



Tools For Tomorrow

Free, on-site after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3-5.

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CAROL CHANNING TO RECEIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD

Carol Channing will be honored at the Tools For Tomorrow annual VISION FOR THE FUTURE Award luncheon on Thursday, March 24, 2011. Local television personality, and columnist, Gloria Greer, is slated to be Honorary Chairman and presenter. A legend in the theater, Ms Channing's personal commitment, and that of her husband, Harry Kullijian, to restoring the arts in public schools, corresponds precisely to the mission of Tools For Tomorrow.

Actor, Joyce Bulifant, will write, direct and produce the event with her husband, actor/composer, Roger Perry. The Tools For Tomorrow children will perform. This awards luncheon promises to be one of the most entertaining, fun events of the season.



Carol Channing surrounded by (l.-r.) husband, Harry Kullijian, TFT Exec. Director Ed Di Nicola and Gloria Greer

MARY LOU DOTY ADOPTS SCHOOL



Mary Lou and Lew Doty

TFT is grateful for Mary Lou Doty's enthusiastic, ongoing support as she once again adopts a school in Indio. Her commitment adds credibility to our cause. Thanks go to

Jim Reed, Chairman Emeritus of TFT, for introducing the Dotys to the program.

Mary Lou joins Diane Fox who has also renewed her commitment to the school in Mecca. Diane is secretary of the TFT Board of Directors.

JOYCE BULIFANT JOINS TFT BOARD

Actor, Joyce Bulifant's passion for children and the arts is reflected in her accomplishments as a fundraiser, event planner and producer for The Dyslexia Foundation and Childhelp U.S.A., boards on which she currently serves. Her extensive background and talent as a writer, director and producer of children's theater was brought to bear in 2009 when she and her husband, actor/composer Roger Perry, initiated the TFT Guest Artist program.



Idyllwild Arts Academy Summer Scholarship Student, Natasha Alvarez, and her TFT Teacher, Nancy Nishiguchi.

Harry S Truman Elementary, La Quinta

"It is not about saving the arts - it is about saving the arts to save our children."
Harry Kullijian

WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO TFT

"I am so pleased to make this award to Tools For Tomorrow, on behalf of Wells Fargo, because it is such a worthy program that offers such wonderful opportunity to Coachella Valley children through its arts literacy program," Vice President Gary Hall said, when making the award. TFT Chairman, Mary T. Roche thanked Wells Fargo on behalf of the Board of Directors and the children of the Coachella Valley.



Gary Hall, Vice President, Wells Fargo, Rachel Druten, President/Founder TFT and Mary T. Roche, TFT Board Chairman

Tools for Tomorrow provides free, on-site, integrated "hands-on" arts literacy programs to "at risk" children. The program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, providing a coping mechanism for the future, and a vision of what their lives can become.

BLUE THONG SOCIETY ADOPTS TFT

Not only did a winsome group of Blue Thongers stuff, stick and stamp the invitations for the Fall Fete, but they also acted as bartenders for the party. And that's not all. They, themselves, had a *PARTY WITH A PURPOSE* at the Miramonte. Members and friends donated only \$10 a person and 3 like-new items of clothing for a live auction (with play money). At the end of the afternoon they gifted TFT with \$730. WOW!!!



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REMEMBERING MARYLYNN FRAEDRICK



When Marylynn Fraedrick passed away Sunday morning, October 31, Tools For Tomorrow lost a dear friend and valued supporter.

Marylynn was a charter member of the Friends of Tools For Tomorrow. Not only did she and Ron open their home, but they opened their hearts time after time. Marylynn was one of the most enthusiastic and enduring ambassadors in promoting the mission of Tools For Tomorrow. Rarely, did she and Ron miss a Tools For Tomorrow event....and she never missed the Friends bridge luncheon. Everyone who knew and loved Marylynn was acutely aware of her passion for the game.

This coming season the Friends of Tools For Tomorrow will dedicate the annual Game Day/Bridge Luncheon to the memory of a very special lady, Marylynn Fraedrick.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Everyone who has heard me speak knows the extent of my passion for the TFT program and for the lasting effect that it has on the children who experience it. A gift to TFT is a gift that will continue to give and give and give and the children who benefit from it will never forget it. Its influence will continue their whole lives.



The reality of that idea very recently came home to me in a way that not only stunned me but also made me realize how important an "arts" experience can be.

I was on Facebook one evening, and got a message from a name I recognized from my past. It was a student I had when I taught High School and produced the annual spring musical.

"Is that you Mr D?"

I replied it was.



"I never thanked you," he wrote, "but I want to thank you now. You saved my life. I was ready to end it when I was a junior in high school. I had nothing to live for. Then a

friend convinced me to try out for *Camelot*. I didn't think I had a chance, but you cast me. You were tough on me, Mr. D. You rode me really, really hard. You made me do my best.

