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Happy Holidays!

I am excited to announce that I have been offered and accepted the position of Director of Human Resources with the County of Monterey, California.

Professional and Civic Enrichment

July 27, 2012 - BBOD Project members and guests attended a luncheon meeting at the Arrogant Butcher Restaurant in Downtown Phoenix with Clarence Carter, Director, AZ Department of Economic Security as the speaker.

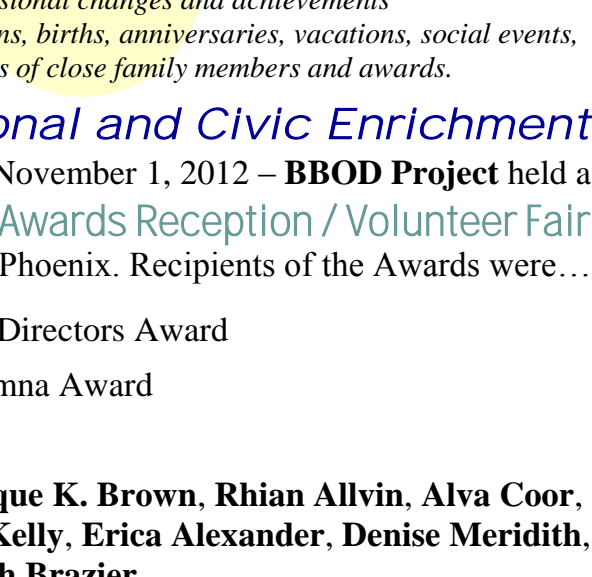
Those in attendance included Steven Zachery, Shihara Smallwood, Spencer Isom, Ginger Spencer, Kimulet Wincer, Tyronda Carry,



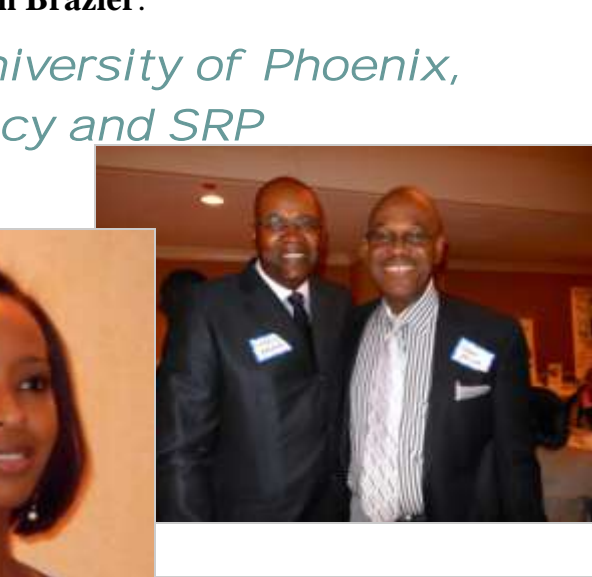
Cherylyn Strong, Brian Taylor, James Liddell, Tracee Crockett and Elaine Starks.

Thanks for letting me know what is going on at BBOD Project; our state could benefit from more programs like this one. - Jim Ego, MA, JD.

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BBOD Project and Maricopa County Community Colleges held a Mixer / Political Fair that was free and open to the public. The purpose of the event was to give attendees opportunities to meet candidates, learn their positions on issues, volunteer and make contributions to their campaigns.



Mr. & Mrs. Brazier. We request BBOD Project members and alumni to keep us informed of personal and professional changes and achievements in your life.

