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High Priestess

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Recorder



Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
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Lady Janet Larson - Grand High Priestess
Motto: Na Wahine Malama (The Women Who Care)

High Priestess

To all the members of Sphinx Court # 65:

The year of my being your High Priestess is fast coming to a close. Our February Court meeting was a busy evening as we elected our new officers for 2018 - 19: Lady Mary Lou Burger - High Priestess, Lady Janet Massey - Princess, Lady Debbie Jones - As-



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sociate Princess, Lady Marsha Young—1st Ceremonial Lady, Lady Kathy Kelley—2nd Ceremonial Lady and I was elected to the Three Year Trustee. We voted on the Candidates for our March Ceremonial, and we expect to have between 8-11 new members. We had 17 Past High Priestesses attending, and they were escorted west of the altar and given a yellow rose, a gift and a big Thank You for all they do for our Ladies Oriental Shrine and Sphinx Court in particular.

Ceremonial Pageantry is having their Fund Raiser to support the Travel Fund on March 17th. Please see the information in another part of this newsletter and attend this fun filled evening. They are having a king and queen, sword fighting, jousting and other fun activities. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our last stated meeting is our Spring Ceremonial and it will be held on March 10, at 9:00 am. You must make reservations for the lunch as we do not use the Standing List for Ceremonials, please call Lady Betsy or Lady Debbie with your reservations by Friday the 2nd of March.

There is one more Court fund raiser in March. We had to cancel the Valentine Lunch, and are doing a Rummage Collection at the Shrine Center on March 24th. This is not a rummage sale, it is a collection point and the donations will be picked up by the Goodwill. Please bring everything to the Shrine on the 24th from 9 am until the truck arrives, it will be there between 3 and 4 pm. They want clothes, books, records, any household items, pictures, dishes, and linens. They will take furniture, but no mattresses or hide-a-beds. If you need items picked up, call me at 480-990-1298 and we will have someone pick your items up. We have a truck available. If you have questions, call me.

Court Officers - we are having our practice for Ceremonial on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm. Lady Patty Bandhauer will be our Instructress that night, and we would like to be as prompt as possible.

Please see Lady Mary Lou Burger, Princess's article for the information for the Installation if the 2018 - 19 Officers. I know you are all going to have a great year.



**Tinker Bell Love &
Panda Bear Hugs**

Lady Iris Colbert

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Officers' Offerings

Princess



Ladies, we've come to the end of another year! I would like to congratulate our High Priestess Lady iris Colbert on an awesome year! She always had a positive attitude, always smiling, and was always concerned about those around her – no matter how busy she was. Thank you Lady Iris for setting such a wonderful example for Sphinx Court to follow. And a very high standard for me to meet!

On Saturday, April 7th, Sphinx Court will hold its Sixty-fifth Installation of Officers in the Shrine Auditorium. 65th for 65 – this must be a good omen! It is an open meeting, so please attend with friends or family. All Officers, Aides, and Members should be there by Noon for pictures. We start the Installation at 2:00pm, and we should be ready for refreshments by 4:00pm.

Any Officers or Aides who have not given me \$35.00 for the Court top for this coming year, please send me a check, or contact me on my cell phone 602-503-6045. I would like everyone to have their top by Thursday, April 5th, which is our practice for Installation. We start at 6:30pm in the Auditorium, and if everybody follows instructions we should be out of there before 8:00pm.

Ladies, I am looking forward to a great year working with all or you, and representing Sphinx Court on your behalf.

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

Associate Princess



Hello ladies,
Thank you all for your wonderful support this year. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. I know you all are going to do great things. Look forward to seeing your happy shiny faces at the installation of officers. 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,
Our Membership Tea was a great success! We had 24 members in attendance and we had 8 ladies that petitioned for membership. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Tea a success.

Lady Betsy and I have signup sheets for the Ceremonial Lunch on March 10th. The cost of the lunch is \$15.00. Please make your reservations with either Betsy or myself. The **PERMANENT DINNER LIST DOES NOT APPLY** to the luncheon, so please make your reservations today.

Don't forget the Renaissance Fair this month on March 17th. Get your tickets from any unit leader. We really need to show our support for this event. See you all soon.

