



President's Message

Dear BOND Members,

In past newsletters, you have read my remarks about the significance of BOND's Mission Statement. Today, I'd like to share my feelings about the satisfaction and the rewards that come from the realization of that mission through volunteerism.

Most importantly, as a volunteer, I have learned how to step outside of my daily life and connect to people and experiences that I otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to encounter. Volunteering fuels a sense of responsibility and motivation as I interact with people who continuously inspire me with their commitment and partnership. Volunteering is another way to offer help, to take action on something important, and to cultivate hope. More than anything, volunteering provides the opportunity to connect with my community in a deeply personal manner.

In closing, I invite you to join our efforts in support of our scholarship funding, our local philanthropic activities, unique programming, and opportunities for social engagement. Enjoy significant and lasting benefits and be assured that with your support, BOND will continue to inspire and introduce a new generation to the transformative power of education!

Sincerely, Saralee Mogilner | 952.935.2156 | saraleem@comcast.net

Adventures in Learning - Save the Date and Register Quickly

Thursday, May 4, 2023, in the Roth Room at the Hennepin County Library Ridgedale. Refreshments will be served at 12:00 noon. The program starts at 12:30. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and guests are welcome. Profits benefit BOND'S scholarship program.



Marshall Tanick, constitutional lawyer and historian, presents "HAMILTON - You've Seen the Play or Heard About It - Here's What You Don't Know."

As the national touring company's run of the play "Hamilton" wraps up its Spring visit to the Twin Cities, Attorney Marshall Tanick will provide some historical and legal background about the play, the famous Alexander Hamilton-Aaron Burr duel, and, yes, Minnesota's role in the saga!

Send your registration and check to Jean Efron, 10511 Cedar Lake Road, Unit 412, Minnetonka, MN 55305.

Call Jean at 952-500-2090 with questions, or email her at cyberjece@hotmail.com

BOND SPRING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023

11:30 registration • 12 noon luncheon

MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT WEST – 9960 Wayzata Boulevard

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION • GUESTS ARE WELCOME

GREAT NORTH INNOCENCE PROJECT

Guest Speakers: Jim Mayer, Managing Attorney
Hayley Drozdowski-Poxleitner, Director of Communications and Community Outreach

The Innocence Project was founded in 1992 by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld at Yeshiva University at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. Recently renamed GREAT NORTH INNOCENCE PROJECT, its dedicated staff works relentlessly through litigation, education and policy to free the innocent, prevent wrongful convictions and create fair, compassionate and equitable systems of justice for everyone.

Our speakers will share the Project's enormous success in 2022 and 2023 in advancing cases, outreach, and policy efforts in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.



James (Jim) Meyer is a managing attorney at GN-IP where he screens/investigates and litigates cases involving claims of actual innocence. He leads their policy advocacy in North Dakota and teaches courses on wrongful convictions and leads innocence clinics at North Dakota and Minnesota law schools.

Before joining the Great North Innocence Project, Jim spent more than a decade as a private practice litigator, and he was involved in innocence work as a pro bono attorney, including death penalty cases in Louisiana. Jim was the lead counsel in the post-conviction case of Michael Wearry, whose capital conviction was vacated by the United States Supreme Court in 2016.

Jim also played a key role in the creation and development of the MN Conviction Review Unit, one of just a handful of state-wide conviction review units in the United States, part of a ground-breaking partnership between the Great North Innocence Project and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office.



Hayley Drozdowski-Poxleitner joined the Great North Innocence Project in April 2022 as the director of Communications & Community Outreach. She is passionate about advancing human rights to leveraging strategic communications, meaningful stakeholder engagement, and policy advocacy.

Prior to joining GN-IP, Hayley was the research & communications manager at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota. She also contributed to research and development policy recommendations in partnership with Refugees International as a research fellow advocating for increased refugee participation in United Nations coverings, alternatives to immigrant detention in the United States and the abolition of family separation at the U.S. – Mexico Border. She is also co-author of an article published in the Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies examining social support interventions for refugees and new immigrants.

Hayley holds a Master's Degree in Human Rights from the U of M, and a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Cultures & French from Michigan State University.