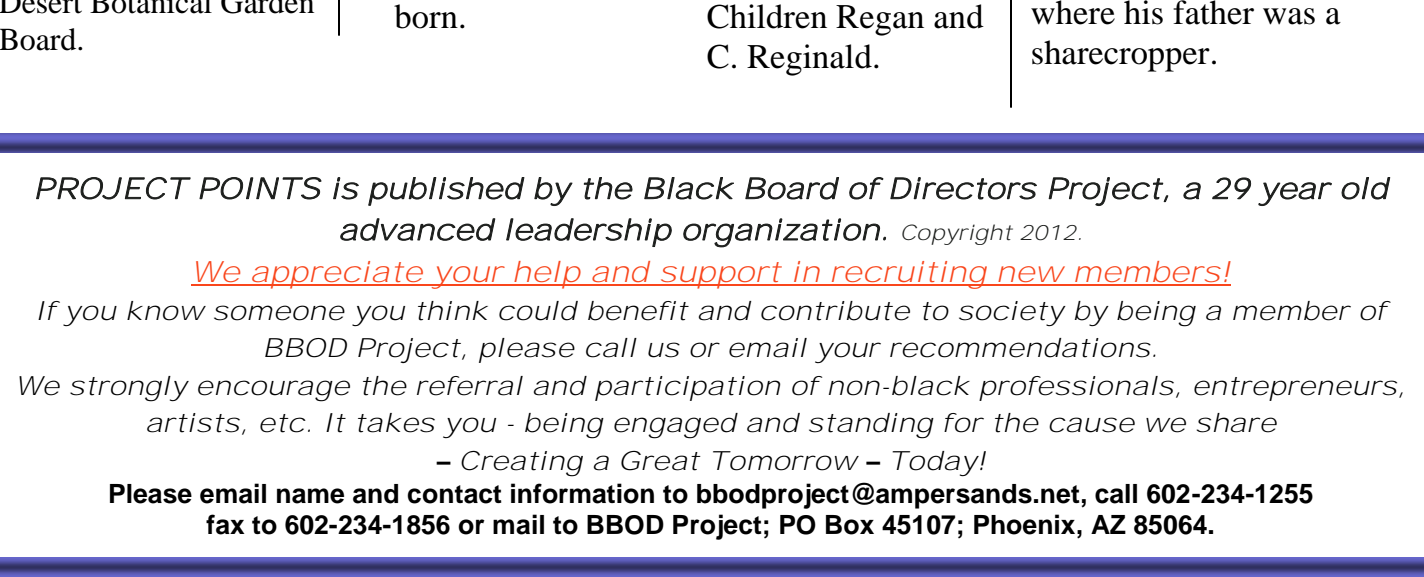
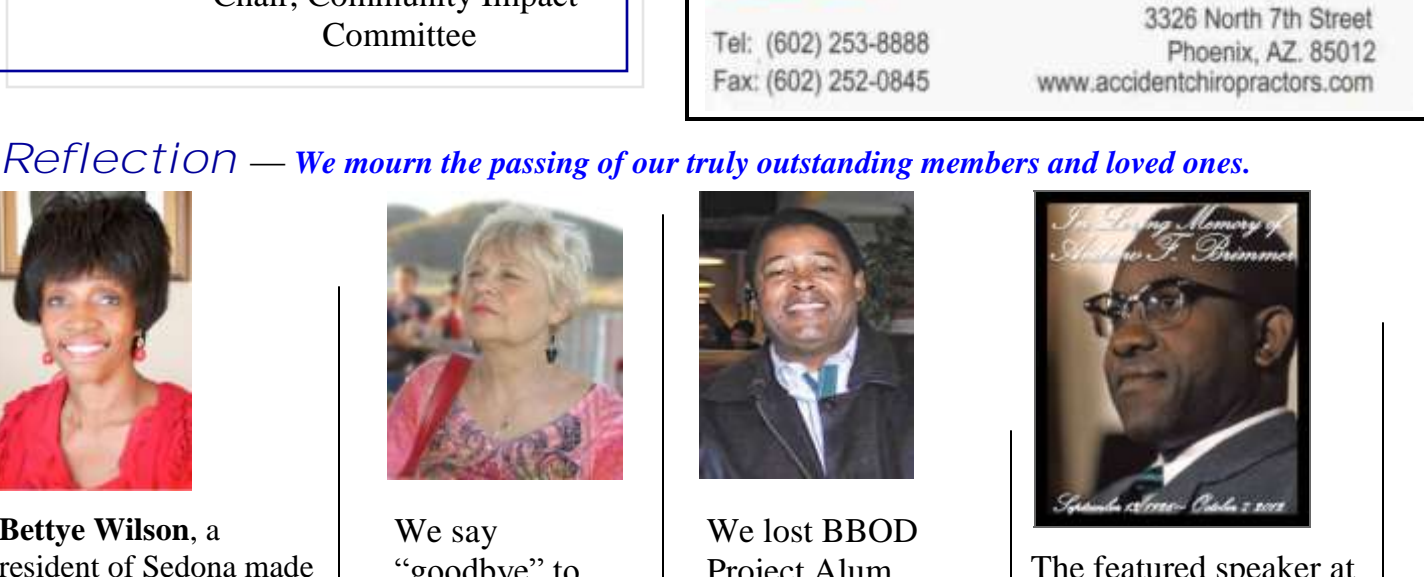
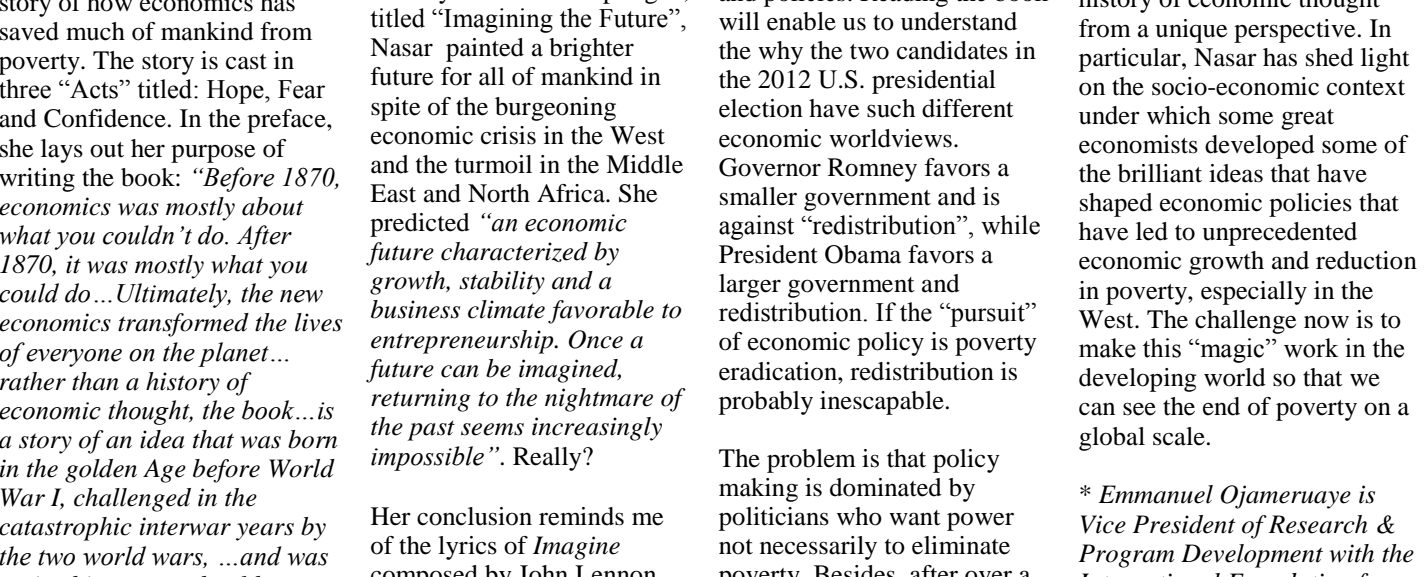
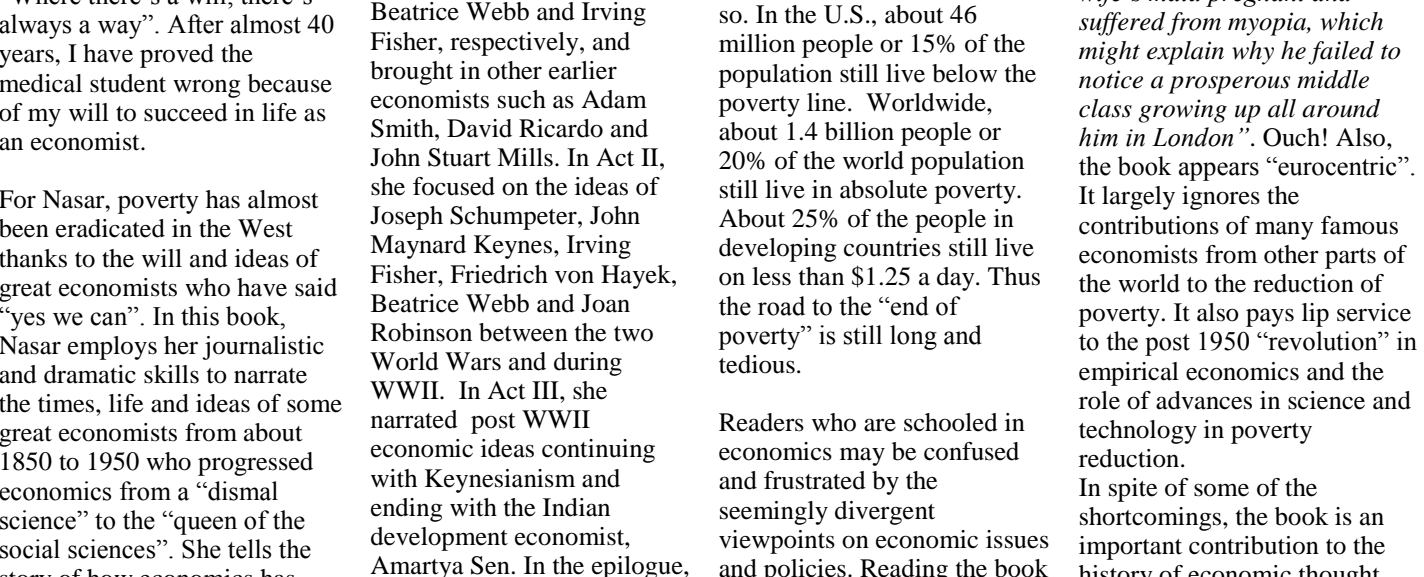
