



# COACHELLA VALLEY ALUMNAE PANHELLENIC

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## Schedule of Luncheons

**Jan. 13 - Indian Wells CC**

*(Bring a children's book)*

**Hostesses:** ΓΦΒ, ΖΤΑ, ΑΞΔ

**Feb. 10 - Palm Valley CC**

**Hostesses:** ΔΔΔ, ΔΖ, ΑΦ

**“NEW DATE & LOCATION”**

**Mar. 4 - Westin Mission Hills**

**Apr. 14 - Bermuda Dunes CC**

**Hostesses:** ΔΓ, ΚΚΓ, ΣΚ

**May 7 - Ironwood CC**

**Hostesses:** ΑΓΔ, ΦΜ, ΑΧΩ

**Meeting: 11:30 am**

**Cost: \$26.00**

**RSVP:** Shariann Hoff  
by the Sunday before the  
luncheon.

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(PHDs):**

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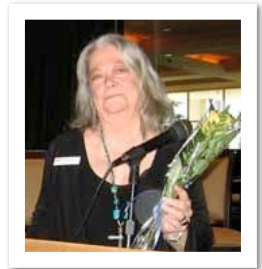
## ✕ Letter from the President ✕

I hope all of you have enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the New Year!

We've been adding to our membership, have excellent monthly programs planned, as well as a spectacular Carnival benefit on the horizon.

Get your updated invitation list to Kris Drake now!!

Happy New Year,  
Vicki R. Robertson, DVM



## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

**Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa**

**71333 Dinah Shore Dr. Rancho Mirage, 92270**

Bring your “Benefit Invitation List” to the Jan. 13th meeting at the Indian Wells Country Club. Mailing labels will be created from your lists. Please print in ALL CAPS. Phone (760-320-2210) or Email Kris Drake at [kkdrake@earthlink.net](mailto:kkdrake@earthlink.net) to just update.

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*Check out the website:*

[www.coachellapanhellenic.org](http://www.coachellapanhellenic.org)

**Coachella Valley  
Alumnae Panhellenic**

**CVAP 57<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Scholarship Benefit**

*“Diamonds Are Forever  
Celebrates CARNIVAL”*



**New Date & Location**  
**Westin Mission Hills**  
**Resort & Spa**  
**71333 Dinah Shore Drive**  
**Rancho Mirage, CA 92270**

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

**Ticket price per person is  
\$125.00.**

***Honoring Women Who Make a  
Difference and Supporting the  
Women Leaders of Tomorrow.***

Our 2011 Diamonds Are Forever  
Honorees are **Lindi Biggi** and the  
Late **Marilyn S. Tenny**.

**Lindi Biggi** is well-known has the  
Premier Animal Rescuer and  
Founder of Loving All Animals. As a  
tireless animal rights activist she is a  
leading microchip advocate and  
active spokesperson for the spaying  
and neutering campaign. Her  
commitment and work has earned  
her a seat on the National Board of  
Pet Smart Charities. She has also  
been honored on numerous  
occasions for her dedication of time  
and philanthropy to a variety of  
causes throughout our Desert  
Community. She is highly regarded  
as a consummate hostess and has  
opened her home as a venue for  
many charity events.

Our Special Tribute Honoree is the  
Late **Marilyn S. Tenny**. Marilyn  
was an active member of our  
organization until her death last  
March. She is well-known as a  
dedicated community volunteer and  
philanthropist. Marilyn's interests  
were diverse. They included the  
preservation of wild life, nature, the  
performing arts, education, and the  
medical field. Her legacy includes  
the African Village and the Animal  
Preservation Center at The Living  
Desert, Co-founding the McCallum  
Theatre, and the Tenny Emergency  
Department at the Eisenhower  
Medical Center. Just prior to her  
death she donated the Living Desert's  
Wild Animal Merry-Go-Around and  
was its first passenger.

Happy New Year,  
2011 Benefit Co-Chairs,  
CJ Westrick-Bomar and Linda Curea

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## *In Loving Memory*

**Major William (Bill) McCluskey - Jean's  
Husband**

**Emil Vigra - Jill's Husband**



### Photos

1. Oct.-Pat Laflin-Speaker
2. Nov.-Drake & Robertson in Red/White/Blue
3. Nov.-Westrick & Curea-Speakers
4. Dec.-Melissa Batales-vocalist



### **CVAP 2011 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN PROJECT**

**(Bring books to our February Meeting)**

**Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School** in Indio will be the recipient of our Books for Children Project. This is a K-5 school in Desert Sands School District and their principal and librarian are most appreciative of our offer to add to their school library. Debra Garcia, the librarian, is especially involved with the children and her suggested choices of titles reflect the interests of the students and the fact that there are tests available to correlate with many of the books to aid teachers in evaluating the children's progress. Books are available in limited quantities at Borders and Barnes and Noble and can be ordered from Amazon.com. If you are unable to find these books, other titles will be welcomed as well. The numbers after the titles represent word recognition levels.

Suggested choices for the younger crowd:

- Duck, Duck, Moose by Horowitz 1.7
- Big Red Lollipop by Kahn 2.2
- Bats At the Baseball Game by Brian Lies 3.3
- Flora's Windy Day by Birdsall 3.4
- Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed by Mo Willems
- The Odious Ogre by Norton Juster



The kids love Titanic books and biographies--a few that look good are:

- All Stations! Distress by Brown-non-fiction 5.4
- Titanic: The Disaster that Shocked the World 5.2
- Pig on the Titanic: A True Story 2.5
- Anne Frank, Her Life in Words and Pictures by Metselaar 6.4

The higher level kiddos are hungry for stories of specific people and these are samples:

- Leonardo da Vinci: Dreams, Schemes and Flying Machines 6.0
- Leonardo da Vinci by Joanne Mattern 4.5
- Leonardo and the Flying Boy: a Story About Leonardo Da Vinci 3.6
- Leonardo da Vinci by John Malam 4.9
- Leonardo da Vinci for Kids: His Life and Ideas by Janis Herbert 5.9
- Galileo for Kids: His Life and Ideas by Richard Panchyk 5.8
- Galileo: A Life of Curiosity by Jennifer Boothroyd 2.4
- Galileo: Father of Modern Science by Rachel Hillian 5.9

Pat Laflin  
Book Project Chairman



## HOW TO JOIN CVAP

Contact Angela Ficht  
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**Additions or Corrections for  
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## The Panhellenic Creed

We, the fraternity women of America,  
stand for service, through the  
development of character inspired by the  
close contact and deep friendship of  
individual fraternity and Panhellenic life.  
The opportunity for wide and wise service  
through mutual respect and helpfulness is  
the tenet by which we strive to live.



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Happy New Year!!!