



Past President's Message

Dear BOND Supporters,

As the years of my term as President of Branching Out in New Directions have drawn to a close, I realized how valuable this experience has been for me. I had the opportunity to meet and work with an extraordinary group of community members who have eagerly supported and advanced our vision. The BOND community connects around our scholarship funding, but no less important are our local philanthropic activities, unique programming, and a variety of opportunities for social engagement. There are many ways to get involved and many wonderful people to meet!

In spite of a global pandemic, anxiety and the confusion that exists today, we have kept our remarkable organization strong. I am humbled to know that I was part of a team that made it happen!

Thank you for giving me the privilege and opportunity to serve as your President of this organization.

Sincerely, Saralee Mogilner

Editor's Comments

The new slate of officers for the 2024-2025 term is on page 2. Thank you to the nominating committee, lead by Sheila Goldstein, for all your hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

As you can see, we are not having a "president" per se, but rather, Babe Wartnick will be the board meeting coordinator, and will be guided by Renee Gainsley. Babe will not be writing a monthly message, so I will attempt to fill in the gap. If anyone wishes to bring up a topic or an idea for a program or activity—or any other issue, please let me know and I will pass it on to the respective board member to be addressed.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2024.

Peace to The Middle East



FRIENDLY REMINDER: WE ARE MAKING A CHANGE

Our BOND Newsletter will now be sent out every other month. Please save each edition through the end of the second month, as you will be needing it to remind yourselves of upcoming events until then.

The scheduled editions through 2024 are: January/February 2024; March/April 2024; May/June 2024; July/August 2024; September/October 2024; and November/December 2024.

IMPORTANT: Any information or questions you may have regarding the newsletter should be emailed directly to me, Margie Gendler Marks, at margendmar@gmail.com, or you may call me at 612.990.9399..

BOND BOARD SLATE 2024 - 2025	
OFFICERS	
Board Meeting Coordinators – Babe Wartnick and Renee Gainsley	
Philanthropy and Community Service – Sheila Goldstein	
Membership – Nettie Nabedrick and Babe Wartnick	
Treasurer – Ursula Margolis	
Recording Secretary – Jean Efron	
Corresponding Secretary – Renee Gainsley	
Membership Secretary – Marian Altrowitz	
ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS	
Margie Gendler Marks	
Elaine Fink	
Renee Kurnow	
Eva Broude	
Linda Gilfix	
Joyce Martin	
Fruma Goldfarb	
Doreen Greenblat	
Suzanne Prass	
Maraline Slovut	
Immediate Past President -- Saralee Mogilner	
BOARD MEMBERS CONTINUING IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS THROUGH 2024	
Nancy Garber	
Marilyn Wert	
Dian Yellen	
<p style="text-align: center;">Nominating Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sheila Goldstein, Marian Altrowitz, Jean Efron, Marilyn Wert, Suzanne Prass, Babe Wartnick, Nancy Peilte, Margie Gendler Marks, Renee Gainsley</p>	

BOND Has Something on the Calendar for Everyone!

Adventures in Learning

There are no Adventures in Learning activities scheduled for January or February.

Monthly Activities

LUNCH BUNCH Everyone is welcome as we dine and socialize at noon on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month at various venues. RSVP to **Eva Broude at 952.544.5948**. ***We carpool to minimize the number of cars going, and to accommodate those who do not drive.***

January 10	Jimmy's – 1200 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka - 952.225.5858	RSVP by January 8
January 24	Hazelwood – 4450 Excelsior Blvd., St. Louis Park – 952.977.8000	RSVP by January 22
February 14	Pub 42 – 7600 42 nd Avenue North, New Hope – 763.278.4242	RSVP by February 12
February 28	Crossroads Deli – 2795 Hedberg Drive, Minnetonka – 952.546.6595	RSVP by February 26

SHORT STORY GROUP Reads one story each month, takes turns facilitating, and meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, starting at 9:30 a.m. to socialize, and at 10:00 a.m. for discussion. We would love to have you join our group. Contact Marian Altrowitz, maltrow@comcast.net or 952.935.1914 if you are interested. ***The meetings will be held via Zoom for the Winter months. Marian will send out the link.***

