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THROUGH THE ARTS

2018-2019 Season

Summer 2019 Newsletter

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A LETTER FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT

JUDITH ANTONIO



Dear VISIONARIES

It has been an exciting year for the **VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow**. Not only did we have two great “fun” fund raising events we also expanded the volunteers in the classroom. Now more than ever we need more volunteers to join in this rewarding adventure.

My second year in the classroom was even more gratifying than the first -- helping the children learn their lines, getting to participate in the warm-up exercises and best of all, witnessing their development over the year. **Tools For Tomorrow** is not training professional actors: Tools is helping prepare kids for life. I encourage you to join me. Classes are 90 minutes, once per week.

If you attended “The Golden Age of Hollywood” you saw some of the most dazzling costumes ever worn by Hollywood stars with an added bonus of four great entertainers. The **VISIONARIES** try to have a unique fund raising event every year. In 2019, we knocked it out of the park with both “The Golden Age of Hollywood” and a Cinco de Mayo celebration. A big thank you to **Lucie Arnaz**, who was a special honoree and was surprised when a dress she wore so many years ago was modeled! It was a nice change-up from the luncheons we’ve had in the past. If you weren’t able to attend, we hope you’ll join us for the all-new 2020 event. Once again the multi-talented **Joyce Bulifant** will be back as the director, producer and choreographer of the children’s program.

On the personal side, this was my last year as president of The **VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow**. They have been some of the most rewarding years for me. Your support has made it possible for **Tools For Tomorrow** to bring this important program to the children of the Coachella Valley, who would not have the enrichment of the arts in their lives without YOU.

The talented **Irma Smith** will take the helm of the **VISIONARIES**. She has been a member of the board since its inception and will continue with the established culture plus bring a wealth of new ideas. It’s easy to move on knowing that the organization is in capable hands.

I hope you will consider volunteering in the classroom with me. If so, please call **Andrea Hecht** at **Tools For Tomorrow** office 760.601.3954.

See you in the fall,

Judith Antonio



A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT

IRMA SMITH



Dear Friends,

Six years ago I joined the Board of the **VISIONARIES of Tools for Tomorrow** because of my love of volunteering and interacting with kids of all ages. Now in my new capacity as President, I get to do both! I am so fortunate and thankful to have the support of a talented and accomplished group of women on this Board. Together with *all* the **VISIONARIES** we can reach our goals to continue to grow as an organization and expand our program to reach more children in the Coachella Valley.

As a Board and as individuals, we are committed to inspire others to make a difference in a child's life as well. We encourage you to get involved and welcome your ideas. Our priorities are equally focused on (1) the children's program, (2) raising funds to support it, and (3) creating awareness for **Tools For Tomorrow**.

The lack of funding for art programs in early childhood education in public schools creates a critical void in their education. Our aim is to fill this vacuum by helping one child at a time with our integrated arts and literacy curriculum that provides the tools for each child to achieve a better future.

There are a myriad of opportunities for you to assist us achieve our goal. They include:

1. *Become a member and help us grow. Membership is a great way to start.*
2. *Volunteer in a classroom and experience the joy of working directly with the children.*
3. *Serve on a committee and share your unique talents.*
4. *Participate by sponsoring and/or attending our fundraising events to help us raise the funds to continue this valuable program.*

Our **2019-2020 Season** is just around the corner. We are thrilled about the events we are planning. To begin with, we would like you to join us as our guest at our **November 3rd Member Appreciation Party**. Also, please bring a friend. On **February 26th** our "**Fabulous Fashion and Song from the Silver Screen**" is back by popular demand – featuring a new theme and different original Hollywood creations. We look forward to an exciting evening, including a **Tools For Tomorrow** children's program under the direction of **Joyce Bulifant** and a Q & A session with special guest, **Susan Stein**, as moderator. Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss it! More information on these and other fun events will be forthcoming.

