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An on-site after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, art and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children grades 3 -5 at no cost to the children.

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE LUNCHEON, SOME "ENCHANNING" AFTERNOON

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“Well, Hello Dolly”...the room was swaying with anticipation as Mary Roche, board chairwoman of Tools For Tomorrow welcomed Carol Channing to a beautifully decorated ballroom at the Vision For the Future Luncheon in her honor....TFT founder, Rachel Druten, assisted by TFT students, presented Awards to Steven Fraider, Idyllwild Arts Foundation Summer Program director, David Lawson, volunteer teacher, and Joyce Bulifant and her husband Roger Perry who initiated the guest artist workshops and produced the entertainment starring 20 enchanting students under the age of 10. The Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award was presented in her memory by her sisters Ginger Ludwick and Janet McNeil to a young art student who had exhibited qualities of character, kindness and responsibility. Ed DiNicola, Executive Director, reported success in 16 local schools, with waiting lists of up to 200 students in each school.

And then the “Kidettes” came on stage with a mini-Carol Channing, dancing and singing “Hello Dolly” and a chorus line of 18 students dressed in white aprons, sparkly bow ties and black mustaches. The real Channing was introduced by Honorary Chairman, Gloria Greer, and was presented with a Tiffany crystal Vision For the Future Award and a bouquet of red carnations, delighting the audience with her humor and ever-strong voice.” (More photos pg. 6)



Carol Channing with “mini-Carol,” Eleanor “Ellie” Smith

BOB HOPE CLASSIC & WELLS FARGO AMONG RECENT TFT GRANTS

The Bob Hope Classic, Wells Fargo Foundation, Community Partnership, The RAP Foundation, the Lluella Morey Murphey Foundation and Target are the most recent Foundations to show their continuing support for TFT’s vital program.



Wells Fargo, Vice Pres., Gary Hall, center, presenting check to Exec. Direct. Ed DiNicola and Founder, Rachel Druten

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Rosemary Montoya, the Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Awardee, was one of the four deserving TFT students to receive two week summer scholarships from the Idyllwild Arts Foundation. Seven more were awarded by the Palm Springs Art Museum.



TFT MOVES OFFICE

TFT is pleased to announce a move to new offices within the Berger Foundation Charitable Center, Building B, located off of Cook Street and Merle Drive in Palm Desert.

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Tools For Tomorrow provides an on-site, integrated “hands-on” arts literacy programs to “at risk” children at no cost to the 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I am thrilled to be part of Tools For Tomorrow. What I like best about this fine program is that it instills in our youngsters a capability for expression and creativity that allows their self esteem to grow and prosper. Due to this non-judgmental process, students are able to release the bonds of recrimination that so often are

evident in the educational process and find within themselves new talents and new success which then permeates their entire existence.

I love this program!

Mary T. Roche

TFT STILL NEEDS YOU



SUSTAINABILITY IS CRITICAL
to maintain the program and qualify for grants
The children of TFT need a commitment from you
What ever you can afford

REMEMBERING VERA O'LARRY HANDLEY



Who in TOOLS FOR TOMORROW can forget Vera Handley's big smile, big voice and big heart? Only sickness ... and finally death could keep Vera from a TFT meeting or event. One of the founding members of FRIENDS, she was a worker, no matter how menial the task, a cheerleader and an ambassador for any cause that involved children, education, or the arts.

Vera was well into her nineties when she passed away, January 6th of this year, in her sleep at home. She will be missed, but remembered with joy and gratitude by all those who knew and loved her.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Bambi Rule:

These past months I've been directing a play I wrote based on the curriculum with 12 students grades 3-5 at Vista del Monte Elementary school in Palm Springs. One of the things I've always stressed with students is that a play requires teamwork, and that teamwork requires mutual respect, essentially the Golden Rule: not say or do anything to anyone you wouldn't want said or done to you. Known to the kids as the "Bambi Rule." In the movie, Bambi, Bambi's mother tells him that if he can't say something nice about someone he shouldn't say anything at all.

