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Nonprofit after school program - grades K through 5  
WRITING \* ART \* MUSIC \* DRAMA

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## LEE APPEL TO RECEIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD

JoAnn McGrath answered "YES," when asked to be Honorary Chair for an evening of GLITTER, GLITZ and GLAM to honor Lee Appel with Tools For Tomorrow's first Vision For The Future Award.

The award will be presented February 7, 2007, at Spencer's Restaurant in Palm Springs. As part of the entertainment the cast of SENIOR CLASS will present a program created especially for Tools For Tomorrow. Cast members, Gary Collins, Ruta Lee, Steve Rossi, Mary Ann Mobley, Ronnie Schell, Writer/Creator, Saul Ilson, Executive Producer, Allan Blye and Managing Producer, Geno Marcione will mingle with the guests throughout the evening.

Sponsors of the evening: GLITTER: \$5,000, GLITZ: \$2,500, GLAM: \$1,500 will be given complimentary tickets, dine with the individual stars and be acknowledged in the program.

Those wishing to become a sponsor or purchase tickets (\$250 each) should send their contribution to: Kimberly Klink, 49680 Coachella Dr., La Quinta, CA 92253 Tables of 4 and 6 are available. Seating is limited.

Both Lee and JoAnn have been an inspiration for their generous support of charities and worthwhile causes throughout the Coachella Valley. As Tools For Tomorrow Affiliates, they are once again partnering in TFT's important mission to bring this exciting and necessary arts program to the children of the Coachella Valley.

**100% of monies raised from this event will go directly to serving the children.**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



At least 700 children are projected to have participated in the Tools For Tomorrow (TFT) classes by the end of this school year 2006-2007. Sadly, over 300 disappointed youngsters will be on the waiting list. In order to provide the TFT experience for as many children as possible we have split the program into two fifteen-week sessions and are recruiting additional staff with the expectation of adding classes in the schools we already serve, a new school in Coachella and one in Indian Wells. We have found the teachers. Our biggest challenge is raising the funds to pay them.

With the success of the Native American unit, the children are looking forward to new

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## TFT RECEIVES MAJOR GRANTS

TFT has received grants from The City of Indian Wells and The Rancho Mirage Women's Club. Not only do these prestigious grants make it possible for TFT to add two additional teachers to the program, but their partnership paves the way for even broader support in the Valley community.



Idyllwild Arts Academy summer scholarship students, Araceli and Whisper.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *To make available free, on-site, after school literacy enrichment programs that integrate writing, drama, art 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.

Check out our website: [www.afterschooltools.org](http://www.afterschooltools.org)



### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Executive Director's report shows how successful Tools For Tomorrow has become in terms of the children served, those waiting to be served and schools throughout the valley requesting the program. If we are to meet these needs we must have the money to hire more teachers. But it's not only your donations, we need your help to spread the word and stir community interest in supporting this vital program. Partner with us in our mission to expand coverage throughout the Coachella Valley by making your friends and neighbors aware of Tools For Tomorrow's exciting success. We'll be pleased to send them literature or answer specific questions. Just drop us a line at 777 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Suite 20048, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Or you may call (760) 969-5025.

**WHERE YOUR GIFTS GO!**  
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*Jim Reed, Chairman Board of Directors*

Executive Director's Report continued

and exciting adventures in units as diverse as "The Artist as Creator" and "Storyteller." TFT's constantly evolving curriculum melds writing, art, music and drama in a depth and breadth of experience that offers these young students rich opportunities for creativity, self-expression and understanding. At the end of the school year TFT students will have a culminating presentation, either an exhibit or performance, to share what they have learned and created.



Serious artists being silly.

But the heart of the TFT program is not the numbers but the children's lives that have been touched and transformed. Children who have discovered qualities and talents in themselves that might otherwise have not been found nor had the opportunity to grow and bloom. Children like nine-year-old Amanda. The first day of Terry Forrest's TFT class Amanda stood apart, too painfully shy to participate as Terry introduced the art of pantomime. (Terry starts each class session with pantomime exercises that require the children to focus, tap into their creativity and expand their ability to communicate.) In the weeks that followed Amanda was gradually drawn into the loving, nurturing atmosphere Terry has created. Now, Amanda makes up an original pantomime that she rehearses and refines daily to present to the class each week.

In each of the Desert Hot Springs schools Billy Makuta and Ellen Brenner teach combined classes of between 40 and 50 students. On my last visit to DHS I was surprised and delighted to be serenaded in three part harmony in Billy's class. The performance was polished and demonstrated an understanding of the concept of musical harmony. For TFT teachers, Ellen and Billy, Terry, Donna Konstan, Sherman Scheff and Fay Cokely, the examples are endless. As I visit the classes I am rewarded and inspired to see the enthusiasm of the students as they experience a true integration of the arts, learn to work together and appreciate the efforts of others as they develop their own talents and skills and a vision for a new and exciting future.