I'm honored to represent the **VISIONARIES** Board and our members on the **Tools For Tomorrow** Board and to have the pleasure of partnering with our Operations Manager **Andrea Hecht**, Administrative Assistant **Carol Curie** and Program Director **David Hirsch**.

We are looking forward to a great year and seeing you at our events. Thank you for your continued and invaluable support.

Very truly yours,

Irma Smith
President

BARBARA KELLER
IN MEMORIAM



This year we lost a very special and dear friend.

*Barbara Keller was an amazing and
vital force in our valley.*

*She and her husband Jerry were our
2017 Vision for the Future Honorees.*

Barbara was beautiful inside and out.

Her devotion to the desert charities was renown.

*Her beautiful smile, wonderful spirit and
generous heart will never be forgotten.*



HOLLYWOOD

13TH ANNUAL VISION FOR THE FUTURE
Presenting



Greg Schreiner - Producer
Joshua Finkel - Director/Choreographer



Singers - Elisa Surmont and Jill Burke



VISIONARIES
OF
Tools For Tomorrow



HOLLYWOOD

HONORING

Lucie Arnaz

2019 VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARDEE

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Photo by Michael Childers

"A WOMAN OF MANY FACETS"

The VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow were thrilled to honor **Lucie Arnaz** as their 13th Vision for the Future Award Honoree. The Helene Galen Auditorium venue located in the Annenberg Health Sciences Building was graciously sponsored by **Eisenhower Health**. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the TFT program founded by **Rachel Drueten** which provides after school art literacy classes to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in the Coachella Valley public schools.

Lucie Arnaz, as a child star, intimately knows about the benefits of being introduced to the arts in life's formative years. The experience boosted her self-esteem and confidence. **Lucie** has generously given of her time and talent to our communities young people. The **Lucie Arnaz Awards** founded by **David Green** in collaboration with **Lucie** in 2017 inspires our Valley's High School Theater majors. Each year the winners go on to compete in the **National High School Musical Theatre Awards**.

Our **Tools For Tomorrow Theatre Troupe** directed by **Gilmore Rizzo** was again a welcome feature at our annual event. The cast was from Rancho Mirage Elementary School.



The doors opened at 3 pm with an elegant hosted cocktail reception including culinary delights from LuLu's Catering. Activities included a glamorous fashion boutique and raffle.





13TH ANNUAL VISION FOR THE FUTURE





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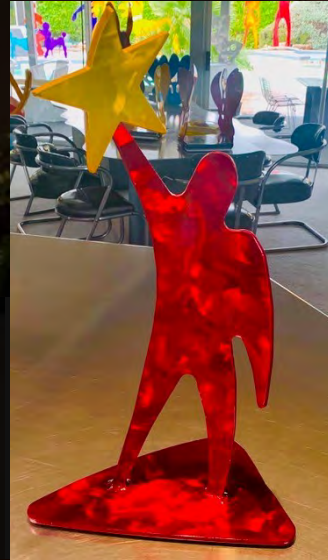
JUDITH ANTONIO

PRESIDENT
VISIONARIES



Tools For Tomorrow Theatre Troupe kicked off the show followed by the Vision for the Future Award Ceremony honoring Lucie Arnaz



