

OREGON ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDERS

ATHENIAN LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

CHINOOK WINDS RESORT - LINCOLN CITY, OREGON

ANNAPURNA: A WOMAN'S PLACE BY ARLENE BLUM

ASSESSMENT

In order to receive educational credits for today's Athenian Leadership Dialogue, please respond to the following questions. Responses are due by October 30, 2026, and should be submitted electronically to phawker97367@gmail.com.

1. Blum describes the team as having a mix of personalities. How does she portray the team's interpersonal relationships, including the tensions, solidarity, and subsequent tragedies, feelings of guilt or resentment? Do you recognize any of these interpersonal relationships in your workplace?
2. How does Arlene Blum's leadership style differ from typical male-led expeditions of that era, particularly in terms of decision-making and collaborative goals? What is the leadership style of your City Manager or Executive Director, and describe the differences between your current leadership and that of Arlene Blum as leader of the Annapurna expedition.
3. How can you incorporate Blum's leadership principles into your professional or personal life?
4. Which characters stood out as leaders in the book? Explain, who, and why?