



Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
JANUARY 2018

Iris A. Colbert
High Priestess

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

Spide K. Curry
Recorder



High Priestess

I wish for each of you a wonderful 2018 and a Happy New Year. May health, wealth and especially happiness be in each of your lives.

We have a number of activities in the next two months. In January the Pageantry is having the Renaissance Festival, with joust-



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ing and other fun activities, so contact either Lady Lou Ann Speas or Lady Jane Sheldon for tickets. Patrol is having their OV on January 2nd. The Court Meeting will be the 3rd Monday, January 15th, this is a stated meeting. Important - if you are not going to attend, and you are on the permanent list for dinner, you must let Lady Betsy know. We are having to charge 10 ladies for not attending the Christmas dinner, and do not want to have to continue doing this.

February is a very important month in LOSNA. Each Unit will be having elections of officers so please attend your Unit meetings to help in this vital activity. February 10th brings our last Court Fund Raiser, the 2nd Annual Valentines Style Show and lunch. Each Unit will have tickets. Again, Dan Scott will be bringing his New Image Fashions for us to see and purchase. Tickets are available in January. February 20th is the Ceremonial Practice at 6:30, it is also the Ceremonial Pageantry meeting and Official Visit. All Officers should be there for the practice., if you are NOT going to be there you must call the High Priestess at 602-622-6381. Thank you for that. The Membership Tea will be February 25th at 2pm, at the Shrine. Please call Lady Debbie Jones if you have any new prospective member's names. We will be having election of 2018-2019 Court Officers at our February 26th meeting. Please plan to attend.

March 10th will be our Ceremonial and Stated Meeting. There will be more information on March in the next Cactus Chatter.

Western Area Unit Meet 2017 is over, complete, and completely successful! My thanks and congratulations to Lady Bobbie Balthazor and everyone who assisted in making this Unit Meet such a success. We got rave notices and thanks from everyone.

I am sending prayers for improved health to all of our ill members. and again, to all of our members - may 2018 be a blessed year for you.

Tinker Bell Love & Panda Bear Hugs

Lady Iris Colbert

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Officers' Offerings

Princess



Ladies,
Here we go into an exciting New Year! As the New Year begins, let us pray, that it will be a year with new peace, new happiness, and abundance of new friends! God bless you throughout this New Year.

**"In the New Year, may your right hand
always be stretched out in friendship
and never in need."**

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

Associate Princess



Hello Ladies,
Happy New Year ladies. Welcome to 2018! So far this year has been a wonderful year. In December I got the chance to go to Southern California and the Shriner's Children Medical Center in Pasadena. I dropped off all the wonderful donations that you guys have given the court. It's a very pretty hospital with a lot of nice and helpful staff. I did send the knitted caps (50 caps) to St. Louis because of the warehouse burning down and them losing all of their donations. Please keep all of the wonderful gifts coming, the kids are really enjoying them. 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



Howdy Ladies and Happy New Year! I hope the holidays brought much happiness for everyone. I had a wonderful time visiting and celebrating with the Units at their Holiday Parties. **2018 already??** We still have a few more things to take care of. Get your tickets right away for the Renaissance Fair on January 13th and don't forget the Fashion Show and Luncheon on February 10th and our Membership Social on Feb. 25th. Get your names to me as soon as possible. I am sending out invitations soon. Elections next month and mark your calendars for the March Ceremonial which will be March 10th. I hope **2018** brings you all you wish for! 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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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

Hi Ladies!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I cannot believe it's already 2018.

Please remember to let me know if you are not going to be attending the court dinner and you are on the permanent list. We had several no-shows last time and we over ordered food so please make an effort to let me know if you're on the list and not coming so that you won't be charged. This month we need to know by January 8th.

**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

We are heading into the final stretch towards the Renaissance Festival at the Shrine on January 13th. Tickets are still available for \$25 and support the Travel Fund. Make sure you get your tickets and don't miss out on this exciting event.

Our next meeting will be on February 20th and we will have elections and our Official Visit with the High Priestess. Come on out and let's give the High Priestess a great showing of our members.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Sun Unit

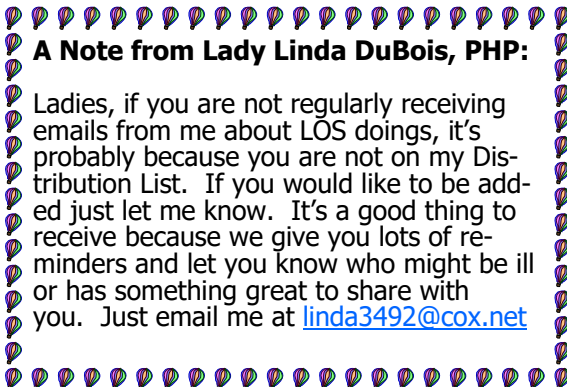
Here's hoping you all had a wonderful Holiday season. Now it's time to get back to working for the kids.

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

For those of you who don't know, the Sun Unit only meets 4 times a year: on the second Friday of September, November, February, and April. We would really like to encourage all of you and, especially those in the Sun City area, to come visit us.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, President


A Note from Lady Linda DuBois, PHP:
 Ladies, if you are not regularly receiving emails from me about LOS doings, it's probably because you are not on my Distribution List. If you would like to be added just let me know. It's a good thing to receive because we give you lots of reminders and let you know who might be ill or has something great to share with you. Just email me at linda3492@cox.net

Clowns

The clowns had a fun and enjoyable Christmas party on December 2. Dinner was prepared by our own Bubbles (Andria Granado) and it was delicious!! The games played were full of laughter and joy which helped to usher in the Season. We thank all who came and participated with us. We appreciate your support and enjoyed your company.

