in the Newsletter.**  
**Contact Marian Altowitz, Membership Secretary**  
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