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## ARIZONA PATHFINDERS ANNUAL PICNIC

Join ARIZONA PATHFINDERS  
for our Annual Picnic  
May 11, 2017 — 6:00 PM



Ft. Lowell Park, 2900 North Craycroft Road,  
Ramada Number 2.

Skys the Limit Quartet will provide entertainment.

Bring your own meal. Board members will provide  
dessert. Free and open to the public.

## PATHFINDERS ANNUAL MEETING, TALK ABOUT JEFF MILTON AND SILENT AUCTION

On Tuesday March 14, 2017 the Arizona Historical  
Society Pathfinders and friends gathered at the  
Arizona Historical Society Auditorium for a potluck  
and meeting. Delicious desserts were furnished by  
members of the Pathfinders Board.

Mary Bell Cohen and husband, Ron along with Mary  
& John Flynn and friends decorated the round tables  
attractively in the theme of St. Patrick's Day.

An exciting Silent Auction was held with countless  
items that included books, cookware, puzzles, colorful  
handmade rugs and jewelry that had been placed  
on display by Beck Ney, Bob Stuart and dedicated  
Pathfinders.



Jeff Milton

Alan Kruse presented an  
interesting history and  
pictorial program entitled  
*Jeff Milton: A Good Man With  
A Gun*. With the assistance  
of Laraine Daly Jones,  
AHS collections' manager,  
three pieces of Mr. Milton's  
memorabilia were on display:  
his rocking chair, his gun and  
a large trunk.

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## ARIZONA PATHFINDERS, INC. 2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2016-2017 proved an excellent one,  
as Arizona Pathfinders, Inc. celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary.

A focused, committed and supportive Board  
continued to work cooperatively to facilitate the  
Corporation's goals of providing financial support to  
Tucson's Arizona History Museum.

Enjoyable and educational tours and interesting  
speakers brought history to life for members and  
provided many opportunities for collegial camaraderie  
with fellow history lovers.

### **The specifics of Board activities here follow:**

Treasurer John Flynn reported the following (please  
see attached summary of review by Member-at-Large  
Tommy Friedmann):

Pathfinders donated the following to the AHS  
Southern Division Museum:

\$3,676.65	Library carpet	Jan. 2017
1,500.00	Jim Ayres Project Intern	Feb. 2017
133.00	Les Roe Douglas Exhibit	Feb. 2017
<b>\$5,209.65</b>	<b>Total disbursed</b>	

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The enjoyable meeting ended with Pathfinders annual meeting and the presentation of the newly elected Board and officers that include:

**Bill Kalt**, President  
**Jana Grove Johnson**, Vice-President  
**Beck Ney**, Secretary  
**John Flynn**, Treasure  
**Tommy Friedman**, Member-at-Large.

*Tallia Cahoun*

## JANUARY 19, 2017 BROWN BAG

Clara May Schell, the first woman optometrist in the Territory of Arizona could have been Janolyn Lo Vecchio's friend if they had not lived one century apart.

At the January 19<sup>th</sup> Pathfinder Brown Bag, Janolyn Lo Vecchio gave a talk about C.M. Schell's life. It was a combination of a fascinating life story and of the social evolution of her time.

C. M. Schell was raised in Chicago. Her family moved to Morenci AZ at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and to Tucson in 1900.

She was the first woman licensed as an optometrist by the Arizona Board of Examiners in Optometry, in April 1907. She was not only a good and well-educated optometrist, but also a successful businesswoman.



She traveled all over Arizona, New Mexico and parts of Mexico with her husband (also an optometrist). They would sell the glasses that they manufactured in their own workshop. Arizona became a State in February 1912 and women got the right to vote in November 1912. In 1917 C.M. Schell successfully fought for a universal minimum wage (of \$10 per week). The minimum wage was set at \$16 per week in 1923, but later declared unconstitutional in 1925.

She became President of the Business Women's Club in 1923 and promoted classes for women, including physical fitness and arts. In 1931 she

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The Corporation held-assets summary (not including Endowment Funds):

2/27/ 2015	3/4/2016	3/1/2017
\$24,362	\$23,070	\$25, 309

### FY Income

2014	2015	2016-2017
\$3,612	*\$17, 225	\$11, 734

\*The previous year's Annual Report stated 2015 Income as \$13,244.

In addition to dues and income from tours, Pathfinders received a \$5,000 donation from the Joseph Kalt & Judy Gans Family Foundation for the purpose of starting an endowment fund.

The Board directed that \$500 be added from the General Fund and Treasurer John Flynn and Secretary Beck Ney purchased a \$5,500 Certificate of Deposit on behalf of the Corporation in March 2017.

Beck Ney did an outstanding job concisely and accurately recording the meeting minutes as Pathfinders' Secretary.

Sincere thanks is extended to Barbara Myers, Margaret McKay and Alan Kruse for their service to the board.

