



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
 FEBRUARY 2018

*Iris D. Colbert*  
 High Priestess

*Linda K. Curry*  
 Recorder



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

## High Priestess

I wish for each of you a wonderful February and a Happy Valentines Day. This will, I hope, include seeing you at the 2nd annual "Be My Valentine" Style Show and Lunch on February 10, 2018 at the Shrine Center. New Image Fashions will be bringing their truck full of fashions for us to see and purchase starting at 11:00 am and lunch



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will be served at 12:30 pm. Fashion viewing of a Style Show with a model from each of the 6 Units will be at about 1:00 pm. Clothing can be purchased throughout the day. As this is the last fund raiser for this year we all need to help make this a success. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available from each Unit's president, Chief, Captain, or the High Priestess. Reservations are requested by February 3rd. If you are not able to attend, please consider sending a donation (checks payable to Sphinx Court #65) to our Recorder, Lady Linda Curry, PHP. It would be greatly appreciated.

The Nile Pixies and the LOS Tinkerbelle have gotten together and are planning a joint rummage sale for late February. This will not be your mother's rummage sale, but an easy way to make money with just a little effort. All donations will be brought to the Shrine Center on a Saturday (date to be determined). Mid afternoon a truck from Goodwill will come by and collect all donations, take them to their warehouse where they will be weighed and a check issued to us. They do not accept the following: Auto Parts; Building Materials; Disassembled Exercise Equipment; Hazardous Materials; Tires; Cleaning or Flammable products; Mattresses, Pesticides; Paint/Painting Supplies, Pool Tables; Sofa Beds; TV's. They do take appliances, books, clothing, electronics, furniture and many other items.

### ***El Zaribah's New Potentate, Illustrious Sir JC Reece, and the LOSNA Ladies!***



# Officers' Offerings

## High Priestess (Cont.)

Upcoming events in February: Style Show on February 10; Membership Tea on February 25th; All Units are having elections of officers at their February meeting and I urge you all to attend your unit. February 26th is our Stated Meeting - lots going on that night. At our January Court meeting we accepted, with great regret, the resignation of our 2nd Ceremonial Lady, Betsy Ozee. She has many changes in her personal life and may be leaving Arizona. Elections of your new Court slate of officers will be held and we will be electing both a 2nd Ceremonial Lady and a 1st Ceremonial Lady. I urge any Lady who aspires to join the "Line" to talk to a Past High Priestess about the many unexpected requirements for this position. It is a wonderful experience but it is time consuming and will be life changing. February's Court meeting is also the night I am proud to honor all the Past High Priestesses. Lady PHP's - if you are not able to attend this Court meeting, please call me at 480-990-1298, I look forward to seeing you at Court.

For those Court members who are unwell, or having other problems, I send you my prayers for better and happier days. To all members - I thank you for this opportunity to be your High Priestess.

**Tinker Bell Love &  
Panda Bear Hugs**

**Lady Iris Colbert**

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## Princess

Ladies, this year has gone by so fast! Lady Iris still has 2 months packed with activities for us, which we all need to get out and support, and I will be there. I am, however, focused on April 7th, which is coming up very quickly.

The court outfit for next year will be a black top with a long black skirt, and a new shawl that is one size. The cost of the shawl will be \$35.00, and will need to be paid for at the February 26th Court Meeting. My aide, Lady Pat Zimmerman, will be collecting funds so we can get these ordered immediately. I will have samples of the officers and the aides tops at the meeting. They are gorgeous and sparkly - we are going to look beautiful!

Another event that happens this time of year is the Court Election of Officers for the ensuing year. We will have 2 positions to fill this year, so if any of you would like to run, please talk to a Past High Priestess about it. They can give you an idea of what the commitment involves, and how the process of "going up the line" works. There will also be elections for the Officers of the units and clubs this month. If you are interested in getting more involved with the court (or becoming a Court Officer down the road), serving as an officer of a unit allows you to see how the business of the Court functions.

I hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day, and eats lots of chocolate!

