

2013 Annual Report

This issue of The Clarion describes the work accomplished by the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission in 2013 and serves as our Annual Report.

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Filing Discrimination

Complaints

Volunteer Commissioners assisted with the filing of a number of discrimination complaints this year through the Civil Rights Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office. Each complaint takes about two hours for intake.

How Women Manage in Financially Challenging Times

Volunteer Commissioners held a number of focus groups in 2013 and are preparing a report for publication in 2014.



A grateful crowd waves to the instructor and photographer at Quincy-Douglas Branch Library in December. They were learning about health insurance options.

A Grand Women's Welcome to the First Woman President of The University of Arizona

In summer 2013, the Board of Regents of The University of Arizona announced the appointment of Dr. Ann Weaver Hart, the first woman to serve as president of a major Arizona University. The Women's Commission immediately made contact with Dr. Hart's office to invite her to a reception to meet the leadership of major women's organizations that are active locally. Dr. Hart made herself available on March 8, 2014, a propitious date that coincided with Women's History month.

Once the official date was known we got to work contacting over 35 women's organizations to prepare a reception in Dr. Hart's honor.

On the event day, well over 250 women and a few good men arrived to greet the President and wish her well in her new post. The event was held at the YWCA auditorium, courtesy of the YWCA.

March 8 made local history, as it was the first time a majority of the organizations had joined together to co-sponsor a single event. Many of the organization leaders (shown below in photograph; Dr. Hart is seated in the bottom row, fifth from right) asked for a formal listing of organizations which the Commission promised to publish by the end of the year.



Women's Commission Sponsors Seminars About the Health Insurance Marketplace

When the new Health Care Insurance Marketplace was launched this year by the Federal government, the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission wanted to ensure that eligible women and children knew about the opportunity. Subsequently, the Commission voted to sponsor a series of seminars on how to enroll in the marketplace. Three seminars were conducted by Commissioner Alison Hughes, with assistance from Debra Johnson (Commissioner and Tucson Urban League Navigator) and Cecilia Vindiola, Commissioner. The seminars were held at various library branches.

Women in Government 2013

Women in Government Day 2013 filled City Hall with nominees and well wishers. The winners are listed on the back page of this issue of Clarion Redux. Photographs of the Women in Government Day celebration are printed with permission of Jorga Rigenbach, photographer.



Photograph: Standing behind Women in Government nominees in the reception line are Captain Carla Johnson, speaker and 2012 WIG Winner in Leadership, Supervisor Ally Miller, Supervisor Richard Elias, Councilor Regina Romero, County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry, and City Manager Richard Miranda.

UA Festival of Books and Volunteer Recognition

The Commission collaborated with the League of Women Voters and the Association of University Women to sponsor a booth at the University of Arizona's Festival of Books this year. Our booth drew hundreds of interested visitors of all ages.



Young visitor at the book festival with Commissioner Maxine Goodman behind.



Kathy Harris and Jack Culver were recognized by the Commission for their steadfast contributions to the monthly women's music jams conducted at the Commission from 2012-2013.

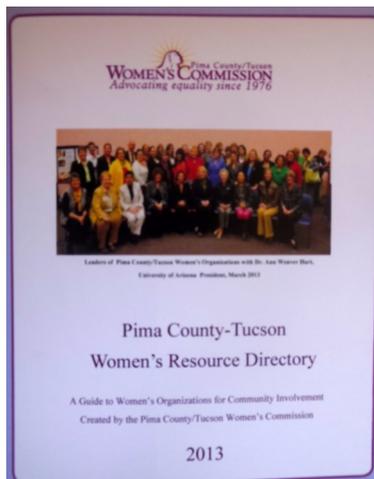
My Girl Power On the Move



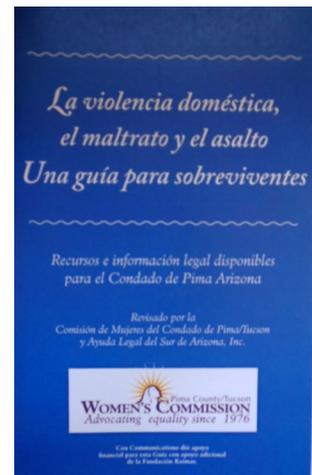
Lucy Howell, Commission Member and founder of My Girl Power (MGP), has generated extensive local and national interest in this project aimed at increasing k-12 girls' engagement levels in sports, arts, science and health using successful social media applications.

Seminar on Consumer Fraud

In Collaboration with the Civil Rights Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office, the Commission sponsored a seminar on how to avoid scams, fraud, and identity theft. The December event was held at the Oro Valley Library where an interested audience got first-hand information from Civil Rights Division Southern Director Sharon Collins on how to avoid being victimized. Photographed here with workshop participants is Commissioner Geri Ottoboni, center front.