*Ed DiNicola*

### SNIPS and SNAILS .....

#### TFT Board Changes

**Robert Klink**, retired in Business Administration from the Automobile Club of Southern California, joins the Board as Chief Financial Officer.

**Jolynn Reid**, Assistant Head of School for Advancement for the Idyllwild Arts Academy becomes newest addition to the Board.

#### TFT Collaborations

**Shannon Goldstein**, Junior League Volunteer Coordinator, continues to be an efficient, creative and enthusiastic liason between TFT and the Junior League.

**Palm Springs High School Seniors** enrolled in a future art educators Advanced Placement art program will volunteer in TFT classrooms. Currently students have been assigned to Cahulla and Rancho Mirage elementary schools.

#### Most recent Media Support

**"Eye on the Desert," Channel 2**, interviewed TFT Exec. Direct. Ed DiNicola. The interview prompted quires from all over the Valley from people wishing to volunteer and contribute. Additional footage of the children may be aired at a future date.

**Betty Francis**, social columnist for the Desert Sun covered the Friends' Fall Fete in her column.

**Joey English** continues to let the community know what's up with TFT on the her radio show.

#### A Great Marketing Tool

**Kate Porter** provided TFT with CDs of the wonderful Tools For Tomorrow program she produced for Channel 10.

*TFT is grateful for all their continuing support.*



## Tools for Tomorrow

# ARTISTS AND POETS GALLERY

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### ASSIGNMENT: To write a story about the girl in Renoir's portrait.

Hello, my name is Rose and I am the lady in the picture. I am 17 years old and I live in Palm Springs, California. I live with my mother, father, brother and pet cat Tammy. Most of my time I play with my cat either outside or inside. I am happy most of the time because I don't feel left out in the activities we do at home. That is where I spend most of my time and where I spend lots of time with Tammy.

My family is not rich neither poor. We are like in the middle. My dream is to be a model, but I don't mean a fashion model, actually a model that comes out on portraits. To achieve my dream I can find a famous artist and ask him to model me so I can be in a portrait and lots of people can see me, not as me but as who I can be. That is who I want to be.

Zaira, age 10



Hello, my name is Cassandra Forero and I am the artist of the picture of the young lady and her furry cat. Her name is Ezabella and her cat's name is Tink. Ezabella and her cat, Tink, live in Siena, Italy with her husband, Paulo.

Now, Ezabella was very young. She was only 25. She was yet very happy. Even though she was poor, she was very happy indeed. Every day she'd wait on the porch of their small hut. Dreaming.

Sienia, age 9

Her name is Ryan Cowper. She is 70 years old. She is sad because one of her cats passed away. Her cat's name is Gracen. They live in my imagination.

She lives with her cat. She is very, very rich. Her dreams are to give all her money to the homeless people. She needs to find some homeless people first, so she can give them her money.

Osbaído, age 10

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### How did these pictures get past the censors ???



Isabel, age 9



Jesus, age 9



Cesar, age 10



Teresa, age 9

IN MY SPACE .....

you get presents,  
you get cookies  
and you feel so cozy.  
Go ahead and sit  
next to the fire  
and look at the mountains.

Linda, age 10



Mitzi, age 8

## ***WISHING EVERYONE PEACE AND HAPPINESS***



Hilario, age 9

# FRIENDS OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

Many of us enjoyed a delightful “Tuscan Twilight” evening at the beautiful Rancho Mirage home of Marylynn and Ron Fraedrick. Grateful thanks go, not only to Marylynn and Ron, but also to our chair, Linda Thibault and her committee. We were especially fortunate to have members of the Junior League who acted as our servers. Special thanks also to members Kimberly Klink, who, in addition to the centerpieces, created a beautiful necklace for the silent auction, Bobette Bird, who donated one of her lovely watercolors, and Betty Anderson for her fashionable scarves. Our silent auction, chaired by Jane Foster, plus underwriting of costs by members of “Friends”, netted close to \$7,000.



Be sure and save the following dates: **MEETING AND LUNCH – Saturday, January 20, 2007** at the home of Pauletta and Tom Smith. **BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON – Friday, April 13, 2007** chaired by Nancy Hannah.

*Edie Thoreson, Chairman*



**FALL**



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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**JANUARY 20, 2007 - FRIENDS LUNCHEON MEETING**  
 At Pauletta and Tom Smith's home (children entertaining)

**FEBRUARY 7, 2007 - GLITTER, GLITZ and GLAM**  
 At Spencer's Restaurant. Remembering the Chi Chi Club with members of the cast of the Senior Class.

**APRIL 13, 2007 – BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AND LUNCHEON**  
 In memorable homes throughout the Valley.

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