48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona

Centennial Legacy Luncheon Program

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                                      Mega Manicurist and Jazz Singer
Keynote Speaker ...................................................................... Barbara Barrett
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The Honorees ......................................................................... Tara Hitchcock
                                      Former Host Good Morning Arizona
Student Essay Winners ............................................................ Carlian Dawson, EdD
                                      Student Essay Chair
Closing Remarks ..................................................................... Anne Woosley
                                      Executive Director of the Arizona Historical Society
                                      Lin Sue Cooney
                                      News Anchor, 12 News
Dear Honorees, Friends & Guests,

Two years ago, I was invited by W. K. Kellogg Foundation to participate in a bold experiment: to take fifteen women from around the world and put them through a yearlong leadership program. The goal was to develop innovative ideas for impacting women’s issues globally. At the end of that year, each of us was required to present a project plan on how we would impact our local communities.

The plan I submitted has evolved into what we now call: 48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona—a Centennial Legacy Project. As a native Arizonan, I have seen many remarkable women doing remarkable things, but often in isolation. My idea was to bring them all together at the same time in the same place and recognize their efforts and accomplishments collectively.

So, my deepest congratulations to each Honoree. We’re here to honor you. For the past year, members of the Governing Board have criss-crossed the state, learning how each of you has impacted your communities. Your leadership and accomplishments are exemplary, and many young women will certainly follow in your footsteps.

There are some very special people I must publicly acknowledge and thank.

First, my Vice-Chair, Joy Johnson. Thank you for working tirelessly alongside of me for all of these many months. You are PRICELESS. But I do have a question for you: will you still answer my phone calls after today?

Members of the Governing Board, thank you for your commitment and support.

The Arizona Historical Society Museum staff, you have been the best supporting partner.

The Arizona Community Foundation, thank you for your support and expertise.

Martina Bourque of Web Design Phoenix. You are truly amazing. Thank you.

Dr. Carlian Dawson, thank you for doing such a great job of engaging our education system in this project.

Our sponsors – thank you for believing in and supporting our vision.

Jim, my husband – thank you for your love, support and patience.

Finally, again to the Honorees, you are the reason why we are all here. Thank you to those who nominated you; who saw what is special in you and what you do and believed it was important that others should see it as well. I also want to thank your assistants and office staff who helped in many ways. And, thank you all for bringing such a richness of energy to this room today.

Yours truly,

Connie Robinson, Chair

48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the governing board of the “48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona”, a Centennial Legacy Project, I would like to extend our warmest greetings. It is with sincere pride and gratitude that I welcome you to this very special Centennial Legacy Luncheon that celebrates 48 women, 3 legends and an institution, all of which have made a significant impact on the state in which we live. What a blessing it is for all of us to witness our resident state turning 100 years old!

It is so hard to believe, but it was only two years ago that this project’s Chair, Connie Robinson, shared her vision with me of producing a book that highlights Arizona women who have made a difference in our local and national communities. She was confident that a project like this was worthy of implementation and here we are today sharing in the end result; a book that will be preserved in the Arizona Historical Society Museum for many years to come and this unique luncheon celebration.

Having served in leadership roles in many local and national women’s organizations, I am truly inspired by these amazing women who we honor today. To the honorees, thank you for your intriguing stories of faith, diligence, hard work and perseverance, it is an honor to be in your presence today.

To all of our program participants, thank you for sharing your time, creativity and expertise with us this afternoon, your efforts are much appreciated.

To the Phoenician Resort & Spa, thank you for your wonderful care of this event set against your beautiful backdrop.

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Finally, I would like to thank all of you, our guests, for being here this afternoon, your presence validates our efforts! I hope that each of you will leave today feeling inspired to do more for the state of Arizona in the years to come...I know I will!

Best Regards,
Joy M. Johnson, Vice-Chair
48 Most Intriguing Women of Arizona
To All of My Fellow Honorees, We Congratulate You!

I am very proud to be a part of the 48 Most intriguing Women of Arizona. And, to my guests, thank you for being here to support me. Enjoy the Celebration!

Bob & Carole Machiz
On behalf of the City of Phoenix, I wish to congratulate all of the women honored by the Centennial Legacy project, Arizona’s 48 Most Intriguing Women. In Arizona’s 100th year of statehood, they are symbolic of the many women who preceded them in Arizona’s history.

