

December is a time to reflect on giving back, supporting our community and offering help in so many ways. Leadership is a special gift; **Susan Navran** and **Richard Whitney** are two new trustees at the Heard Museum giving their time and wisdom to a great institution. The time, funds and resources donated by the generous spirits in our community contribute to the quality of life for those in need, and we thank them. Speaking of need, Florence Crittenton needs your donations to stock their store, Flo's on 7<sup>th</sup>. Please donate goods you may no longer need; they will pick up larger items. Call Flo's at 602-254-7861. As the year ends, we think of things to come as committees are busy planning the 2009 season—it's going to be fabulous. ■ Friends of European Art will celebrate *Carnivale!* on January 23 at Phoenix Art Museum. ■ Celebrity Fight Night returns to the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort and Spa on Saturday, March 28. ■ The American Cancer Society announced the 2009 Jewel Ball chair, **Courtney Penhall**; the event will be held on April 18 at the Montelucia Resort and Spa in Paradise Valley, and this year's gem is Tanzanite. ■ The Catholic Community Foundation announced their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Crozier Gala to be held May 2 at the Arizona Biltmore; **Cindy Todare** is the 2009 chair for the gala themed *A Call to Serve*. Best wishes as you celebrate the holiday season with your family and friends; remember, it's a time to be generous and reach out to others. Embrace the New Year with wisdom, leadership and kindness. Cheers! ■

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Conrad and Julie Pruzak, Cindy and Joel Revzen



Keith Baum, Russell Thomas, Stephanie and Stephen Greer



Sanford and Marcia Roth



Bob Burg, Lisette Oropesa, John Krier



Shoshana Tancer, Jack Clifford, Karen Ganz

### 38th Season Gala Celebration

#### Arizona Opera

Arizona Opera patrons celebrated the beginning of the company's 38<sup>th</sup> season at the gala party following the opening performance of *Rigoletto*. Guests enjoyed an evening onstage with the cast, including soprano **Lisette Oropesa** who made her Arizona Opera debut. The flowing champagne and sumptuous treats were divine. Artistic director **Joel Revzen** said, "Throughout its history, Arizona Opera has been committed to producing operas of the highest quality, attracting the finest world talent and showcasing local artists. We are grateful to you for supporting us in these endeavors. We hope you enjoy the season and our seasons to come." Performances of *The Elixir of Love*, *Don Giovanni* and *Tosca* await us this season. Opera is a great experience; I encourage you to attend. Tickets are available at the Arizona Opera box office, 602-266-7464. ■