

MEDIA ADVISORY/CALENDAR LISTING – MARCH 31 EVENT

**FRIENDS OF AWEE INVITE COMMUNITY TO
ANNUAL COCKTAILS & CLOTHES**

A Special Gathering to Support the Programs of Arizona Women's Education & Employment (AWEE) and its Professional Clothing Boutique

WHO: The public is invited to the ***Friends of AWEE Cocktails & Clothes*** gathering – a reception that attracts a couple of hundred businesswomen interested in spending time with colleagues, supporting the critical programs of AWEE and meeting the needs of its participants, including having ready-to-wear career outfits – for interviews and everyday work clothes.

The event, founded by commercial real estate guru Judi Butterworth years ago, is focused on helping women struggling to re-enter the workforce after challenging times, or climb the ladder to build a career that could take them beyond a paycheck to a well-rounded life supporting their families. The popularity and volunteer spirit of those involved has grown over the years. Co-Chair Phyllis Dumond, a Commercial Title expert, has worked with the volunteer committee to provide great raffle prizes and recruit a variety of sponsors to support the event. The event is presented by Westcor, and supported by Snell & Wilmer, Sonoran Property Maintenance, Dunlap & Magee, Michael Pollack Real Estate Investments, AtoZ Restoration & Construction, Safeguard Security, Camelback Community Bank, DMB Associates, Gerry Waltz, Arrington Watkins Architects, MidFirst Bank, Troon Construction, Colleen McPherson, Gerry Ring Waltz, CSEO and Jim Bentz.

WHAT: **Cocktails & Clothes** is set for **Tuesday, March 31**, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Adobe Restaurant at the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club.

Guests can pull up to a large truck, donated courtesy of Elontec, a computer network services and relocation company, to drop off their clothing gathered from spring cleaning efforts to support the AWEE boutique. Men's items are also welcome since AWEE serves men and young adults as well. Then guests are directed to the patio and restaurant to enjoy refreshments, great company and a raffle. Prizes include packages from a variety of companies and generous individuals including: Sharp Incentives, Enchantment Resort, Sedona, Wine to Barefoot, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Sprinkles, Audio Express Portable, Phoenix Suns, Nancy Hempy, Harrah's Laughlin Resort & Casino, Las Palomas Beach & Golf Resort, Granny's Chocolate Creations, and US Airways.

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**
Reception: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$50 per person

WHERE: The Adobe Restaurant, Arizona Biltmore Golf Club – 2400 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix

CONTACT: For reservations, call 602.223.4345 and leave a message, email louannphillips@AWEE.org or go to AWEE.org and click on the Clothing and Cocktails link to register on the spot. Walk ups also welcome. Those just dropping clothing are also invited to simply stop by the truck and make their donations.

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About AWEE

Arizona Women's Education & Employment has been successfully investing in women, families and this community through life and career success planning, training and support for more than 28 years. To date, AWEE has served and supported nearly 60,000 women, men and young adults in their quest to attain quality jobs that create positive changes and successful beginnings for themselves and their families. For more information, contact AWEE at (602) 223-4333 or visit AWEE.org.