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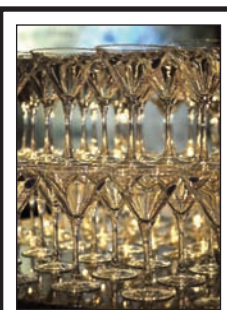
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Martini Drinking Members Raise Money For Microcredit!

Alliance members, their guests and friends of microcredit came out in droves to support the Alliance Foundation's Village Bank program last month at our Micro-tinis for Microcredit Fundraiser.

Guests nibbled on hors d'oeuvres from the **Culinary Wave** while sampling some memorable martinis. **DOUG GOTT** from **Cerén Vodka** (www.cerenvodka.com) was our generous sponsor and spent the night making some truly tasty martinis with chili peppers and olives. We also featured mango martinis from the Philippines to commemorate the location of our 13th Village Bank; Mexi-tini martinis inspired from our Village Banks in Mexico and Guatemala and finally Marula-tinis, a special chocolate martini that was an excellent compliment to the chocolate fondue dessert graciously provided by the **Melting Pot Restaurant** in Littleton. **Caribou Coffee** was also a sponsor and generously provided their coffee to everyone at the event. We have included our micro-tini recipes on the next page for you to make.



Commemorative Alliance Foundation Micro-tinis for Microcredit martini glasses

While guests sipped their martinis they had the chance to look at some of the special "**Art-tini**" and "**Celebri-tini**" glasses available at the silent auction. Our artist friends and local celebrities out-did themselves with decorating their martini glasses. They were one-of-a-kind and beautiful.



Patricia Foley Hinnen of Capital Sisters, Marilyn Magapon-Manila from CARD and Lou Raders of Kutak Rock enjoy the evening

The highlight of the evening was getting the chance to meet and listen to **MARILYN MAGAPON-MANILA**, the Director of the **Center for Agriculture and Rural Development, Inc. (CARD)**, our partner in the Philippines. She shared with us a powerful video that highlights how these small microcredit loans are making a huge difference in women's lives.

Our guests opened their hearts and their wallets raising enough money to open our next Village Bank (lucky 13) in the Philippines. The Alliance Foundation has

opened more Village Banks than any other women's organization in the country. Thanks to your generous support we have helped over 500 women start or expand a business. AND because all of the Village Bank borrowers must repay their loans with interest each of our \$5,000 Village Banks remain in the communities and are loaned out again and again helping more and more women create better lives for themselves and their families.

Receive a FREE Ad for referring new members to The Alliance!

As a small thank you for referring a new member to The Alliance, you will receive a complimentary business card ad in the Communiqué.

THE ALLIANCE OF PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

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An event like this could not have happened without the support of a number of people and companies. **The Alliance** and our **Foundation** would like to extend a **special thank you to our sponsors:**

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Micro-tini guests: M'Lou Bahlinger, Peggy Richter, Kelly Reynoldson, and guest check out all of the beautiful "Art-tini" & "Celebri-tini" glasses for auction.

Special thanks to **SANDY SMITH** from **Alexander Smith Design** for designing our event flyer and commemorative martini glasses. And we would also like to **thank the wonderful women (and one man)** at **Kutak Rock** who helped with set-up, pouring martinis throughout the night and staffing our **GivingFirst** donation station.

Finally, **The Alliance** and the **AllianceFoundation** would like to sincerely **thank** the following individuals who decorated our unique martini glasses:

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Special thanks goes to the following committee members for all of their hard work:
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Heather Kendrick from Kutak Rock mixes micro-tinis like a pro!

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The deadline for submitting articles for the COMMUNIQUÉ is Noon on the **15th** of each month. All submissions must be **electronic**. The COMMUNIQUÉ provides stories of interest & information to Alliance members. Please send **ideas, comments, contributions, and questions** to execdir@apwcolorado.org



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Denver's Lannie Garrett decorated a martini glass for the auction.

