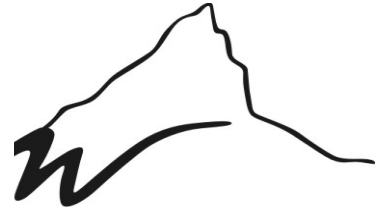


Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak— November 2007 Newsletter



November, 2007

Hello Creative Women,

It seems impossible that we are approaching the holiday season again. But what a wonderful time of year as we look forward to sharing good times with family and friends. As we near this exciting time of year, we must remember our commitment to helping those less fortunate. Keep in mind our drive to 'build beds' for women and children at Homeward Bound during the next two months. I hope we bring so many items to the November luncheon that Nancy Mavrides will have to rent a U-Haul to deliver them all! (See Pg. 9 for more info)

Last month's orientation of new members was a huge success thanks to the coordinated efforts of Viki Brown, Marsha Gershberg, Caroline Phillips and Michal Joyner. Once again, Welcome New Members!

Polly Reed and Patti Acridge are still hard at work as December 1st and the Rhinestone Cowboy Ball is fast approaching. They, along with their committees, have devoted themselves to bringing us a fantastic evening. If you have not made your reservations, please invite family and friends and get the RSVP cards in the mail now. We need the entire membership's support to make this event more successful than ever. I also encourage our professional women to purchase ads in the Rhinestone Cowboy Ball Program.

I hope everyone at last month's luncheon had a chance to enjoy the scrapbooks from past years. I would like to thank Jann Loerch and Christine Spitler, last year's Historians, for putting together an absolutely beautiful scrapbook for 2007. In case you did not get a chance to see it, I will bring it to the next meeting.

Remember that our luncheon is early this month due to Thanksgiving week conflict. I am looking forward to seeing everyone November 14th at The Westin Kierland Resort.

See you all at our early November Meeting.

Sincerely, Jackie Cromett



President, Jackie Cromett

What to wear?

Many ladies have asked about what to wear to the Rhinestone Cowboy. Out West Mercantile in Cave Creek is offering our members a 20% discount on any items purchased between now and the event. They'll give you expert advice and they carry all sizes.

Thanks **Out West! Must wear badge.**

November Luncheon

This month's luncheon will be held at the Westin Kierland Commons at 11:00 AM on November 14th. Be sure to call **480-502-1773** for reservations. The Westin is located on Greenway-Hayden Parkway.

Deadline for reservations is the 9th

We Remember Pappas-By Kathy Kaplan

As most of you are aware the Thomas J. Pappas School will close its doors at the end of the school year, and for many of our members this is the end of a long and loving association with the school and its children...but don't despair just take a few minutes to remember...

Remember...that prior to 1998 we had already donated over \$200,000.00 to the school, and that as of 2005 they had received over \$630,000.00. These funds supported the clothing room, nurse's office, reading programs, purchased educational software & computers, enriched the students lives with music, and provided transportation in two buses.

Remember...to give credit to our past and present Boards and membership for their dedication, compassion and hard work; all of which ensured that the children of Pappas had a richer education and a healthier, happier childhood

Remember.... Bette Sullivan aloft in a cherry picker

placing a star on the holiday tree

Remember...the school's yearly holiday party where CWPP elves...Sonny Shlachter, Renee Kreigel, Michal Joyner, Joanie Burchmore, Barbara Rundbaken, Jennifer Marchant & Gail Neid to name a few helped Santa to spread good cheer, and the gentle voices of the "Pappas Kids" singing at our December luncheons

Remember...Sandy Mills and the well loved "Toy Room" and joyful monthly birthday celebrations

Remember...Gerry Wolf and the hundreds of children she cared for in the clothing room

Remember...the mentors Annie Rice, Jeri Westphal, Andrea Keck, Belinda Bergman, and the tutors Rita Spizzirri, Leigh Voorhees, Dori Erlich, Nancy Manseth, Cindy Roeder, Marita Gallagher and so many more who gave of their time and expertise

Remember...how good it felt when a child finally read... when their eyes danced in their heads as they

received those war coats and sneakers...when you first realized that you felt good about helping these kids...and above all else

Remember...that we made a difference... remember the smiles...the smudged faces... the laughter...and the small hands that you held... because they remember you!

So take a moment to look back and then turn to the future...and remember that there are children who need our help, love, guidance and financial support at Homeward Bound, Foundation for Blind Children, Maggie's Place, Sojourner Center, The Family School to name a few, and that new memories are waiting to be made simply by reaching out and volunteering



2006-2007 CWPP Award Recipients Awarded at the May, 2007 Meeting

Pinnacle Award - GERRY WOLF

Awarded to a member who has provided major support and time to the club over a number of years.

