

Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak



Welcome to the Holidays!

Ladies,

The Rhinestone Cowboy Ball was an incredible affair, thanks to so many very creative women working together. A special 'thank you' to Polly Reed and Patti Acridge and all their great committees who managed every detail to present us with a wonderful evening of dazzling silent and live auction items, elegant dining and awesome entertainment. The dance floor was packed until the very last song ended. I would be remiss if I did not also express my gratitude to all of you who supported this fundraising gala - either by attending or otherwise contributing, or both. It was an extraordinary night.....Thank you, Thank you!



With 2007 fast fading away, we can reflect and be proud of the work we have done. It was extremely gratifying to distribute funds to the well deserving charities that we are supporting last May.

Generous donations were brought to the November meeting for Nancy Mavrides's Build-A-Bed drive for Homeward Bound. The need for bedding is ongoing, so if you missed the opportunity to bring a contribution in November, she is happy to accept additional donations at the December luncheon. Along that same line, Gerry Wolf is planning a Christmas party for the children at Pappas on December 20, so you can bring unwrapped toys to the December meeting. You can also volunteer to attend the party.

We had a sell out crowd at our November luncheon. Sheriff Joe Arpaio totally lived up to his colorful reputation and brought a huge level of excitement to our meeting. The December luncheon will be a bit more reserved as we enjoy wonderful Holiday music.

As the old year ends and the new one begins, may we as Creative Women, resolve to work together for the common goal of truly making a difference in as many lives as possible. We have two more exciting events coming up. Attending these events affords you the opportunity to feel tremendous joy, knowing you are impacting many less fortunate lives. On top of that, think of the outright FUN you will have.

The "Star Spangled Spring" Fashion Show is shaping up to be a spectacular event. The first meeting of the committee was so full of enthusiasm and positive energy. This event should be a 'Can't Miss' date on your calendar. Mark it now for February 23, 2008 at the Westin Kierland Resort.

April will bring us an exciting and newly formatted Home Tour. Details will follow soon so you can all make plans to round up friends and family to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all at the December 12th luncheon at Troon Country Club. Please accept my very best wishes to all for a joyous Holiday Season and a Blessed New Year.

Jackie Cromett



Musings from Joanie! By Joanie Burchmore

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Our December Program promises to entertain in the warmest spirit of the holidays with the gift of music.

We are fortunate to welcome two extremely talented musicians: Brent Hylton, Director of Music at The Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, and Kira Rugen, Director of the Children's Singing Choir.

Kira's exquisite singing voice will captivate all, with Brent accompanying her on the piano.

Many thanks to our CWPP members who bought ads in the Rhinestone Cowboy Program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

- Cynthia Adam
- Norma Bell
- Marieann Green
- Michal Ann Joyner

STAR SPANGLED SPRING

Our annual spring Fashion Show, this year entitled Star Spangled Spring, will be on Saturday, February 23rd at the Westin Kierland.

The show promises to be a fashion extravaganza, preceded by a Silent Auction and Tablesapes Raffle.

We have a hard-working committee assembled which is already working to produce a fabulous show. If you're interested in joining the committee, please email

- Leslie Landauer
- Nancy Mavrides
- Donna Mobley
- Polly Reed
- Sally Schaefer
- Trish Schell
- Deborah Trullinger



Joaniemore@hotmail.com.

TableScapes Needed

Please put together a group and volunteer for a TableScape. It's a valuable contribution to our fundraiser, brings together friends, and showcases the creative efforts of our members.

Call Toy Martin at 480-473-7923 to participate.