Honoring them for their contributions to community, business, education, health care and all of the other categories presented remind us that today’s contribution is tomorrow’s history.

This project recognizes how women are shaping that history by their important efforts, and as a result, our cities, state, nation and even the world is made a better place — a place we all can take pride in.

My congratulations also extends to the 48 Women project team and their partner, the Arizona Historical Society, for recognizing that the women of today’s Arizona are making these types of meaningful and significant contributions and deserve a platform which honors them. And while this well deserved luncheon gives Arizona’s citizens an opportunity to express their appreciation today, the wonderful book profiling their motivations and accomplishments ensures lasting recognition of what today’s Arizona women are doing to lead and enhance our lives.

Please join with me as Mayor of the City of Phoenix in expressing our love, appreciation and respect for Arizona's 48 Most Intriguing Women.

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Greg Stanton, Mayor of Phoenix
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Thank you to everyone at 48 Arizona Women for truly taking my breath away. Home is where your heart is and where those you love are—it’s where you choose to raise your children and help to support an amazing community. Arizona is my home, and the honor to live and work among these women is truly humbling. —Cheryl Najafi

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We congratulate you...each of Arizona’s 48 Most Intriguing Women for your accomplishments and thank you for enriching communities across the state.
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In 2011, President Michael Crow recruited Diane, a former Arizona U.S. Attorney, tribal court appellate judge and an ASU alum, to help expand the foundation of ASU’s Indian tribal initiatives.

Today, Diane oversees and promotes American Indian/Native American recruitment and retention activities, works with ASU American Indian/Native American programs to enhance their reach ASU-wide, and to enhance and sustain ASU’s relationships with Indian tribal governments. Diane is guided by President Crow’s vision that ASU, one of the nation’s largest universities, is uniquely placed to receive and graduate the highest population of American Indian/Native American Students nationally, and to serve, partner with, and learn from Indian tribal governments in a variety of ways.

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Diane J. Humetewa - Special Advisor to the ASU President on American Indian Affairs
For more than 28 years, Arizona viewers have counted on Lin Sue Cooney for balanced, local news. Lin Sue anchors Arizona Nightly News and 12 News at 10 pm with Mark Curtis. Lin Sue is at the forefront of the station’s breast health initiative, Buddy Check 12, reports daily news with a special fondness for children’s issues, and also produces and writes stories of bravery and courage for the station’s Hero Central franchise.

A respected journalist, Lin Sue has been honored as the Valley’s “Best Anchor” by the Phoenix chapter of American Women in Radio and Television. She also has won numerous awards for her news reporting and community service efforts including seven Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards. Many of Lin Sue’s stories are centered around family and community issues.

Lin Sue began her career in Beaumont, Texas. She came to Phoenix from WFAA-TV in Dallas where she was a news reporter and co-host of PM Magazine.

Lin Sue graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in English and Political Science from Willamette University in Oregon. She holds a master’s degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University.

Off camera, Lin Sue devotes time to numerous Valley schools and charities. She and her husband and four children, and standard poodle Max, currently reside in the Phoenix area.
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**Congratulations, Arizona!**

*Diane Halle*

It is an honor to be recognized as one of 48 such outstanding women as Arizona begins a new century.

Working towards greatness for our beautiful Arizona is both a privilege and a responsibility.

**Congratulations, Arizona!**

*Jeanne Herberger*
Jannah has served many leaders as an advisor, commission member and technical consultant. Dr. Warren H. Stewart, Sr. licensed her to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in 1998. She received further ordination from the JGM National Prayerlife Institute and Covenant Community Church in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She has a graduate degree from the University of California at Berkeley in Public Health Planning and Policy, and an honorary Doctorate of Theology from the Gateway International Bible Institute in Phoenix.

Since March of 2009, Jannah has served in President Obama’s administration with Secretary Napolitano as Deputy Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In that role, Jannah guides the engagement of faith-based and community groups in emergency preparedness and response; immigration policy; developing standards and protocols of how the Department shares information with faith-based and community groups.

From 2005 to 2009 she served as the Policy Advisor on Faith and Community Initiatives to former Arizona Governor—now Secretary of the US Department of Homeland Security-- Janet Napolitano. In that role, Jannah represented the Governor with community investment coalitions, faith leaders, cities and counties to establish local initiatives aimed at serving the poorest and most vulnerable citizens of our state. During her tenure with the Governor’s Office, Jannah was privileged to be an Arizona delegate on several faith and civil society exchange journeys with Arizona government and business leaders, traveling to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Turkey.

