

# PELLETS

*Liberty Wildlife Volunteer News | September 2010*

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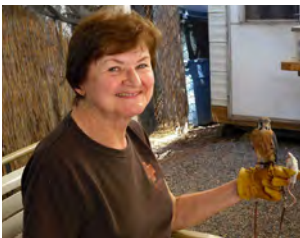
**Save The Date:** Sunday, November 14th is the date for our annual Volunteer Picnic. Look for sign up sheets in the office in early October. In the meantime, think about what you want to bring to share for the pot-luck. It's always a good time and we hope to make it even more fun this year!

In case you didn't 'hear', Orphan Care ended Sunday, September 12th and the hours for the center have reverted back to 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. The quiet is back but we'll miss the little ones! Thanks to all the hard working Orphan Care volunteers for a job well done! This month's newsletter focuses on the Tuesday Team. Enjoy!!

## **The Tuesday Team**

### **The Hotline Tuesday Team:**

*Faye Williamson, Sue Brachocki, Julie Eckel, Pam Kohnken, Leslie Throckmorton*



*Faye*, a native Phoenixian, has 22 years of hot line experience and is one of the go-to gals for hotline questions. She was a school clinical dietician for 15 years, has a mom here in Phoenix and a daughter and 2 grandchildren in Tennessee. These days she cares for her blind coyote/golden retriever mix

14 year old dog. Sue is also a veteran member of Liberty. She saw a program in 1987 and promptly signed up for daily care, rescue/transport and hotline duty. She's from New York and travels to the Oregon coast every August. Leslie came to us from Colorado, just outside of Rocky Mtn. National Park, in May of 2009. She has a degree in interior design but spends most of her time photographing wildlife. She says "There's nothing better than capturing a moment in time and giving a voice to Mother Nature's creatures". (Nicely put.)

### **The Daily Care Tuesday Team:**

*Claudia Kirscher (Team Leader), Leslie Guenther (TL), Debra Downs (TL), Julia Ripps, Michael Chazen, Wendy Evans, Michelle Wheeler, Corena Thomas, Niki Cuccinotto, Mark Kroeppler, Jason Babb, Karen Waldron, Alison Groom (substitute any day!)*

*Claudia* started at Liberty in 2004 and when she isn't doing her regular job as a medical transcriptionist, she's at Liberty working in daily care, rescue/transport and education. Many of us know her love of birding, camping and kayaking but did you know that



in her spare time she sails (and has raced) catamarans? (I'm volunteering to crew - anytime.) *Debra* was a hot line volunteer when she first joined Liberty four years ago. Since then she's worked in daily care and education. She's recently returned from NC where she learned about a Cherokee clan called the Bird Clan

whose responsibility is to look after the winged creatures.

She was happy to know she had already found her "clan" here at Liberty. *Julia* vowed in 1987 that someday she'd be a volunteer at Liberty and finally got to join us in 2008. She grew up on a farm in Iowa and is an office manager of a homeopathic physician. She's the other sailor on the Tuesday team because she and her husband lived on a sail boat for 5 years in the Mediterranean!



(Did I mention I crew?) Two of the Tuesday Team, Wendy and Mark,

started in April (and are still with us even after the crazy season!). *Wendy* is a former college dean of admissions who grew up in Connecticut and moved to Arizona via Philadelphia, 7 years ago. When she isn't running her marketing/writing business or helping out on Tuesdays, she's tending to her family, her 2 dogs and a beta

fish named Finn. *Mark* is the Mouse House guardian and keeper on Tuesdays and does rescue/transport, especially for the Scottsdale parks, the rest of the time. He moved here from Chicago, and lives with his dog, Mary, a Jack Russell mix that fetches his socks in the morning to go for a walk. (Ask to see Mary's picture, socks and all!) These next two volunteers just



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started this month but one of them is a repeat. *Corena*, an Arizona native, is a senior at ASU studying wildlife restoration and ecology. She works at the Phoenix Zoo in her spare time and cares for a one-eyed pit bull and a shepherd. She says one thing most people don't know about her is that

she has broken over 20 bones! (OK. We need to know more about this story!) *Alison* is also new but worked at Liberty over three years prior to this stint. She's a native, has a degree in conservation biology and works at Palo Verde Nuclear Generation Station. She's busy at home with 3 cats, tortoises, salt water fish and a 10 foot coastal carpet python! Finally, we have a really new (9/21/10) person on the Tuesday team. *Karen* arrived from NJ one month ago where she was a city manager and volunteered for non-profits for 10 years. She's hoping to start a new career here in the resort industry and when not at Liberty, she spends time with her two rescue cats, Missy and Stinky.

## The Hand Feed Tuesday Team:

*Joanne Mayer, Mona Berrier, Carol Marshall.*

*Joanne* is from Pennsylvania and moved to AZ, via NJ and NC. ten years ago and came right to Liberty as soon as she arrived. She has a landscape company and was kind enough to donate the mesquite tree you see in our parking lot. In addition to her 5 kids and 9 grandkids,



she tends to 4 dogs and an African Spurred Tortoise (*Sulcata*) that she's had for 8 years. She named it Simon (but found out it's a girl) and she weighs 40 pounds. (I read that the guys can weigh up to 200 lbs!) *Carol* was born in Ohio and has volunteered at Liberty for over two years. In addition to doing

hand feeding, Carol does daily care, rescues and education. She also volunteers at Arizona Quest for Kids and mentors a sophomore in high school. She and her husband spend time with their 2 grandchildren in California and recently took a trip to the Thompson Falls area of Montana "...where Bald Eagles and Osprey are as common a sight as a covey of quail in Arizona". *Mona* came to Liberty in 2001 after bringing an orphan baby to the window. (A familiar story around here!)

She'd just retired after 30 years as an RN and is originally from Ohio and spent 4 years in Germany. She's worked in orphan care, daily care, hand feed and education.



## The Medical Services Tuesday Team:

*Lesley Guenther, Donna Mueller, Kristine Williams, Toba Robinson, Nina Grimaldi, Denise Paduano, Jill Kenyan.*

In her 15 years at Liberty, *Lesley* has done just about all the jobs Liberty has to offer: daily care, orphan care, rescue, education, hand feed and medical services. (What's left for her to do??) Lucky for us



she decided to move from Chicago with her twin sons, one of whom has just moved to Seattle with his wife and Lesley's 3 granddaughters. At home are a cockatoo, an Old English Sheepdog and a Tuxedo cat. *Toba* came to Liberty around 2004 thanks to Carolee Bryan who did morning workouts with her at Curves! She

comes from Baltimore and relocated with her husband and daughter in 1995 where she has been a Physical Therapist when not working in medical services. (Those of you thinking about taking the upcoming med. services class, be sure to say hello to Toba who will be assisting Jan and Tanya this year.)

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

*DeAnn Hollis*