



East Mesa (AZ) Branch

February, 2022

Next General Meeting  
Wednesday, February 2, 1:00 p.m.

**\*\*\* A change – no treats, no drinks at the meeting; masks are required.**

Klysia Hand will be the featured speaker. She is a graduate of Antioch University in Seattle Washington. Klysia is an administrator and program manager for Rio Salado College Incarcerated Re-Entry Correspondence Education. She will speak about the programs and a pen pal program with the current inmates. Rio Salado is working with Matthew 25 Prison Ministries to provide funding for incarcerated women to start or complete a college education.

*"I have both power and voice and I am only beginning to use them"*

*Ally Raisman*

As a 2012 and 2016 Olympic gold medal gymnast, she was one of the women testifying in court to sexual abuse by their team doctor, Larry Nassar.

## Special Interest Groups Contact Information

Because we have many new members, listed below are groups you may want to be a part of, along with contact information

**Great Decisions** - Mary Hung, Chair  
[maryhung4@gmail.com](mailto:maryhung4@gmail.com)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 9:15 – will start a new book in February; books available

**Morning Book Club** – Judy Ruth & Janice Dill, Chairs  
[janicekdill@gmail.com](mailto:janicekdill@gmail.com)    [judyrruth449@gmail.com](mailto:judyrruth449@gmail.com)

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**Ladies of Literature** – Jocie Iszler, Chair  
[Jocie.iszler@gmail.com](mailto:Jocie.iszler@gmail.com)

**Public Policy/Diversity and Inclusion**  
Betsy Flaten and Sandra Lackore, Chairs  
[katperson@msn.com](mailto:katperson@msn.com)

**Book Review** – Pat Nixon, Chair  
[leepatnixon@cox.net](mailto:leepatnixon@cox.net)

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**Quilters and Crafters** – Judy Shehanian, Chair  
[dmsjas@mac.com](mailto:dmsjas@mac.com)

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1 p.m.; LW Quilting Room

**Food & Friends** – Kay Eakin & Carla Burman, Chairs  
[Eakin1@cox.net](mailto:Eakin1@cox.net);    [burmancl@yahoo.com](mailto:burmancl@yahoo.com)

**Gourmet Divas** – Lynn Peters, Chair  
[Lynnpeters56@gmail.com](mailto:Lynnpeters56@gmail.com)

## Incarcerated Re-Entry Correspondence Program Summary – Snapshot FY20

General Department Stats FY19 and FY18 (Please note scholarship funding was reduced in FY19 impacting enrollments, but focus on completion was successful):

| Department Stats | FY18  | FY19  | % Change |
|------------------|-------|-------|----------|
| Headcount        | 1,268 | 1,210 | -5%      |
| Enrollments      | 2,707 | 2,543 | -6%      |
| Awards Earned    | 178   | 241   | 35%      |

### Department Focus Area: - Grow Self-Pay Enrollments

| Semester         | Number of Classes | % Change Year over Year |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 4156 Fall 2015   | 0                 | N/A                     |
| 4166 Fall 2016   | 178               | ∞*                      |
| 4176 Fall 2017   | 225               | 26%                     |
| 4186 Fall 2018   | 302               | 34%                     |
|                  |                   |                         |
| 4162 Spring 2016 | 168               | N/A                     |
| 4172 Spring 2017 | 203               | 21%                     |
| 4182 Spring 2018 | 279               | 37%                     |
| 4192 Spring 2019 | 468               | 68%                     |
|                  |                   |                         |
| 4164 Summer 2016 | 141               | N/A                     |
| 4174 Summer 2017 | 160               | 13%                     |
| 4184 Summer 2018 | 300               | 88%                     |
| 4194 Summer 2019 | 389               | 30%                     |

**Completion Prior to Release**      FY18 Awards Earned: **178**      FY19 Awards Earned: **241**

### Recent Department Achievements:

- Partnered with PTK to offer participation to currently incarcerated students, received 8 applications to date.
- IRE team partnering with ASU and Salt River Pima Maricopa Tribe to present at to speak at National Indian Education Association in October.
- Partnered with ASU's college of Social Justice to acquire 2 ASU interns. This is in addition to 4 contingent worker volunteers to help support our growing workload.
- Through partnership efforts, we are now offering correspondence courses at Gila River Department of Corrections.

### Department Short-term, Mid-term goals

- Increase self-pay enrollments by 10% year over year.
- Participate in national and local conferences to drive program awareness.
- Partner with ADOC and JPay to bring correspondence tablet education offerings to incarcerated students. As ADOC moves to tablet based education, this transition will allow Rio to continue to serve this population and potentially other tablet-based students in other states.