

WLF Board Members



Patti Gribow
President

Patti Gribow brings more than 25 years of philanthropic service to this leadership role. She served as a founding board member, executive board member, or chairperson of events for organizations including the Children's Discovery Museum and National Charity League. She is a recent recipient of the Palm Desert Athena Award and the 2006 Palm Desert George Berkey Citizen of the Year Award. In addition she was the graduation speaker and one of the graduates of Leadership Coachella Valley for 2005-2006. Gribow founded Strictly Speakers Inc., a speaker's bureau emphasizing women's empowerment. She co-founded The Ophelia Project, a project of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation supporting young women in their quest for self-realization.

Gribow has pursued a varied career, including the many facets of entertainment from live performances as a member of the "Golddiggers" with Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra to roles in more than 30 TV shows such as *Happy Days* and *Charlie's Angels*. She currently works with her husband, Dale, at the Law Office of Dale Gribow as human resource director. Gribow will be launching a new talk show on Time Warner Cable in fall 2006 called *Patti Gribow's Straight Talk*. Stay tuned!

Mary T. Roche
Founding President and Board Member

Indian Wells Council Member Mary T. Roche was elected to the council in 2000, named mayor in 2003, and re-elected in 2004. She currently serves as

Indian Wells' representative to the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Coachella Valley Transportation Commission, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, Coachella Valley Energy & Environment Committee, and Santa Rosa & San Jacinto National Monument Advisory Board.

Roche has extensive community involvement with an impressive list of leadership positions. She founded the Homeowners/Residents Association of Indian Wells, and Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation. She is founding president of Desert Horizons Women's Club, as well as past president of Desert Horizons Homeowners Association. Roche is active in many other community organizations.

An educator and businesswoman, Roche retired from Los Angeles Community College District after 25 years as an administrator and professor. She founded and served as CEO/president of Linens Unlimited II, a retail bed and bath chain.

Roche earned her master of arts in educational administration from California State University, Long Beach, and her bachelor of arts from California State University, Los Angeles.

Dr. Diane M. Kline
Vice President

Dr. Diane M. Kline is a founding member of WLF and chair for Wall Street Teens, a financial empowerment program for young women.

Kline has been a teacher, a middle and high school principal and director over the last several decades for Desert Sands Unified School District. Kline was

treasurer for the Coachella Valley Arts Alliance and is currently on the Education Subcommittee for Leadership Coachella Valley and a member of the Advisory Council for the Priscilla and Charles Porter History Social Science Resource Room at the Palm Desert Campus at California State University, San Bernardino. She also active in sustaining the General Patton Mobile Classroom, which maintains authentic World War II memorabilia.

Stephanie D. Greene
Secretary

Stephanie D. Green is a certified marketing director and principal at Creative i Group Inc. in Palm Desert. Greene heads the strategic marketing planning, account management, media planning and placement, and public relations efforts at this full-service advertising and marketing communications firm.

She brings more than 20 years of experience in a variety of industries, including shopping centers, Native American casinos, real estate, and packaged goods. She earned the International Certified Marketing Director designation and spent more than 10 years managing and marketing a number of shopping centers.

For more than four years, prior to starting Creative i Group, Greene provided the services of marketing director, media buyer, and PR manager for Spotlight 29 Casino. With this background, Greene brings a wealth of knowledge and instinct to all aspects of multitiered marketing. She is active in the Women Leaders Forum, Fashion Group International and Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce.

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Kathleen Valentine **Treasurer**

Kathleen Valentine is a founding partner of the Valentine, Dougherty & Clark Financial Management Group of UBS Financial Services, providing wealth management to high net worth clients. She provides specialized fixed income management to cities, homeowners associations, and other risk-averse investors. She is designated by UBS as a CSFA and fixed income specialist and belongs to the California Municipal Treasurers Association.

Valentine is a fitness enthusiast and is active in philanthropy, politics, and church. She serves in leadership positions in numerous organizations, reflecting her core belief that the priorities of God, family, and serving community and country should be vigorously pursued. She sits on the advisory boards of the Salvation Army and Lincoln Club of the Coachella Valley and is an elder in her church.

She graduated from State University of New York at New Paltz, then worked on Wall Street. In 1985, she relocated to the desert and married Kelly Dougherty, with whom she has a daughter, Lauren.

Denise DuBarry Hay **Board Member**

Co-founder of Thane International Inc, Denise DuBarry Hay, along with her husband, Bill Hay, founded Thane International in 1990 and built it into a leading global direct response marketing company.

