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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

**CALENDAR
DATES**

OCTOBER 14
BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 15
LUNCHEON
SCOTTSDALE
MARRIOTT AT
MCDOWELL
MOUNTAINS

NOVEMBER 18
BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 19
LUNCHEON
DESERT
HIGHLANDS

DECEMBER 4
BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 5
"DANCING UNDER
THE STARS"
BLACK TIE BALL
TROON COUNTRY
CLUB

DECEMBER 16
BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 17
LUNCHEON
TROON COUNTRY
CLUB

***HOMEWARD
BOUND BABY
DRIVE***

Hello Creative Women,

I would like to officially welcome back all the Members who have renewed their memberships and extend a very warm welcome to the new members who are joining our organization this year. I feel we have a wonderfully enthusiastic group, which is looking forward to working together for the common good of supporting charities as well as sharing ideas, talents and friendship.

The New Member Co-chairwomen, Johanna Covert and Linda Ehrlich are doing an excellent job of transitioning the new Members into CWPP. I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

In an effort to keep everyone informed and up to date, I am going to publish in the newsletters any significant decisions made by the Board of Directors. Please feel free to approach or call me or any other Board Member if you have questions.

I am sure by now, you have all marked your calendars for the December 5th *Dancing Under the Stars* black tie affair being planned by Nancy Mavrides, Diana Wilkinson, Roxana McClellan and Marilyn Glasberg. When putting together an event as important and large as this, there are no summer months "off". The same is true for the Ball Silent Auction Committee, Joanie Burchmore, Sandy Foss and Jane Poucel. We need to support all that these ladies are doing by making sure all tables are full for the Ball and that the silent auction tables are laden with fantastic treasures on which to bid!

As you will see under Board Notes, we will be collecting for Homeward Bound this year. The first one will be a Baby Drive. I encourage you to start gathering items....diapers, wipes and formula for the babies residing at Homeward Bound.

I am honored to be serving as your President for the second year. Even though we will have economic challenges to overcome, I have complete faith in you, the dedicated Creative Women of Pinnacle Peak. Together we truly can make a difference in the lives of less fortunate women and children.

Hope to see everyone at the luncheon, October 15th,

Jackie Cromett

HOMEWARD BOUND BABY DRIVE

Please bring your baby-related donations (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.) to the
November and/or December luncheons.



DANCING UNDER THE STARS
THE PINNACLE BALL
HELPING WOMEN & CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday, December 5, 2008

Troon Country Club

\$175 per person

Less than two months to go! Have we been busy, or what!!!

The membership meeting on the 15th of October is our **kick-off** and we hope you are back and in the swing of things to support this very special event.

For all the puzzle lovers in Creative Women, let's look at all the pieces.

Venue: Troon Country Club has been booked, along with the menu, wine, music, entertainment, decorations and centerpieces.

Table Host forms will be available, along with the Troon floor plan – 10 to a table. Once the treasurer receives your ticket money, you will be able to choose the name of your table (planets, stars, zodiac) and you will be assigned a table of your choice.

Our fabulous invitation will be available, along with the fuel raffle ticket information, contest and tickets. We will also introduce the exclusive diamond bracelet raffle information.

We are planning a “**space quiz**” contest as a little icebreaker at your table with, of course, a table prize.

The Patron/Sponsorship Form will be available and we will discuss how very important this aspect of the event is to the fund raising goals.

Silent and Live Auction planning will be discussed.

There are so many upfront expenses to planning an event of this magnitude, all early ticket buying will be appreciated by yours truly, Nancy Mavrides.

The Pinnacle Ball Committee: Nancy Mavrides, Diana Wilkinson, Roxana McClellan, and Marilyn Glasberg

Registration: Barbara Rousso, Aileen Osofsky, and Marilyn Glasberg

Silent Auction: Joanie Burchmore, Sandy Foss, and Jane Poucel

Program: Polly Ringdahl

Fuel Raffle: Linda Ehrlich

Volunteers are needed for our committees and for the evening event.

\$1,000 of GASOLINE and 12 CAR WASHES

\$20 per ticket

Gas Station of your Choice•All proceeds go to charity•Need not be present to win•Drawing December 5, 2008

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

We're off to a great start, but we need several more fabulous items to meet our goal. This is a CWPP Group Effort, and we appreciate everyone's help. Items can be handcrafted, solicited, or purchased. We're still looking for a TIME SHARE. If you have one and aren't able to use it, please donate it! Our charities will benefit, and you'll receive the tax write-off.

We will be collecting items at the October 15th luncheon. Please bring items with you.

For solicited items, attach the donor's business card and the item's retail value.

Deadline for accepting items: Friday, November 21st

Please remember it's everyone's responsibility to support our fundraisers.