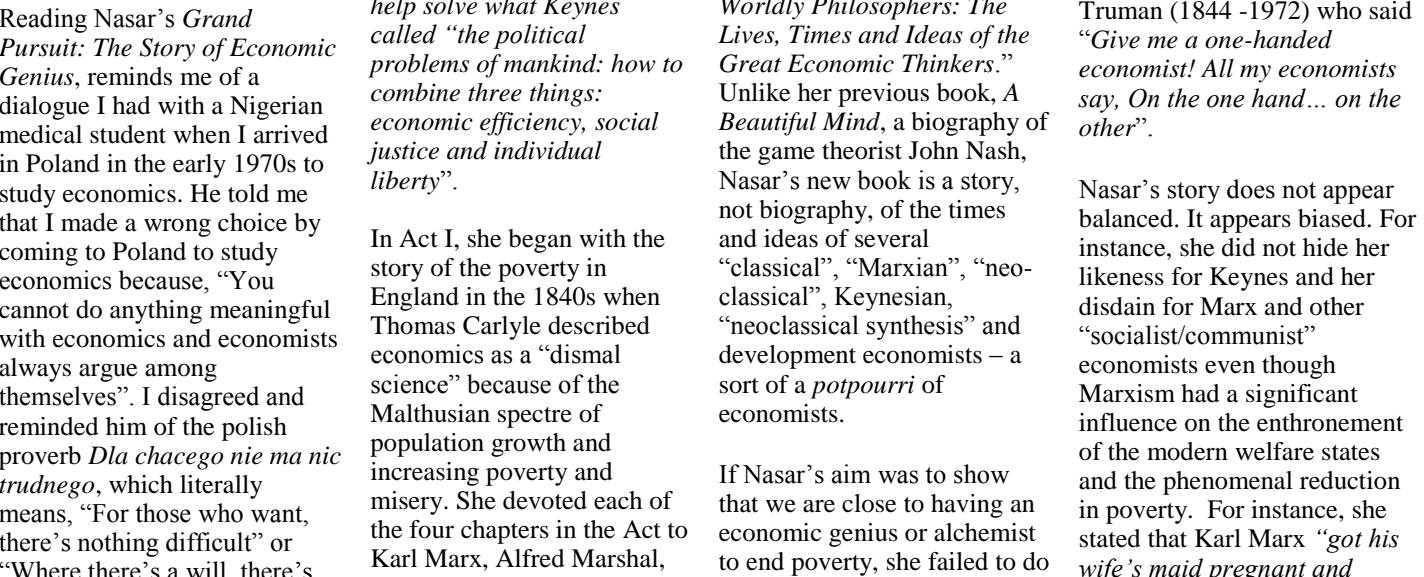
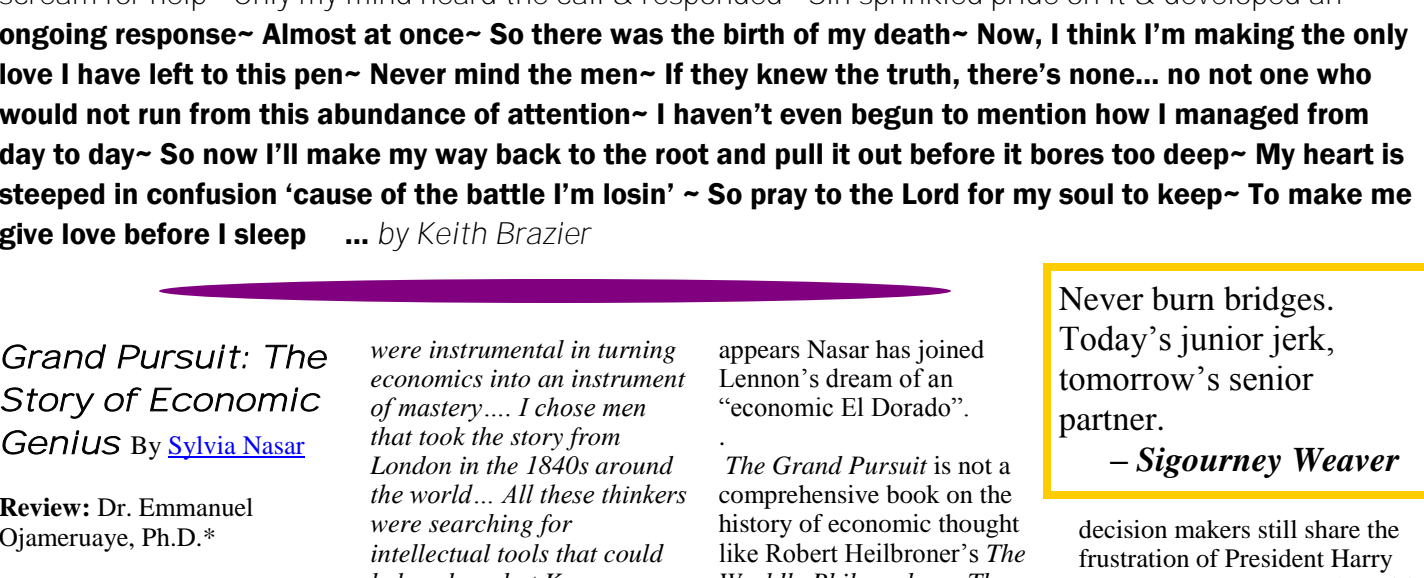
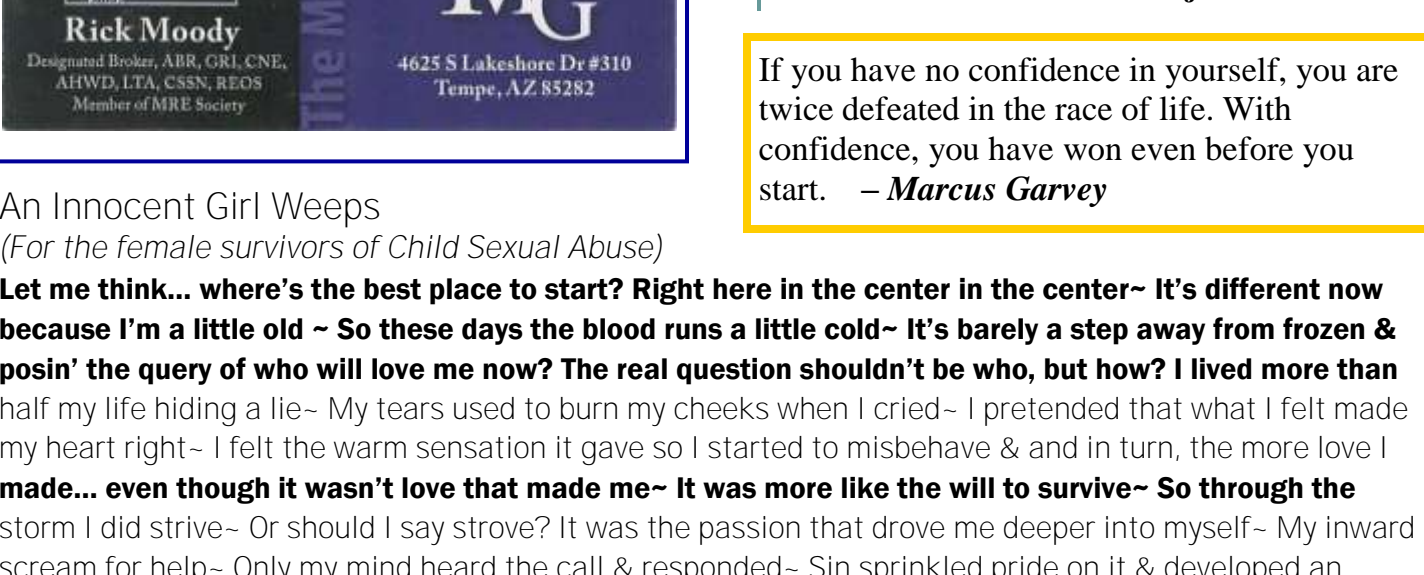