*Sing as if no one is listening!
Love as if you've never been hurt!
Dance as if no one is watching,
and Live as if Heaven is on Earth!
Happy Holidays!*



Season's Greetings

Membership Update! By Michal Joyner

Hi ladies! I hope you've been regularly checking out the website. I'm trying to post new photos on a weekly basis to keep things interesting and fun. The whole goal of the website is to keep us all connected on a more personal basis. I believe it will also help each of us to get to know one another. I'd really like all of you to send me photos that you think should be on the site. My goal is to catch the Creative Women being Creative! I can't promise to post them all, but we want to have a variety. I again want to extend an invitation to anyone who desires some instruction on how to maneuver around the Website. I will host a one hour training at my office, and I promise to help you feel more comfortable visiting the site. Contact me at michaljoyner@cox.net if you're interested.



Meet our new member-Welcome, Robin Austin!

By Viki Brown

Creative Women thanks Paula Wright for sponsoring New Member Robin Austin. Many of you met Robin during check in at the November luncheon. Robin is originally from California but has lived in the Valley since 1970. She has a son in Portland Oregon and a daughter in Washington D.C. Robin and her husband,

Robert, enjoy scuba diving, hiking and kayaking. She enjoys writing and hopes to publish a book one day. Robin worked in the Paradise Valley School district for many years with children with special needs. She is excited by the opportunities Creative Women offers, and she looks forward to helping others.



Pappas Children's Holiday Party-December 20th

The "ANNUAL PAPPAS HOLIDAY-CELEBRATION" will be held on DECEMBER 20, 2007 at 8:30 am on the Pappas Elementary Campus...335 N. 5th Avenue Phoenix...and we hope that everyone will participate in making this day one filled with toys, music, sugarplums & smiles...everything that children in grades K-5 dream of. To Volunteer...you may sign up at the



December meeting, or call/e-mail Gerry Wolf, Jeri Westphal, or Kathy Kaplan...phone numbers and e-mail

addresses may be found in the directory. Volunteers need to be at Pappas by 8:30. If you weren't able to bring a toy to the November meeting, you can bring one to the December meeting, and the ladies will ensure that your gift makes it to the children.



December Meeting-Troon Country Club-December 12th

Our Holiday meeting will be early this year on Wednesday, December 12th. Please call **480-502-1773** to make your reservation if you're not on the standing reservation list. Directions are on the Website at www.cwpp.org under "Meetings".



This letter is being reproduced in its original form as it speaks volumes about the impact of our efforts

November 26, 2007

Ms. Jackie Cromett, President
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Scottsdale, AZ 85255



Dear Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak members:

The day your CWPP angels delivered 70 sets of bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths, 65 pillows, 20 mattress pads, and 4 pairs of pajamas, we thought it was Christmas! To receive \$3,040 worth of linens was a gift of gifts.

Later that day, Krystal and her two children arrived to move into the safe and nurturing environment of The Thunderbirds Family Village. They had fled Pennsylvania and a life of physical, emotional and financial abuse at the hands of their husband and father. Krystal arrived with a black eye and four broken ribs, the children arrived with broken hearts and much damaged spirits. Imagine their delight when they went to sleep that night on new sheets, covered with comfy, cozy blankets, and with their heads resting on new pillows. Your gift played a role within 12 hours of delivery.

We are so grateful for each and every woman who gives of her time, talents and treasure vis-à-vis the Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak. You change lives - comforting families, supporting fragile women, and giving little ones an opportunity to grow and prosper. For a decade, you have been a partner in building a strong base for Homeward Bound, helping us with the tools we need to give homeless and domestic violence children and their families a better tomorrow.

May each of you have a blessed holiday season and a happy healthy New Year.

I remain, appreciatively,

Pamela A. Martin, Ph.D.
President/Executive Director

Membership Task Force Forming—Message from Susan Wain

Susan Wain is seeking volunteers to participate in the Membership Task Force. This is a great opportunity to help shape the future of our organization and ensure that we are maximizing the potential of our membership. The Task Force will research other non-profits as to membership guidelines, criteria, dues, and member responsibilities and then objectively review CWPP's membership standards. The Task Force will make recommendations to the Board at the May board meeting. If you are interested in participating, please email your contact information to Susan Wain (suwain@aol.com) and plan on attending a short meeting immediately following our December Luncheon.