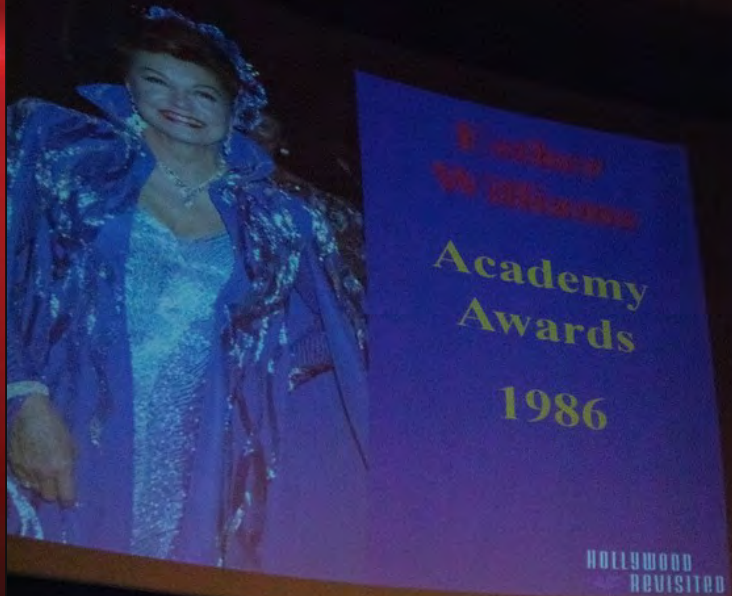


Lucie Arnaz
2019
AWARD FOR THE FUTURE
HONOREE
A Toast to You Lucie!



Our deserving Honoree Lucie Arnaz received the Award that Karen and Tony Barone created and donated. Former Award Honoree Linda Rider and President Judith Antonio presided.

HOLLYWOOD REVISITED

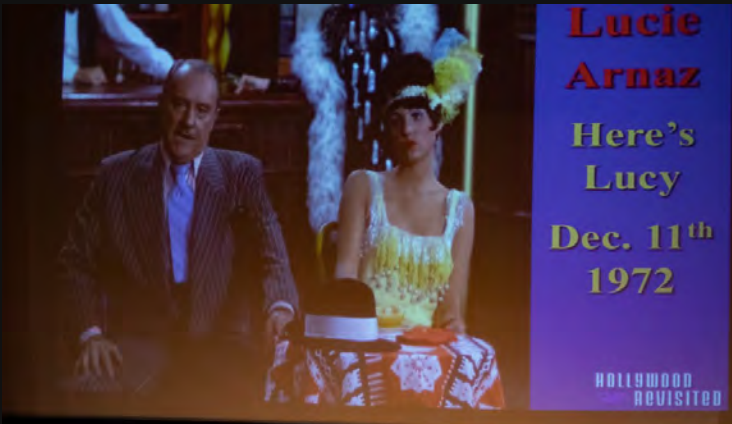


*Glamour and talent
abounds ...*



To the delight of all, a costume Lucie wore in 1972 was in the show.

HOLLYWOOD REVISITED



Enjoying the After Show GLOW ...





13TH ANNUAL VISION FOR THE FUTURE
"The Golden Age of Hollywood"



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CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO



Fiesta

Benefitted
Tools For Tomorrow
May 5, 2019

Salud!



CINCO DE MAYO



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Terri Neuman, Event Co-Chair introduces Riverside's Got Talent Winner Kayley Serrano and performer Maleyna Gregorio.



FIVE HONORED

Rachel Bryant Druten Founder
Teacher of the Year Award
Billy Makuta and Ellen Brenner-Makuta Pic. 1

Daryl Timmons Bryant Art Spirit Award
Isabella Garczynski
Ronald Reagan Elementary Pic. 2

Volunteer of the Year Award
CJ Westrick-Bomar, Esq.
Former Vision for the Future Event Chair and
Digital and Print Media Producer
VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow
Pic. 3 CJ pictured with Event Co-Chair Terri Neuman

Special thank you and gift given to President
Judith Antonio from the VISIONARIES and
incoming President Irma Smith. Pic. 4