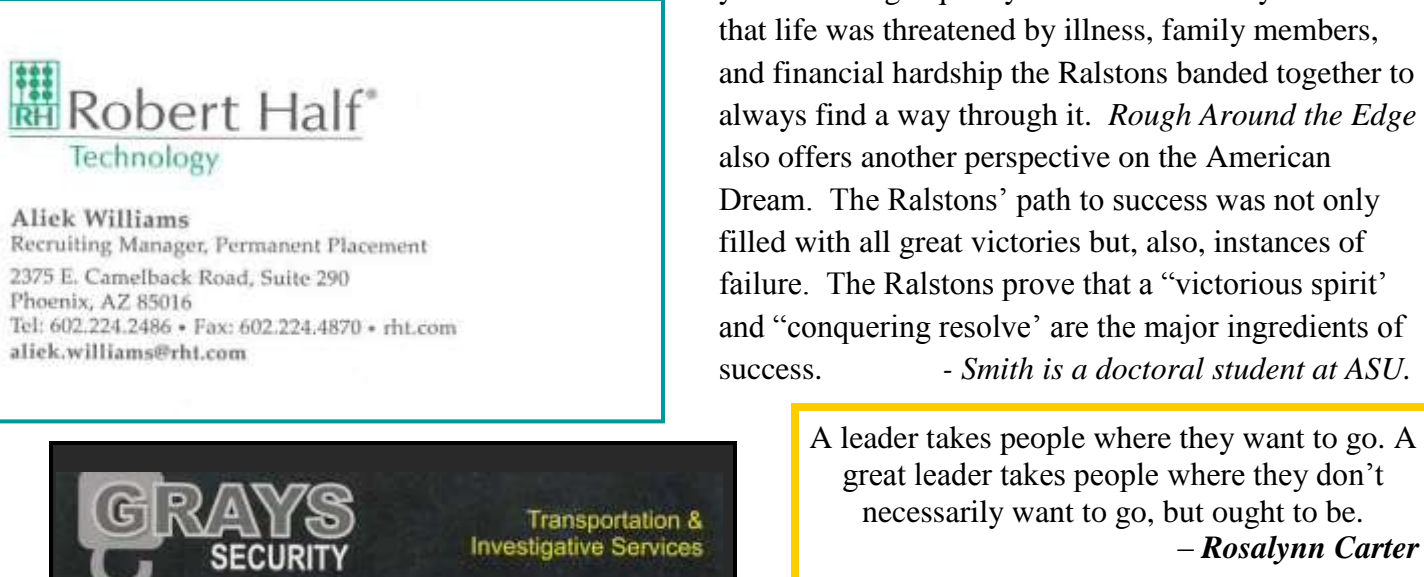
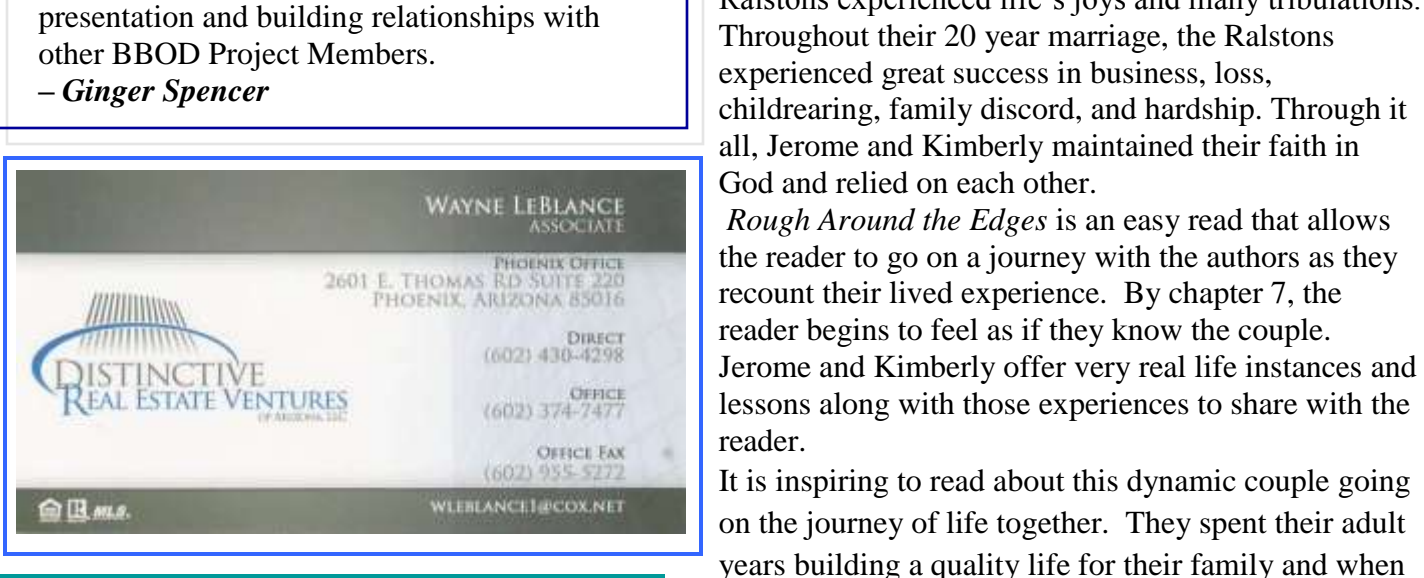
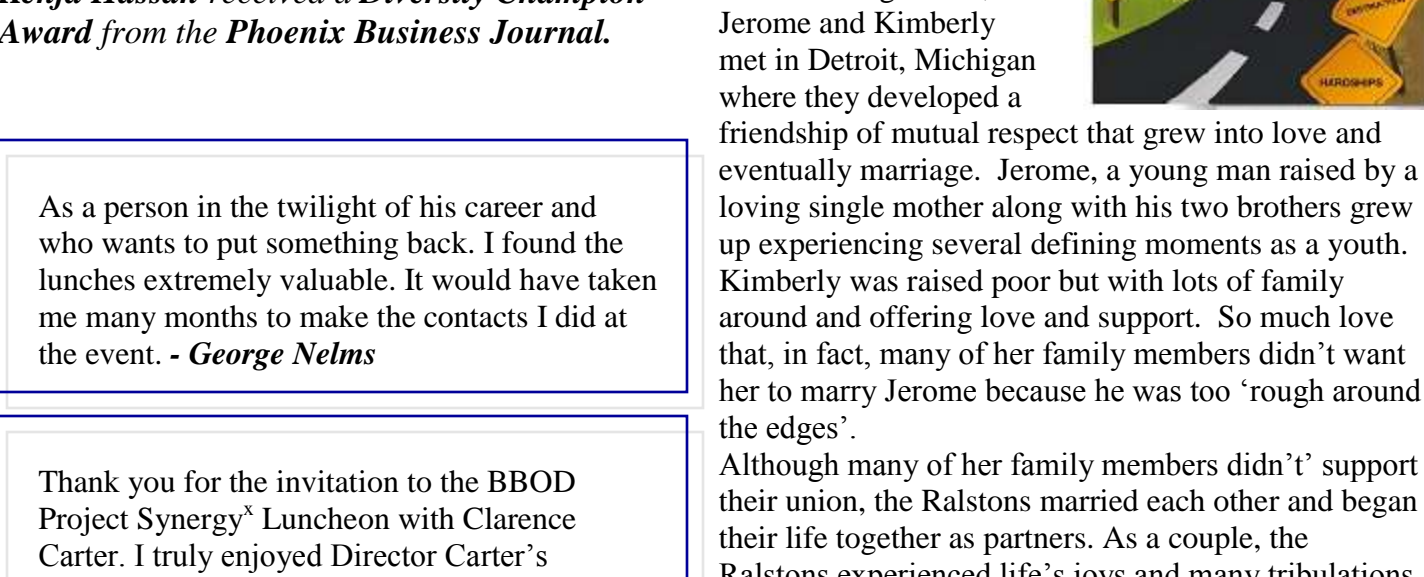
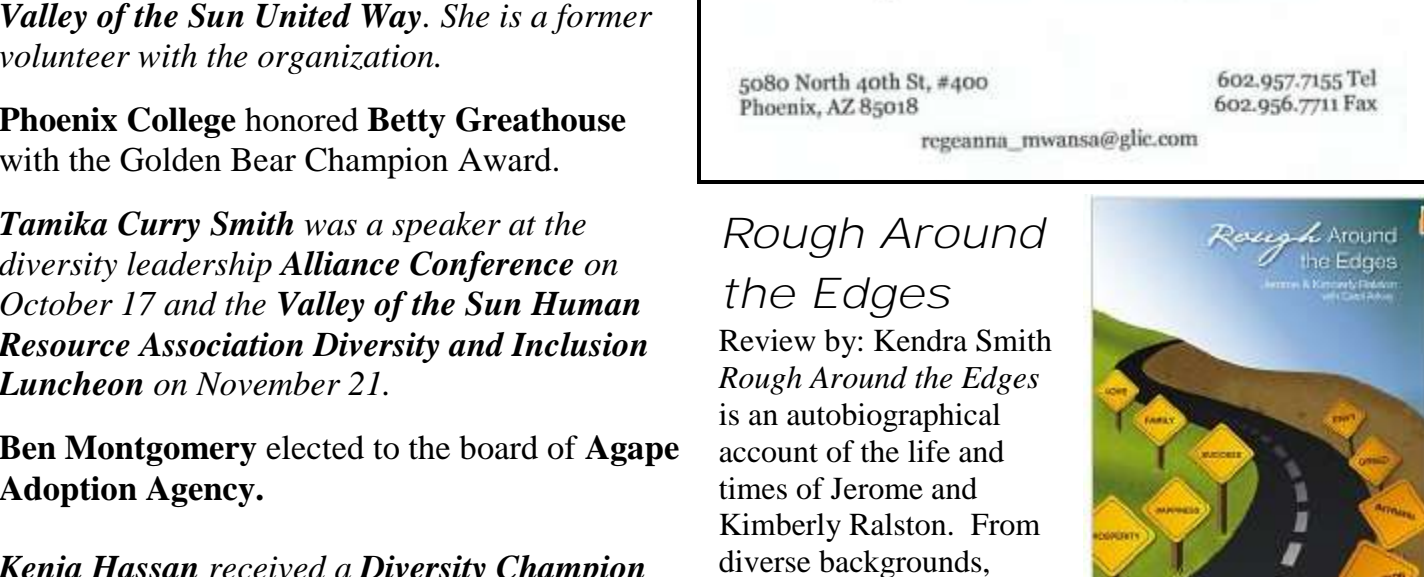
