



TO REACH, TEACH AND INSPIRE CHILDREN THROUGH THE ARTS

2017-2018 Season

Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events 2018-2019 Season

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Hollywood's Golden Era

Featuring Songs and Costumes of the Era

May 5, 2019

Cinco De Mayo Under the Stars



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A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

JUDITH ANTONIO



DEAR VISIONAIRIES,

We continue to be grateful and amazed by all the kind and generous folks of the desert. Thanks to you another successful year supporting Tools for Tomorrow.

A Special Thank You to: Harold Matzner for sponsoring the "Vision For The Future" luncheon again this year. Also to: Donna MacMillan, Jeff Stanley, Alain Peracca, Bob and Irma Smith and to all of you wonderful supporters.

Once again we continued our tradition of "fun" raising. The VISIONARIES Board did a stellar job this year thinking of new and entertaining ways to thank you. At the "Vision of The Future" luncheon we were dazzled by Tools for Tomorrow's new Theater Troupe's performance. These students were involved in the entire production. It was a thrill to see how they progressed from normal rambunctious kids to theater professionals. Gilmore Rizzo did a great job, not only with the performance, but also with helping build the children's confidence, speech projection, camaraderie and self-esteem.

We are grateful to this year's Honoree Linda Rider, a kind and generous lady who shares her love for children and the arts with us. I'm happy to announce that Linda will be joining the VISIONARIES Board of Directors in the fall along with Terri Neuman, Terri Childs and Chris Metz. We already have these very talented ladies working on next season's events.

A very special thanks to The Desert Sun's Betty Frances, Trudy Tedder and JoAnne Hardy, to Pat Krause of Desert Star Weekly and to Palm Springs Life Magazine's Susan Stein, Emily Chavous and Ann Greer for their help in raising the awareness of the vital role that Tools For Tomorrow plays in the development of the children of the Coachella Valley.

Speaking of next season's events, we're going to be bringing you a variety of "fun" raising events. Our goal is always to create an enjoyable time while keeping our mission of supporting the children at the forefront. The Vision for the Future luncheon will be on hiatus; instead we're planning "A Glamorous Musical Theater Extravaganza" featuring famous costumes and songs from the golden age of cinema and, to end the season, a Cinco de Mayo party and dinner under the stars. More info as the events develop.

Have a great summer!

Judith

## Season Events

Up Close & Personal  
Book Signing  
With Actress/Author  
Joyce Bulifant

### Committee Chairs

Alaina Bixon, Suzanne Fromkin  
Committee

Judith Antonio, Claire Smith,  
Terri Neuman, Nancy Nevil,  
CJ Westrick-Bomar and Delyn Myers



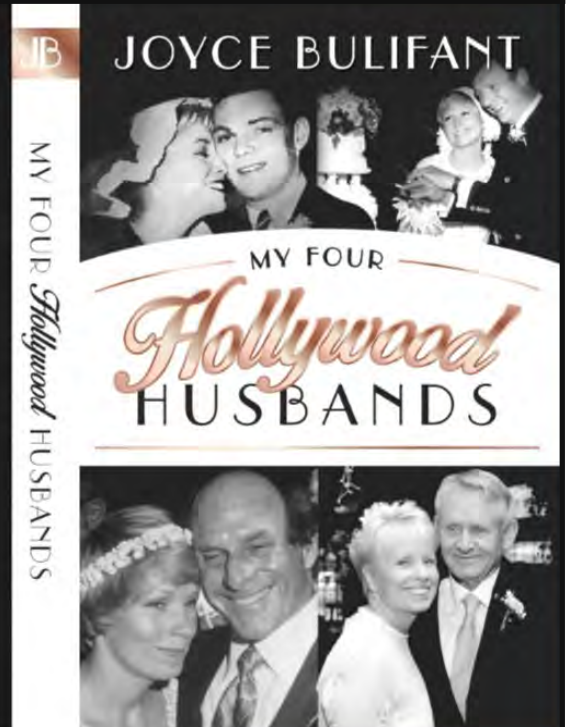
### Sponsors

Barbara Fremont  
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Judith and John Antonio  
Doug and Donna Martin



## The 2017-2018 Season showcased our literary and musical talent.

The Visionaries kicked off the Season with an Up Close & Personal Book Signing Party featuring *My Four Hollywood Husbands* written by our own Joyce Bulifant. This star-studded event was held at the newly reopened Acqua California Bistro.