A former actress, DuBarry Hay starred in several films and was featured in the classic *Being There*. She was a series regular on the popular WWII series *Black Sheep Squadron* and guest starred in many television shows, including *Charlie's Angels*, *Trapper John*, and *Days of Our Lives*.

DuBarry Hay has served as a member of the board of directors of the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, Palm Springs International Film Festival, and Electronic Retailing Association.

She currently serves as a director for the Marywood Palm Valley School, Olive Crest, Women's Leadership Forum and Palm Springs Women in Film & Television, where she also serves as its president. The City of Palm Springs honored DuBarry Hay in 2002 with a star on the Walk of Stars. She and her husband Bill were recipients of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in 1998. She is also a certified Bikram yoga instructor.

Eva Guenther-James **Board Member**

With a long history in community involvement, Eva Guenther-James continues to work for the community to which she belongs. Since moving to the Coachella Valley in 1983, she has worked in both the government and nonprofit sectors. She is currently a program officer for the Regional Access Project Foundation. She was previously employed as executive director for six years for CASA for Riverside County Inc.

Guenther-James volunteers for several nonprofit organizations, including Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Snuggler program, The City of Indian Wells Athena Committee, Prevent Child Abuse Coachella Valley (past president), and Leadership Coachella Valley. Guenther-James moved to the United States from Germany in 1959 and has lived in Southern California since 1969. She is proud of her four grandsons.

Barbara Stenning **Board Member**

Barbara Stenning is the owner and president of Omni Media Now, a marketing consulting firm located in La Quinta. With more than 25 years in key management positions in the private sector, she has represented clients in a broad variety of fields. She is passionate about client service, and her expertise is strategizing to come up with the most cost-effective and beneficial solutions to help her clients achieve their goals.

Stenning is an Art in Public Places commissioner for the City of Palm Desert. She sat on the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism Advisory Council for three years, and is co-chair of the Annual Women Leaders Leadership Academy and a member of the Board of Women Leaders Forum.

Born in Kingston, England, and raised in Los Angeles, Stenning has lived in Europe, Malaysia, and Morocco. She has been a full-time desert resident for eight years. She began her career as a fine arts graduate of University of California, Berkeley. After struggling with showing her paintings and sculpture all over the country, she made the decision to try her hand at graphic design and art direction. She took a job in the design department at The Oakland Museum. After developing a thriving freelance clientele, she opened her own small design firm in Los Angeles, Barbara Stenning and Associates. Her claim to fame was her biggest client, ABC Television and The Academy Awards for whom she designed the billboards and nationally distributed posters for more than three years.

She is passionate about art, outdoor physical activities like golf, hiking and walking, and loves to travel whenever possible.

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Dr. René Dell'Acqua **Board Member**

Dr. René Dell'Acqua has made her mark in our community since her move from San Francisco 10 years ago. No stranger to philanthropy, it was natural that she would embrace the desert's charitable organizations. She founded Operation Tooth Fairy and Bleaching for Charity to give underprivileged and abused children dental care and to fund emotional healing counseling.

Dr. Dell'Acqua is a pioneer of spa dentistry, a concept she came up with while in school. Her artistic talents have made her one of the leading cosmetic dentists. She also serves as a mentor for other dentists. She was featured on the cover of *Dental Economics* magazine in 2001, a leading industry journal.

The former Mrs. California and first runner-up for Mrs. United States gives speeches to schools and service organizations on goal-setting and achieving dreams. She produced and hosted the "PS Lifestyles" feature segment of the *Palm Springs Today* TV show. Dr. Dell'Acqua is dedicated to education and the well-being of women and youth and focuses on helping victims of domestic violence. Her treasured

accomplishment: "My 16-year-old son. I couldn't be prouder of anything in my life."

Darlene Dolan **Board Member**

Darlene Dolan's passion is quality education. Before retiring in 2004, she was an educator for more than 30 years. After 14 years as a classroom teacher, she moved to administration — first becoming a middle school assistant principal, then elementary school principal of two Moreno Valley schools, where she was named Principal of the Year. In 1997, she moved to the desert and became assistant superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Desert Sands Unified School District.

Dolan also serves on the board of the Valley Partnership and Coachella Valley Symphony. She is a member of West Coast Opera, Rancho Mirage Republican Women, Indio Women's Club, and a member emeritus of the Association of California Administrators. She is past president of the Coachella Valley Arts Alliance. Most recently, she chaired the Coachella Valley Tournament of Roses

Committee. Under her guidance, the DSUSD steel drum band performed in the 2005 parade and won Most Beautiful Non-Commercial Float.