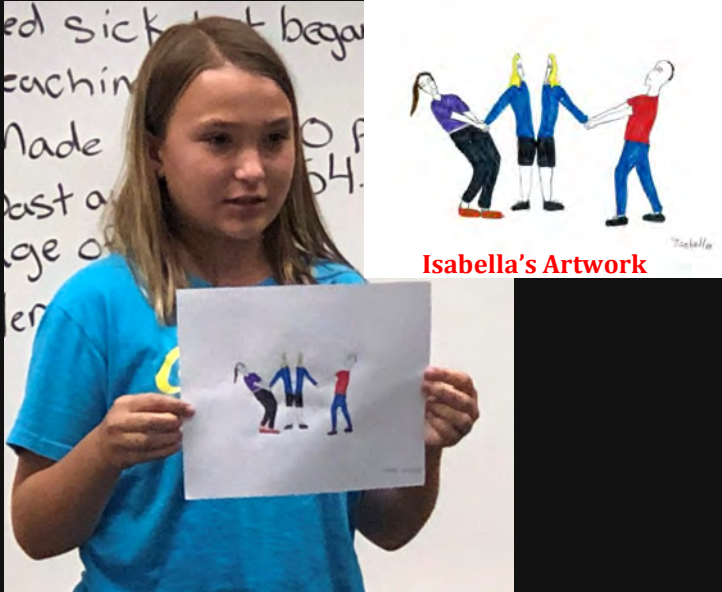
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Isabella's Artwork

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CINCO DE MAYO

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Co-Chairs
Terri Neuman and Irma Smith
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Judith Antonio
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Muchas Gracias!!!



VOLUNTEER IN TOOLS FOR TOMORROW CLASSROOMS!

2019-2020 Season

I can attest that being with the kids is energizing! Playing theater games is definitely fun. But the big reward is watching how the **Tools For Tomorrow** program impacts the children's lives. The kids grow in positive ways --- they learn to interact with each other, to pay attention to what is happening and to support each other. They are exposed to new ideas. The Theatre Troupe members think about and memorize lines.

Watching kids grow --- impacting their lives - is hugely rewarding. As VISIONARIES Program Liaison for TFT, I hope to find a few more volunteers to assist teachers one afternoon a week in our elementary school classrooms. If you are interested in assisting in a classroom (schedule is flexible as no one can commit to every week!), please contact me at tbctbc22@gmail.com or call Carol Curie at the TFT office 760-601-3954.

Terri Childs
Program Liaison
VISIONARIES for Tools For Tomorrow



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VISIONARIES OPPORTUNITIES

2019-2020 Season

Thank you for supporting the VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow. Our 2018-2019 educational season was a successful one. We held weekly art, music, creative writing and theater classes in 15 schools and showcased two Theatre Troupe programs. Our children's art work was also on exhibit at the Ferguson Gallery on El Paseo in April. We look forward to an exciting 2019-2020 year ahead.

Save November 3, 2019 to join us for a thank you, welcome back party. Also hold Wednesday night, February 26, 2020 for a Fabulous Fashion and Song from the Silver Screen Event.



On behalf of the VISIONARIES Board:

WE WANT YOU to enjoy your membership even more in the coming year by participating in one or more new opportunities. The following are potential areas in which you can become engaged:

- Audit a class or attend a Theatre Troupe production to see our after school arts education program in person
- Volunteer to assist in an integrated arts class
- Meet your fellow members at a fun social event
- Serve on a VISIONARIES board committee

Please let us know your special interests and talents so we can ensure you are included. Here are a few ideas:

Social Events Committee
Publicity Committee
Fund Raising Committee
Other _____

School Volunteers Committee
Membership Committee
Education Committee

Thank you again for your membership. If you are interested in any of the committees or activities please contact Chris Metz at chrismetz1@gmail.com or Terri Neuman at ladyislander5@yahoo.com

Chris Metz
Membership Chair

Terri Neuman
Events Chair



VISIONARIES of Tools For Tomorrow Executive Board 2018-2019

Back row left to right: Linda Rider, Marlene Cox, Terri Childs, Alaina Bixon, Jean Carrus, Jennie Inch, Suzanne Fromkin, Judy Mathes, Irma Smith, Chris Metz, CJ Westrick-Bomar, Esq.

Front row left to right: Terri Neuman, Anne Hopkins, Barbara Klein, Judith Antonio, Louise Escoe and Florence Wolff. Not pictured: Claire Smith

**Special thanks to Tools For Tomorrow Executive Staff
Andrea Hecht, Operations Manager
Carol Curie, Administrative Assistant
David Hirsch, Program Director**

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