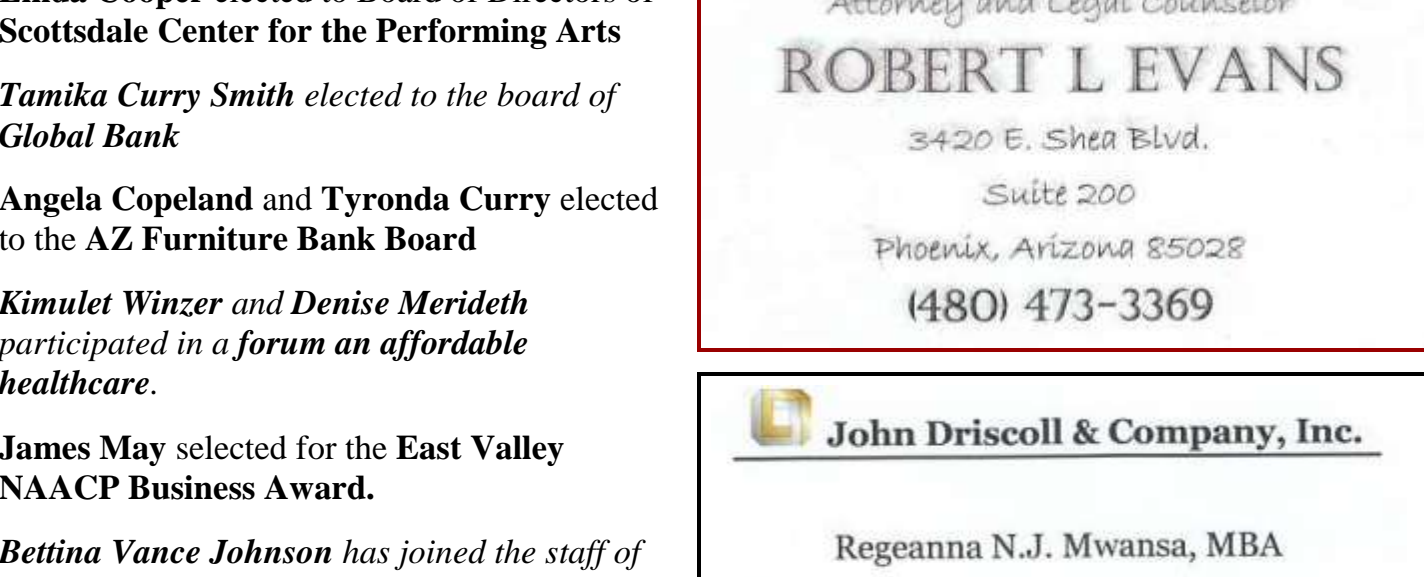
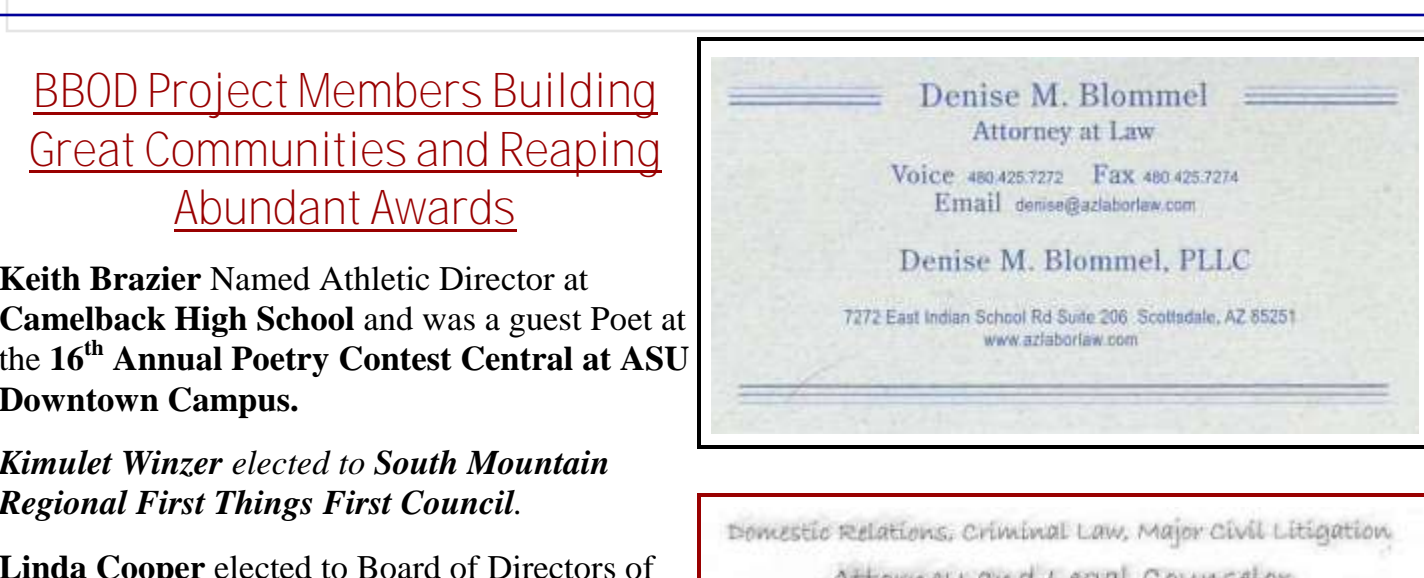
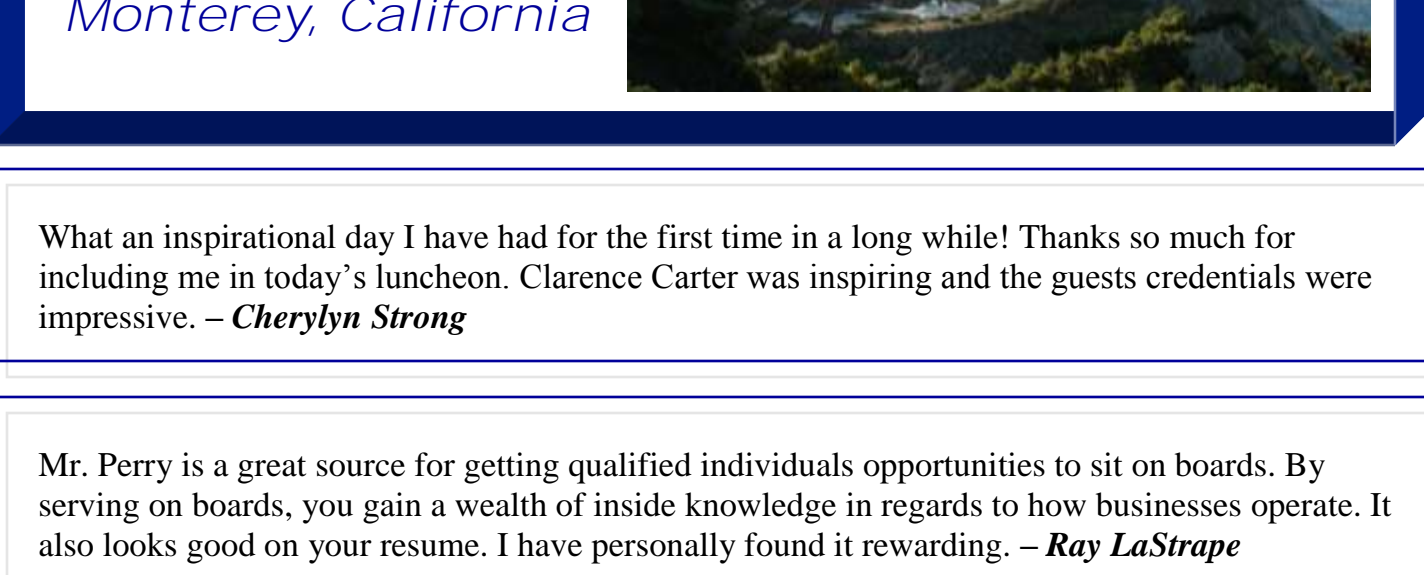
