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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
DECEMBER 2017

Lady Janet Larson - Grand High Priestess
Motto: Na Wahine Malama (The Women Who Care)

High Priestess

To each of our LOS members and their families: I wish for each of you a wonderful December, a Christmas Season full of love, and a New Year of better health and wealth.

As usual, the fall season in Arizona is challenging. The weather says it is still summer, and the calendar says - you have



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meetings and all sorts of activities to attend. Our Sock Hop was a success and everyone had a lot of fun. A number of us went to Lake Havasu for the El Zaribah Ceremonial which is always enjoyable. I went to most of the Unit meetings including two Official Visits. We went to Tucson Shrine's Silver Wings evening, and had the pleasure of meeting the 2017-2018 Shriners Hospitals National Patient Ambassador Miss Emily Mellish, a 12 year old patient from the Erie, PA Hospital. She has an incredible series of problems to overcome, but her zest for life, her enthusiasm and her huge smile, as she runs on 1 good leg, a huge shoe lift on the other, and 1 crutch is inspiring. The last weekend of November we had a large group at the Florence Jr Parada Parade. See the picture below. It was fun as usual, and a good lunch afterwards. Try to join us next year as we will do it again.

December 18th, Monday, is our Stated Meeting of the Court, because the 4th Monday is Christmas Day. Mark your calendars. You may wear any holiday attire, but anyone on the floor - officers and aides, please be sure that they are long skirts. Thank you.

The next fund raiser will be our annual Gift Wrap at both Changing Hands Book Store (300 West Camelback, Phoenix) contact Lady Mary Lou Burger and Half Price Books.(4322 East Cactus, Phoenix, next to Target). We still need volunteers - I have sent a list of dates we need help at to the Cactus Chatter update, sent out by Lady Linda DuBois, PHP. Please help us if you can. If you have any questions please call me at 480-990-1298. If I don't answer, please leave me a message. After the 1st of the New Year we have the Renaissance Fair, Please Call Lady Jane Sheldon or Lady Lou Ann Speas for tickets. There will be a King and Queen, jousting, sword fighting competitions and many more surprises. Please support this function for Ceremonial Pageantry and Sphinx Court Travel Fund.



Tinker Bell Love & Panda Bear Hugs

Lady Iris Colbert

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Ladies, we are quickly moving into the busy Holiday Season! I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and Joyous, Happy Holidays!

*May the dreams you hold dearest,
Be those which come true;
And the kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.*



**Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,
Lady Mary Lou Burger
Home: 602-503-6045 email: mlburger@cox.net**



Associate Princess

Hello ladies,

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. This month just flew by. I just want to say stay healthy through the holidays. For December's meeting I will have a card for everyone to sign. I humbly request that in Lieu of cards please donate to the Court's project. With all the holiday parties that will be happening in the next few weeks please stay safe. Also as a safety reminder please remember to water your Christmas trees and unplug the fake ones. Or make sure to be very careful with the candles on your menorah. If you need anything please let me know.

**Owl be seeing you,
Lady Janet Massey**

Phone: 480-861-8209 email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com

First Ceremonial Lady



Happy Holidays! I just can't believe how quickly the year has gone by. We had a great time at the Florence Parade; our Court did a great job showing support. Unit heads be on the lookout for the February Tea information. Ladies keep those names coming! We have lots of Holiday get togethers, please be safe in your travels. Don't forget our court meeting is moved up a week for the Holiday. I want to wish you all a blessed Holiday and a Merry Christmas. I hope Santa brings you all you wished for! If you need me you can call me or email me.

**Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs and Cowgirl Angel kisses,
from your Woman of the West!
Lady Debbie Jones**

Phone: 480-292-1034 email: djlosna2020@yahoo.com.

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

NOTICE * NOTICE * NOTICE

To avoid being charged for your Dinner if you are unable to keep your reservation, notify
Lady Betsy Ozee, 2nd Ceremonial Lady.



Second Ceremonial Lady

Please remember that the Court dinner on December 18th will be prepared by the kitchen at the Shrine. If you are on the permanent list and will not attend or you are not on the list and will be attending, please let me know by December 12th.

**Love from your Caring Lotus Lady,
Lady Betsy Sale Ozee
Phone: 480-773-0864 email: Betsyozee@gmail.com**



Recorder


ROSTER CHANGES

NONE!

2017 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND WERE DUE APRIL 1, 2017

Your self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of your dues card is greatly appreciated.

