

# A Tradition of Caring

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## DEMIN N' DREAMS—Rip Roaring Success

On Friday, November 5, friends of Arizona Transplant House put on their favorite denim outfits and gathered under the Arizona evening sky for a great BBQ meal, silent auction and musical entertainment. Included in the festivities was a raffle for an amazing Lady Heart Diamond necklace and a "mystery box" diamond ring sale. Both items were provided generously by **Ganem Jewelers**. Congratulations to **Roger Redifer**, (top left) the Lady Heart diamond necklace raffle winner. Redifer was thrilled to hear that one of the six raffle tickets he purchased had won him the amazing necklace valued at \$9,065.

"It has been an especially great year for me," says Redifer, who still was recovering from his liver transplant in June 2010. **Andrea Swartz** (bottom left) was the winner of the mystery jewelry box and is showing off her 14k yellow gold, 28 round diamonds totaling .75ctw ring valued at \$1,400!

Thanks to all who attended.

## WE ARE THANKFUL

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to good friend **Shelley Keller** of **The Memory Baker** for providing the wonderful desserts for Denim N' Dreams. Check out her website [thememorybaker.com](http://thememorybaker.com)

**WE EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANKS** to our friends at the **Marriott Courtyard Mayo Clinic Shea Campus** for their generosity in donating a bell cart for use at the Village. This rolling blessing has been helpful to our guests as they transport their luggage and personal items to their rooms during check-in. Pictured below are General Manager, **Karen Boeck**, and Chief Engineer, **Michael Williamson**.

**LOVE SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER** and we thank the following individuals/groups who were kind enough to come to the Village at Mayo Clinic to provide various holiday and social events, including Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas day meals.

### National Charity League Volunteers

Lynn Closway

Mike McKenna

Dave & Tomme Kaplan

The Erickson Family (Jeff, Anita, Jeanne, Elizabeth, Anne)

Barb Caldeira

Sylvia Owens

Chuck & Jane Freeman

Brenda McCormick

Bruce & Carol Urben

Bill & Barb Pearse

Sherry Behrens

Joe & Paulette Maslick

Tom Lucey & Margaret Quan

## VILLAGE HOSTS GUEST WEDDING

The beautiful fountain in the middle of the Village provided the perfect setting for our first wedding. Long-time partners and AZTH guests, **Mitch Church** and **Krystal Schwerin**, celebrated their love for each other during the August 8 wedding ceremony. The wedding was officiated by fellow Village guest (and pastor) **Bob Heisler**. Thanks to all the staff and guests who made this special day take place.

## FORMER GUEST GIVES BACK

**Amanda Jeffers** not only felt blessed to receive a kidney transplant in August 2009, but she was especially grateful that she and her caregiver — mother Elaine — were able to stay at AZTH during her recovery. Her positive feelings for the Village continued after she returned home to Tucson where she partnered with her employer, **Clifton Gunderson LLP**, to raise \$890 for AZTH through office "dress down" days and other fund-raising efforts. Thanks for your support, and congratulations Amanda on your continued good health!



**IF YOU LOVE A BARGAIN —** and who doesn't, sign up to receive email offers from the following websites. All have wonderful deals and provide the Arizona Transplant House with a percentage of the purchase to support our non-profit cause. Be sure to select AZTH as your charity of choice. [dailydealusa.com](http://dailydealusa.com)  
[doozyofadeal.com](http://doozyofadeal.com)  
[enamor.com](http://enamor.com)

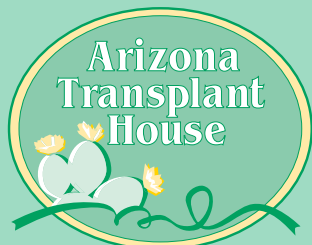
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MYSTERY DINNER**  
**MUSICAL**

A fund-raiser evening that is filled with live musical drama/entertainment, wonderful food and many laughs, following up on last year's mystery dinner success. Two date options – **April 8 and 9**. Check our [website](#) for more details.

**IN PASSING**

We are saddened by the loss:

**Anita Heisler**  
**Stacey Dedmon**  
**Larry Jacox**  
**Jim Mathews**  
**John Fields**  
**Gary Cummins**  
**Gretta Goodrich**  
**Ron Lewis**  
**Robert Dean**  
**Allen "Mitch" Church**  
**Terrence Thomas**



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**TEE IT UP**

Mark your calendars to participate in the upcoming Mayo Clinic Friends & Family Golf Tournament benefiting The Arizona Transplant House Village at Mayo Clinic. The event will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at The Legends Golf Course — Arrowhead Ranch and is open to everyone. Cost is \$55 per person and includes lunch. All proceeds from this event benefit The Arizona Transplant House and go toward continuing its mission of providing comfortable low cost accommodations in a "home-like" environment for Mayo Clinic Arizona (MCA) transplant and cancer patients and their family/caregivers. Please contact Jeff Nachtweih at [Nachtweih.jeff@mayo.edu](mailto:Nachtweih.jeff@mayo.edu) for additional information or you can sign up by contacting Rachel Stigge at 480.342.3485.

**VILLAGE TO EXPERIENCE MORE GROWTH**

**FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM DAVIE —** On December 1, 2010, we broke ground for the third Arizona Transplant House casita which, when complete in summer, 2011, will add six more guest rooms, bringing our total available rooms to 18. The demand continues to grow and our monthly occupancy remains high with many on our waiting list. I extend my personal thanks and appreciation to the many, many people who continue to support our mission and believe in our cause.

**REMINDER —** Be sure to contact us with your e-mail address so you don't miss any of AZTH news and event information. In an effort to cut costs, we are looking for every opportunity to use e-mail to communicate information whenever possible. Send your information to: [dcummings@aztransplanthouse.org](mailto:dcummings@aztransplanthouse.org) or [info@aztransplanthouse.org](mailto:info@aztransplanthouse.org) or call 480.609.1324.

**GIFT FOR LIFE —** Please add Arizona Transplant House Foundation, a 501c(3) charitable organization, to your will. Call [Tom Davie](#) at 480.609.1324 or speak with your estate-planning expert.

**YOU CAN HELP! —** Clean out the old... bring in the new There is no better time than the end of the year to clean out closets and get your home organized! The Arizona Transplant House—Village at Mayo Clinic is partnering with consignment super store **A Second Look** to raise money to benefit organ transplant and cancer patients served by The Village at Mayo Clinic. For details please see our website [aztransplanthouse.org](http://aztransplanthouse.org) and click on "upcoming events."

**BASHA'S GROCERY CARD —** Use your Basha's card and ask that your purchases benefit AZTH #23242.

**A BIRTHDAY OR SPECIAL OCCASION —** instead of presents, donate to AZTH.