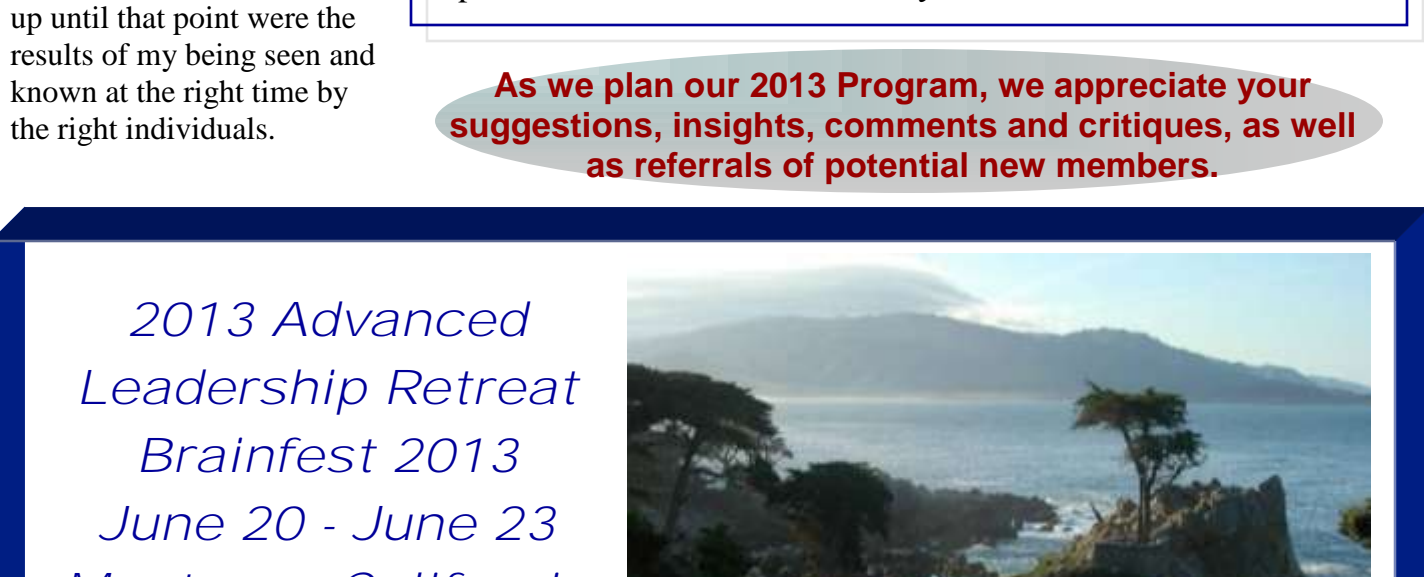
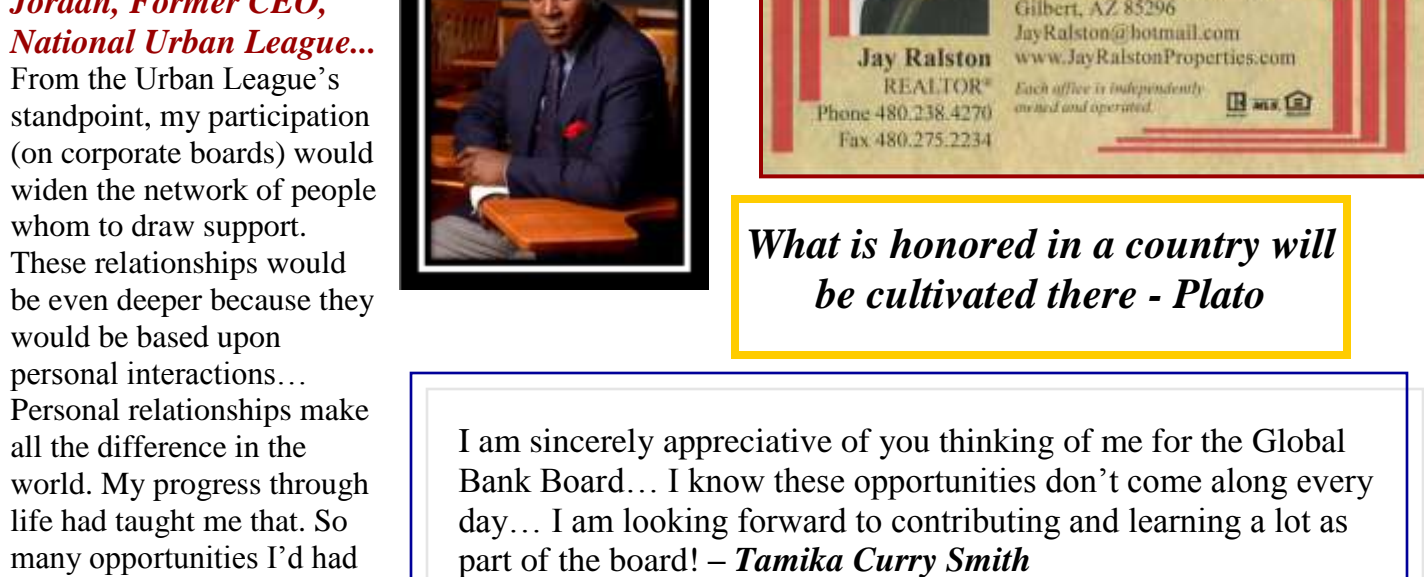
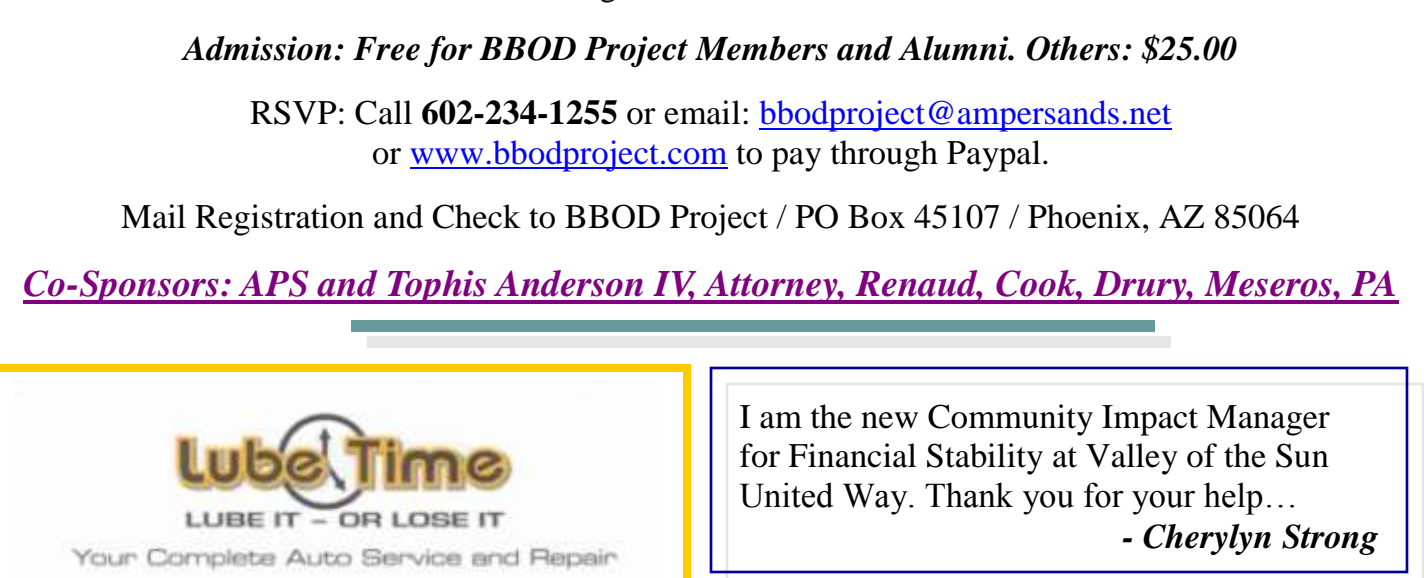
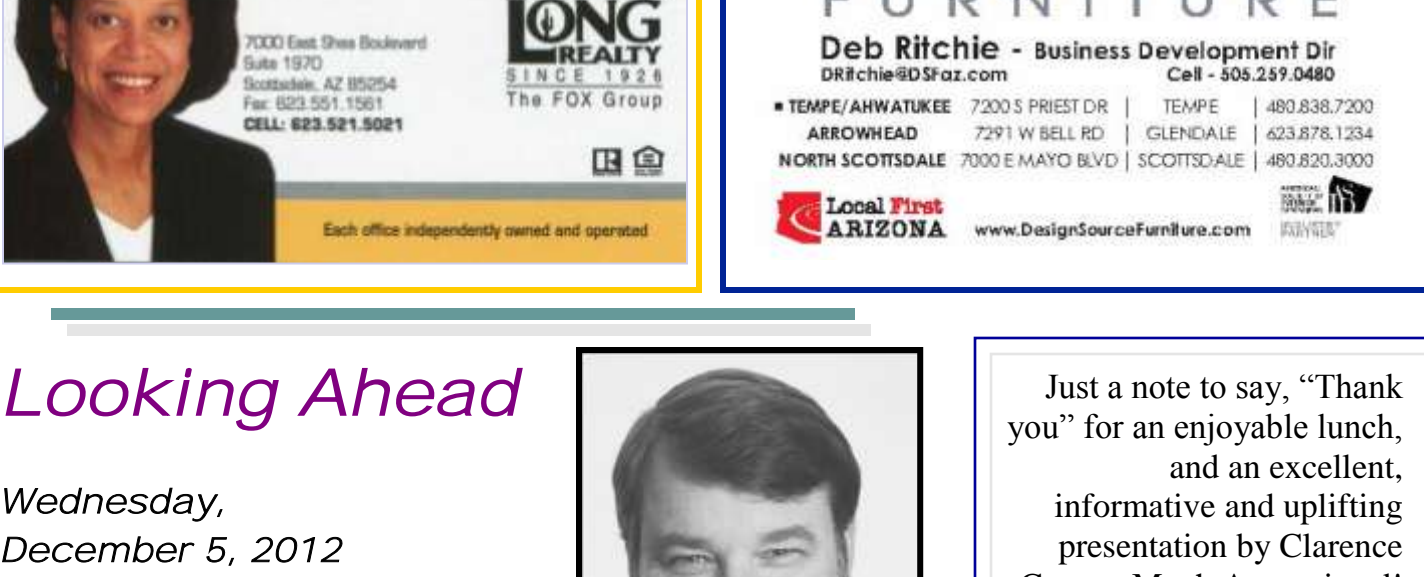