From that day on my life took a turn.

Today I take my wife and children to see every Broadway show that comes to Seattle. And I realize how you and theater are responsible for my being here.

My former student is now fifty years old with a wife and four children.

E. DiNicola, Executive Director



DESERT CLASSIC CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE PARTNERS WITH TFT

Desert Classic Concours d'Elegance Founders and Chairmen, Paul and Holly Merrigan, have chosen TFT as one of their 2011 Charity Partners. The week-long event, to be held at the La Quinta Resort and Club, will begin Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20 featuring Vintage Auto Races at Chuckwalla Valley Raceway. It will continue through an exciting week with Ride & Drive Events, Car Club Gatherings, Exhibition Races & Time Trials, Classic Car Auctions, Luncheons & Dinners, Cocktail Receptions and more.

"This is a first-class, fun event," according to TFT Board member, Doug Martin. "What an A+ event with which to be associated, and to think Tools may benefit financially,"

TFT NEEDS YOU!!



**SUSTAINABILITY IS CRITICAL:
To maintain the program and to qualify for grants**

The children of Tools For Tomorrow need a commitment from you!!
What ever you can afford to pledge.

HERE'S THE STORY

To meet our yearly budget requirements we've developed a campaign to raise \$100,000
\$20,000 has already been pledged. That means we only have \$80,000 to go.

SO

if 8 people pledge \$10,000 a year; OR, 16 people pledge \$5,000; OR 32 pledge \$2,500; OR
64 pledge \$1,250; OR 128 pledge \$625; OR 256 pledge \$313 we've made it.

TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY

WHAT IF THE SAME 256 PEOPLE PLEDGED \$26.50 A MONTH.....OH, HECK, BE A SPORT,
MAKE IT \$30..... $\$30 \times 12 = \360 WOW!!! THAT'S \$92,160 a year
 $\$92,160 + \$20,000$ (we already have) = \$112,160

THE REST OF THE STORY

This newsletter is distributed to over 2,000 people, and who knows how many see it online.
If half those people gave \$10 a month, we'd have \$120,000 for the children.

For Information or to make a pledge call: 760.340.4980

FROM THE CHILDREN.....

Dana Grade, 3 - "I love art because I can express myself in it. I learned that there are no mistakes when you use your imagination. When I draw I draw with my mind and I know the meaning of art is to express myself and have fun while I am doing it."

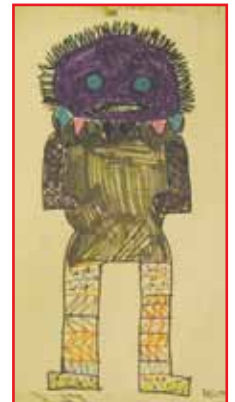


Carlos, Grade 4 "Thank you TFT for teaching me about native Americans and about making gourds into art. I also liked learning about painting with sand and it taught me how Native Americans use things in nature that they could get for free to make beautiful art. I like being in the class with other kids and helping each other instead of not getting along too good."

Heriberto, Grade 5 - Thank you for buying all the things we use here for art like watercolors, paper and other stuff that helps us be able to do the art. I learned to think about art and about music and see how music and art can be the same even though you listen to one and look at another. I won't be able to take TFT again because I will be in sixth grade but I will always remember what I did in class."



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Alma Isabel, Grade 3 - I learned a lot like drama, art, history and many more important stuff that I can talk about in my classroom. The teacher was respectful to me. He taught me a lot. You guys are great. Thank you very much."

Jennie T., Grade 5 - "I am so happy I had this chance. I had fun but learned too. It was a great chance for me to express my artistic talent and not have anyone make fun of me for my imagination. Thank you very much."

Abigail, Grade 8 - "I am a volunteer in Tools For Tomorrow. I want to give my free time to help the kids get what I got when I was in Tools For Tomorrow. I am 13. I know the other kids will learn and be inspired from this class experience like I was. My favorite hobby is reading and like Tools For Tomorrow reading improves your education."



FROM THE TEACHERS.....

"Jorge told me he learned not to be scared when you are doing a play that you should be loud and like your work and want to share it. At the end of the program he was anxious to perform solo before the class and the parents."

"Haylee had a few problems with her peers when the class started but as the weeks went on she developed communication skills but more importantly learned how important it is to be a team player."



"The students developed an art vocabulary that they became very comfortable with. They were much more thoughtful about the choices they made even though their language level was very low. Classroom teachers stopped to tell me how much better behaved the students were in the classroom and especially how much more responsive they were in their willingness to share their thoughts aloud."

FROM A PRINCIPAL

This is a great program that provides critical skills that many children would not otherwise be exposed to and to see adult role models in a non threatening, supportive capacity. The strategies our children learn in TFT are behaviors they can use to successfully access avenues of work and education they wouldn't be able to navigate otherwise. We are grateful to have so enlightening, innovative, challenging and forward thinking program to challenge our students to be successful."