In addition, Vice President and nominating chair Roberta "Bobbie" Crawford steps down from the Board of Directors. Her enduring contribution to the Corporation cannot be over-stated. A member of Pathfinders since 1984, Bobbie served as Pathfinders

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launched a campaign for "rest quarters" (i.e., restrooms) for women in department stores. The first restrooms appeared at Steinfeld's, soon followed by the National Bank and the Court House.

C.M. Schell succeeded in blending technology, business and politics. She was a medical specialist, a suffragette and a business and community leader. This combination could seem "normal" nowadays but it was "extraordinary" at the beginning of the 20th century. She retired in 1946 at age 74, dying in 1955 at age 84. She is remembered in the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame.

Lo Vecchio's lecture was all the more fascinating in that it was not only the life story of a remarkable lady, but also the story of the evolution of the city of Tucson, its institutions and its people.

—Anne Marie Laurian

President for four years and as vice-president for four additional years. In sum, her tenure has provided a sterling example of dedication, commitment and concern. Her contributions stand much appreciated and she will be sorely missed.

### **Membership Committee Chair Mary Flynn**

March 2015 –131 members with 86 paid and 8 honorary memberships.

March 2016 –131 members with 111 paid members.

March 2017 –132 members with 80 paid memberships to date.

In addition, the following members devoted considerable time to:

- Redesigning the Corporation's membership brochure—Tommy Friedmann, Charity Everitt
- Developing a tiered-membership format designed to honor members who contribute more than the basic dues amount— Ken Karrels, Jana Grove Johnson
- Developing an attractive website with a highly professional appearance ([www.azpathfinders.org](http://www.azpathfinders.org)) and continuing to expand the use of social media in promoting events—Dorothy Yanez
- Working to more fully utilize the organization's e-mail to answer questions and collect responses—Tommy Friedmann, Dorothy Yanez

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## **ARIZONA PATHFINDERS SILENT AUCTION**

In conjunction with the Pot Luck and presentation by Alan Kruse about Jeff Milton, the Pathfinders conducted a Silent Auction on March 14.

There were 40 items including books with a western theme, gift cards and baskets filled with interesting items, kitchen items, braided rugs, jewelry and other interesting things.

The Arizona Historical Society's libraries and archives will benefit from \$475 profit on the auctioned items and another \$10.00 donated making a profit of \$485 for Pathfinders.

Many Pathfinders contributed items and time to make this event successful. Thanks to the committee of John and Mary Flynn, Tommy and Margot Friedman, Charity Everitt, Dorothy Yanez, Jana Grove Johnson and Beck Ney.

—Bob Stuart

Multiple interesting and educational presentations enlivened Pathfinders' Speakers Program during the year, including:

March 2016	Ruben Moreno	History of Mariachi
Oct 2016	J.J. Lamb	History of Vail
Dec 2016	Wm. Kalt	Early Arizona Aviation
Jan 2017	Jan LoVecchio	Clara Schell, Pioneer Suffragist

May 2016's annual Brown Bag Picnic, held at the Museum's Sosa-Carrillo House, celebrated 40 years of Pathfinders support to benefit the Tucson Museum and featured widely-acclaimed *La Luz de Luna Mariachis*. Barbara Myers and Mary Cohen provided an attractive sheet cake for the event and seasonal decorations this and other events.

Publicity Committee Chair Tommy Friedmann, published the *Pathfinder Press* three times during the year, announcing up-coming events, past fun and information about Pathfinders' mission and board members. Donna Kamper's exciting graphics and design helped produce attractive flyers to promote the Corporation's tours and speakers. Tommy Friedmann, Bob Stuart, Dorothy Yanez, Margaret Mackay and Alan Kruse worked to publicize our activities.

Back-of-the House Tour Chair Beck Ney produced an organized and informative program featuring highly-knowledgeable Interpretative Guides who provided unique facts on items in the Museum's collection not currently on display. The efforts of Jerry Freund, John Flynn, Tallia Cahoon, Jay Van Orden, Katcha Peterson, Charity Everitt, Ken Karrels, Tommy Friedmann, Jana Grove Johnson, Francis Walker, Laraine Daly Jones, Henry Yanez, Margo Friedmann, Mary Cohen, Bill Ingraham, Bob Stuart and Beck Ney helped ensure an enlightening and enjoyable Tour.

Bob Stuart and Jan Grove Johnson worked diligently on Pathfinder's Raffle Committee.

Tommy Friedmann and Dorothy Yanez continued to develop the Corporation's Facebook page, posting announcements of future activities, images of current events and other group's announcements.

Use of the [azpathfindersahs@gmail.com](mailto:azpathfindersahs@gmail.com) address continued and the Arizona Pathfinders Facebook page, which obtained 81 likes during its first year and expanded to 99 with 98 followers by March 2017.

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Members should take the opportunity to “Like” Arizona Pathfinders on Facebook and stay informed on local history happenings.

