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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

CALENDAR DATES

MARCH 16
BOARD MEETING

MARCH 17
AWARDS
LUNCHEON —
TROON COUNTRY
CLUB

APRIL 20
BOARD MEETING

APRIL 21
CELEBRATION OF
CARING
LUNCHEON —
GRAYHAWK GOLF
CLUB

MAY 18
BOARD MEETING

MAY 19
LUNCHEON —
PINNACLE PEAK
COUNTRY CLUB

Dear Friends,

It's difficult to believe that we're in the final trimester of our CWPP year. With our three Benefits securely wrapped up, we now focus on the most important aspect of our mission: to disperse financial assistance to agencies benefiting needy women and children in the metropolitan Phoenix/Scottsdale area. Fragile economic conditions presented additional challenges to our Grant Committee, which worked tirelessly conducting site-visits and presentations to determine which agencies to fund. *The Celebration of Caring* Luncheon will be April 21st at Grayhawk Golf Club.

Our February 12th *Valentine Luncheon at the Ritz* was a spectacular event seamlessly orchestrated by Chairs *Polly Ringdahl* and *Pat Kolander*. *Donna Brown* did a beautiful job collecting and displaying the Silent Auction, and *Toy Martin* once again organized creative TableScape Committees whose visual displays dazzled guests. The accelerated synergy of support was evidenced in our near perfect attendance of CWPP members.

Our March 17th meeting at Troon Country Club is reserved for the Annual Recognition Awards where we honor the accomplished women who have set an example in their volunteer commitment to CWPP. Last year's winners comprise the Award Committee who determine this year's recipients. Your attendance will add to the excitement when this year's winners are announced.

Our goal to increase membership has been successful, and I thank all of you who have been diligent in sponsoring new members.

The CWPP 'history albums' will be on display at both the March and April luncheons. Please take a moment to peruse them.

I look forward to seeing you this Wednesday.

Joanie Burchmore, President

GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Grant Committee held its final meeting on March 15 to discuss and vote on the monetary requests made this year. All agencies that have been approved for grant consideration have been visited. We were very impressed with their dedication and professionalism. The committee recognizes that this was a difficult fundraising year and appreciates the hard work of all our members who have supported CWPP's events. Special thanks go to our committee members who have given many hours in this effort: *Norma Bell, Viki Brown, Leah Hoover, Harriet Ingolia, Pat Kolander, Nancy Maloney, Ann Martin, Donna Brown, Kim Dieska, Aileen Osofsky* and CWPP Board Liaison, *Toy Martin*. It was a pleasure working with all of you this year.

Anne Cannella, Susan Markowitz, Polly Ringdahl – Co-chairs

LUNCHEON REMINDER

Our *Celebration of Caring Luncheon*, when we invite the agencies and present their checks, will be Wednesday, April 21st at Grayhawk Golf Club. Please join us for this important event.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON AT THE RITZ *TABLESCAPE* RAFFLES

Congratulations to the winners of the TableScape Raffle. Of the eight winners, three were CWPP members, and five were guests.

<i>Alice Colston Kelley</i>	An Elegant Candlelight Dinner for Four with Chef Mariabel
Susan O'Brien	Bringing Wine Country Home
Rebecca Egger	Garden Living
Sharlan Singer	Pleasures
<i>Aileen Osofsky</i>	A Window on Sedona
<i>Polly Ringdahl</i>	Toujour le Mardi Gras
Vicki	Young Olympians
Pamela Morris	Viva La Julia

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO *LINDA EHRlich*

Hats Off to Linda (or perhaps 'Walking Shoes' Off is more appropriate). Linda conducted a 'one-woman' five-mile walkathon and raised over \$800 for our charities. Linda's initiative is deeply appreciated and her good humor was evidenced when I asked what trail she was walking, and she replied "Nordstroms."

IN MEMORY OF SANDI PEARSON

Valued CWPP member Sandi Pearson passed away on March 10th surrounded by her family and many friends. Sandi joined CWPP in 1991 and served as President in 1998-1999.

“Sandi grew up all over the world and spent her young adult years in Florida. She rose through the ranks of the investment industry, running operations for several national brokerage firms. During this time, she and daughter Shelley, who had a special and extraordinary bond, enjoyed life on the Florida beaches and then the lights of Beverly Hills before returning home to their family roots in Georgia. Sandi ended her career at Charles Schwab and Associates in San Francisco, where she met her husband Will Pearson. Will and Sandi married in 1991, retired, moved to Scottsdale and pursued having fun with a passion. Days were filled with golf, tennis, world travel and rich friendships.

Sandi and Will own Pages bookstore in Cave Creek. Will says Sandi was the heart and soul of the place and the shop is known for its many special events and symposia. A very accomplished woman, Sandi played classical piano, cultivated an organic garden and was a gourmet cook. And you didn't even want to think about playing Trivial Pursuits with her. Sandi was always focused on the needs of others” as is witnessed by her dedication to Creative Women.