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



**Associate Princess**

Hello ladies,  
Well it's hard to believe that it's that time of a year again for election of new officers. We would love to have your support for the upcoming year and please support potential candidates running for the line.

I also wanted to let you know that we are approximately \$600 away from reaching our goal of \$5000 to raise for the hospitals. So please keep the toys, blankets, clothes, money, etc. coming. If you need anything from me or have any questions please call or email me.

**Owl be seeing you,  
Lady Janet Massey  
Phone: 480-861-8209 email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com**

**First Ceremonial Lady**




Howdy Ladies,  
Well we are off to a good start this year. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! Our Membership Tea is just around the corner, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please plan to attend. It shows our prospects what a close group we are. I have mailed and emailed out 47 invites. Thank you to all of you who sent in names.

Lady Betsy and I will have signup sheets for the Ceremonial Lunch on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the lunch will be \$20.00 payable to Sphinx Court #65. Please make your reservations with either Betsy or myself. The **permanent list** does not apply to the luncheon, so please make your reservations.

Ladies, please remember how important Membership is. To our ladies who have not been to a meeting in a while, please try and come. We miss you all. If you need assistance getting to and from the meeting, reach out, if we can help get you to the meeting we WILL! See you all soon. 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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**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.**

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Unit or Club Ad - Yearly \$45.00  
Make checks payable to Sphinx Court and send to:  
Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

# Officers' Offerings



## Second Ceremonial Lady

Hi Ladies!  
 I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring-like weather we had in January!  
 The February Court meeting will be on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. I feel like a broken record but PLEASE let me know if you are on the permanent list and will not attend. Also, if you are not on the list and will be dining with us, let me know that too. I also need to know if your **HUSBAND** is dining with us. It would be bad if someone who made a reservation arrives later and then there is no food because others did not RSVP and just showed up. Conversely, if you are on the list and don't cancel, you will need to pay for your dinner. For this month, I need to know by **February, 20<sup>th</sup>**. Many thanks!!

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

## Recorder

### ROSTER CHANGES

Margaret Alexon – need new address  
 Betty Dabagian – 3200 E Glenrosa Ave, Unit 323, Phoenix, AZ 85018-3986  
 Jennifer Marchant – 4654 W. Continental Dr., Glendale, AZ 85308  
 Ledith Padgett, 101 E Mingus Avenue, Apt #114, Cottonwood, AZ 86326-3678  
 Bertha Wagner, 10711 Thornton Rd, Apt 241, Stockton, Ca 95209-4237

### ATTENTION:

**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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## Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45  
 Stabilizers \$8  
 Can Cozies \$3  
 Ginny Fain  
 480-345-9819



# Unit and Club Happenings

## Ceremonial Pageantry

The next meeting of the Ceremonial Pageantry unit is on February 20, at 6:30 PM at the Shrine. This is our Official Visit and also election of officers. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Renaissance Festival has been moved due to conflicts to March 17, at the Shrine. All tickets showing the prior date will be honored. Join us for revelry, food, and fun. The event begins at 5:00. This benefits the Court Travel fund. For those interested in dressing the part, research Elizabethan/Tudor England for the manner of clothing for men and woman. This is looking to be a fun and festive evening and we hope you will join us.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**

## Greeters Unit

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Hard to believe this term is almost over. The Greeters had their final meeting of this term on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and elected the next years officers. Good luck to them and hope they have a great year. There will be information provided at a later date on the time and place for installation of these new officers in April.

**Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, 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  
sphinxcourtclovnunit@gmail.com

## Director Staff

February is here and it is election time. We are looking forward to installing new officers in April. This February is turning out to be a very busy month. Director Staff meeting is February 7 at 7:00 p.m. after dinner at 5:30. Director Staff will be recognizing and celebrating our Past Chief's at the February meeting. All interested LOS members are invited to visit our meeting. February 10 is the Court Style Show and Luncheon, and it is a fun day for all. Shopping will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch and fashions at 12:30. We hope to see everyone that day. We will also have our Court Membership Tea on Sunday February 25, at 2:00 p.m. If you know a lady who would like to join, please give her name to Lady Debbie Jones, 1st Ceremonial Lady. See you all at our February activities and Court Meeting.

**Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Skyhawk, Asst. Chief**

## Clowns

The Clown Unit has had a quiet month for a change after the hub-bub of the holidays.

We will be face painting at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Amaranth Charity Auto Show in Mesa, on February 3 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Come out and enjoy the car show, live entertainment, vendors, and food. And, of course, come and get your face painted by us! The money raised by the show will support Amaranth's Diabetes Research charity.

We will be supporting the Court activities in various ways over the next couple of months and preparing for our year as the Travel Unit in 2018-19.

Our meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (February 8 and March 8) at the Shrine. No-host dinner starts in the Red Fez Room at 5:30 PM with the meeting at 7:00 PM. We love visitors!!

**Lady Marsha Young, President**

# Unit and Club Happenings

## Sun Unit

Our LOS year is quickly coming to an end. Our February meeting will have us electing new officers for every Unit and the Court officers, too. So this is an important meeting and we hope all of you can be there for it – no matter what Unit you belong to.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018, at 11:30 am, at the 5 and Diner at 11340 W. Bell Road. 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. 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.

HERE'S HOPING WE SEE YOU SOON!

**Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, President**

If you would like to receive your Cactus Chatter online, please send a message to:  
[linda3492@cox.net](mailto:linda3492@cox.net)  
 Lady Linda DuBois, PHP



## Sphinx Patrol

We have elections for new officers of Sphinx Patrol on February 6th. We need Ladies to step up and take an office or we won't have a Patrol Unit anymore, so please think about it.

Don't forget we have a Membership Tea coming up on February 25th. I hope to see you all there. Also on February 10th we have a Fashion Show and luncheon. This will be our H.P.'s last Court Fundraiser of the year, great job Lady Iris.

To our own Betsy Ozee, we'll miss you being one of our line officers. You are truly an asset to our court and we will always love you. Yours in faith,

**Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain**



### SPHINX PATROL

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

See any Patrol member

## PHP Club

Our next meeting is February 21st at 7:00 pm at El Zaribah Shrine Center. The kitchen will be open so come early and have dinner before our meeting.

**Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President**

**Cactus Chatter Editor**  
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# Committee Reports

**Sphinx Court Membership Report:**

Membership @ 12-31-2017	256
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	1
Deceased	0
Suspended	0
	0
Membership @ 01-15-2018	<u>255</u>

**CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS**

The email distribution lists for the Cactus Chatter Updates had to be reconfigured this month. To continue to receive these emails please send a message to:

**[linda3492@cox.net](mailto:linda3492@cox.net)**  
**Lady Linda DuBois, PHP**



**Sunshine Report**

12/29—Cyndy Lowry, detached retina surgery, she is doing much better now.

1/2—Nonnie Carter, Pneumonia, hospitalized

1/2—Lynn & Lyman Hatch, health issues

1/3—Lillian Ryan, stroke & infection, hospitalized, home 1/11 and doing a little better

1/4—Pat Morgal, husband had stroke and complications

1/11—Joann Kay Jones, passed at age 74

If you hear of anyone with good news, sickness, or in need of a card to lift their spirits, contact Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, so she can get the word out to our members.

**Be A Lady in Red**

**Join the Ceremonial Pageantry**

Contact LADY JANE SHELDON—480-710-5975

<p><b>SPHINX NO. 65</b></p> <p>Contact: Andie Lacombe 602-329-2015 <a href="mailto:Andie@curtismanagement.biz">Andie@curtismanagement.biz</a></p>	<p><b>GREETERS</b></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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## Fun Upcoming Happenings

