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JAMES REED NEW TFT BOARD CHAIRMAN



James Reed

A Pepperdine MBA, James Reed, an accomplished musician (plays all the single reed instruments plus more), multi-lingual (speaks four languages, including Luxembourgish) a sportsman (tennis, golf and bridge), before his retirement was responsible for a multi-million dollar operation as President of a holding company, and Chairman and CEO of three subsidiaries.

Jim's volunteerism covers the spectrum from Little League coach, Scout Master and Band Director; to President of the La Quinta Country Club and board member of the Desert Classic Charities. His background and experience combined with a generous and compassionate heart, make him highly qualified to assume the responsibilities of President of the TFT Board of Directors.

TFT BOARD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

Diane Fox, June Michalove and Phyllis Brock have been elected to the Tools For Tomorrow Board of Directors. All have volunteered extensively in the Desert Community and been active in supporting the arts. Local philanthropists, Lee Appel (current President of the PSDM Board) and Richard Victor, and Mrs. Gene Renker, have joined the distinguished list of Affiliates endorsing the mission of Tools for Tomorrow.



A class full of artists in Desert Hot Springs.



TFT Friends President, Edie Thoreson, left, and June Michalove, new TFT Board member, at the February FRIENDS meeting.

DESERT CLASSIC CHARITIES AWARD T F T GRANT FOR SECOND YEAR

Tools For Tomorrow was among the thirty-six charitable organizations to receive a BOB HOPE CHRYSLER CLASSIC grant. It was presented at the Awards Ceremony, held on the 18th green at PGA West Palmer Private Course. These coveted grants not only provide financial assistance, but bring credibility and prestige to the recipients. Other foundations and donors know that a charity supported by the BOB HOPE CHRYSLER CLASSIC can be trusted to fulfill its mission

MISSION STATEMENT: *To make available free, on-site, after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, and and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children.*

The Tools For Tomorrow program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, and expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, giving them a vision of what their lives can become.

Note our new website: www.afterschooltools.org

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Imagine a child of ten watching his father being handcuffed by the police and hauled off to prison. A child who can still see beauty in the world around him and express it with heart-wrenching eloquence in his poetry and prose and in his paintings. "He is an incredible soul," Ellen Makuta, his writing teacher, says. "Very smart and talented and needs this program like air and water."

Imagine a nine-year old girl who insists Ellen read aloud to the class her narrative of her own similar experience. Ellen always gives the students the option of reading their own work aloud, having her read it, or not sharing it at all. "They always want it to be heard," she says. This child's father is in prison, too, and she has not seen him in many years. She lives with her cousins, and she, and they, participate in every class TFT offers, "where they create, think and," as Ellen says, "talk things out."



TFT teachers, Ellen and Billy Makuta

There are also poems and prose where grateful children praise their loving families, their Lord, and the food they eat; and funny, mischievous stories like the "police incident," about the runaway turkey who married a gorilla and produced babies with turkey bodies and gorilla faces.

This second semester the children are building on what they have learned and writing plays in which they and their classmates will perform. Collaborating with the TFT art classes--Billy Makuta, Ellen's husband, is the teacher--they will create sets, costumes, and props .

The children love the fact that Ellen and Billy are married. They are wonderful role models for many of the children who have never had the opportunity to observe a husband and wife sharing love and respect. As a couple, Ellen and Billie bring their magic to the TFT children in Desert Hot Springs.

Rachel Druten, Executive Director

TFT IN THE MEDIA

TFT is grateful to the following local media for inviting us to share our important program with the desert community:

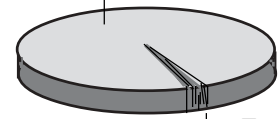
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TFT ADDS NATIVE AMERICAN COMPONENT

A generous gift of exquisite handmade and decorated Indian musical instruments inspired TFT to seek the expertise of O.J. Vanegas, Education Director of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, in adding a native American component to the curriculum.