Creative Woman of the Year - PATTI ACRIDGE

Awarded to a member who has been especially active and involved in club work during the current year.

Spirit Award - JOAN BURCHMORE

Awarded to a member who has created a positive approach through her work and through her presence.

New Member Award - JENNIFER MARCHANT

Awarded to a new member who, during her first year in CWPP, has made a major contribution of time and assistance.

Humanitarian Award - POLLY RINGDAHL

Awarded to a member who has made a personal impact on our charities, either through hands on involvement or monetary contributions.

Unsung Hero for the Year - LEIGH VOORHEES

Awarded to the member who through the year has contributed to the benefit of CWPP in a manner that may not always be apparent to the membership. A member who is behind the scenes, without fanfare, but whose efforts ensure the success of CWPP programs and events,



Yes, yes, I know that Halloween is past, but this is my Editor's prerogative! We're calling this a Thanksgiving kitty!

Rhinestone Cowboy Live Auction Update!

By Trish Schell

You could be the lucky bidder on a 7-day Caribbean or Mexican Riviera cruise for two on a 5-star Holland America cruise ship! Then get ready to experience pampering for one entire week! Feel the sea breeze blowing across your face as you leave your worldly stresses back in Arizona. Let

someone else cook your meals, make your beds and entertain you! This fantastic live-auction item



is being arranged by Trish Schell. She will be at the November general meeting with brochures for you to review itineraries and dates

available.

We also have 2 round trip tickets on Southwest and a round of golf for 4 at the Boulders Resort.



Pappas Holiday Party! By Gerry Wolf

BE OF GOOD CHEER...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, sugar-plums & smiles...everything that children in grades K-5 dream of.

To Volunteer...you may sign up at the November meeting, or call/e-mail Gerry Wolf, Jeri Westphal, or Kathy Kaplan...phone numbers and e-mail addresses may be found in the directory

To Participate in the fun... please bring unwrapped toys, books, puzzles, sports equipment, skateboards, Lego's, baby dolls, actions figures etc. to the No-

vember meeting

This is always an uplifting day... one not to be missed...no pouting, or crying here...just lots of smiles... and one that is sure to start your holidays off on the best possible note...so hop aboard the sleigh...test those caroling voices...don something red, or green and join in the fun...see you at the party!!!



Kathy Kaplan and Jeri Westphal at last year's Holiday Children's party!

New Member Spotlight! Meet Lisa Woodside! By Marsha Gershberg

Lisa and her husband came to Arizona from Seattle two years ago. After retirement, they hoped to create a more balanced life. Lisa became a Certified Financial Planner, and her husband, Paul, is studying for his CFP so that he can work with her. Their hope is to work part-time and spend quality time together giving back to the community. She has lived in Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Atlanta, Seattle, Delray Beach and Charlotte prior to moving to Arizona. No wonder she wants to settle down!

Lisa loves to snow ski, play golf and travel. She also loves music and feels our beautiful mountains bring her peace. She's looking forward to being an active participant in CWPP.



Lisa Woodside

The Rhinestone Cowboy Ball By Polly Reed and Patti Acridge

We are getting closer to our December 1, fun filled Rhinestone Cowboy Ball. We have a great evening planned for you. We have lots of wonderful Music, Dancing, many Surprises and a Delicious Dinner. Get your friends & family together to make up your table, and put on your "thinking cap" to come up with a Silent Auction item. Remember to bring your silent auction items to the November meeting. All members are expected to contribute. If you are unable to attend our event, we will be happy to accept your cash donations to help with our many charities. We need everyone to get involved to make our Ball a Real Success.....So y'all come.



Pictured left to right: Harv & Patty Acridge, Jackie Cromett, Polly Reed & Bill Cromett

November Luncheon Highlights

MENU

Mixed Greens with Grilled Chicken Breast
Candied Pecans, Berries, and Crumbled Feta Cheese
Fresh Baked Rolls with Butter
Flourless Chocolate Cake on Pinon Crust with Fresh Berries
Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Starbucks Coffee
Selection of Premium Teas

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November's Guest Speaker: Sheriff Joe Arpaio By Joanie Burchmore

You probably know him as "America's Toughest Sheriff," a name given to him years ago by the media. It's a name he certainly has earned as head of the nation's third largest Sheriff's office which employs over 3,000 people. But even before he became Sheriff in 1993, Joe Arpaio was one tough lawman. After serving in the U.S. Army and as a Washington D.C. and Las Vegas police officer, Arpaio went on to build a federal law enforcement career and a reputation for fighting crime and drug trafficking around the world. This should be a very interesting program!

November Luncheon Location!



The November luncheon is at the Westin Kierland Commons. The entrance is about 1 mile west of Scottsdale Road on Greenway-Hayden Parkway. There is a huge parking lot, and there is also valet parking available. If you don't intend to valet, allow enough time to walk from the parking lot.