We are reading stories from “The Best Short Stories 2021”, edited by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

	THE JANUARY MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED	
	INFORMATION FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE SENT OUT BY EMAIL ONCE IT BECOMES AVAILABLE	

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

January 19	“At the Hour Between Dog and Wolf” by Tara Ison	Facilitator: Marilyn Wert
February 16	“Trust” by Herman Diaz	Facilitator: Joyce Martin
March 15	“Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus. <i>This meeting will be held in Saralee Mogilner’s party room at 9731 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka</i>	Facilitator: Beverly London

Fundraising Scholarship Funds

NEW DONATIONS POLICY: *Beginning immediately*, cards will not be sent until payment is received. As a reminder, you may send money in any amount to keep in a prepaid account. Deductions will be taken and tracked for each donation made.

For a minimum donation of \$10.00, BOND makes sending cards easy for ALL occasions, and you help BOND's Scholarship Funds, including the Judy Sherman Scholarship Fund, and the Early Childhood 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; margendmar@gmail.com

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DONATIONS

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	FISHHAUT EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND
Donna Robbins get well Eva Broude Maraline Slovut Memory of Marlene Brandys, sister-in-law of Eva Broude Margie Gendler Marks Marian Altrowitz Linda Gilfix Marlene Goldberg Nancy Strauss Memory of Darell Ansel, husband of Loni Ansel Millie Segal Marilyn Wert Linda Platt Suzanne Prass Honor of Maureen Fine's special birthday Gerry Feldman	Donna Robbins get well Beverly London Memory of Marlene Brandys, sister-in-law of Eva Broude Beverly London Lenore Miller
	JUDY SHERMAN FUND Saralee Mogilner, in Honor of Presidency Members of BOND

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who contributed to the gifts given to me in appreciation of my service as President of BOND.



Saralee Mogilner

SILVER AND COLLECTIBLES - Contact Nancy Garber at 952.922.4990 to donate your items.

Is your silver or silverplate no longer a treasure?

BOND Scholarship Funds 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!

\$6,974.15 has been raised for scholarships since the project began.

Meet our Member, Judy Serrell



I was born in Minneapolis, and my family and I lived in various cities over the years, including Chicago; Gary, Indiana; Salt Lake City, Utah; and St. Louis Park.

I started taking dancing and voice lessons when living in Salt Lake City and Chicago. We then moved to St. Louis Park, and after graduating from St. Louis Park High School, I went to the U of M for two years. I moved to California and continued pursuing dancing and singing. I eventually moved to New York City and studied dancing and music there too. I danced in “Wonder World,” in 1964 at the New York World’s Fair. I had the distinction of dancing with Chita Rivera and Gretchen Wilder! And, I was involved in a Little Theater Company, where John Parkinson was the director. It was there I met and developed a life-long friendship with none other than Morgan Freeman, who came and auditioned for a show in which I was dancing.

A few other roles I performed, among many others, were: “West Side Story” as Graziella and Francisca; “Once Upon a Mattress” as Lady in Waiting; “Can Can” as Marie; “Oklahoma” as Ado Annie; “Finian’s Rainbow” as Second Sharecropper”; and “Annie Get Your Gun” as Winnie Tate. I performed in concert with the U of M Folk Dancers; Israel-America Club; Yugoslavian Folk Dancers; German Folk Dancers; and Russian Folk Dancers.

Then I moved back to San Francisco and worked at the University of California San Francisco, based at General Hospital, in the Department of Medicine as an administrative assistant. After that, I moved to New York again, where I finally retired.

I eventually relocated to Minneapolis to live with my mother after my father passed away. I remained in the home until March 2022, when I moved to Jones-Harrison Assisted Living, I keep very busy and am extremely happy. And, as you probably know, I served as a past-president of BOND for two-years. I am most grateful for all the close friendships I have made because of my involvement with the organization.



Branching Out in New Directions MISSION STATEMENT

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