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More than 800 businesswomen and community leaders joined AWEE this past November for its 25th Anniversary celebration and 11th Faces of Success luncheon! The ever-popular event featured emcees Beth & Bill of KEZ 99.9, a great giveaway competition and AWEE's founders and supporters from early years onward. Come back for more fun November 1, 2006!



Have beads will travel. Luncheon Committee member, Phyllis Dumond (far right), works her sales magic with the crowd to help rally more than \$9,000 in raffle ticket sales for AWEE. Big prizes included a Canyon Ranch Getaway, Burland jewelry and a Hidden Meadow Ranch retreat.



Susan & Bill Heywood got the AWEE "party started" by welcoming guests in the registration area and quickly engaged attendees in prepping their purses through several pre-lunch giveaway contests. These two long-time AWEE supporters made the celebration of 25 years all the more sweeter and fun!



Marie Sullivan, AWEE President & CEO (far right) and Jeanne Lind Herberger (middle), present the Herberger Award to Diane Cummings Halle (left), for her support of AWEE and the advancement of women in the community.



Creativity was the key to win the biggest giveaway of all, thanks to US Airways and its trip to Costa Rica. Luncheon emcees, Beth (far right) and Bill (far left), of KEZ 99.9FM, have fun with guest Carolyn Johnsen.



Marsha Goodman, AWEE's board chair (left), thanks Gay Ann Williams, Health Net of Arizona (right), for her two year reign as event chair of the 2006 luncheon. Gay Ann will be back in the saddle for a third round as co-chair along with Karen Donner of Clear Channel.



Marsha Goodman (middle), congratulates Diane Ramirez (left), and Sharon Thompson of Prescott (right), on their life-changing achievements as AWEE past participants and recognizes them as a 2005 Faces of Success.



Dribble, dribble, spin...you win! Phoenix Mercury player, Shereka Wright, helped prepare contestants to spin a basketball on their fingertip and win great giveaways.



An integral part of the 11th Faces of Success luncheon success came from the involvement of Wells Fargo and its civic-minded employees. The bank team pitched in at the luncheon with everything from selling raffle tickets to registration, and also gave of their time at pre-event promotional opportunities. Thanks Wells Fargo!

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A 25TH ANNIVERSARY ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR WONDERFUL FACES OF SUCCESS LUNCHEON SPONSORS!

AWEE Awarded Coveted Labor Department Grant for Ex-offender Reentry Initiative

2006 kicks off with a bang for AWEE as we start implementing efforts for a comprehensive *Paths to Living Free* prisoner reentry program. This specialized program work is made possible through a \$660,000 grant recently awarded to AWEE from the U.S. Department of Labor. Only 30 such grants were given out nationwide – AWEE and the Tucson-based Primavera Foundation were the two Arizona recipients.

“With this fantastic news and generous funding from the Labor Department grant, we’ll be positioned to effectively address the needs of those about to step out of prison and back into society, effectively changing the face of how our communities meet the needs of an extremely challenged population that typically struggles to start life over again,” said Marie Sullivan, AWEE President & CEO. This effort to help strengthen urban communities and assist ex-offenders re-entering the community through employment-based programs was announced by President Bush in his 2004 State of the Union Address.

Paths to Living Free will focus on 200 ex-offenders released in Maricopa County. Project participants are identified through community and prison outreach, assessed to determine individual and family reintegration challenges, and assisted with individualized service strategies leading to job placement, retention, reduced recidivism and improved well being. The project prepares released

offenders for a successful reintegration into home, family, community and employment through individual approaches to addressing unique needs, goals and personal challenges.

Consistent with national best practices, AWEE’s program features the collaborative efforts of many qualified organizations, including non-profit, faith-based, education, business, social service, health services and government partnerships including the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC). The ADC and AWEE will work to expand the program to deliver intensive post release services to both men and women, and will assist AWEE with recruitment of prisoners due to be released.

Earlier in 2005, AWEE formalized a partnership with the Arizona Department of Corrections for a similar program to the *Paths to Living Free* program focused primarily on women. The *Women Living Free* program is supported by the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, Junior League of Phoenix, and the Governor’s Division for Women. Its focus is to prepare incarcerated women for a successful return to family, careers and their community. In-prison services include comprehensive case management, substance abuse treatment, education and skill training, job readiness, job placement and retention support, transitional housing services, and family reunification support. To find out more about either of these reentry programs, contact AWEE at (602) 223-4333.

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SAVE THE DATE!

AWEE Women & Work Symposium

Women and the Arizona Workforce: What does the Future Hold?

March 30 & 31

Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa

Co-chaired by Clara Lovett, Ph.D. and AWEE President & CEO, Marie Sullivan. Visit AWEE.org for details or email louannphillips@awee.org to receive an event invitation.



Shop Bashas’ through March and support AWEE! Need to stop off for a few bananas or a gallon of milk? You can help us earn up to \$2,500 by linking your Bashas’ “Thank You Card” with AWEE as part of the grocers *Thanks A Million* program. The next

time you shop, ask to link your card with our number of 27421. The program ends March 31, so link and shop now!

AWEE Career Expo

AWEE and Cingular team up to present a Career Expo, February 28 from 3–7 p.m. at the Tempe Escalante Center, located at 2150 E. Orange St., Tempe. Employer tables are still available. Call 602-223-4336.

Look for AWEE on 7th Avenue

Don’t blink. But when you’re heading home from a meeting or work Downtown, you might just catch a glimpse of AWEE. Thanks to our 25th Anniversary media sponsor, Clear Channel, AWEE is prominently featured on a billboard at 7th Ave. and Indian School Road through mid-February. The Billboard invites passers-by to visit AWEE’s web site and find out how they can get help jump starting their careers.



Our thanks to Honeywell for its support!

Honeywell and AWEE joined forces to present “An Evening with the Impressionists” at Phoenix Art Museum on January 18, 2006. Special thanks to the AWEE Board of Directors and the Special Projects Committee for their coordination of this elegant evening of networking and support for AWEE’s ongoing programs and services. Please visit AWEE.org for event photos and a full recap of the evening.