Linda Stout

T F T Linda Stout, who along with her husband, David, owns The Utility Shack in Albuquerque, New Mexico, gifted TFT with a plethora of hand carved flutes and whistles inlaid with turquoise, a drum, hand-painted gourds and rattles embellished with bead work and strips of hide. Far from being a "shack" or selling utilities, The Utility Shack is one of the premiere Native American stores in Albuquerque, exhibiting rare and dazzling Native American art that ranges from silver and turquoise jewelry to Navajo rugs, pottery, sculpture, kachinas and baskets.

Linda Stout not only has an eye for beauty, but a generous heart.

Tools For Tomorrow collaborates with: the Unified School Districts of Palm Springs, Desert Sands and Coachella, The Palm Springs Desert Museum, The Idyllwild Arts Academy, and CSUSB, Palm Desert Campus.

FRIENDS OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

Kudos to Carolyn Raney for hosting our November cocktail party in her lovely home. Tools For Tomorrow realized a profit of \$5,928! Many thanks to Carolyn, and to Jane Foster, Lyn Carlson, Lee Broido, Nikki Mason, Ralph Handley, Chuck Druten and all the members of Friends who did their part to make the party a success.

Since our Fall meeting in Judy Ware's home (her last hurrah before moving to Arizona) Friends has assembled the following Board: Edie Thoreson, Chairman; Jane Foster, 1st Vice Chairman; Adelle Tavill; Recsording Secretary; Lyn Carlson, Treasurer; Carolyn Raney, Membership, Jean Hesley, Corresponding Secretary; Linda Thibault, Historian; Rachel Druten, Program; Carol Ames & Elaine Prukop, Hospitality; Lee Broido, Projects. A roster of active members will be printed shortly. If you have not paid your dues, please send your check for \$25 made out to Friends of TFT, P.O.Box 11557, Palm Desert, CA 92255.

Elaine Prukop provided a lovely setting for our February meeting and "photo-ops" for photographer, Adelle Tavill, TFT Administrator.

Edie Thoreson, Chairman



Carol Ames with hostess, Elaine Prukop



Ron & Marylynn Fraedrick

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Retired Pres. Bill LaNouette



TFT Board Members, Louise LaNouette & June Michalove with Program Director, Linda Amsbaugh

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to extend a warm welcome to the new TFT Affiliates, Board Members and staff. I look forward to working with them to strengthen our financial condition and extend our reach to disadvantaged children in the Coachella Valley. Special thanks go to TFT program founder and Executive Director, Rachel Druten, whose dedication and hard work fuel TFT's growth and success.

Jim Reed, President Board of Directors

IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY OFFERS SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

For the second year, the prestigious Idyllwild Arts Academy offers four deserving TFT students scholarships to their summer program. It is a rare cultural opportunity that few TFT students would otherwise be able to enjoy. The students are selected on the basis of maturity, responsibility, participation, and the ability to deal well with their peers.



Tree of last years recipients: Roxy, Alexis and Candice,

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- April 8 - Bridge Luncheon
- April 16 - General Meeting
- November 13 - Fall Fete

TFT COLLABORATES WITH CSUSB, PALM DESERT CAMPUS

The program, developed by Barbara Cory, will be initiated in September. CSUSB students will connect with the community in their area of study by acting as assistants and instructors in TFT classes. Barbara will oversee the program.

"Thank you for letting us have Tools For Tomorrow. I have learned a lot of things. Writing is the best class. Tools For Tomorrow has taught me kindness and how to share." Jacky G., age 9

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In addition to financially supporting the TFT program, the Regional Access Project Foundation staff, Judith Cox, Executive Director, Eva Guenther-James and Nora Matlock are responsible for printing our newsletter and insert, distributed by the Palm Springs Desert Museum. Amanda DiVita, in charge of Publications at St. Margaret's Church and her assistant, Cheryl Carino, print donor cards, envelopes and flyers. The City of Desert Hot Springs prints the children's flyers. Rabbi Alon Barak, Temple Baruch Hashem stores our musical instruments and supplies in DHS.

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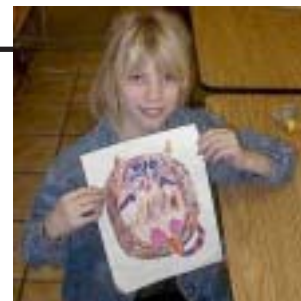
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Artist, Amanda. age 10

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