

Project Points

What is Honored in A Country Will Be Cultivated There. — Plato

"Keeping you informed, connected and empowered."



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A meritocracy is a system in which the people who are the luckiest in the field and genetic endowment, luckiest in terms of family support, encouragement and probably income, luckiest in their education and career opportunities and luckiest in so many ways difficult to enumerate — these are the folks who reap the largest rewards.

The unfortunate thing about being ahead of your time is that finally people finally realize you were right... They say it was obvious all along.

The only way for a putative meritocracy to hope to pass ethical muster, to be considered fair, is if those who are the luckiest in all respects to have the greatest responsibility to work hard, to contribute to the betterment of the world and to share their luck with others.—Ben. S. Bernanke

Comments From Comments From

BMOD Members, Friends and Supporters

The Newsletter is great. Thanks for keeping us informed. —*Joya Dunbar*

Thank you Marvin and, as always, I appreciate the support of you and Robert - *Laya Gavin*

What a great newsletter! The articles were outstanding and I particularly enjoyed the one, "Who does your hair?" I am taking swimming lessons and need hair help. —*Gloria Wyatt*

It is great to see Ginger Spencer selected for one of the Forty Leaders Under 40 by the Phoenix Business Journal. She is a phenomenal woman. —*Channel Powe*

To have three of your members selected for the "Forty Under 40 Leaders" by the Phoenix Business Journal is such an honor for BBOD Project. Keep up the great work! - *Gloria Wyatt*

The selection of three BBOD Project members for the Business Journal "Forty Under 40" is very impressive. —*Richard Stern*

The story of the Ralstons is tremendous. It shows perseverance and residency. —*Darren Chapman*

I really enjoyed reading the story about "The Ralstons." It is a nice touch from BBOD Project to read this wonderful couple's life and business trajectory. —*Loretta Cheeks*

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Thanks for inviting me to the luncheon with Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema. I have always been a great supporter of hers. The food was great and the luncheon guests superb. —*Judy Berry*

You do a lot of good work for the community. —*Ernie Garfield*

A ship is safe in the harbor, but that is not what a ship is built for. —*William H. Shedd*

Elna Birks Mitchell, and her husband Johnny, were featured in the Arizona Republic and selected to receive the East Valley NAACP Humanitarian Award.

Steven Zachary, Zachary Law Group, named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association. This reflects his 25 years of legal expertise in Arizona and Minnesota.

Edward T. Howard and his wife LaRue are chairing the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Gala on Saturday, December 7, 2013 featuring Natalie Cole. Ed is on the Board of Trustees of the Scottsdale Cultural Council, the parent organization of the SCPA, BBOD Project members on the committee are Ora Fant, Benjamin Montgomery and Sylvia McDowell.

Kerwin Brown named Father of the Year by the American Diabetes Association and the Father's Day Council.

Quintin Boyce, Ed. D. named Principal of the Phoenix Union Bioscience High School.

Ora Fant elected to the board of Esperanza

Andre H. Merrett has joined the Law Firm of Sacks Tierney, PV

Jerry Oliver, Sr. elected president of the Rotary 100.

Melvin Jones elected to the board and named Vice President of the Phoenix Therapy Matters.

Terence "Terry" Roberts, MD, JD, elected to the Scottsdale Cultural Council Board of Trustees

Carla-Risha Wright promoted to senior sales manager at the Ritz Carlton Phoenix.

Erica Alexander has started a book club.

Shehara L. Smallwood received the Zeke McIntyre Pioneer Award from Edward Jones in recognition of her high achievements.

Tamika Curry Smith recognized as one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona by Arizona Business Magazine.

Gregory Winfree, JD, has been nominated by President Obama to become the Administrator of Research and Innovative Technology Administration in the US Department of Transportation.