General Membership Information, Corrections, and Birthdays for November 2007-By Michal Ann Joyner

Directory Changes-Please correct your Directories

Grace Gogerty's e-mail—ggogerty@yahoo.com

Andrea Douglas-Cell phone—480-221-8132

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Reitz 11/1

Roxana McClellan 11/1

Bela Fidel 11/1

Ellenmarie Beal 11/2

Sally Judd 11/3

Judy Peters 11/13

Susan Byrd 11/16

Caroline Phillips 11/20

Linda Ehrlich 11/21

Nancy Shamadan 11/25



The photo directly above is Susan's photo that's hanging in the new Scottsdale Healthcare Hospital. The photo to the right is of Susan sitting on the Great wall of China.

Getting to Know Susan Byrd!

Born in Spokane, WA, Susan Byrd, arrived in Scottsdale in 1985 via Colorado where she was Executive Director of the Greeley Convention Bureau and the Colorado Springs Attractions Assn. Susan is a Cum Laude Home Economics graduate from the U of Idaho and was the NW Regional Promotion Coordinator and Home Economist for the American Egg Board. Her career in AZ included marketing downtown Scottsdale as Exe. Dr. of FOCUS and the Fifth Avenue Area Property Owners and Merchants Assn. She was an Acct Exec for two prominent public relations firms in Phoenix. Currently, she is an independent fashion coordinator and fine art photographer.

Susan is honored to be a graduate of Phoenix's Valley Leadership program and the WA Agriculture Leadership Education Assn. Her current interests include heirloom sewing and traveling the world to photograph interesting places and people. She attends the Martha Pullen School of Art Fashion annually for a week of intensive training. She is a 8 year member of CWPP and member of AZ Women In Food and Wine.

As one of the artists for the new Scottsdale Healthcare Hospital four photos are displayed, one is 60" X 37"and she won an award placque for her print at the State Fair national photo competition.

Susan is married to Jack Byrd and has 2 children, 1 granddaughter, and 1 1/2 great-grand children.



Opportunities to Volunteer by Alice Colston Vice-President of Charities

We all have been looking for opportunities to further donate time within our group. We will be posting volunteer opportunities on our website by the end of next week. You can then re-search all of our Charities and the different ways you can contribute time and

money to these worthy causes. I will also have a printed version of these opportunities available at the November meeting.



Alice speaking at October luncheon

2008 Home Tour By Debbie Sinagoga & Polly Ringdahl

Hi ladies: My name is Debbie Sinagoga, and I will be co-chairing this year's home tour along with precious Polly Ringdahl. My partner, Deborah Trullinger will also assist us. We will be holding a introductory meeting

Work like you don't need the money, Love like you've never been hurt, and Dance like no one is watching!

in November to discuss new ideas relating to this event. We'd like to invite anyone

who is interested in serving with us to e-mail me at dsinagoga@efineliving.com or Polly Ringdahl at pollyringdahl@cox.net. You can also call me at 480-703-2299. Watch for a Blast in early November to announce the meeting date.



Debbie Sinagoga and Deborah Trullinger

"Build a Bed" drive for Homeward Bound.

By Nancy Mavrides

If you missed the last meeting, we announced that we all will bring linens to the November meeting. The 'build a bed' program is all or part of everything needed for twin beds or full/double beds only; sheets, mattress pads, plastic mattress covers, pillows and blankets. Nancy Mavrides will deliver them to Homeward Bound. If you can not attend the meeting and would like to donate a bed items, please call her

at 502-2030 and arrange a pickup. Mervyn's has a special on pillows, 2 for \$5.00!!! Linens & Things accepts all coupons and will let you use more than one at a time. Other needed items are Baby wipes & formula - 'Enfamil with Lipid'. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. Homeward Bound thanks you in advance. If you wish more information on this major Charity, please go to

www.hbphx.org/about.htm.

The website offers numerous opportunities to volunteer your time at <http://www.hbphx.org/volunteer.htm>. If you wish more personal information please feel free to call or e-mail me at nmavrides@aol.com or call me at 480-502-2030.

A final word from the Newsletter Editor! By Michal Joyner

Well ladies, this will mark our first Internet Newsletter. I promise they won't all be this large or I'll need to find a new husband! This month we just had lots of news to get out to the group. The benefits of going to the Internet are that we can now incorporate photos of the group without having to worry about the size of the document. Photos add substantially more size than text. I think it's more fun to see photos, don't you? Work with me as we all learn the transition to our website. I'm having to learn new software as well as how to edit the photos for size, so I'm sure there will be numerous mistakes along the line. I hope you enjoy the journey! Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

