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Greetings,

Congratulations to the Phoenix Writers Club on your historic 100th anniversary! For a century, the Phoenix Writers Club has fostered creative expression, preserved Arizona's literary history, and brought writers together. Your efforts have helped ensure that the stories, voices, and achievements of local writers and poets are nurtured, celebrated, and preserved for generations to come.

In 1926, a pioneering group of women journalists, authors, and poets came together to create a space to share their love of writing, carving out a place of their own in Arizona's history. From founding members like Margaret Wheeler Ross to Marguerite Graper, who helped secure National Poetry Day in 1955, the Club's history is rich with pioneering spirit. What began with a shared passion for writing has grown into a vibrant community where writers of all genres and skill levels come together under the enduring motto of "Writers Helping Writers."

As you gather for tonight's centennial celebration, featuring Arizona's inaugural Poet Laureate, Alberto Ríos, I want to extend my warmest congratulations and sincere appreciation to the leadership, Board of Directors, members, and supporters of the Phoenix Writers Club. Thank you for a century of dedication to Arizona's literary community, and best wishes for another 100 years of inspiring writers, bringing people together, and helping shape Arizona's story!



Sincerely,

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