Professional and Civic Enrichment November 1, 2012 - BBOD Project held a VIP Awards Reception / Volunteer Fair at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Phoenix.

Alexander Jamison - Lincoln J. Ragsdale Sr. Outstanding Directors Award, Kenja Hassan - Dr. Charles R. Campbell Outstanding Alumna Award, AZ Furniture Bank - Outstanding Non-Profit Award.

Those in attendance included Hon. Art Hamilton, Dominique K. Brown, Rhian Allvin, Alva Coor, Duane Livingston, Keith Killough, Melvin Hall, Chuck Kelly, Erica Alexander, Denise Meridith, Carol Henry, George Nelms, Dr. Dana Jamison and Keith Brazier.

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Looking Ahead

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 Lecture and Discussion "The Meaning of the 2012 US National Elections"



Presenter: Michael O'Neil, Ph.D., O'Neil Associates APS Corporate Headquarters

Time: 7:30am - 8:00am Registration and Breakfast 8:00am - 9:00am - Lecture and Dialogue / 9:00am - 9:30am - One on One Discussions

Admission: Free for BBOD Project Members and Alumni. Others: \$25.00

RSVP: Call 602-234-1255 or email: bbodproject@ampersands.net

Co-Sponsors: APS and Tophis Anderson IV, Attorney, Renaud, Cook, Drury, Meseros, PA

Just a note to say, "Thank you" for an enjoyable lunch, and an excellent, informative and uplifting presentation by Clarence Carter. Much Appreciated! - Frank Crump

We have known each other for many years, and seven of those years you have helped create a diverse board. - Jim Piscopo

2013 Advanced Leadership Retreat Brainfest 2013 June 20 - June 23 Monterey, California



What an inspirational day I have had for the first time in a long while! Thanks so much for including me in today's luncheon. Clarence Carter was inspiring and the guests credentials were impressive. - Cherylyn Strong

Dr. Perry is a great source for getting qualified individuals opportunities to sit on boards. By serving on boards, you gain a wealth of inside knowledge in regards to how businesses operate. It also looks good on your resume. I have personally found it rewarding. - Ray LaStrape

BBOD Project Members Building Great Communities and Reaping Abundant Awards

Keith Brazier Named Athletic Director at Camelback High School and was a guest Poet at the 16th Annual Poetry Contest Central at ASU Downtown Campus.