When not involved with community activities, she visits her children in Virginia and Washington.

Lourdes Raval **Board Member**

Lourdes Raval has been a banker throughout her career. She is vice president and relationship manager for Rabobank, a global financial institution with assets exceeding \$600 billion. She specializes in commercial real estate lending.

During the last 13 years, Raval has been involved in commercial lending, which encompasses SBA, technology, conventional, and real estate loans. As a member of WLF, she has been on the Leadership Academy Committee three years in a row and is a co-chair of this event with Barbara Stenning.

When not at the office, she is an avid reader of business news and publications. She and her family reside in Indio. Her daughter, Nina, attends College of the Desert and also works for Rabobank. ■

Upcoming WLF Events

HOLIDAY MIXER

Thursday, December 7, 2006
Hosted by dot, The Gardens on El Paseo, Palm Desert
5:30-7:30 p.m.

WALL STREET TEENS

March 2007, date and time to be announced.
Financial Seminar

Teaching life skills, social and financial empowerment to young women.

THIRD ANNUAL

A NITE OUT WITH THE GIRLZ
Wednesday, April 25, 2007
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, Indian Wells, 6-9 p.m.

Join the fun at WLF's main fundraising event.

Event Chairs 2006-07



Kate Spates

Co-chair, Community Outreach

Kate Spates is community-minded and has always taken an interest in the growth and development of the desert. She recently graduated from the prestigious Leadership Coachella Valley program.

Spates is a graduate of California State University, San Bernardino. Her career has included positions in hospitality, accounting, administration, and retail sales.

In 1996, Spates formed WebSites 2000. With growing success and more than 200 clients, WebSites 2000 merged with a marketing firm to create a full-service advertising and Web development firm, Image Marketing Concepts Inc.

Spates has assisted local charities such as the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, United Way of the Desert, and Habitat for Humanity Coachella Valley by creating a Web presence for them.

She and her husband, Brent, have twin daughters, Abby and Cassidy.

Patricia Nugent

Co-chair, Young Ambassadors

Patricia Nugent is originally from Dubuque, Iowa. She most recently moved to California after 20 years in Anchorage, Alaska. She has a bachelor of arts degree from Iowa State University. She is currently a regional vice president with Primerica, a member of Citigroup. Nugent helps families get out of debt and plan for their retirement, as well as educate them on how money works. She also works with

businesses and business owners on retirement planning. Prior to joining Primerica, she was a controller for an oil field supply company in Alaska. She has volunteered at several local high schools to help educate students about money and investing. She received a certificate of recognition from Desert Sands Unified School District Board of Education for outstanding service to the children of DSUSD.

Jane Treacy

Co-chair, Young Ambassadors

A former theatrical producer, Jane Treacy has more than 40 productions to her credit, including *The Odd Couple*, starring Tony Randall and Jack Klugman, and *Can Can*, starring Leslie Caron. Treacy has also served as a special events consultant to numerous not-for-profit groups in New York and Indianapolis. In the Coachella Valley, she was program director for The Valley's Promise and interim executive director for WLF. She has served as a board member for COD Auxiliary, Indian Wells Desert Symphony Orchestra, Rancho Mirage Public Library, and Northwestern University Alumni of the Coachella Valley. Treacy is listed in *Who's Who Worldwide*.

Diane Lucas

Co-chair, Hospitality, Wall Street Teens

Diane Lucas is a veteran in the field of private education: a teacher of grades K-12, an administrator as temporary head of a lower school in St. Thomas, a

reading specialist, and a professional tutor. She is presently with St. Margaret's School as a reading specialist.

She is co-chair of Hospitality for WLF, a committee member of the Leadership Academy, and co-chair of Wall Street Teens. She has also served Desert Samaritans for The Elderly as an auction committee volunteer for six years and in 2002 was their Volunteer of the Year. Her charity work has included the USO, the St. Thomas Navy League, The Thaliens, and the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center. A true volunteer.

Ellen Grosser

Co-chair, Community Outreach

Ellen Grosser, SRES, has served buyers and sellers in real estate for more than a decade. After traveling throughout the world and living in Los Angeles, on the East Coast, and Spain, Grosser chose our desert for her home.

When Grosser is not working, you might find her organizing a Women Leaders Forum event, at a Program Committee meeting at the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, or being an ambassador for the Palm Desert and La Quinta Chambers of Commerce. You might also find her tending to her garden, entertaining, reading a book, or playing with her five grandchildren.

Grosser offers a variety of real estate services to a diverse clientele. She specializes in finding dream homes for her clients, going the extra mile every time. ■