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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

**CALENDAR
DATES**

MARCH 17
BOARD MEETING

MARCH 18
LUNCHEON
TROON NORTH
GOLF COURSE

APRIL 14
BOARD MEETING

APRIL 15
LUNCHEON
TROON COUNTRY
CLUB

MAY 19
BOARD MEETING

MAY 20
LUNCHEON
GRAYHAWK GOLF
CLUB

***PLEASE NOTE
THE DATE
CORRECTION
FOR MARCH!!!***

Hello Creative Women,

It is hard to believe that we only have three luncheons left before taking a break for summer. Even so, they are three very important luncheons:

- March Luncheon Boutique
- April Bulletin Board Drive for Homeward Bound
- May "Celebration of Caring" Luncheon

I realize as summer nears many of you are preparing to leave for cooler climates, but I do hope you will try to make as many of these important luncheons as possible.

As you know, the Grant Committee arranged a Homeward Bound Site visit for March 3rd. Most of us had been there before, but it is always a very moving experience to witness first hand the difference Homeward Bound makes in the lives of women and children. Most of the tour focused on the Kid's Corner Learning Center, which provides invaluable early care and education for the children (birth to five years of age) living at The Thunderbirds Family Village of Homeward Bound. Domestic violence and/or homelessness have affected all of these children. How wonderful it was to see them in such a nurturing environment.

The Grant Committee has been, and still is, going on site visits and listening to presentations of charities which have submitted full proposals. The Committee spends quite an intense couple of months as they select and present to the Board the charities they feel would most benefit from the funds our organization has been able to raise. On behalf of our entire organization, I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to this committed group of ladies: *Anne Cannella*-Co-Chair, *Johanna Covert*, *Marilyn Glasberg*-Co-Chair, *Harriet Ingolia*, *Susan Markowitz*, *Ann Martin*, *Toy Martin*, *Aileen Osofsky*, *Polly Ringdahl*-V.P. of Charities, *Sally Schaefer*, and *Sharlan Singer*.

I must mention the great success of the Valentine Luncheon at the Biltmore. Support from our membership was wonderful and as a result, we will proudly add \$17,500.00 to our treasury. A huge "Thank You" to Co-Chairs, *Polly Ringdahl* and *Pat Kolander* along with their committee, for a job well done.

I look forward to seeing you all at the March Luncheon Boutique,

Jackie Cromett



MARCH 18TH LUNCHEON BOUTIQUE



11:00AM – 2:30PM

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY

480-502-1773

The March 18th Luncheon at Troon North Golf Club will be our regular luncheon with the exciting addition of a Boutique Sale. Some of our *Creative Women* will be showcasing items they have made, along with some outside vendors who will add to the diversity of wares for sale.

20% of all sales will go directly to CWPP

There will be an opportunity for business women of CWPP to display their business cards and information in a special area at this luncheon as well.

Contact *Marsha Gershberg* at 480-563-3760 or momgberg@aol.com for information.

This is something a little different for us and there are many reasons for you to attend:

- ♣ Enjoy the creative talents of fellow members
- ♣ Discover who the business women are, and what companies/banks/firms they're associated with
- ♣ Determine whether we'd like to continue this next year on a larger scale
- ♣ Add dollars to fund charities
- ♣ JUST PLAIN FUN!!!

BULLETIN BOARD DRIVE FOR HOMEWARD BOUND

Earlier this year, the Board decided to conduct collections to aid Homeward Bound. Initially we thought we would hold a linen drive this Spring. After speaking with Dr. Pamela Martin, Executive Director of Homeward Bound, I learned that even though they always need linens, at this time they would really appreciate bulletin boards. Evidently, the residents of the Homeward Bound apartments need space to put up art work, awards, etc. accumulated by the children. Up until now, a lot of damage has been done by nailing or gluing treasures to the walls. With bulletin boards that could be permanently affixed, damage to walls would decrease. Below is a list of the approximate sizes that would benefit Homeward Bound residents the most.

- For bedrooms – 36” x 24” Even larger, if you can find them
- For living rooms – 30” x 30”
- For kitchens – 24” x 24”

These were the sizes Dr. Martin estimated. I don't think they come in those exact sizes, but you get the idea. They can always put two together if they want them larger. You are likely to be able to find a good assortment of bulletin boards at JoAnn's, Michael's, Target, and Wal-Mart.

Let's see how many inches of bulletin board we can collect for Homeward Bound in April. Please bring donations of bulletin boards to the April 15th luncheon at Troon Country Club. If you have boards to donate and can't make that luncheon, you can bring them to the March luncheon or call me (480-575-6191) or email me at azjackiec@cox.net and I will arrange to get them from you.

Jackie Cromett

HOMeward BOUND SITE VISIT



Bottom left to right: Jackie Cromett, Shirley Reitz, Dr. Pamela Martin (Homeward Bound Executive Director), Linda Ehrlich, Aileen Osofsky and Trish Schell. Going up the stairs: Susan Markowitz, Patsy Rethore (Homeward Bound Early Childhood Services Manager), Melanie Murphy, Sally Schaefer, Patti Acridge, Grace Haakenstad, Sandy Foss, Belinda Bergman, Joan Holtz, and Joanie Burchmore.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

KANDI CLARK

Creative women thanks *Marilyn Glasberg* for sponsoring New Member Kandi Clark. Many of you have met Kandi at one of our monthly luncheons. Kandi moved to Scottsdale in 2000 from Tulsa, Oklahoma. In Tulsa Kandi worked in her family's oil business. Her caring nature really shone when in 2005 she started A Heart of Scottsdale. Today that organization takes care of hundreds of families who have children or adults living with them that have special needs or disabilities.

Kandi is the oldest of seven. She has three pets that give her more love and companionship than she feels she deserves. They are two cats named Honey and Cabo, and a Yorkie named Valentino.

Kandi loves dancing, reading, traveling and entertaining at home. She will truly be an asset to Creative Women with her generous nature.

Linda Ehrlich

JACQUELINE NERGUIZIAN

Jacqueline relocated to the Valley of the Sun this summer from Southern California after marrying her childhood friend, Brent. Jacqueline is the mother of 4 children, Joey, 15, Bella, 11, Gabby, 7 and a new baby Dominique, 5 months, who accompanies her to most of our luncheons.

Jacqueline graduated from G.I.A. Gemological Institute of American, where she was able to use her love for jewelry design in her father's business. Working for over 20 years with her father and his impressive list of celebrity clients in Los Angeles prepared her in launching her newest endeavor, ***Jacqueline Nerguizian Fine Jewelry***. Since there is not a retail storefront, her approach presents a unique experience in buying fine jewelry – she is able to provide individualized client relations and offer significant savings to her clients due to not being burdened with excessive overhead. This is a particular advantage for her clients who are watching their money in these shaky economic times. According to Jacqueline, “My clients enjoy the personalized attention and realize they are getting the very finest custom jewelry available at prices far below local retail competitors.”

In her spare time Jacqueline enjoys hiking. She has also joined the Scottsdale Gun Club where she is often seen shooting machine guns.

Thanks go to *Betty Lee* for sponsoring Jacqueline!

Nancy Maloney