We face painted at Luke Air Force Base on December 3 for 944th Fighter Wing family Christmas party. The children (and their parents) are so polite and appreciative. We enjoyed the morning and then went to lunch at a local restaurant. The invasion of five clowns in full dress was quite impressive. We were asked for several pictures and even received a tip from a gentleman visiting from Puerto Rico. The waitress remembered us from last year and we made many new young friends. We even talked to a perspective member. What a day to clown around!

Not to discriminate with our support for the military, several clowns entertained at the Army National Guard party on December 10. It is a pleasure to support the men, women and families who sacrifice so much for us.

Two and 1/2 clowns face painted at the Shrine Kids party on December 17. Jem and her daughter, along with Dot, had a great time making the kids smile. We look forward to helping with the party every year.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, at the Shrine. Dinner starts about 5:30 P.M. in the Red Fez room with our meeting promptly at 7:00 P.M. in the computer room. We look forward to welcoming guests!

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Greeters Unit


Happy New Year and I hope everyone had a splendid Holiday Season! Now that all the Christmas Parties are over and we are getting ready to deal with a New Year of activities, please make sure to spend some time reflecting on what you wanted to or did complete for the previous year. Take those feelings and plan for a joyful New Year with all the fun and delight that a new year has to offer.

Remember that we have the Travel Fund Renaissance Fair in January and what a grand time that will be! Please come out to support Ceremonial Pageantry with their event and help make it a prosperous evening!

The Greeters are still working on a place for our next meeting, set to take place on Feb 3rd at 11:30, where we will have our elections for next year's officers. We will make sure to let everyone know where our meeting will be held in plenty of time.

Here's to starting the New Year with good wishes for the health and prosperity of our members. Hope you all stay healthy and happy.

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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The PHP Club wishes everyone a safe and prosperous New Year!

Sphinx Patrol

December was a very busy month with all of the Christmas parties. We had such a great time at Nancy's home for our Patrol party. I would like to give her a big thank you from all of us.

Don't forget January's meeting is our OV on the 2nd. Also do not forget about the Travel Fund raiser on January 13th and please buy your tickets soon. It will be a fun event.

Have a safe and blessed New Year.
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

Thank you to all the ladies who donated to the fill-a-purse project. We collected 56 purses, 11 men's toiletries, 2 bags of extra items and 3 bags of clothes. The shelter was very grateful for all the donations from you ladies. We hope to do this again next year. Ladies I would like to personally thank Lady Mary Hammer, PHP for chairing this project. She did a great job organizing this and I know we all appreciate her hard work.

Our next PHP meeting will be February 21st at El Zaribah Shrine Center. We will be going over some changes to our rules and regulations and having election of Officers. Lady Pat Bandhauer. PHP is mailing out copies shortly of the proposed changes we read at our last meeting.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year!

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President

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

Unit/Clubs Continued

Director Staff

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family.

The Director Staff January meeting has been changed to Wednesday, January 10, 2018 with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. We invite all members of LOS to visit with Director Staff and consider joining the unit. At this time we are not sure if the kitchen at the Shrine Center will be open, but we will have an email sent out to everyone when we know for sure. But come visit us and learn what we do.

Another date change is the Court Meeting for January is January 15, 2016 with dinner at 5:30 and Court Meeting at 7:00. Be sure to make your reservations if you are NOT on the Standing list with 2nd Ceremonial Lady Betsy Ozee, and if you are on the list and cannot come to the dinner, please call her one week before the meeting.

Our Christmas Project with the School for the Homeless children was very successful. We thank all who contributed to the project.

Remember that January 13, 2018 is the Renaissance Fair at El Zaribah sponsored by Ceremonial Pageantry as a fundraiser for the Travel Fund. Bring your spouse or significant other, friends and join in the fun. Wear a costume from that era if you wish. The tickets are \$25.00 per person and that will get you food, fun and wonderful memories. See you there!!

February is election month,. The Court and all units and clubs of LOS will be electing new officers for 2018-2019.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Skyhawk, Asst. Chief

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!!!



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

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 11-30-2017	256
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	0
Suspended	0

Membership @ 12-31-2017 256



Sunshine Report

Paula Weber — Husband's Dad Passed
Nancy White — Mom passed
Dorothy Netherton—Cancer has recurred

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Lady in Red
Join the
Ceremonial Pageantry



Contact LADY JANE SHELDON—480-710-5975

Fun Upcoming Happenings

Renaissance Fair
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018
Drawbridge Down at 5:00pm
Call to Table at 6:00pm
Costumes Encouraged!
Tickets \$25/Person
Lots of entertainment!!

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.

Happy Holidays from your friends at Sphinx Court!!



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Calendar of Events for 2018 UPDATED December 23, 2017

JANUARY—2018

- 2 Sphinx Patrol OV — 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

- 3 Greeters Meeting—11:30am TBD
- 5 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**—10:30am
- 11 Membership Tea—2:00pm
- 20 Ceremonial Practice — 6:30pm
- 20 Pageantry OV — 6:30pm
- 21 PHP Club—7:00pm
- 26 Court Meeting**—Dinner, 5:30pm
Meeting at 7:00pm—Elections!