Fundraising Scholarship Funds

For a minimum donation of \$10, BOND makes sending cards easy for ANY occasion, and you help BOND's Scholarship Fund. **DONATIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED DIRECTLY TO THE JUDY SHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** Please include your message if you have one, otherwise one will be written for you. Also indicate your preferred closing (Love, Sincerely, etc.). Make your check payable to BOND, indicating the purpose of your donation, and mail it to:

Margie Gendler Marks, 2405 Zealand Ave. N., Golden Valley 55427

612.990.9399 (preferred) or 763.544.2401; margendmar@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 1– MARCH 31, 2023

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sharon Hope – Memory of Sister Myra Juster

Marilyn Wert

Doreen Greenblat – Get Well

Renee Gainsley

Margie Gendler Marks

Babe Wartnick

Marian Altrowitz

Millie Segal

Marian Altrowitz – Get Well

Renee Gainsley

Millie Segal

Gerry and Sheldon Feldman

Margie Gendler Marks

Dian Yellen

Marlene Goldberg

Dorothy Pink – Memory of Husband Norman

Marlene and Sandy Goldberg

Millie Segal

Babe and Norm Wartnick – 60th Wedding Anniversary

Millie Segal

Eileen and Jeff Silver

Sharon Gelperin

ERNA FISHHAUT EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

Marian Altrowitz – Get Well

Beverly London

Eva Broude

Doreen Greenblat – Get Well

Eva Broude

Rhoda Redleaf – 90th Birthday

Millie Segal

Dorothy Pink – Memory of Husband Norman

Eva Broude

JUDY SHERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Babe and Norm Wartnick – 60th Wedding Anniversary

Saralee Mogilner

Margie Gendler Marks and Michael Marks

Memory of Judy Sherman

Sybil and Seymour Wilensky

Maureen Fine

Beth and Todd Leonard

SILVER AND COLLECTIBLES - To donate, contact Nancy Garber at 952.922.4990.

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!

Now accepting: Delicate collectibles enjoyed adding a must,

Reunited to BOND, glass or ceramics, no longer to dust!

Over \$6,709.40 has been raised for scholarships since the project began.

JFCS

BOND received a letter from JFCS thanking us for our generous donation of \$500.00 for the Passover Adopt-A-Family Program. The donation supports the Hag Samech Program and makes Passover possible for many families. Last year JFCS provided foods and ritual items to over 170 families and more than 320 individuals, as well as to two community seders. It is so important for these individuals to know they are valued members of our Jewish Community. The thoughtfulness and caring BOND provides allow many to enjoy this special holiday.

Monthly Activities

LUNCH BUNCH Everyone is welcome as we dine and socialize at noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at various venues. RSVP to **Eva Broude** | 952.544.5948.

April 12	Crossroads Deli (Passover), 2795 Hedberg Drive, Minnetonka, 952.546.6595	RSVP by April 10
April 26	Pub 42 7600 N. 42 nd Ave., New Hope, 763.278.4242	RSVP by April 24
May 10	Pub 819 819 Mainstreet, Hopkins, 952.933.1230	RSVP by May 8
May 24	Northern Tap House --220 Carlson Parkway, Plymouth, 763.476.1011	RSVP by May 22

We carpool to minimize the number of cars going, and to accommodate those who do not drive.

SHORT STORY GROUP meets on the 2nd Wednesday monthly, starting at 9:30 to socialize, and 10:00 for discussion. We read one story each month and take turns facilitating. We would love to have you join our group. Contact Marian Altowitz, maltrow@comcast.net or 952.935.1914 if you are interested. ***We will be meeting in Saralee's party room going forward, or until further notice.***

In April we are beginning a lively new story, ***Malliga Homes*** by Sindya Bhanoo.

April 12	<i>Malliga Homes</i> by Sindya Bhanoo	Facilitator: Sandi Shapiro
May 10	<i>Endangered Species: Case 47401</i> by Crystal Wilkinson	Facilitator: Barbara Bearmon

BOND FRIDAY BOOK CLUB meets at 9:30 for socializing and lite refreshments and at 10:00 for discussion on the 3rd Friday of the month. Contact Sharon Levine if you are interested in joining the group, and whether you are attending— splevine2002@yahoo.com or 952.212.4994. We will continue meeting at the **Lurie Bldg., 2501 Wayzata Blvd., Minneapolis, unless noted otherwise.**

April 21	The Lions of 5th Ave by Fiona Davis	Facilitator: Babe Wartnick, Lurie Offices
May 19	The Surrogate by Toni Halleen	Facilitator: Bev London, Lurie Offices
June 16	The Violin Conspiracy by Brenda Slocum	Facilitator: Marilyn Wert, Lurie Offices

BRIDGE, QWIRKLE OR MAHJONG

Table of 4 for Bridge Table of 3-4 for Mahjong Tables of 3-4 for Qwirkle

Please note the April date is cancelled due to Passover.