We need your help. We need your donations. We need your attendance.

We need your continued generosity.

Thank You!

Joanie Burchmore, Sandy Foss and Jane Poucel

GRANT COMMITTEE 2008

VP of Charities: *Polly Ringdahl*

Co-Chairs: *Anne Cannella and Marilyn Glasberg*

The CWPP Board has voted to:

- Combine the Major and Small Grant Committee into one **GRANT COMMITTEE**.
- Eliminate the Roll-Off Procedure.
- Require all applicants to apply every year.

We begin with a clean slate and a timely opportunity to change our procedures to respond to this challenging economy. An economy that is challenging will find disadvantaged women and children feeling it even more.

Last January broke all records for applicants applying and we can only imagine what this January will bring.

The simplicity of the **GRANT COMMITTEE** from 1991-2005 speaks for itself – one committee and no rotation. Fund raising has changed, our charities have changed, but our mission “to make a difference in the community with primary focus on women and children at risk” has not.

Although most of our work commences in January, we will be meeting as a new committee in October to review our mission, criteria, new procedures and timetable.

We welcome new volunteers. Please call or e-mail: *Marilyn Glasberg* 480-585-6549 or aziread@hotmail.com.

WELL WISHES

Please send your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to Founding Member **Norma Bell**, who is recuperating from back surgery.

HOPEKIDS
ANNUAL HOPE DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 4th was a very exciting day for many CWPP Members. The HopeKids family event was held at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. A very special thanks to the Members who used several of their Saturday hours to prepare sno-cones, swirl cones of cotton candy, or man bouncers and craft activities. Some brought spouses and friends to help as well. The HopeKids organization was so appreciative of CWPP's help and several of the families benefiting from the day have sent their "thanks."

It was most inspiring to see how many Members volunteered for this event.

Viki Brown
Alice Colston
Johanna Covert
Jackie Cromett
Linda Ehrlich
Marilyn Glasberg
Beverly Halquist



Pat Kolander
Susan Markowitz
Jane Poucel
Shirley Reitz
Polly Ringdahl
Crystal Schuld
Joan Tryhus

We're proud to introduce a new fundraiser!
Mark your calendars for this 'TEAMendous' new event

An Afternoon **Valentine** Tea
and
Tabletops Raffle

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

2:00 p.m.

The Arizona Biltmore

Guest Speaker Patti Hannon of *Late Nite Catechism*

Please gather your friends and host a tabletop.
Use your imagination. Be creative. And most importantly, have fun doing this.
Information: *Polly Ringdahl* 480-585-7495

CREATIVE WOMEN OF PINNACLE PEAK BOARD NOTES

In addition to the Grant Committee consolidation reported above, it was decided that CWPP would support Homeward Bound by hosting three collections over the next eight months. We will be conducting a Baby Drive during November and December. Between January and May, we will schedule food and bedding drives as well.

2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Jackie Cromett
Vice President of Administration – Joanie Burchmore
Vice President of Charities – Polly Ringdahl
Treasurer – Leigh Voorhees
Secretary – Shirley Reitz

Board Member – Viki Brown
Board Member – Barbara Rousso
Board Member – Patti Acridge
Board Member Pamela Carlston-Swanson
Past President – Susan Wain
Lifetime Board Member - Betty Lee
Lifetime Board Member – Polly Reed

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Denise Alvarez	Johanna Covert
Diane Andrease n	Joanie Burchmore
Tamara Johnson	Jackie Cromett
Nancy Maloney	Jane Poucel
Susan Markowitz	Linda Ehrlich
Judy Salb	Renee' Kriegel
Sharlan Singer	Sonny Schlacter

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT NANCY MALONEY

By Johanna Covert

Nancy, who is originally from Florida, and her husband Don came to the Valley and Troon North from the Chicago area. Nancy and Don have two children, a son who lives in Surprise with his wife and daughter, their first grandchild. Their daughter and her husband are in the Milwaukee area, a nice place to visit during our hot summers.

Nancy went back to school in 1996 and received her bachelors in social work, and enjoyed it so much she went on to get a masters in sociology. She loves reading, crosswords, and entertaining friends and family. Nancy's friendly personality and interest in helping others will be a great asset to Creative Women. She has already volunteered to keep the CWPP Newsletter updated each month. We want to thank Jane Poucel for sponsoring Nancy this year as a New Member, and bringing her many talents to CWPP.

THE NEW DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Our new 2008/2009 directories will be available for you to pick up at the October luncheon.

You might not give it a thought, but a great deal of time and work goes into compiling the directory each year. Special thanks to Viki Brown and Kristi Winter for all their diligence over the past few months.

Remember to get your new directory when you check in for lunch on Wednesday, October 15th.