

West Valley Women Celebrates Community



(Nicole Lance, Deputy City Manager, Surprise; Hon. Michelle Hess, Vice Mayor, Buckeye; Hon. Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria; Hon. Wally Campbell, Council Member, Goodyear; Hon. Stephanie Karlin, Vice Mayor, Avondale; Hon. Paul Faith, Vice Mayor, Litchfield Park; Hon. Kenn Weise, Mayor, Avondale; Jeanne Blackman, City Manager, Youngtown; and Hon. Kathie Farr, Council Member, Tolleson. Not pictured: Kari Sliva, Community Relations Liaison, Office of Mayor, City of Glendale) Photo credit: Michele King Bruen

West Valley Women welcomed representatives from 9 local cities at its 8th Annual Meet the Mayors Lunch held June 7. They shared what's new and exciting and what makes their city unique. The Hon. Cathy Carlat, Mayor, Peoria, spoke about the process and importance of working toward common goals. The Hon. Kenn Weise, Mayor, Avondale, shared his city's quest to be named an All American City. Vice Mayor, Michelle Hess, Buckeye, shared the success of Skyline Regional Park and Buckeye's plans for the new police substation. Council Member, Wally Campbell, Goodyear, talked about Goodyear's expansive growth and plans for a Wellness Park. Vice Mayor, Paul Faith, Litchfield Park, shared the success of their downtown area. Council Member Kathie Farr, Tolleson, informed us that Tolleson's population nearly quadruples during the day and the city is "Small in the middle of it all." City Manager Jeanne Blackman, Youngtown, spoke of their Citizen's Academy, the city being debt free, and the importance of regional collaboration. Deputy City Manager, Nicole Lance, Surprise, shared several successes including new corporate relocations, expansive growth and job fairs. Kari Sliva, Community Relations Liaison, Office of the Mayor, Glendale spoke

of the new hotel and apartments being built, Epcor Water Project and other growth initiatives.

July 12, West Valley Women will celebrate its 11th Anniversary at a festive luncheon sponsored by Arizona Broadway Theatre with centerpieces and favors provided by Peverini Custom Floral Design.

West Valley Women, a locally owned networking organization, provides a venue for women to establish business connections, discover opportunities and embrace friendships over a social setting. Business comes from building relationships, creating opportunities, making connections, and developing new friendships or through building a strong foundation.

Women in business, women in philanthropy, women in education and women in government ALL are welcome as members.

To RSVP or for more information, visit www.westvalleywomen.org