Kimulet Wincer elected to South Mountain Regional First Things First Council.

Linda Cooper elected to Board of Directors of Tamicka Curry Center for the Performing Arts

Tamika Curry Smith elected to the board of Global Bank.

Angela Copeland and Tyronda Carry elected to the AZ Furniture Bank Board

Kimulet Wincer and Denise Meridith participated in a forum an affordable healthcare.

James May selected for the East Valley NAACP Business Award.

Bettina Vance Johnson has joined the staff of Valley of the Sun United Way. She is a former volunteer with the organization.

Phoenix College honored Betty Greathouse with the Golden Bear Champion Award.

Tamika Curry Smith was a speaker at the diversity leadership Alliance Conference on October 17 and the Valley of the Sun Human Resource Association Diversity and Inclusion Luncheon on November 21.

Ben Montgomery elected to the board of Agape Adoption Agency.

Kenja Hassan received a Diversity Champion Award from the Phoenix Business Journal.

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What is honored in a country will be cultivated there - Plato

I am sincerely appreciative of you thinking of me for the Global Board... I know these opportunities don't come along every day... I am looking forward to contributing and learning a lot as part of the board! - Tamika Curry Smith

As we plan our 2013 Program, we appreciate your suggestions, insights, comments and critiques, as well as referrals of potential new members.

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As a person in the twilight of his career and who wants to put something back. I found the lunches extremely valuable. It would have taken me an event - George Nelms

Thank you for the invitation to the BBOD Project Synergy Luncheon with Clarence Carter. I truly enjoyed Director Carter's presentation and building relationships with other BBOD Project Members. - Ginger Spencer

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Let me think... where's the best place to start? Blood runs in the center in the center - It's different now because I'm a little old - So these days the right runs a little cold - It's barely a step away from frozen & half the query of who will love me now? The real question shouldn't be who, but how? I lived more than half my life hiding a lie - My tears used to burn my cheeks when I cried - I pretended that what I felt made my heart right - I felt the warm sensation it gave - So I started to misbehave & and in turn, the more love I made... even though it wasn't love that made me - It was more like the will to survive - So through the storm I did strive - Or should I say strove? It was the passion that drove me deeper into myself - My inward scream for help - Only my mind heard the call & responded - Sin sprinkled pride on it & developed an ongoing response - Almost at once - So there was the birth of my death - Now, I think I'm making the only love I have left to this pen - Never mind the men - If they knew the truth, there's none... no not one who would not run from this abundance of attention - I haven't even begun to mention how I managed from day to day - So now I'll make my way back to the root and pull it out before it bores too deep - My heart is steeped in confusion 'cause of the battle I'm losin' - So pray to the Lord for my soul to keep - To make me give love before I sleep ... by Keith Brazier

Never burn bridges. Today's junior jerk, tomorrow's senior partner. - Sigourney Weaver

decision makers still share the frustration of President Harry Truman (1884 - 1972) who said "Give me a one-handed economist! All one-handed economists say, On the one hand... on the other".

Nasar's story does not appear balanced. It appears biased. For instance, she did not hide her likeness for Keynes and her disdain for Marx and other "socialist/communist" economists even though Marxism had a significant influence on the enlightenment of the modern welfare states and the phenomenal reduction in poverty. For instance, she stated that Karl Marx "got his wife's maid pregnant and suffered from mephitia, which might explain why he failed to notice a growing middle class prospering all around him in London". Ouch! Also, the book appears "eurocentric". It largely ignores the contributions of many famous economists from other parts of the world to the reduction of poverty. It also pays lip service to the past 1950 "revolution" in empirical economics and the role of advances in science and technology in poverty reduction. In spite of some of the shortcomings, the book is an important contribution to the history of economic thought from a unique perspective. In particular, Nasar has shed light on the socio-economic context under which some great economists developed some of the brilliant ideas that have shaped economic policies that have led to unprecedented economic growth and reduction in poverty, especially in the West. The challenge now is to make this "magic" work in the developing world so that we can see the end of poverty on a global scale.

* Emmanuel Ojameraweh is Vice President of Research & Program Development with the International Foundation for Education & Self-Help (IFESH) based in Scottsdale, Arizona State. He was a Lecturer in Economics and Statistics at the University of Benin in Nigeria in the 1980s.

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Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius by Sylvia Nasar. Review: Dr. Emmanuel Ojameraweh, Ph.D.

Reading Nasar's Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius, reminds me of a dialogue I had with a Nigerian medical student when I arrived in Poland in the early 1970s to study economics. He told me that I made a wrong choice by coming to Poland to study economics because, "You cannot do anything meaningful with economics and economists always argue" I disagreed and reminded him of the famous proverb Da chagoo ne ma nio tradogbe, which literally means, "For those who want, there's nothing difficult" or "Where there's a will, there's always a way". After almost 40 years, I have proved the medical student wrong because of my will to succeed in life as an economist.

For Nasar, poverty has almost been eradicated in the West thanks to the will and ideas of great economists who have said "yes we can". In this book, Nasar employs her journalistic and dramatic skills to narrate the times, life and ideas of some great economists from about 1850 to 1950 who progressed economics from a "dismal science" to the "queen of the social sciences". She tells the story of how economics has saved much of mankind from poverty. The story is cast in three "Acts": titled, Hope, Fear and Confidence. In the preface, she lays out her purpose of writing the book: "Before 1870, economics was mostly about what you could do. After 1870, it was mostly what you could do... Ultimately, the new economics transformed the lives of everyone on the planet... rather than a history... economic thought, the book... is a story of an idea that was born in the golden age before World War I, challenged in the catastrophic interwar years by the two world wars... and was revived in a second golden age in the aftermath of World War II... I chose protagonists who

I know losing is part of life - doesn't mean I have to like it. - Vince Lombardi

On behalf of the board and staff of the Valley of the Sun United Way. Thank you for Bettina Vance-Johnson participation in the community investment process. - Warren Whitney, Chair, Community Impact Committee

We say "goodbye" to Noella Delaine Nelms, wife of BBOD Project member George Nelms. They were married April 23, 1966 and lived in Edina, Minnesota until May 1999 when they moved to Scottsdale, AZ. To this union, sons Christopher and Michael were born.

We lost BBOD Project Alum Clarence "Reggie" Davis, a former employee of Xerox. He was born in Hobbs, New Mexico and graduated from Arizona State University with a BS in quantitative systems. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Charibeth and Children Regan and C. Reginald.

The featured speaker at our 1987 black tie dinner, Andrew F. Brimmer, passed October 7, 2012. He served on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University. He also served on many corporate and non profit boards. He was born in Newellton, Louisiana where his father was a sharecropper.

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