Women's Commission Publications 2013
Limited copies are available due to funding limitations.



Women's Equality Day Celebrated at the Commission

August 25 was celebrated at the Commission with over 50 women and men gathered to hear Mayor Rothschild proclaim Women's Equality Day in Tucson, as well as a reading of the Pima County Board of Supervisors similar proclamation. Photographed participants are Councilor Steve Kozachik, Commissioners Sheila Tobias and Kathleen Williamson, Karen Frances Begay, Mayor Rothschild, and Ann Boice (Commission Chair in the late 70's).



Lucinda Hughes-Juan, Commission Chair, presents the opening welcome during Women's Equality Day

Black Women's Task Force Honors Shirley Muney

The 2013 Black Women's Conference, was supported by the Women's Commission. Commission member Shirley Muney was honored during the conference for her extensive community service. Featured in the photograph (left to right) are Annie Sykes, Black Women's Task Force Chair and Commission member; Shirley Muney; and Debra Johnson, Conference Chair and Commission Member.

Shirley is a long-time volunteer for the Pima County Library Association, the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the Women's Commission.



Former Commissioners Re-Unite

The 2013 Southwest Feminist Festival brought together over 150 women who had been active in the women's rights movement in its early days, including some founding members of the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission.

Re-united in this photograph (left to right) are Cecilia Cruz Baldenegro (one of the first Commissioners), Cecilia Vindiola (Commissioner and former Commission staff), Josefina Ahumada (former Commissioner) and Alison Hughes (Commissioner and the first Executive Director). Alison's Westie, SusieQ, has become a good luck mascot at local events, including Commission meetings.



Congratulations 2013 Women in Government Winners



Katie Dusenberry, first woman to serve on the Pima County Board of Supervisors, is recognized for her contributions. Left to right City Councilor Karin Ulich, Captain Carla Johnson (TPD), Supervisor Ally Miller, Supervisor Richard Elias, Councilor Regina Romero, County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry, City Manager Richard Miranda, Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Katie Dusenberry, and Commission members Alison Hughes and Cecilia Vindiola.

Leadership Awards: Laura Baker, Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention, City of Tucson) and Jing Luo, Civil Engineering Manager, Pima County Regional Wastewater Dept.

Tapestry Award: Kristi Ringler, Executive Assistant City of Tucson Police Dept.

Unsung Heroine Award: Dr. Bonnie Lilley, Chief Veterinarian, County Health Dept.

Evolving Young Woman Award: Emely Aguino, Court Supervisor, Tucson City Court

Sisterhood in Government Award Pima County: Communicable Disease Team, Health Department — Andrea Verdin, Mary Gallagher, Suzy Huerta, Katherine Browne, Lindsay Dashefsky.

Sisterhood in Government Award City: Plan Tucson Team at Housing and Community Development Department — Gina Corover, Becky Flores, Maria Gayosso, Rebecca Ruopp, Ana Sanchez, Ann Vargas.

Mayor Rothschild congratulates Barbara Weymann, the City's first Woman Councilor, and Jean Wilkins, retired City Budget Director, for their contributions to City government and support for women's rights.



Commission Members 2013

- Gail Bornfield (Council Member Shirley Scott)
- Dr. Joyceen Boyle (Council Member Paul Cunningham)
- Elaine Clark (Supervisor Ramon Valadez)
- Imelda Cuyugan (Council Member Richard Fimbres)
- Maxine Goodman (Commission)
- Dr. Margaret Higgins (Mayor Jonathan Rothschild)
- Lucy Howell (Commission)
- Alison Hughes (Council Member Steve Kozachik)
- Lucinda Hughes-Juan, Chair (Commission)
- Debra Johnson, Treasurer (Council Member Regina Romero)
- Emma Juan, Secretary (Commission)
- Marietta Martin (Commission)
- Martha McSally (Supervisor Ray Carroll)
- Shirley Muney (Supervisor Sharon Bronson)
- Geri Ottoboni (Supervisor Ally Miller)
- Mohur Sarah Sidhwa (Supervisor Richard Elias)
- Annie Sykes, Vice Chair (Commission)
- Sheila Tobias, Assistant Treasurer (Commission)
- Cecilia Vindiola (Commission)
- Dr. Kathleen Williamson (Council Member Karin Ulich)

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The Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission serves as an official commission of the City of Tucson and Pima County authorized to assist women to achieve full equality of opportunity in all aspects of life, and to take positive action to expose, eliminate, and prevent the practice of discrimination against women. Donations to the Commission are welcome. Please send your check to Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission at 240 N. Court Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.



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