### Progress Report on 2015-2016 Annual Report Goals

The Corporation’s 2015-2016 Annual Report identified five short-term organizational goals:

- Finalize plans for the celebration of Pathfinder’s 40th Anniversary in May 2016 at AHS’s Sosa-Carrillo-Fremont House on the campus of the Tucson Community Center. This event proved very successful thanks to cooperative efforts of board members.
- Develop an organizational website and secure a webmaster. The website is active as of January 9, 2017 and Dorothy Yanez serves as webmaster.
- Continue to explore designation for various levels of giving to Pathfinders. A tiered membership structure has been developed and implemented.
- Follow-up on the committee which met to explore establishing an endowment fund and voted to table

discussion until November 2016. The endowment fund has been established and a \$5,500 Certificate of Deposit purchased.

- Explore future Back-of-the-House and Hidden Tucson Tours and Silent Auctions. The 2017 Back-of-the-House took place February 11, 2017 and netted \$400. The Hidden Tucson Tour is set for April 8, 2017 and Silent Auction staged on March 14, 2017.

### Short-Term Goals for 2017-2018 include:

- Double the value of the Corporation’s Endowment Fund
- Increase membership by 20%
- Increase attendance at Speakers Program events to 60 attendees

The members of this multi-talented and committed Board continue to work cooperatively to meet organizational goals of providing financial support to Tucson’s Arizona History Museum and share regional history. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as president of Arizona Pathfinders, Inc.

*Respectfully submitted,  
W.D. Kalt III, President*

### ARIZONA PATHFINDERS 2017 – 2018 BOARD

Tallia Cahoon	Jana Grove Johnson
Mary Bell Cohen	Sally Julian
Ruth Edmark	Bill Kalt
Charity Everitt	Ken Karrels
Mary Flynn	Anne Marie Laurian
John Flynn	Beck Rupkey Ney
Jerry Freund	Bob Stuart
Margot Friedmann	Frances Walker
Tommy Friedmann	Dorothy Yanez
William Ingrham	Henry Yanez

### ARIZONA PATHFINDERS 2017 – 2018 OFFICERS

<b>President</b> . . . . .	Bill Kalt
<b>Vice President</b> . . . . .	Jana Grove Johnson
<b>Treasurer</b> . . . . .	John Flynn
<b>Secretary</b> . . . . .	Beck Ney
<b>Member at Large</b> . . . . .	Tommy Friedmann

### BACK OF THE HOUSE TOUR

On February 11, 2017 a tour of the Arizona History Museum’s hidden treasures was held. We divided into groups and visited four areas. At each a Pathfinder volunteer gave a small talk about chosen artifacts.

Tallia Cahoon gave a presentation around some early textiles including a shawl that had been in her family. John Flynn had some interesting remarks about some early saddles, a petroleum-based refrigerator, etc.



Jay Van Orden showed some of the museum’s impressive



collection of weapons. Jerry Freund concentrated on some of the fine baskets and pottery in the collection.

Many thought the highlight was Katcha Peterson’s presentation on her mother, Cele Peterson’s collection. Katcha gave us insights into her mother’s business and fascinating facts about her view of fashion.

## TREASURER'S REPORT



### ARIZONA PATHFINDERS 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Income

Dues		\$ 645.00
Donations		841.00
Endowment donation		5,000.00
Income from Tours	\$ 29,875.00	
Tour Expenses	19,627.00	
Tour Surplus	\$ 10,248.00	10,248.00
Total Income	16,734.00	16,734.00

#### Disbursements

To AHS:		
History Lab		2,500.00
Collections Shelving		4,376.00
Intern		1,200.00
Annual Party		100.00
AHS Total		8,176.00
Other Expenses		
		626.00
Total Disbursements		\$ 8,802.00
Cash on hand 1-1-2017	\$ 34,049.00	

We had a very good year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Flynn, Treasurer

## ARIZONA PATHFINDERS MEMBERSHIP

Arizona Pathfinders board has voted to modify the structure of dues. Now you have the chance to become a lifetime member and contribute to our support of the Arizona History Museum.

Dues cover a calendar year. Please remember to keep us current of changes to your e-mail and street addresses so we can keep you current of our activities.

### ARIZONA PATHFINDERS, INC.

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#### ANNUAL DUES (JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31)

PIONEER:..... \$10,000 and above  
 BENEFACTOR:..... \$1,000 to \$9,999  
 PATRON:..... \$500 to \$999  
 (Pioneer, Benefactor and Patron are Arizona Pathfinders lifetime memberships.)

SPONSOR:..... \$100 to \$499  
 DISTINGUISHED MEMBER:..... \$26 to \$99  
 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:..... \$15  
 COUPLES:..... \$25

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please fill out and mail with your check made out to **Arizona Pathfinders, Inc.** to:

Arizona Pathfinders, Inc., c/o Arizona Historical Society, 949 East 2nd Street, Tucson AZ 85719

We ask that you notify Pathfinders when your address, telephone number or e-mail address changes. Thanks. **Note:** Pathfinders does not share, sell or otherwise misuse your personal information. It is only used outside Pathfinders' business for an Arizona Historical Society (AHS) event.