

## **PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS OF THE PHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **André Klein**

André Klein was born in Brussels, Belgium in 1942. Two years prior to his birth, the Nazis invaded the country. Deportation of Jews began July 1942. His father was a victim of the Nazi atrocities and perished in Auschwitz. His mother placed André and his sister in hiding with Christian families and she sent her eldest son to be sheltered in a convent.

With the help of good neighbors and the Resistance, his mother survived. André immigrated to the US in 1955 with his mother and siblings and they settled first in Brooklyn and later in the Bronx.

André moved from New York City to Phoenix with his wife and daughter in 1952. He taught French at the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management from which he retired as Associate Professor Emeritus of French.

André has been a member of the Phoenix Holocaust Association since 2014 and shared his story recently with students and other viewers through the Arizona Jewish Historical Society's monthly series of lectures by Holocaust survivors.

### **Karen Perna**

Karen Perna is a 2G and is fortunate to have known her great grandparent, grandparents, and aunt. Her mother and family fled to US in March 1940. She has had a lifelong desire to share her family's history to enrich others to not only the Holocaust but also to other genocides continuing to happen in our world today. "Knowledge is power, and it is my responsibility to share my history and knowledge with others."

Karen moved to Arizona in 1981 with her husband and two young children. Karen's first achievement was to get the Jewish Holidays on the Mesa School District Academic calendar.

Her education includes a BA in Human Development and Adult Education, MA in Counseling and Adult Education, and postgraduate certification in Counseling (grades K-12). Karen has had multiple positions with Rio Salado Community College, Intel Corporation and East Valley Institute of Technology.

Karen's current activities include PHA Education Committee, East Valley JCC member and Discussion Forum group co-leader, Arizona Jewish Historical Society volunteer, PHA Speakers Bureau, and a member of the 2G group in her hometown of South Bend, IN.