



Tara Hitchcock

What is your hometown and how long have you lived in the Valley?

Dallas, and I've lived in the Valley since 1996.

In Phoenix society, what people have inspired you?

Carole Machiz, Childhelp people like Carol Hebets and Sharon Lechter, and Nancy Spetzler.

What are three things people may not know about you?

That I am the least-fashionable person you'll meet; that I bite my nails; and I'm starting to hold my own as a kite-boarder.

What is your favorite guilty food item?

Mark Tarbell's creamed corn and lemon poppy seed muffins at Paradise Bakery.

What Valley events have you chaired or worked on in the last decade?

Best Buddies Spirit of Friendship, Drive the Dream (upcoming), the Night for Sight for FBC, Dancing with the Stars, Teaming up for Kids, AWEE's event, Celebrity Fight Night, the Women Against MS luncheon, First Things First and TGen events.

Do you have a favorite song and/or film?

Song, "So Good" by B.O.B. Film, "Love Actually."

What's the best book you've read in the last year?

"Tattoos on the Heart," by a priest who ministered to gang members in L.A.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

I blanked two minutes into a speech at a high school debate tournament.

What people, living or dead, would you invite to dinner?

My grandfather Dziadzie (Polish), my grandmother Babci, my husband, and my three stepkids and Pope John Paul II.

What's your motto?

Carpe diem ... seize the day! It implies that you should be proactive in how you live.

Colleen Jennings-Roggensack

What is your hometown and how long have you lived in the Valley?

Raised in the military, my hometown is where I am. I moved to Phoenix in 1992.

In Phoenix society, what people have inspired you?

Susan and Bill Ahearn, Jerry Appell, Virginia and Jose Cardenas, Laurie and Chuck Goldstein, Carole and Bob Machiz, Leslie and Jeff Rich, Mary and Bill Way.

What are three things people may not know about you?

I have lived around the world; I am a USA swim official; I was a modern dancer.

What is your favorite guilty food item?

Anything chocolate!

What Valley events have you chaired or worked on in the last decade?

Arizona School for the Arts, Childsplay, Field of Dreams, ASU Men's Swim Team and Go GAGA.

Do you have a favorite song and/or film?

Film, "Sandakan 8" by Kei Kumai; song, "I Sing the Body Electric."

What great books have you read in the last year?

"Game Change" and "Yes, Chef."

What was your most embarrassing moment?

Missed a costume change when dancing and came out in my slip.

What seven people, living or dead, would you invite to dinner?

My mom, Lottie Jennings, Harriet Tubman, Katherine the Great, Golda Meir, Eleanor Roosevelt, John Irving and Robert Rauschenberg.

What's your motto?

You will be a success if you broaden your horizons. Give back to the community. And you stand on the shoulders of those that come before you.



Congratulations ... Tara Hitchcock

Tara,

For the last ten years we have had a font row seat, watching you contribute your time, talents and effort to the community and numerous charities. You have given back to your community every singe week for ten years. That is an amazing accomplishment! You are an amazing human!

We want others to know, there were many times you were exhausted, but still showed up to emcee events or host fund raisers with your electric smile and exuberant personality. Due to early mornings and busy days, no one might have guessed how you were really feeling. So many times we watched someone come up to you that met you years ago, assuming you remembered them and when they walked away they felt like they had just spoken to an old friend. If the world followed YOUR trend, it would be a better place.



You have certainly made our home a better place. If we had our own personal family publication, we would put you on the cover every week. You make us better people and we love you for it.

This is a fashionable event and who better to recognize than the hottest woman alive! We are so proud of you, keep doing what you are doing. We are excited for your new ventures on a national stage. We can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

Love your family, Kenn, Alex, Dane, Dylan and Jacques the dog.

TRENDY READING

A catalogue of musical joy

I have heard nothing but raves for the Musical Instrument Museum in North Phoenix. A writer friend of mine told me she and her husband spent a good part of the day there and will have to go back two or three more times to take it all in. She raved especially about being able to plug into video and audio to listen to every kind of music imaginable as she viewed the instruments.

The MIM opened in 2010 in a 200,000-squarefoot building on 20 acres. There are 15,000 instruments and artifacts. The instruments come from every time period in human history and each corner of the world. Funding and



founding came from Robert Ulrich, chairman emeritus and former CEO of Target. He had the idea that visitors should get more than a static look at world instruments. Museum visitors can watch instruments being played on video as they listen to them.

The MIM has put out a catalogue giving an overview of this impressive museum. At 214 pages, it can't show every instrument, but it gives a great overview of the kind of experience waiting inside. The bulk of the book is arranged like the museum – geographically. The sections include Africa, the Middle East/North Africa, Asia, Oceana, Latin America, Europe and the United States/Canada.

Little nuggets in the book include closeups of some of the most beautiful musical instruments ever made. Many of them are works of art in themselves. The range of the museum is in the book, too: Witness the piano John Lennon used to compose the song "Imagine."



The catalogue isn't as awe-inspiring as the museum, but it offers a good look at a Valley resource that promises only to grow in reputation as more people take a tour.

For information about the MIM catalogue or to visit the museum, contact the MIM at www.themim.org or at 480.478.6000. The address is 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix. That's the corner of Tatum and Mayo just off the Loop 101 Freeway.