***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

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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.

Officers' Offerings

Second Ceremonial Lady



Hi Ladies!

I hope everyone is well! What a February meeting! I want to congratulate our new First Ceremonial Lady, Marsha Young and our new Mushroom, Kathy Kelley. Well done, Ladies! I know both of you will do an outstanding job!

Please remember to RSVP for the March Ceremonial to Lady Debbie or myself. There is NO permanent list for this luncheon.

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for your love and support during my year as Second Ceremonial Lady. I enjoyed every minute of it! The election process was very sad for me but I am thrilled for Lady Marsha and I commit to doing my best to help her succeed as she goes up the Line.

***Love from your Caring Lotus Lady,
Lady Betsy Sale Ozee***

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ATTENTION:

2018 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2018

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

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Unit and Club Happenings

Sphinx Patrol

We held elections on Feb 6th. and Lady Lou Ann Speas was elected as Captain for one more year. Lady Karen MacDougall was elected again as Lieutenant, Lady Maria Parrish as Secretary, and Lady Betsy Ozee as Treasurer for a second year. Thank you to all you Ladies for taking on the task of being an officer in the Patrol Unit.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the fundraiser March 17th, the travel fund needs all the support it can get.

Congratulations to all the elected officers in the clubs and units they are in. Also, Lady Debbie Jones, 1st CL, did a great job with the Membership Tea in February. It was a nice turn out with some good food and better company.

Yours in faith,

Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain

Greeters Unit

This year seems to be going by so fast. We have the Ceremonial next month and the year is done. Greeters, remember what you have signed up for. Hard to believe it is almost time to install a new line of officers. Congratulations to the newly elected line of Court Officers, Marsha and Kathy will be a great addition to the line!

The Greeters Unit line of officers has stayed the same as last year. The Greeters Installation will be on April 14th at 11:30 am at The Spaghetti Factory on Central by McDowell. Please RSVP to either myself or Kathy Kelley by April 9th so we know how many will be attending. Wishing everyone good health.

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'!!!



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

The life of a clown is full of opportunities! The Sphinx Court Clown Unit is going to be famous beyond belief!! The men clowns of El Zaribah have asked us to partner with them in creating a clown coloring book to be used as a fundraiser (mostly because we are getting old and arthritic, no longer able to twist balloons!). We will have photos taken in full grease, then the photos will be de-colored, then printed. It sounds like an awesome process and we are so proud to have been asked to participate. We look forward to partnering with the men clowns more often this year.

Congratulations to our unit's new officers for 2018-19: President-Andria Granado (Bubbles); Vice-President-Pam Wade (Cookie); Secretary-Marsha Young (Marshmallow); and, Treasurer-Donna DiCola (Twinkle). We look forward to a successful year under the leadership of these awesome clowns!

We are also planning our events as the travel unit for 2018-19. We have some different ideas brewing, so stay tuned for lots more information.

On February 3, three clowns attended the Amaranth Diabetes Car Show in Apache Junction. We earned \$100 for our efforts and presented this money to Sphinx Court to put towards their budget since the latest fundraiser had to be cancelled.

Throughout the year we earn money face painting at events. We recently added to our charitable donations to the Court project, which is under the Associate Princess' guidance, by donating an additional \$500. We are also in the process of working with San Diego's Shrine Unit to provide donations for the kids they transport to the Los Angeles clinic. We are very proud of our clowns for their dedication to our projects and their generous sharing of the wealth.

The Clown Unit meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Shrine. We gather for dinner starting about 5:30 PM in the Red Fez room. The meeting begins promptly at 7:00 PM usually in the computer room. We love having visitors! Our next meeting is Thursday, March 8. See ya'll there!

Lady Marsha Young, President

Unit and Club Happenings

Sun Unit

The members of the Sun Unit would like to invite you to come and visit us at our April meeting. We have a great group of ladies who work hard for the Shrine Children and you might find that we are the right Unit for you to belong to. The Sun Unit meets only 4 times a year – in September, November, February and April. And this April we will be installing our slate of officers for the upcoming year. We kept the same slate of officers as last year. Be sure to keep an eye on your Cactus Chatters and the emails we send out so you can come and visit, and maybe join, our Unit.

Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, President

Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry is the unit that will be traveling with Lady Mary Lou Burger, HP Elect, this year. We are having a Renaissance Faire event at the Shrine on March 17, 5:00 pm to benefit the Travel Fund. We are seriously behind in our ticket sales and are running the risk of having to cancel this event. Items have been ordered, and auction items have been delivered. It is looking to be the event of the year! Please contact either your unit leader, Jane or Lou Ann for your tickets ASAP.

Our next meeting will be at the shrine on March 8, at 4:30. The Red Fez room will be open for dinner before, if you wish to join us for an enjoyable meal. We will be setting up the auditorium for the Ceremonial on Saturday. Come and join us Saturday morning to welcome all the new members.

This is looking to be a busy 2 weekends, so eat your Wheaties and take your vitamins so everyone is well and able to come and show their support to the court and new members all.

Elections were held at the meeting Monday night after we balloted on our new members; and I was elected to the station of 2nd Ceremonial Lady. I am looking forward to the upcoming 5 years (if all goes as planned) and hoping to support all you wonderful ladies.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Director Staff

March is here and that means a flurry of activity in the Court and all units and clubs. New officers for 2018-2019 have been elected in the Court and Units. Director Staff has elected the following: Chief - Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Assistant Chief - Karen MacDougall, PHP, Secretary - Pat Bandhauer, PHP, Treasurer - Judy Lough

Installation of new officers will be April 10, 2018 at 5:30pm for dinner and 7:00 for the meeting in the Fiesta Room. Dinner will be provided by the Director Staff members. It should be a fun evening and a good start for the new year.

Director Staff wishes everyone a very Happy Easter (and yes, it really is April 1, April Fools day).

Remember that our monthly meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month, except June, July and August, and of course this year April. Dinner is at 5:30 and the meeting starts at 7:00. We are usually finished around 8:00 p.m. We welcome all members to visit us and consider joining.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Skyhawk, Asst. Chief

PHP Club

Our February meeting we held our elections and the Officers for the ensuing year are: Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President; Lady Gina Baird, PHP, Vice President; Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, Secretary; Lady Karen MacDougall, Jr. PHP, Treasurer. Our April meeting will be on April 18, 2018 at El Zaribah Shrine where we will welcome our new member Lady Iris Colbert, High Priestess who will then be our Jr. PHP,

We also voted in our February meeting to make Lady Fern Livingston, PHP a Life Member of the PHP Club. We read and voted on our proposed changes to our Rules and Regulations and I read them in Court. So now they will be sent to J & L.

Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President

Committee Reports

Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 01-15-2018	255
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	3
Suspended	<u>0</u>
 Membership @ 02-26-2018	 <u>252</u>

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 1/26- Pat Clark, passed away
 2/1-Lillian Ryan, more strokes but home from hospital now.
 2/1-Rosemary Bennet, breathing issues in Boswell hospital
 2/7- Trudy Mullins, Flu
 2/7-Pat Zimmerman, Knee Replacement
 2/24-Nancy Lynn, passed away

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.

Happy Easter from the Past High Priestess Club



Be A Lady in Red 
Join the Ceremonial Pageantry
 Contact LADY JANE SHELDON—480-710-5975

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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



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*Traveling Troubadours,
Feats of Prowess & Merriment Abound*



**LOS/NILE
SATURDAY
MARCH 24, 2018**

The Nile Pixies and the LOS Tinkerbelle (Lady Iris) have gotten together and are planning a joint rummage sale for late February. All donations

will be brought to the Shrine Center on a Saturday. 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.



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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**
- 24 Rummage Sale/Fund Raiser**
9am to 3pm Shrine Parking Lot

APRIL— 2018

- 5 Installation Practice—6:30pm
- 7 Installation**
2018-2019 Officers
Noon Pictures, 2pm Start
- 9 Sphinx Patrol Installation—7pm
- 10 Director Staff Installation—7pm
- 12 Clown Unit Installation—7pm
- 14 Greeters Installation—11:30am
Spaghetti Factory on Central
- 18 PHP Club Installation—7pm