THE FRIENDS

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

FRIENDS is off to a spectacular start for the 2010-2011 year. We began with a great event in October at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church with Joyce Bulifant speaking on "how the arts impact children who learn differently," followed by a wonderful dinner donated by City Wok owners Stuart and Lori Davis and homemade desserts by our own Diane Lucas. Our thanks go to St. Margaret's members, Jay and Barbara Lifter, who provided venue oversight and assistance.

Approximately 90 FRIENDS' members and their guests attended the annual Fall Fete in the beautiful art-filled home and gardens of Joni and Don Maltzman. Matthew Creighton, owner of Thai Smile of Rancho Mirage donated and served an excellent meal. As folks bid on silent auction items, TFT members, Jackie Doyle provided a piano background and Hart Ponder snapped photos of the festivities. Attendance at both the October meeting and the Fall Fete exceeded previous years. Special thanks to the numerous volunteers. FRIENDS could not function without you.

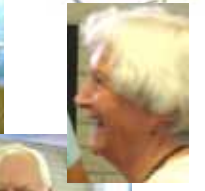
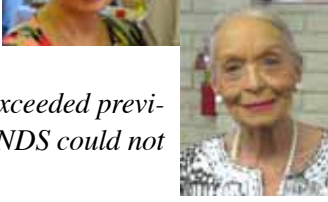
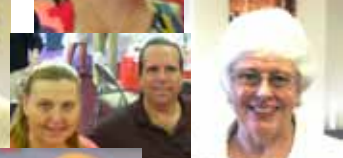
Tuesday, January 11, 2011: an exciting meeting at Marrakesh Country Club, the speaker, Father Howard Lincoln, Rector of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with dinner following. The numbers are all in a line so mark your calendar for 1-11-11 Game Day/Bridge Luncheon: Thursday, February 17, Invitations will be mailed in January

Vision For the Future Award Luncheon, March 24, 2011
Final meeting of the year, Tuesday, April 13, 2011.

Elaine Prukop & Hal Haver, Co-Chairmen



OCTOBER MEETING



FALL FETE



SNIPS & SNAILS..... We are grateful for the following support

Very Special Thanks to

City Wok, for donating the delicious buffet for TFT Friends October meeting at St. Margaret's Church



The phantom Friends who gave 10% to TFT when they sold their Gold to the *Out of the Box Gold Store*.

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Palm Desert: For offering their facilities and continued support

Lee Broido, for donating a beautiful digital piano to TFT



Most Recent Media Support

Judy Vossler, *The Desert Sun* beautiful article

Jacqueline Bachar, *The Jacqueline Bachar Show*, interview AM 1450 KPTR, Saturdays at 10 www.kptram.com

To those who contributed to the Fall Fete

THAI SMILE - Rancho Mirage, Bob Hope Shopping Center For donating the delicious Asian buffet



Hart Ponder, Photographer: 760.601.6946 For taking the beautiful pictures at the Fall Fete



Artists :
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- Knott's Soak City Palm Springs
- La Quinta Resort & Club
- Moller's Garden Center
- Morton's - The Steakhouse
- Palm Springs Air Museum
- Palm Springs Art Museum
- Spencer's Restaurant
- The Hair Gallery
- Palm Springs International Film Festival



TFT Student, Charlotte Hecht and brother Ben with Board member, Lee Appel, Exec. Direct. Ed DiNicola and Bart DiNicola at the One Stop Donation Drop

Sam Gershenfeld, who conceived and spearheaded the *One Stop Donation Drop*

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How do we operate?

We employ qualified instructors in each subject using a professionally designed curriculum.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held five days a week at individual schools, after regular school hours.

What is the cost to each child?

Classes are FREE! All supplies, musical equipment and snacks are provided by **Tools for Tomorrow**.

Which schools can we serve?

All Coachella Valley elementary schools are eligible. We are currently operating programs in Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, and Rancho Mirage.

What are the program costs?

\$10,000 supports the full program in a school for one school year.



FRIENDS

SUPPER & SPEAKER - 5:30 -7:30

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 - Tuesday, April 13, 2011

GAME DAY/BRIDGE LUNCHEON - Thursday, February 17, 2011

VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD LUNCHEON - Thursday, March 24, 2011

Tools For Tomorrow Programs are in the following schools:

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Coachella:

Peter Pendleton Elementary School

Desert Hot Springs:

Bubbling Wells Elementary School
Two Bunch Palms Elementary School
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Indian Wells:

Gerald Ford School

Indio:

Martin Van Buren School

La Quinta:

John Adams School
Harry S Truman School

Palm Desert:

Abraham Lincoln School
George Washington Charter School
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Palm Springs:

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