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## 38TH SUMMER CAMP IS HIGHLIGHT OF RESIDENTS' YEAR

by Max McQueen, LTH Executive Director

For 38 years, Lura Turner Homes has hosted a summer camp in Arizona's north country. We started in Payson in 1976, then moved to Prescott. Then we spent 27 great years at Camp Civitan near Williams. This year's camp was Aug. 26-30, and for the first time it was at Whispering Hope Ranch in Zane Grey country.

Located east of Payson in the shadow of Mogollon Rim, Whispering Hope is a former ranch-turned-camp. Its' staff, programs and campus are geared to special needs children and adults. Being new to this locale, we had some adjusting to do. But under Charlotte Grissom and Lori Stevens' leadership, staff and campers settled in quickly.

Piquing the interest of one and all was Whispering Hope's barnyard menagerie. Exotic creatures ranged from an albino peacock to a "kissing" llama to Shetland ponies, which were much petted and groomed by campers. Also well-secured on the grounds were pot-bellied pigs, turkeys, emus, goats and cows. But the favorite animals were horses, all chosen for their gentleness - the better to be safe around us "city folk."

Camper Charlotte will never forget her first ever horse ride: "The horse's name was Matt. He was brown. I wasn't scared. There were lots of cowboys around to help me."

No camp is complete without crafts. Camper Jackie especially enjoyed making a wall hanging out of a horseshoe. Camper Yvonne - one of a few LTH residents to attend all 38 camps - was most proud of a bird house she made "from scratch."

None of the good times above could have happened without your support. On behalf of the campers, staff and volunteers, thank you for helping Summer Camp 2013 happen "without a hitch."

Jennifer shares a great moment with one of the many animals friends at camp.



Long time camper Dan enjoys a scenic ride with camp staff by his side.



With such beautiful sites to see & weather during camp, these campers & volunteers couldn't pass up a chance to take a stroll in the wilderness.

# Donations Received

Lura Turner Homes expresses appreciation to all the following who have made donations during the months of July, August, September & October 2013

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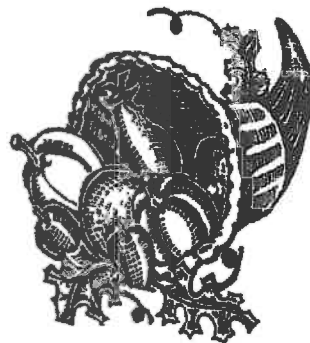
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## **LTH SAYS FINAL GOOD-BYES TO FOUR GOOD FRIENDS**

Between each quarterly newsletter, we say final farewells to all too many life-long friends. Since last we wrote, we've lost our dear friend and long-time Phoenix Bird Civitan member Steve Scheer as well as attorney Bill French, also a friend and staunch advocate for people with developmental disabilities.

We also said sad good byes to two senior ladies who kept raising funds for LTH until a few weeks before their deaths. Olive Amsbury (97) made thousands of potholders to benefit LTH. In fact, she was still crocheting away in hospice!

Margaret Pellegrini (89), one of the last Munchkins from "The Wizard of Oz" autographed hundreds of "Oz" photos in exchange for donations to LTH. Her last appearance was as the special guest at our high tea in March. Bless you, Bill, Margaret, Olive and Steve for enriching our lives for so long and in so many ways. May you rest in peace.



Photo: E.D. Max McQueen & Olive Amsbury watch over "Munchkin" Margaret Pellegrini as she signs autographs at Theatre Works to raise funds for LTH.

## **LTH'S 19TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY RAISES \$8,300!**

Thanks to the hard work of LTH's volunteer golf committee over \$8,300 was raised at LTH's 19th annual golf tournament. Held September 28th at the Legend at Arrowhead, this year's tourney was the first one this century with temperatures under 100! A perfect day for golfing.

Bernie King and team (at right took home the first place trophy. Mary Harrington (in black, at left) earned double prizes: women's longest drive and women's closet to pin. Special guest were young golfers Monet and Banet Flores. These community-minded sisters used their golfing talents to benefit the special needs residents who live at LTH.

For a job well done, we doff our hats to the golf committee: Don Campbell, Stan Farmer, Bernie King, Deborah Maddox, Kristi Schrank, Sherry Sentgeorge and Buzz Wilson.



## **BARNEY HONORED FOR 35 YEARS AT DENNY'S**

Denny's corporate officials couldn't attend Barney's Night in April, so they made up for it by throwing a bash for Barney on Sept. 18th at "Barney's Denny's" at Seventh Street and Camelback Road. Barney's manager Joe Hunt, district manager Jerry Moudy and corporate HR head Dori Hummell (who flew in from South Carolina!) saluted Barney for his 35 years of service in front of 100-plus guests plus reporters from KTAR, and Channel 3, 5, and 15. Even Phoenix's Mayor Greg Stanton honored Barney with a plaque acknowledging the LTH resident's hard work and loyalty as Denny's "best bus boy." Hats off to LTH board member Kristi Schrank for spearheading this much deserved recognition for a truly special guy.





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- November 9 ~ Boutique/Craft Sale
- January 25 ~ Italian Dinner Night
- March 1 ~ High Tea

**2nd Annual National Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3**  
In response to retailers' Black Friday, the nation's non-profits created Giving Tuesday last December. This is a day when Americans are encouraged to give to their favorite charity during the busy holiday season.  
This year's Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3. To make a donation to Lura Turner Homes via this national event please go to:  
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Thank you!!!