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Kachina Awards Breakfast

This year's Kachina Awards Breakfast was a real show stopper! The house was full with over 50 in attendance.

This kind of support was confirmation of our efforts throughout the year.

The ceremony opened with a warm welcome from President JoAnn Garcia followed by the Invocation by Rev. Gaylor Parker.

The Ruby Award is given to women who have worked to improve the lives of women and girls through their professional or volunteer work. This year's award was given to Singleton Moms, a non-profit organization that supports single mothers in their battle against cancer by providing these brave moms with emotional, domestic and financial support so that they can focus on their cancer

treatment and recovery.

The two recipients were **Andy Royal**, co-founder and care director of Singleton Moms, who visits and speaks to all the moms and maintains relationships with the American Cancer Society as well as assisting in administration duties; and **Jody Farley-Berens**, co-founder and executive director, who oversees the day to day operations of Singleton Moms and is the fundraising committee chair.

Kachinas honored two young women for the Violet Richardson Award. This Award is given to a young woman (ages 14-17) who distinguishes herself through her community service. Top honors was given to **Andrea Arellano**, a senior from Maryvale High



School; Andrea's charity was the Stewart Boys and Girls Club in Phoenix. Andrea will be attending U of A next fall. The Finalist for this year's award was **Natalie Chairez**, a senior from Trevor Browne High School. Natalie's charity was the Crisis Nursery of Phoenix. Next fall, Natalie will be attending ASU. We were proud to have these two young women as our winners!

The Women's Opportunity Award is given to a woman, head of household, who has returned to school to further her education in spite of formidable odds. Kachinas were delighted to award **Keri Timmons** this

OH WHAT A NIGHT!!

Talk about a winner! Kachinas did it again earning \$1423 for the last night of BUNCO this season. The food was great, and so was the wine! **Jackie Doerr** did a fabulous job calling the game, and the crowd really enjoyed themselves. The prizes kept coming throughout the night and the raffles dazzled everyone. The 50/50 winner re-

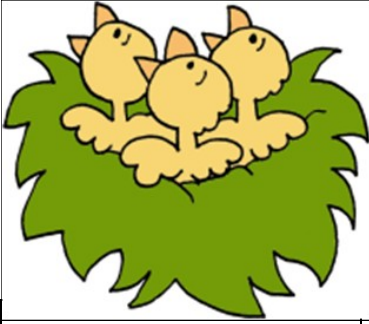
ceived \$135, and the BUNCO winner took home \$100. Even the biggest loser was a winner. Lynn Wurth (SI Phoenix) earned a certificate for free entry come next fall. This BUNCO season was not only fun but profitable.

*A very special thanks to **Landscape-Mart** and Ted and Rusty. You guys are the greatest hosts!!!! A heartfelt thanks from Kachinas.*



- Jackie Doerr, May 4
- Ginny Corder, May 8





Upcoming Happenings

- * **Kachina Awards Breakfast, May 18** at Bitzee Mamas 7:00—8:00 am
- * **Spring Conference** June 10-12, Palm Springs, CA
- * **Induction of New Officers, June 18@** 6:00 pm at Jackie's
- * **Fall Retreat, August**
- * **Fall Conference, October 22 & 23**

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year. Keri is pursuing a degree in criminal justice at Glendale Community College and is also in the Sheriff's Academy. The Finalist for this award went to **Dulvesla Gutierrez** who is working on a degree in business management and criminal justice at ASU. Both women have provided strong role models to the family members in their care.

For the second year, Kachinas have awarded the Renie Branham Woman of Courage Award. This award pays tribute to a woman who is or has been, an active member in her community despite facing overwhelming obstacles. She is perceived as having demonstrating remarkable acts of courage and

strength inspiring everyone around her. This year Kachinas were proud to give this award posthumously to **Anne Rita Monahan** who founded the ARM Foundation, an organization who works with cancer patients here in Phoenix.

The Kachina Award is given to a woman who distinguishes herself for going above and beyond expectations. This year's Kachina Award went to Kachina **Judy Haenel**, owner of *The Tulip Tree*. Judy is a sterling member of the Kachinas and is revered by everyone. She is a tireless worker and is always there when you need her. Her professional attitude and kindness are extended to everyone in she meets. Judy's creative genius has

impacted not only Kachinas, but to organizations throughout the community. She is our distinguished honoree, but more importantly, she is our friend.

Finally, Kachinas generously presented a grant of five thousand dollars to Kachina member **Janet Olson**, Executive Director of APECA (Arizona Protection of Exploited Children and Adults) on behalf of *Natalie's House*. *Natalie's House* is a safe haven house for teenage victims of sexual exploitation and will open later this year.

This year's Awards Breakfast serves to remind us of the efforts put forth throughout the year to help women and girls in our community, and this year, we celebrate a successful mission. ☺

Meet Sue—The Newest Kachina!



Sue joined the Kachinas in April. She is married to Lyle and lives in Glendale. Sue and Lyle have been married for 31 years! Both she and Lyle are Arizona natives; in fact, Sue is a third generation of Arizona natives. They have two grown children, a son and a daughter who both live in Arizona. Currently, Sue, like several of us [i.e. Jackie and Ginny], has only "grand-dogs" whom she frequently babysits for so the "kids" can go out and have a good time. Sue likes movies, sports and traveling. She works at National Bank. We are very lucky to have her join the Kachinas. Welcome Girlfriend! ♥

Election Results

Congratulations to the new Kachina 2010-2011 officers.

President: **Ginny Corder**

Vice President: **Melissa Swearington**

Secretary: **Desiree Bendtin**

Treasurer: **Chris Maxwell**

Treasurer-Elect: **Sandy Peacock**

Director: **Sharon Ravenscroft**

The new officers will be installed on June, 18, 2010 at Jackie's. Plan to attend!