Shortly after our discussion one of the students had to drop out of the play and I asked if anyone knew of a friend who might want to take part in the play. A name was mentioned. Immediately a couple of the kids responded. "Oh yuck he's a big bully." "He's pretty nasty."

I reminded the kids of the "Bambi Rule" and one of the students took it upon himself to address the others. "You shouldn't say those things about X----. After all he doesn't have any parents to teach him any better. His grandmother is raising him and she's old." (She's forty). The kid concluded, "Imagine how it must be for her since she raised all her kids and now has another one to raise. I think we should give him a chance and be nice to him and see what happens."

We gave X---- a chance. Within two classes he knew all his lines, was helping everyone else with theirs, and had developed a new circle of friends.

The Bambi Rule worked. Every child in that group had learned a valuable lesson. This is the sort of thing Tools For Tomorrow does for children and just one more reason I feel so passionate about the need for the program at the elementary school level.

Ed DiNicola

JONI MALTZMAN HONORED

On a significant birthday, Joni Maltzman's friends gathered to honor her with donations to Tools For Tomorrow. A group of TFT students gathered at her home with a basket of flowers and a framed certificate to join her friends in singing a heartfelt "Happy Birthday." Joni is a TFT Affiliate and Friend, and one of TFT's most passionate and loyal supporters. A picnic table with a plaque bearing her name and "Tools for Tomorrow" was donated to Lincoln School.



YOUNG THESPIANS PERFORM



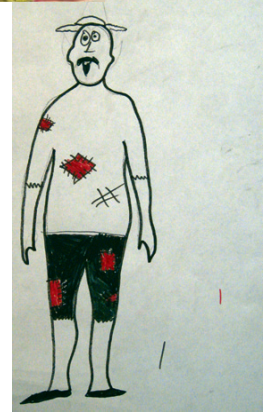
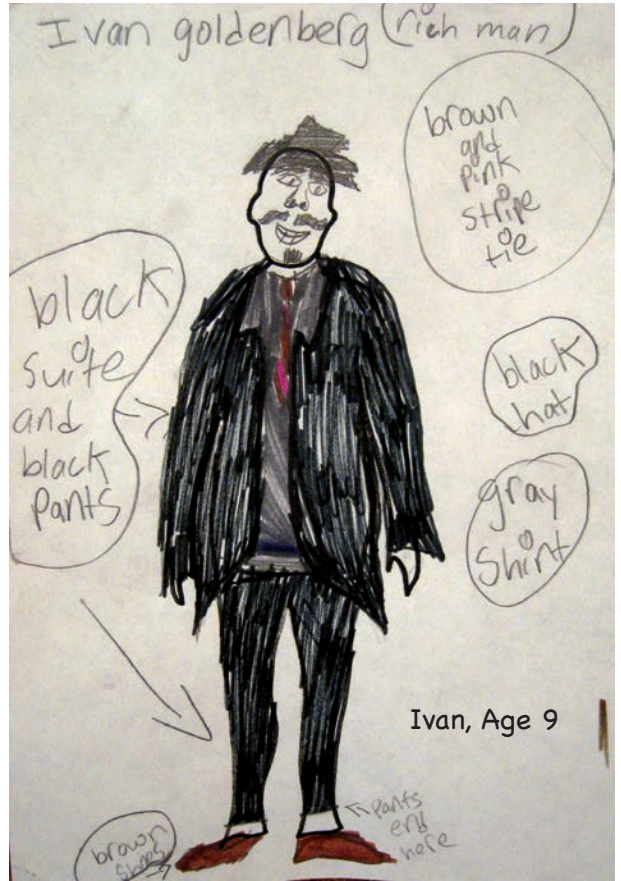
Vista del Monte Players: L to R back row: Yarely, Cody, Angel, Christian, Veronica, Emmellie. L to R. Front row: Payton, TFT Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, Novellie

Vista del Monte Elementary School Players performed an original Play as part of the curriculum of Tools For Tomorrow. They gave performances for their fellow students and parents, for the P.S.U.S.D. Board of Education, and for the Friends of Tools For Tomorrow.