Jannah is an associate with the International Foundation, host to the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast involving U.S. government officials and international leaders.

Jannah is the mother of five young men and women of God, and grandmother to 5 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. Her passion is to see the coming of the kingdom of God on earth, where people everywhere achieve their God-given potential, living in an atmosphere where love, dignity, righteousness and justice prevail.
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Dr. Carlian W. Dawson has over 25 years experience as a leadership consultant. Her clients range from corporate CEOs, school district superintendents, to new managers and principals. Senior management and education leaders benefit from her skillful coaching, training and development techniques. Most notably she has received high acclaim for organizational and leadership development and diversity education. According to her clients, Dr. Dawson’s strength lies in her ability to get to the “heart” of the matter separating confusion and chaos in complex or difficult situations.

As a former principal she understands school leadership and that success critically begins with the school principal and that it’s the principal’s leadership skills which determines whether a school becomes “a dynamic learning organization or another underperforming school.” Through direct coaching and support or in district teams, Dr. Dawson helps principals develop the leadership skills they need to effectively manage the day-to-day challenges and interactions they face.

Carlian has a Bachelor of Science from Grand Canyon University, Masters in Multicultural Education and Education Administration from Arizona State University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Illinois State University.

On behalf of the 48Women.org organization and as the 48Women Education Chairperson we say ‘Congratulations!’ to every student who participated in the 48Women Living Legacy Centennial essay contest. As we expected, selecting the winning essays proved to be a challenging experience. We received approximately 50 essays statewide. To score, we developed a systematic scoring rubric based on the essay guidelines to assess every entry and then we looked at overall coherence and organization. There are 3 categories of winners: 4th – 6th grade, 7th – 8th grade, and 9th – 12th grade.

Now we present the winners of our 48Women Centennial Essay contest:

4th – 6th grade: Alanna N. Rivera – Tonalea ES/Scottsdale USD, Scottsdale, AZ - Principal, Mrs. Friend
7th – 8th grade: Mariah C. Holmes – Ira Murphy ES/ Peoria USD, Peoria, Az - Principal, Ms. Lorisa Pombo
9th – 12th grade: April Fry – St. David High School/St. David SD, St. David, AZ - Principal, Mrs. Fenn

Thank you,

Dr. Carlian W. Dawson
The Gideon Group would like to extend our congratulations and gratitude to all the honorees. Thank you for the contribution you have made to your communities and organizations, and for the example you have provided for those who will follow in your footsteps.

Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort congratulate Arizona’s 48 most intriguing women and value the impact they have had in shaping our state’s history.
Mary Jo West has been called “The First Lady of Television News” in Phoenix. In 1976, she became our city’s first prime time anchor-woman. During her broadcast career, she reported and anchored over 5,000 newscasts in Florida, Arizona, and with CBS News in New York. Her reporting skills have earned her the broadcast industry’s top awards including the prestigious Peabody, 2 Rocky Mountain Emmy Awards, 13 Arizona Press Club Awards and she received national recognition when she won the “Gracie” from American Women in Radio and TV.

Mary Jo was the first newswoman inducted into the Arizona Broadcaster’s Hall of Fame and was selected to join the Silver Circle of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

She now serves as the Community Liaison and Executive Producer of Video for St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix, which is the largest St. Vincent de Paul charity in the country. Mary Jo has always been involved with community service work and was named Volunteer of the Year by the Mental Health Association. She appeared on the “Oprah Winfrey Show” and was one of the guest speakers at the first ever White House Conference on Mental Health. Mary Jo recently travelled to Haiti and has produced a documentary called Haiti: Finding Hope Among the Rubble.

In her personal life, Mary Jo is the proud mother of daughter, Molly, who is studying to be a nurse. One of the greatest joys of Mary Jo’s life…. her 2 year old grandson, Sonny!
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If anyone ever told Pat McMahon, “you simply can’t do it all”, Pat was clearly not listening. Pat’s day includes his hour long live on AZ-TV each morning (9-10am). But that’s not all...his role at KTAR includes daily commentaries during “Arizona’s Morning News,” the weekly WAR Room politics and his Sunday radio program, “The God Show.”