*The Ladies Oriental Shrine invites you and your guests  
to the*



*Second Annual  
Be My Valentine  
Fashion Show and Luncheon*

*Saturday, February 10, 2018*

*El Zaribah Shrine Center Auditorium*

*New Image Fashions and Resort Wear*

*On sale at 11:00 am*

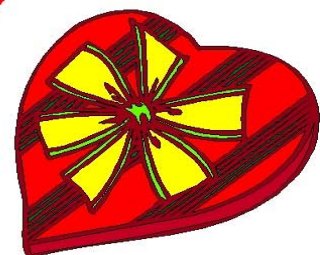
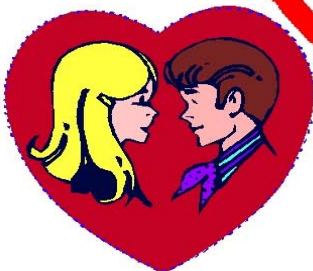
*Lunch and Fashion Show*

*Starts at 12:30 pm*

*Reservations are required*

*Tickets are \$30.00 per person*

*Raffles, Prizes  
and surprises*



*Call 480-990-1298 or 480-797-9601*

*Reservations by February 3, 2018*



# Fun Upcoming Happenings



## LOS/NILE LATE FEBRUARY—DATE TBD

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A DATE will go out in the Cactus Chatter Update emails as soon as it is known.

## OES Fiesta Days! Saturday, March 3, 2018

### TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

Sphinx Court will have a table at the Eastern Star Fiesta Day's event scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. We need help to man the booth and talk to ladies about joining LOS. The event starts at 8:00am and lunch will be available. Eastern Star will have clothing available to sell and other vendors. Please contact your High Priestess, Lady Iris Colbert at 480-990-1298 to volunteer to help with a shift at the table.



## Fun Upcoming Happenings

### ~ Lords and Ladies ~

Join us in an evening of Food & Revelry

### Renaissance Fair

Saturday, March 17, 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



**PHILANTHROPY REPORT 2017-2018**

**COURT NAME AND NUMBER**

CHARITY NAME	MILEAGE DRIVEN	NUMBER OF HOURS	NUMBER OF ARTICLES	ARTICLE VALUE	CASH DONATED
CHURCH					
CANCER SOCIETY					
DIABETES					
HEART					
KIDNEY					
YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS					
MASONIC LODGES					
SHRINE CENTERS					
TRANSPORTATION					
CAMP ABILITY					
CARE CENTERS					
WOMEN SHELTERS					
HOMELESS SHELTERS					
NURSING HOMES					
EDUCATION LABELS					
TABS - POUNDS					
GRAND TOTALS					

PLEASE RETURN TO LINDA CURRY NO LATER THAN MARCH 31,  
2018 . THANK YOU.

Sphinx Court No. 65  
Ladies Oriental Shrine  
of North America

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### **Calendar of Events for 2018 UPDATED January 29, 2018**

#### **FEBRUARY-2018**

- 3 Greeters Meeting—11:30am TBD
- 6 Sphinx Patrol Meeting—7:00pm
- 7 Director Staff Meeting—7:00pm
- 8 Clowns Meeting—7pm
- 9 Sun Unit Meeting—11:30am  
5 & Diner on Bell Rd.
- 10 Style Show & Lunch—11:00am**
- 20 Pageantry OV — 6:30pm
- 21 PHP Club—7:00pm
- ?? LOS/NILE Rummage Sale
- 25 Membership Tea—2:00pm
- 26 Court Meeting—Dinner, 5:30pm**  
Meeting at 7:00pm—Elections!

#### **MARCH—2018**

- 3 OES Fiesta Days—LOS Booth 8am
- 6 Sphinx Patrol Meeting—7pm
- 7 Director Staff Meeting—7pm
- 8 Ceremonial Setup—5:30pm
- 8 Ceremonial Practice—7pm**
- 8 Clowns Meeting—7pm
- 10 LOS Ceremonial—9:00am,**  
Luncheon Following Meeting
- 17 Renaissance Fair— 5:00pm

#### **APRIL— 2018**

- 7 Installation of 2018-2019 Officers