



Hong and Doris Ong, Claudia and Paul Critchfield

26th Annual Beat The Heat

Trends Charitable Fund

Trends magazine and Trends Charitable Fund presented Beat the Heat 2008 at the Arizona Biltmore. The 2008 Trendsetters were **Char Davis, Susan Doria, Sandy Hecomovich, Shelley Kuhle, Sharron Lewis, Debbie Moak, Dee Nowell, Doris Ong** and **Nancy Spetzler**. Board president of the Trends Charitable Fund **Carrie Hall** said, "The women honored have contributed countless hours and dollars to civic and charitable causes in our community. They juggle dedication to family, work and philanthropy with style and grace." Fabulous Phoenicians **Claudia** and **Paul Critchfield** were honored for their philanthropy and volunteerism. **Patti Lau, Deborah Pyburn Brewer** and **Anne Robbs** were this year's official ambassadors. Guests in cocktail attire enjoyed libations, a silent auction, dinner, a fashion show and the presentation of the lovely 2008 Trendsetters. The evening was terrific, thanks to a great committee including **Robyn Lee, Margaret Merritt** and **Betty McRae**. The after-party in the Gold Room was mellow; **Bill Dougherty**, publisher of *Trends*, commented that the Trendsetters represent a prestigious group of Arizona women, remarkable for their philanthropic endeavors. Yes, these are exceptional women and we are fortunate to benefit from the good work they do for our community. ■



Anne Robbs, Murray and Ina Manaster



Jill Alanko, Jane Christensen, Beth McRae



C.A. and Nan Howlett, Gerda Ray, Ruth and Sandy Ritz



Jane Fonda, Gloria Feldt



Michelle Robson, Linda Pope

Salon With Jane Fonda

The Women's Media Center

Contributors to The Women's Media Center (WMC), an organization dedicated to making women visible and powerful in the media, welcomed **Jane Fonda** to Arizona. **Michelle Robson** graciously hosted a private salon at her home. Following the reception, an alfresco luncheon was served of organic butternut squash soup, free-range chicken salad and old-fashioned apple pie. WMC board member **Gloria Feldt** said, "Our mission has been to ensure that women and women's experiences are reflected in the media just as women are present everywhere in the real world; that women are represented as local, national and global sources for subjects of the media." **Jane Fonda** is the co-founder of WMC, recipient of two Best Actress Academy Awards, a philanthropist and advocate for adolescent reproductive health. Fonda read from her memoir, *My Life So Far*, talked about her experiences filming *On Golden Pond* and spoke passionately about living consciously. Guests were presented with her book and she kindly signed copies. The salon co-host committee included **Bryan Howard, Sally Lehmann, Nancy** and **Ed White** along with sponsors **Linda Pope, Range Shaw** and **Bill Sheppard**, the **Lewis Family** and **John Sperling**. Fonda's life has taken many turns and she happily shared her story, I believe she is an inspiration and a role model for today's women. ■



Laura Hemenway, Connie Waddell



Deborah Bateman, Maryann Richardson

Holiday Prelude XXIII

Table Hostesses Breakfast- Saks Fifth Avenue

Phoenix Theatre Guild, Phoenix Youth Symphony and Phoenix Art Museum League combine to present Holiday Prelude XXIII. The luncheon will be held on December 17 at the Camelback Inn in the Arizona Ballroom with a fashion show presented by Saks Fifth Avenue. Chair **Laura Hemenway** welcomed Holiday Prelude table hostesses for breakfast at Saks Fifth Avenue and a peek at the Lafayette 148 fall collection. Co-chairs for the festive event are **Patsy Kelly, Judy Peel** and **Dona Kury**. The holiday boutique opens at 10 a.m., with lunch at noon and the exclusive Saks Fifth Avenue runway presentation at 1 p.m. The boutique will stay open until 3 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend; details at www.holidayprelude.com or call 602-977-1240. ■