"ART-TINIS"

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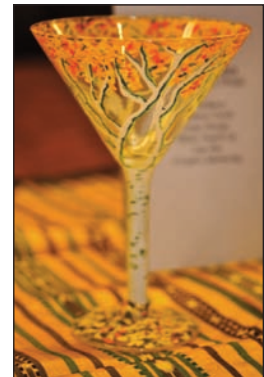
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One of our beautiful "Art-tini" glasses from artist Ron Harris

MICRO-TINI RECIPES:**Mexi-tini (Central America)**

2 oz. Cerén Vodka
2 oz. Sweet & Sour
1 oz. Triple Sec
Shaken and sink 1/2 oz. of
Blue Curacao into
martini glass before pouring drink

Marula-tini (South Africa)

2 oz. Cerén vodka
2 oz. Amarula
1 oz. Banana liqueur
1 oz. Ice cream mix
1 oz. Chocolate syrup
Shaken or frozen

Chile-tini (Chile & Peru)

4 oz Cerén vodka
1 oz. Dry vermouth
Shake and serve up with
a chili pepper & olive

Pini-tini (Philippines)

2 oz. Cerén vodka
2 oz. Mango juice
2 oz. Cranberry juice
1/2 oz. Grenadine
Shaken and served up

Adopt-A-Family For The Holidays 2008

Change is in the air. The mountains are **welcoming** their first snowfalls, **our new President-Elect** prepares for office, and it's time for our organization to help change the lives of deserving families in need.

Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays brings joy to underserved and at-risk single moms and their children during the holidays. **Please help us** bring this much needed joy and compassion to the families we adopt this holiday season. Our goal is to purchase, wrap and deliver gifts to four families this year.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please let us know if you are able to help shop for gifts (you will be given a budget, shopping list, and will be reimbursed for the purchases). Also, you are invited to attend a wrapping party where you can help make these gifts beautiful for the families and have a great time doing it!

Member **PAMELA FISCHER** has offered to host the **Gift-Wrapping Party** at her Denver home on Wednesday, **December 17th, 2008**. Event details will be e-mailed to volunteers in December.

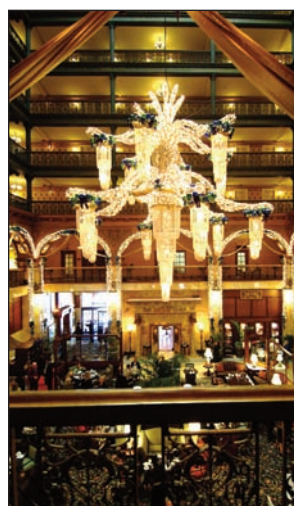
If you are able to assist with shopping or wrapping please call or e-mail member **CARMEN PROCTOR** at (720) 878-5345, CProctor@DecorAndYouDenver.com.

ARE YOU SHORT ON TIME?

We also need to raise funds to purchase gifts for the families. Donations will be tax deductible. This is a terrible time in the economy and everyone feels the turmoil. We know that giving this year is a struggle. However, in a time when it is so easy to focus on ourselves, it is especially important not to forget about those in need.



REMEMBER to bring your cash or checks made out to "The Alliance Foundation" to the:



**HOLIDAY
Networking Luncheon
December 11, 2008**
The Brown Palace

where we will "pass the hat." If you are unable to attend, please **mail your donation in to the APW by December 8** and include on a sticky note that your donation is for our Adopt-A-Family community outreach efforts. The APW's mailing address is as follows: The Alliance of Professional Women, P.O. Box 480384, Denver, CO 80248

Thank you for making a difference with the APW.

by Kerry Colburn

Executive Director Needed

The Alliance of Professional Women would like to announce that **KAREN ALEXANDER** has left the organization to take a full-time position with a local medical supply company. We would like to **thank her** for her service to the Alliance and wish her well in her new endeavors. In the interim, **KAREN ROSEN** will take over the Executive Director responsibilities as we look for a new Executive Director. If you know of someone who may be interested in the position, please have them contact **KAREN ROSEN** at execdir@apwcolorado.org.

Member News & Information



Alliance Networking Opportunities, Events, Activities & More

All APW members are welcome to join any of our committees or simply attend a meeting.

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2008
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

What: NETWORKING COMMITTEE MEETING
Where: Whole Foods on Colorado Blvd.
RSVP: DANA LYNCH 303-463-4839
dana@elementsofimage.com

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008 • 5:30-7:00 PM

What: OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
Where: Tambien Restaurant & Cantina in Cherry Creek
250 Steele Street, Denver, CO 80206
RSVP: JESSICA LYNCH 303-870-8395
JessicasHomes@msn.com

All Alliance members are welcome, especially those interested in volunteering for our upcoming community outreach event, Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays. At our December committee meeting, we will discuss the details of this event. **Please RSVP** so that we may ensure a large enough table is reserved and that the meeting agenda is emailed to you ahead of time.

WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

WHAT: December NETWORKING LUNCHEON (Not to be missed)
WHERE: Brown Palace, 321 17th St.
Denver CO 80202
RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#) today
Contact: Karen Rosen 303-368-4747



Plan on joining APW for our most popular networking luncheon of the year!

Choose from these delectable entre options:

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- Roasted Breast of Chicken with Cherry Tomato, Tarragon, Sherry vinaigrette
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- Accompanied with: Butternut Squash Bisque Mascarpone with sun dried cherries, en croute

All with fresh seasonal vegetables, wild rice, rolls and butter dessert (chocolate layer cake)

Coffee and Tea Valet parking at the Brown Palace is available for a discounted \$10 charge.

WHEN: JANUARY 8, 2009 • 11:30 - 1:00 AM

What: JANUARY NETWORKING LUNCH

Where: Location TBA

Contact: KAREN ROSEN 303-368-4747

RSVP: www.apwcolorado.org

Start off the new year by joining us for a compelling presentation by author **CARYN WEST** at our January Networking Luncheon. Caryn wrote the book: *The Trouble with the Alphabet*. It utilizes a fundamental starting point for learning in our society: the alphabet. Caryn assigned each letter to a country dealing with profound human rights issues and life threatening circumstances in regard to children. Through the use of art, poetry, and short essays, this book illustrates the many challenges that children throughout the world face each and every day.

With that said, it is important to understand that human rights violations, injustices and human suffering occur globally, not just in these countries.

Other Networking Opportunities:

WHEN: DECEMBER 3, 2008

What: OPEN HOUSE AT THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Where: Women's College of the University of Denver
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WHEN: FEBRUARY 7, 2009 • 11:30 AM

What: WILD HARE (See Page 7)

Where: Granby, CO

For more info: REGISTER on-line at www.active.com OR by mail by 2/4 for \$30 per participant (Race Day \$35) to TSWCF, P.O. Box 100414, Denver, CO 80250-0414. For more event information or to download a registration form go to www.thesportingwoman.com OR www.active.com.

WILD TEAM APW: If anyone is interested in creating a WILD TEAM APW - please contact **SANDY SMITH** at sandy@alexandersmithdesign.net by January 20, 2009.

Member News & Information

New Members

The Alliance **recognizes** and **thanks** the following women who joined The Alliance of Professional Women in November. We greatly appreciate your continued support of our organization.

Moye White LLP is a new corporate Kuan Yin member.
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- Educational Programs
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- International Alliance for Women (TIAW) member
- Leadership Development
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Don't Forget To Update Your Listing In The Alliance Directory

With our **new website**, we have made it **easy to update your information in the on-line Alliance Directory**. Please check out your listing and get it updated for 2009!

HOW TO LOG IN

Go to www.apwcolorado.org and click on the Member's-Only Section link at bottom left of any page. Enter your e-mail address in the blank provided. A temporary password has been assigned as your work phone with no spaces, dashes, dots or any kind of punctuation. Example: 3035551212. (If you joined without a work phone, type in your home phone number).

If you run into problems and are a current APW member, you can type in your e-mail address and click the "Forget your password?" link directly below the password box. Your currently listed password will be emailed to you immediately.

If you have any suggestions, requests or questions regarding the website, please contact APW executive director **KAREN ROSEN** by phone at (303) 368-4747 or by e-mail at execdir@apwcolorado.org

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The Fifteenth Annual

Wild Hare

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ALLIANCE FOUNDATION

Helping Women Help Themselves



The Alliance Foundation Is Proud Of Our Scholarship Recipients

In 2008, The Alliance Foundation (the Section 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the Alliance of Professional Women) increased its **scholarship program** so that each recipient receives an extra \$500. **A total of \$6,500** has been awarded this year, double the amount available since the program began in 2004.

Because of tuition increases and the economic downturn, it is even more important to fund these scholarships for local women. **Alliance members can contribute** as part of their annual giving program by **sending a donation to P.O. Box 480384, Denver, CO 80248**. Another way to donate is through our **GivingFirst** program. When you donate to the Community First Foundation's innovative online tool, the APW receives 100% of the proceeds—and GivingFirst pays the credit card fees. For more information, contact **KAREN ROSEN** at execdir@apwfoundation.org.