His 30 years on the long-running, ground breaking children’s show Wallace and Ladmo are just part of Pat’s remarkable resume, which includes acting, producing, writing and recording. Pat’s professional and personal contributions have richly rewarded him with seven Emmy awards, major national and international radio awards, numerous civic, educational and humanitarian awards.

The child who once traveled the world with his show business family is now the holder of the Arizona Broadcasters Lifetime Achievement Award and his bronze likeness hangs alongside Hugh Downs and Leslie Nielson in the rotund of the Herberger Theater.

The local theater community has named the McMähons “The First Family of Arizona Entertainment” but Pat, no doubt, feels most comfortable simply being thought of as “Arizona’s Own”.
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Deborah Lippmann is the go-to manicurist for the most fashionable magazines and renowned fashion houses from Vogue, InStyle, W, Vanity Fair and Elle to Marchesa, Badgley Mischka, Rodarte, Donna Karan, and Zac Posen to name a few. After years of experience in the industry, her eponymous line of lacquers and treatments for nails, hands and feet is as coveted as her incredible talent.

Deborah's successes as an innovative entrepreneur and one of the most sought after manicurists in the world are due in part to her passion for music. Her first love was music, and with dreams of becoming a jazz singer Deborah belted out sultry tunes in smoky clubs by night, and worked various jobs by day. Eventually, Deborah enrolled in cosmetology school where she discovered a hidden talent and her second love – nails.

Living in Arizona at the time, Deborah's manicure chair quickly became a favorite of Phoenix socialites. Setting her sights on something bigger, Deborah headed to New York City. After working her magic on the hands of an Allure magazine editor, Deborah's career took off. Dubbed “one of the best manicurists in the country” by Allure and a “mega manicurist” by Vogue, Deborah found herself busier than ever, booking magazine shoot after magazine shoot, and celebrity after celebrity.

Among her increasing roster of famous clients, Deborah worked with Mariah Carey for the 1998 Academy Awards and mixed a custom nailshade to complement the singer's dress. They called the shade “Satin Doll” because of its shimmering beige hue, and it was at that exact moment when the Deborah Lippmann brand was born. Deborah has since collaborated with Sarah Jessica Parker, Cher, Narciso Rodriguez and more.

The Deborah Lippmann line boasts an assortment of over 60 long-wearing shades and specialty treatments for nails, hands and feet. The brand is frequently featured in top magazines, spotted backstage at fashion shows and painted on the tips of the world's most notable women. Kate Winslet, Meryl Streep and Lady Gaga are among the extraordinary women who are regularly manicured by Deborah for red carpet events.

Honored as Nail Visionary at the 2010 Cosmoprof North America, the beauty industry’s most respected trade show, Deborah's career continues to soar. Her collaboration with HSN in 2011 offered Deborah a chance to combine her two greatest passions, music and nails. She released a limited edition holiday set, Deck the Halls, which included a lacquer trio and a holiday album with Deborah's rendition of holiday classics – one song from the album was the soundtrack for HSN's “Thanksgiving” promotions and music video.

Through all of Deborah's successes working with A-list celebrities, and the fashion and beauty elite, she's never lost sight of her passions – manicure maven and business entrepreneur by day, and songstress by night.
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Tara Hitchcock was anchor/host of the highly-rated Good Morning Arizona news program on 3TV. She joined KTVK in April 1996 from Beaumont, Texas, where she was a general assignment reporter, producer and news anchor on the 5, 6 and 10 p.m. news at KBMT-TV, the ABC network station.

Hitchcock received her BA degree in political science and communications in 1991 from Boston College, where she made the Dean’s list. She received her Master’s degree from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. While an undergraduate and during her years in graduate school, Hitchcock was very active in news reporting as an intern for TV programs such as Meet the Press in Washington, D.C., as well as other television news programs in Boston and New York City.

Hitchcock was married on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004. She met her husband, Kenn Francis, in January 2002 while in Telluride for a show. Hitchcock and her husband Kenn love to kiteboard, ski and travel with his three children.

Tara donates a lot of time to many charities around the valley, and serves on the board of Childhelp and Best Buddies Arizona. Tara has generously given her time and talent over many years to Childhelp’s different events here in Arizona, California and DC. She is delighted to once again be part of the “Drive the Dream” Gala and support the good works of Childhelp as a Childhelp Celebrity Ambassador.
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Phoenix Mercury
Redeemed
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