**Lady Linda Curry, PHP
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Unit and Club Happenings

Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry will be holding a Renaissance Faire on January 13 at El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium. Tickets are \$25.00 and benefits the Travel Fund, so get your tickets today before they are gone. All units have tickets to sell, so ask your unit heads for yours. There will be various events including an archery contest. Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting will be in February, with more information to come

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Clowns

Hope everyone is almost ready for the holidays! The clown ladies sure are! We will be busy painting faces and spreading cheer. Our Clown Christmas party on December 2 was a blast! We had fun and games and plenty of fellowship with the Ladies and family who attended. We face painted at Luke Air Force Base on December 3 for the Fighter Wing family party. To spread our support for our military, we will also face paint at the Army National Guard on December 10. We will also be at the Shrine Kids Christmas Party December 10. We have so much fun (and a little talent!) to share.

Our next unit meeting will be January 11 at the Shrine. Dinner begins about 5:30 PM in the Red Fez Room and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 PM in the computer room. All ladies are invited to attend.

We look forward to sharing laughter and fun this season and we wish you all a safe and happy holiday!

Lady Carmel Teeples, Vice President

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Director Staff

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now it is the time for all the Units to have their Christmas parties. Director Staff will have their party on December 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Shrine Center. There is no meeting in December. The next Director Staff meeting is January 3, 2018 at the Shrine Center with no host dinner at 5-5:30 and meeting at 7:00pm. Director Staff welcomes all new members to visit our unit meeting. The Court meeting is December 18, with dinner at 5:30pm and meeting at 7:00 p.m.. If you are NOT on the standing list, call Betsy Ozee, 2nd Ceremonial Lady for your reservation no later than December 12.

Director Staff wishes you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Skyhawk, Asst. Chief

Sun Unit

Hello Ladies!

Here's hoping you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the great weather during that time. Christmas is almost upon us so it's time to start all that planning, too. Good luck!

We want to once again invite all of you to join us at one of our meetings. We only meet 4 times a year – September, November, February and April. We'll let you know the exact date and location for our February meeting when we get a little closer to the date.

As we've said many times – we have a great group of ladies working hard for the children and you might just think we're the right place for YOU. So if you have any questions please do call one of us. Be sure to keep an eye on your Cactus Chatters and the emails we send out so you can come and join us at one of our future meetings.

Happy holidays to you and yours!!

Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, President




Greeters Unit

To all our Ladies, hope your Holiday Season has started off with lots of fellowship and fun. I am sure everyone had lots of food and fun with their family and friends for Thanksgiving! More Joyful times are still to come! We are just starting the round of all the Unit Christmas parties. The Greeters are having our Christmas Party at Mimi's Café at 101 and Shea in Scottsdale, on December 2nd at 11:30am. Then we will also have the Gift Wrap money maker project for the Court. Everyone needs to help out and give a couple hours to help wrap gifts so this can be a good project for the budget!

Hard to believe that the New Year is just around the corner. The next Greeters Meeting is not until Feb 3rd and we are researching new places to meet. If anyone has a suggestion of a restaurant with a separate room or some other meeting place that would be centrally located, please let me know so I can pass that on to the committee researching this. More info to come on where this meeting will be held

May the Spirit of Christmas be with you all. Please take some time this season to help those around you that might need some cheer or other type of support. Hope all our ladies are staying well and prayers to those in need or are feeling poorly.

Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President

<p>SPHINX NO. 65</p>  <p>Contact: Andie Lacombe 602-329-2015 Andie@curtismanagement.biz</p>	<p>GREETERS</p> <p>Court and Unit Name Tags Choice of Red or Blue Ink Magnetic Name Tag - \$12.00 Pin Back Name Tag - \$10.00 Unit Bar - \$6.00</p>
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If you would like to receive your Cactus Chatter online, please send a message to: linda3492@cox.net
Lady Linda DuBois, PHP

Sphinx Patrol

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I would like to thank NANCY BEFFEL for having the Patrol Christmas Party at her home. It will be held on December 9th. We will not have a meeting in DECEMBER because of our Christmas party so I will see you all on January 2nd for our next meeting.

Don't forget we have a Travel Fund fundraiser on Jan. 13 at the Shrine. It is a Renaissance Fair and I hope to see all of you there. Have A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yours in faith,

Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain



PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club would like to thank Lady Iris Colbert, High Priestess and her Officers for a wonderful time at the official Visit. You ladies had some very good questions and we hope you received helpful answers. We are always here if you have more questions or need our help.

The next meeting of the PHP Club will be February 21, 2018 at El Zaribah. We will have dinner at 5:30pm and our meeting at 7:00 pm. This is also our night for elections for the ensuing year.

We send our get well wishes to our ladies who are under the weather and hope to see you soon. Wishing you and your family Happy Holidays!