To get you motivated, here is some information about **two of our wonderful scholarship recipients**. These women are not only excelling at their studies, but are looking forward to making a real difference in the community after graduation. The Alliance of Professional Women and The Alliance Foundation encourages you to support their efforts and others like them!



SARAH CHAN has received \$3,500 from the **Foundation Scholarship program** over the past couple of years. She is currently a student the **University of Colorado at Denver (UCD)**.

Sarah will be the first of her immediate family and second grandchild to graduate from college. Her parents emigrated

from Hong Kong to New York's Chinatown and eventually opened a restaurant in Colorado. Her father finished middle school, and her mother went to college for one year before she had to quit to take a job and then care for her husband and growing family. From the time Sarah was 13 years old, she worked at a variety of different jobs to help make ends meet.

One of Sarah's major life influences was her grandmother, who always encouraged her to go to college. Her grandmother died two years ago of lung cancer, which is one reason Sarah decided she wanted to become a nurse. Sarah will graduate in December 2008 from UCD with a degree in Psychology and will then go on to **Regis** to finish her nursing studies. She plans to graduate in 2010 with a Bachelors of Science and Nursing (BSN) degree. After working as an RN for couple of years, she hopes to go to graduate school to earn a Master's Degree in psychiatric nursing for children.

Throughout college, Sarah has received financial aid grants and several scholarships. The Alliance Foundation scholarships went mostly for books over a two-year period. This combination of scholarships, financial aid and working part-time made college possible. By 2008, Sarah will have only about \$4,000 in loans for 4½ years of tuition, a very small debt load for the average college student.

Sarah volunteers at Rainbow Bridge as a facilitator, helping teenagers interact with their elders. She also helps at Children's Hospital and Skyridge Medical Center, where she plays with and monitors kids to give their parents a break. She is a member of the National Honor Society for Psychology, is on the Dean's List, and has a Golden Key for the International Honor Society

Sarah says, "I'm really grateful to APW for giving me this financial support. I had to put myself out there, but getting this kind of recognition and encouragement was so important. I love that the Alliance Foundation is paying attention to struggling students like me, doing whatever it can to help. My whole family is so proud of me too!"

The Alliance Foundation Is Proud Of Our Scholarship Recipients

JOANN DeSOTO is the **Teri Dion Memorial Scholarship** recipient, working on a degree from **Metropolitan State College of Denver**. She has been awarded a two-year scholarship, which began in 2008.

Joann DeSoto is a wife, mother and step-mother of three. She also is a biologist and artist. In 2008, Joann is a junior with a 3.67 GPA and plans to work as a nurse-midwife or OBGYN. She is an advocate for improving healthcare for women and intends to provide pre- and post-natal resources and emotional support for low-income women.

The revelation that women's health was her calling came to her when she was pregnant and had a series of medical complications and no health insurance. The help and support she received from a network of midwives and doctors inspired her and changed the course of her life. She is now dedicated to her education and is committed to setting an example for her children as a strong woman and community leader.

Joann volunteers her time to the Access Center at MSCD and at several arts organizations. She works as a Teaching Assistant in the Metro State Biology Department and has served as an assistant to the Board of Directors of Family Pathways of Colorado. She has won a Lawton Scholarship for Academic Excellence and in March 2008 was accepted as an Iota Iota Iota applicant for Academic Excellence and Dedication to Women's Studies.

Joann believes, "I have the capacity, as well as an obligation to fulfill my potential as an individual, biologist, clinician, and most of all a mother, because the lives of my children depend on my ability to succeed academically, and be a positive role model and provider."

ALLIANCE FOUNDATION'S MISSION

The Alliance Foundation supports identified programs that improve the status and quality of life for women and girls by helping them achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence.

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DECEMBER 2008

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	1	2	3 OUTREACH COMMITTEE 5:30 pm, TBA Jessica Lynch 303-870-8395 JessicasHomes@msn.com	4 NETWORKING COMMITTEE 11:30 am-1:00 pm, TBA Dana Lynch 303-463-4839 dana@elementsofimage.com	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 HOLIDAY NETWORKING LUNCHEON 11:30 am-1:00 pm Brown Palace, Downtown Click here to RSVP	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27
28	29 HANUKKAH ENDS AT NIGHTFALL	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

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