We meet at 11:30 on the first Tuesday of the month at McCoy's Public House, 3801 Grand Way, St. Louis Park, for lunch and games. Invite your friends to join us. Contact **Fruma Goldfarb** at 612.930.9409 to make your reservation and let her know which game you will be playing. Upcoming date is May 2.

BOND Has Something on the Calendar for Everyone!

Details and registration for all but the movie group will follow in the May Newsletter

Thursday, May 4, 2023 --12:00 noon

Marshall Tanick will talk about the play "Hamilton"

Thursday, May 25, 2023 --11:30 a.m.

BOND Spring Luncheon and guest speakers

Friday, June 9, 2023 -- 2:30 p.m.

"The Night Watchman" David Fortney's tour at Mia. Rescheduled from December 16, 2022.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 -- 9:30 a.m.

Tour of the "old Northside" – ***see description under proposed program below.*** This will take place if there is enough interest. Please let Linda Platt know if you are able to attend.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023 -- 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Annual Book Author Luncheon at Oak Ridge

Jean Efron is the new registrar. She can be reached at cyberjece@hotmail.com or 952-500-2090. Address: 10511 S. Cedar Lake Rd., #412, Minnetonka 55305

Proposed Program

A 75-minute-long walking tour of the old Northside Jewish area is ***being proposed*** as a BOND program for June 13. The group would meet at 9:30 a.m. at the site of the former Mikro Kodesh Synagogue at 1000 Oliver Ave. N. Peter Sussman, architect and board member of Preserve Minneapolis, has volunteered to lead the tour. Afterwards, the group could have a snack or lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The cost of this program would be \$10, with the entire amount going to the BOND scholarship program. Linda Platt is coordinating this event. ***Please contact Linda with any questions and let her know if you are interested in participating.*** Lindaplatt100@gmail.com or 612-723-0738

Adventures in Film

Come join the newly formed BOND movie group. Do you love films and have no one to talk to about them afterwards?

When and Where: Friday, April 7 at the Edina Mann Theater (formerly the Landmark)

What: The film and time (starting between 12:00 and 1:00) will be announced on April 4. Attendance will be limited to the first 10 people who respond. No BOND contribution is necessary.

The Cost: \$8.50 for Seniors

Eat lunch before coming - snacks are available at the theater. No outside food is allowed.

Please send an email to Linda Tell, LRNTELL@gmail.com or call/text 612-805-7421 and leave a message that you would like to be on the attendance and discussion list.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS - Meet Rita Lusky



I'm originally from Denver, CO, where my mother, Belle Bernstone Smernoff, was a life member of Brandeis, as well as many other Jewish organizations. She always gave of her time and energy to help others, and she was on the Board of Brandeis for many years. My brother, Barry Smernoff, received his Masters Degree after graduating from M.I.T., and his PhD at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. So, there's been much affection and support for Brandeis in my family for at least 75 years.

About 20 years ago, my friend and fellow Bet Shalom congregant, Joyce Martin, encouraged me to join Brandeis in the Twin Cities. I knew what an important organization it was, and I promptly joined and became a life member. While I'm not a "committee person," I found a way to become involved with Brandeis, now BOND, through playing the piano. I've been the pianist at Bet Shalom for 40 years, playing for services, weddings and other life cycle events, and accompanying the adult choir and our Ruach Ensemble. I've also provided piano music for many organizations throughout the Twin Cities, including the Sholom Alliance at Methodist Hospital early most weekday mornings.

In 2005 I began playing for BOND's Spring luncheon, style shows, Chanukah luncheons and, of course, the Book Author luncheon each summer. I've thoroughly enjoyed participating in this way, and it's been a joy to see our group grow and thrive over the years. It's been a wonderful way to get to know so many of you and to help in a small way to support the great work BOND does. I love seeing the commitment of BOND members and knowing how much they care about helping others to reach their full potential.

The other activities I love are playing tennis, walking, poetry, and drinking in the beauty of nature and art in every form.

It's my hope that someday human beings may realize that, because we're all on this planet together, we should respect one another and look at each other as though we're all created in the same image, so that wars can end, and fear, anger, enmity, xenophobia and the like will disappear. Thank you to BOND and its leadership for doing everything humanly possible to help accomplish this goal, and for caring enough for others to actually DO something constructive to make the world a better place.



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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