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP - President

Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 10-30-2017	257
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-1
Suspended	<u>0</u>
 Membership @ 11-30-2017	 <u>256</u>



**Be A
Lady in Red
Join the
Ceremonial Pageantry**



Contact LADY JANE SHELDON—480-710-5975

SPHINX PATROL



**Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00
Designer T-Shirt Sleeve Pins
\$3.00 small / \$5.00 large**

See any Patrol member


WAOUM 2017

I hope each of you has a wonderful holiday and a safe, healthy, and happy 2018. All the expenses for WAOUM 2017 have been paid and all checks have all been issued to the units and we are just waiting for them to be deposited into each unit's account. It looks like we will be able to declare WAOUM 2017 officially completed at our very last meeting of on December 18th at 6:30pm prior to our December Court meeting.

In case you weren't at the November Court Meeting, checks in the amount of \$2,409.52 were issued to each unit. Small payment for the huge amount of work done by each unit, but a huge amount of thanks from me.

Lady Bobbie Balthazor, President

Clowns like to smile,
We laugh all the while.
Balloons are our trick
And, face painting is slick.
So give us a call
And we'll entertain ya'll!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
Marsha Young, President @ 623-266-6099
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Sunshine Report

Rosemarie Aliberto	Pneumonia
Lillian Ryan	Hospital with Blood issues
Valerie McDonough	Basal Cell Cancer and eye problem
Jean Glover	HOME
Star Scurr's Husband	2 back surgeries & pending Knee surgery
Maria Parrish	Father Passed
Linda Hartrick	Passed 11/24/17

Fun Upcoming Happenings

~ Lords and Ladies ~
 Join us in an evening of Food & Revelry
Renaissance Fair
January 13, 2018
 Joyously Presented to you by LOS Ceremonial
 Pageantry, Travel Unit

*Drawbridge Down at 5:00pm
 Call to Table at 6:00pm*

*Victuals include
 Hearty Beef Pot Roast with Potatoes & Carrots
 Staff of Life Rolls and Butter
 Nectar of the Gods (ice cream)*

For a mere serf's wage of \$25 each

*Traveling Troubadours,
 Feats of Prowess & Merriment Abound*

For More Information or
 Drawbridge Passes (Tickets) Contact:

Jane Sheldon 480-710-5975
 Lou Ann Speas 480-510-2896



HOLIDAY FUND RAISER

We will be doing the Christmas Wrapping in December for a Court money maker. Volunteer workers are needed for December 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24. We need as many workers as possible, so please sign up for as many shifts as you can. Contact Lady Iris at 480-990-1298 to sign up for the Half Price Books location(4322 East Cactus, Phoenix, next to Target). Call Mary Lou Burger at 602-503-6045 to sign up for the Changing Hands Book Store Location (300 West Camelback, Phoenix Let's help make this a great fund raiser!!

Phoenix Volunteer Fair
 The Van Buren
 401 W. Van Buren

TIME TO VOLUNTEER!
 Sphinx Court will have a table at the Phoenix Volunteer Fair, **Saturday December 9th** from 11am to 3pm. There will be about 75 non-profit organizations there where people can attend for Free and sign up to volunteer. This will be a great opportunity to get our organization out in the community. If you would like to help man the booth, please call Karen MacDougall at 623-873-7988.

LOS/NILE RUMMAGE SALE!!
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

The easiest Rummage Sale you'll ever do! Bring your donations of clothing and household goods down to the Shrine. Goodwill will have a truck for pickup and we will earn 10 cents a pound that will be split between Sphinx Court and Daughters of the Nile.

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Calendar of Events for 2017 - 2018 UPDATED December 3, 2017

December—2017

- 2 Greeters Holiday Party—11:30am
Mimi's Café
- 2 Clowns Holiday Party— 5:30pm
Fiesta Room at Shrine
- 3 Dir. Staff Holiday Party—5:00pm
Fiesta Room at Shrine
- 9 Volunteer Fair—11am-3pm
- 9 Patrol Holiday Party—5:00pm
Nancy Beffel's Home
- 15-17 Christmas Wrapping—Sign Up
- 18 Court Meeting—Dinner, 5:30pm
WAOUM 6:30pm, Mtg. 7:00pm
- 22-24 Christmas Wrapping—Sign Up

JANUARY—2018

- 2 Sphinx Patrol Meeting—7pm
- 10 Director Staff Meeting—7pm
- 11 Clowns Meeting—7pm
- 13 Renaissance Fair—5pm-??
Shrine Auditorium
- 15 Court Meeting** —Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting at 7:00pm
- 20 LOS/NILE Rummage Sale

FEBRUARY-2018

2018-2019 ELECTIONS!!