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RE: Congratulations Phoenix Writers Club!

It is indeed an honor to write this letter in honor of 100 years of "writers helping writers." In Arizona this has meant that women who were once denied access to a male press club because they were women, have now shown that not only did they resist such discrimination, but they thrived because of it. Arizona women, Westerners at heart, established the Phoenix Writers Club, way back in 1926, opening the doors to women and men willing to share their writing with one another and, indeed, with the entire state of Arizona.

It was my pleasure to become acquainted with the Phoenix Writers Club in 1997 when my first book of short stories was released. I found the women to be determined, inspiring, friendly and willing to put the heart of writing into a perspective that would encourage and embrace others. It meant the world to me that they were there, in spite of all odds, still being true to who they were: WRITERS!

Now, 100 years later, through strong leadership, and inspiring avenues developed to motivate all who sought their help, they have risen to include numerous writers who have given us writing that might have never appeared, had the Phoenix Writers Club not been established.

Once again, my thanks for all who have given so much to Phoenix Writers Club. Your tenacity, courage, humor and so much more has led us to embark on numerous projects that have created new writing that, perhaps, would have never been created had you not been there.

Felicidades, as I would say in Spanish! May more triumphs in writing be yours, and may you continue to inspire writers to do what they were born to do: WRITE!

With love and wishes for continued success,
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