# THE ENTERTAINMENT







12TH ANNUAL VISION FOR THE FUTURE  
**"ALL ABOARD FOR THE ARTS"**

EVENT SPONSOR  
HAROLD MATZNER



LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

- Barbara Klein, Chair
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- Suzanne Fromkin, Publicity
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- Nancy Bleiweiss-Nevil, Consulting and Decorations
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- Joyce Bulifant, MC
- Gilmore Rizzo, Teaching Artist - Theatre Troupe
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- David Hirsch, TFT Program Director
- Reception Pianist
- Karen and Tony Barone
- Creators & Donors - Vision for the Future Award
- Our TFT Children Stars
- Rancho Mirage Elementary



VISIONARIES of Tools for Tomorrow  
**ALL ABOARD  
FOR THE ARTS**

 Honoring  
*Linda Rider*



12th Annual Vision for  
the Future Award

Thursday, March 22, 2018

The VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow hosted the 12th Annual Vision for the Future Award Luncheon **"ALL ABOARD FOR THE ARTS"** at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa on March 22, 2018.

This year marks the 18th anniversary of the TFT program founded by Rachel Druten which provides after school art literacy classes to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the Coachella Valley public schools.

Linda Rider is well-known in Coachella Valley as a dynamic, enthusiastic philanthropist who, not only, financially supports numerous charities, but gives of her time and talent. This year's entertainment program was produced and directed Gilmore Rizzo. It featured the Tools for Tomorrow children from Rancho Mirage Elementary.

Karen and Tony Barone again generously created and donated the *Vision for the Future* award.



# FOUR HONORED

## 2018 Vision for the Future Honoree

*Linda Rider* Pic. 1 Linda with Award and TFT Student

## Rachel Bryant Druten Founder

### Teacher of the Year Award

*Gilmore Rizzo* Pic. 2

## Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award

*Jade Roche*

### 5th Grade, Rancho Mirage Elementary

Pic. 3 Jade with Judith Antonio and Rachel Druten

## Volunteer of the Year Award

*Irma Smith*

### Vice Chairmen, Membership

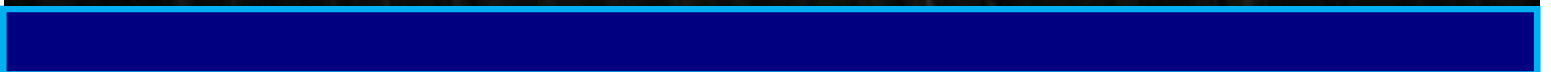
### Visionaries of Tools For Tomorrow

Pic. 4 Irma pictured with Judith Antonio and Claire Smith

## 2017 Honoree Linda Rider

Pic. 5 Linda with Karen and Tony Barone—Award Designers











# VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow



## Membership Appreciation Cocktail Party

At the elegant home of  
*Jeff Stanley & Alain Peracca*

Graciously hosted by  
*Irma Smith & Judith Antonio*





*What Fun!  
Great Food, Ambiance  
and Guests...*





## VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow Executive Board

Back row: Marlene Cox, Suzanne Fromkin, Alaina Bixon, Nancy Bleiweiss-Nevil, Jean Carrus, Claire Smith, Irma Smith, Flo Wolff and CJ Westrick-Bomar.

Front row: Judy Mathes, Barbara Klein, Louise Escoe, Judith Antonio and Jennie Inch.

## Welcome New Board Members for 2018-2019



**Terri Childs**



**Chris Metz**



**Terri Neuman**



**Linda Rider**



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*Summer Editor  
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