With input from the students, Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, wrote and directed an original play inspired by Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." In this integrated arts experience the children learned about the Russian culture and music, suggested dialogue and designed sets and costumes for the production that was done in partnership with Louisa Castrodale, Fine Arts Coordinator for the Palm Springs Unified School District.

Director DiNicola expects to create similar plays that reflect the curriculum units, giving the children additional experiences to learn, expand their cultural and social horizons, gain confidence and self esteem and a team spirit in working creatively with their peers in Tools For Tomorrow's safe, on-site, after school environment.

Costumes and sets designed by the students



Class assignments for the original play, PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION, written by TFT Executive Director, Ed DiNicola.

- Choose one of the characters, tell what makes you/the character the happiest and what advice you would give Modest to write his music
- Create a costume for one of the characters



Veronica, Age 10



Veronica, Age 10



Peyton, Age 10



Novelee, Age 9

"My name is: Tatiana
I live in Kiev with Baba Yaga
My favorite thing to do is : go out and search vegetables in the orchard.
The thing that makes me happiest is: finding very beautiful and ripe vegetables in the orchard.

If I had to give Modest one piece of advice to write his music I would tell him that he should think of something that makes him very happy like hanging out with his best friend Valdimer.

Baba Yaga: "If you met Tatiana you're probably wondering why she lives with an old witch like me. Well I don't get rid of all the children. So I kept her as a daughter or something like that. But I like how she brings back fresh vegetables for me. So yah! Now go!" Jamie



Jamie, Age 9



Jamie, Age 9



Ivan, Age 9



Angel, Age 9

"My name is Tatiana. I live with mother gnome. My favorite thing to do is: paint picture of goats. The thing that makes me happiest is: see the Great Gate of Kiev. My word of advice is never give up, you are a smart person." Veronica

Angel



Novelee, Age 9

"My name is Dimitry. I live with my cousin. My favorite thing to do is walk down the street in Russia. The thing that makes me happiest is my dog, Comet. If I had to give Modest a piece of advice it would be to think of something that makes you happy." Elijah



Angel, Age 9



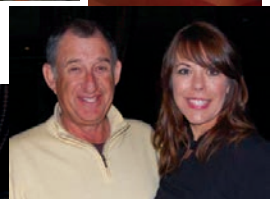
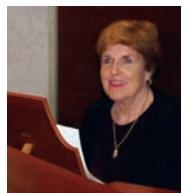
Jose, Age 10

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Friends had a great year with each meetings attendance exceeding that of the prior year. Our October meeting was at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and featured Joyce Bullifant and her husband, Roger Perry. January brought us Father Lincoln of Sacred Heart Catholic Church who spoke to a full house at Marrakesh Country Club. In February our annual Game Day netted a profit in excess of \$11,000. Our thanks go out to all those who hosted and assisted with the great turnout at seven homes. In May, we were guests of Mario and Rose Mary Hernandez in their beautiful home. We were entertained by students our Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, had been rehearsing for a play he had written. The efforts and contributions by all of those who participated in making this a great year are much appreciated by the Friends. Elaine Prukop & Hal Haver, Cochairmen

JANUARY MEETING



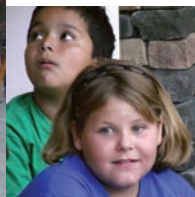
GAME DAY



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MAY MEETING

THE VISTA DEL MONTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYERS



No job too small for our Exec. Director

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ENTERTAINMENT BY THE STUDENTS

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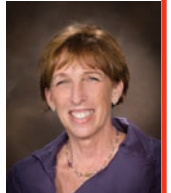
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We employ qualified instructors in each subject using a professionally designed curriculum.

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, Rancho Mirage and Mecca.

What are the program costs?

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

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