



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
October 2018

Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Together, we can make it work!!"

*Mary Lou Burger*

High Priestess

*Andrea K. Curry*

Recorder



## High Priestess

Ladies, we are starting our Fall Events. This is the time of year we fill our homes with the smell of scented candles, and the perfect time to start our Yankee Candle Fundraising project! Go online to the website in this issue of the Cactus Chatter, and you will find something that you must have. It is also a great way to start your Holiday



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shopping. You can order something online, and have it delivered to the special someone on your list. If you have never shopped online in the middle of the night in your jammies, you are missing a real treat.

There was an error in the current Sphinx Court Roster. On the listing of Committees for Sphinx Court, the position of Ambassador was omitted. This position is the liaison between the Court and El Zaribah Shrine, and I can think of no one better for this position than Lady Jean Glover. Lady Jean had accepted this position, and I sincerely apologize for the error.

At the September Court Meeting, the Ways & Means Committee announced the theme for our Gala Fundraiser on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are having a USO Veterans Day Gala! Get your costumes ready, Ladies. We are going to have a lot of fun!

Lady Maria Parrish is also organizing our gift wrapping for Donations to be done in December, which is only a few months away! Get your coats, scarves, hats, and gloves ready!

Once again I want to thank all the Ladies who help to set up the Fiesta Room for the Court Dinner, and the Auditorium for the court Meeting. It really doesn't take long, and it's fun all working together.

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**Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,**

**Lady Mary Lou Burger**

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## Officers' Offerings



### Princess

It was great seeing everybody at Western and fun was to be had by all. I was just looking at my calendar and realized we have a lot of fun stuff coming up. We have parades, a ceremonial, some OV's, and lots of fundraising events. This is the time of year where we get together have a lot of fun and work hard for our court. I hope to see you guys at some of the events and meetings. If you need anything please feel free to contact me

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

**Phone: 480-861-8209, Email: jfmassey52@yahoo.com**

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### Associate Princess



Howdy Ladies!

WOW, nothing like jumping right in after the summer break. It was great to see everyone at Corn Fest and the Circus. It was so much fun. Congratulations to Marsha for a wonderful Membership Tea! I am accepting any and all items at the next Court meeting. I have received so many wonderful items and donations to this point and I thank you all. The Western Area Organized Unit Meet was a blast! Everyone did a great job! Please do try to come to the next Court meeting; it is always so nice to see everyone. If you need me, please call or email.

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




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### First Ceremonial Lady

The Caring Lotus Ladies, my class, use "Care, be Kind, Love, Smile and Laugh" as its motto. A fitting few words we could certainly work into our daily lives, especially now that social media has taken over with so much negativity and it is certainly not a kind or caring environment. We can be better not only in our Court, but also in our daily interactions.

Lady Kate Kalmbach, my grand officer, has selected 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NKJV) as her scripture. It states: "Let all that you do be done with Love." I think I see a trend here!

Our fall membership tea was held on September 16 with nine prospective members attending. We received six petitions at the tea and another was mailed. To the units I say "thank you!" for the amazing food. You are all so willing to help whenever asked. The Unit Heads did a fabulous job of addressing our prospective Ladies about the activities of their units. Lady Pam Wade supplied the lovely centerpieces. I lost my creativity somewhere and Lady Pam came to my rescue from her personal stash. They looked fabulous! Ladies Lou Ann Speas, Debbie Jones and Kristi Antall helped with the beautiful setup and electronic media for the movie from Salt Lake City hospital we viewed on the big screen. Lou Ann was there to let us all in the door. She does so much for us behind the scenes, thank you!

Ceremonial is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at 1:00 P.M. There will be a lunch of beef stroganoff, salad, vegetables, rolls and butter, tea and water, at 11:00 A.M. for a cost of \$15 per person. Please RSVP to me (NOT Lady Kathy Kelley for this special lunch). The permanent list does NOT apply to this meal. Reservations are needed no later than November 6. I hope to see you there!

WAOUM was a blast! We had such fun seeing old friends and making new ones. I am happy to report the Clown Fish were a HUGE success.

**Live every moment, Laugh every day, and Love beyond words.**

***Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,***

**Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: marsha.young@cox.net**

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## Officers' Offerings



### Second Ceremonial Lady

Thank you to the 46 people who showed up for dinner which included 9 members of Hunter's Paradise Lodge. The next court meeting is October 22nd and dinner will be spaghetti. Please be sure to get your reservations in if you are not on the permanent list, and there were approximately 10 permanent members from the list who did not contact me prior to dinner. Please remember if we do not cover our quantity ordered for dinner the court still must pay, so this charge will be passed on to the members who did not respond and did not show.

**Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley**  
**Phone: 480-797-9601, Email: kathy.kelley2@cox.net**

### Recorder

#### ROSTER CHANGES

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- Marlene Pavesi, 86 Spring St, South Salem, NY 10590-1417
- Paula Weber phone number correction – 928-474-4175

### ATTENTION:

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Divan & Ladies

Nobles & Ladies

Wishing all Sphinx Court

Members a wonderful 2018 and the very best for years to come.



## Unit and Club Happenings

### Clowns

Clown Days are so much fun that we extended the invitation for the El Zaribah Men Clowns to join us – and they did! The fun is in the project. We coordinated fabrics for costumes, made props for our WAOUM skit, and tried out recipes for our ***In the Spirit*** cookbook for the Travel Unit while talking, laughing, and plotting. Traditionally we have one over the summer. This year we couldn't contain ourselves and had four!

We were invited to the APS Clown Class in August and several of us took advantage to learn to be better at the craft of Clowning and face painting techniques. We all came away from the day a little better at it.

The Shrine Circus is always a full weekend for a Clown. We paint hundreds of little faces and a few big ones, before, at intermission and after all seven shows. Unicorns were especially popular this year. Magical!

We took our new act on the road to teach and perform in Seattle at the Western States Unit meet – WAOUM. The Clown Unit was invited by the Ahmes Clown Unit to teach a class about putting on a Clown face. We went over brand names, techniques, styles and tips. Forty people took advantage of the basic training and we hope they all give it a try. Then.....OH MY, WHAT FUN!! Do do do do do! You have to see the skit as there are no words.

Looking forward, we have our **Official Visit** on Thursday October 11th at 7 pm – no host dinner at 5:30 in Red Fez room. Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> is the **Sip and Paint** at El Zaribah.

We teamed up with the El Zaribah Men Clowns to make a coloring book featuring US! Ask a Clown to own one (or more). Being a Clown challenges your creativity and commitment. All colorful 'C' words.

Wishing you all joy.

**Lady Pam Wade, Vice President**

### PHP Club

The next meeting of the Past High Priestess Club will be our Official Visit on November 28th. We will be meeting at Lady Bobbie Balthazor's home at 6:00 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for our meeting. Invitations will be sent out by Lady Pat Bandhauer.

Donations for our Fill-A-Purse philanthropic project will be collected until our November 28th PHP Club meeting. Ladies Iris Colbert, Jr PHP and Lady Trish Whalen, PHP are the Chairmen for this project.

**Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President**

### Greeters Unit

Hello to all and WOW. September was a busy month!! With all the activities of the Grand High OV, Circus, membership tea and then WAOUM, I think all of our ladies are probably a bit tired out! Well, there is not a Greeters meeting till November, so that will give our group some recovery time. We are planning on trying to meet at the shrine on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, but that may have to change, so I will make sure all members are notified in plenty of time, if a new day and place are needed.

It is not too soon to start thinking about the Greeters Christmas Party on Dec 29th. Please let me know of any suggestions for where we want to go for our party. I can try for Mimi's Café at Shea and the 101, if there are not any other suggestions. Glad the cooler weather is on its way in. Prayers for those in need or in pain, remember we are always here to support you.

**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  
Andria Granado, President @ 480-510-2806  
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## Unit and Club Happenings

### Director Staff

Fall is here and we have a lot of fun events coming up! Director Staff attended the 2018 WAOUM event in Seattle in September. Chief Mimi and I had a room on the first floor right by the performance floor which was a perfect location for our hospitality room. We did a walk-on and had a great time!

Everyone is welcome to join the Director Staff at our monthly meetings held the 1st Wednesday of the month. We meet for dinner around 5:30pm and meet at 7pm at El Zaribah. Hope to see you there!

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Asst. Chief**

### Sphinx Patrol

Hope all the ladies who went to WAOUM had a great time and from all the pictures I have seen it looks like you did. Congratulations to my lady clown daughter, Lady Andria Granado, for winning first place at fun night. And a special thank you to Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP for filling in for me at WAOUM as I could not be there.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Court's Gala evening coming up on November 10th. We also have a Ceremonial in November and we'll see you at our next meeting.

Yours in faith,

**Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain**



### Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45  
Stabilizers \$8  
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### GREETERS

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

### Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry traveled to Seattle for WAOUM with nine members where they performed a walk-on. The next unit meeting will be November 16th at 6:30 p.m. It will coincide with the setup of the court for the ceremonial the following day.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**

**Wishing everyone a  
Happy Fall!**

**The PHP Club**

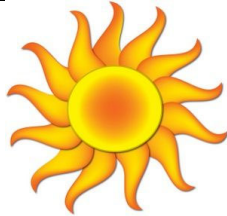




## Committee Reports

### Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 09-01-2018	250
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	2
Suspended	0
	0
Membership @ 09-24-2018	<u>248</u>



### Sunshine Report

9/5—Rosalind Cope, passed away  
 9/29—Geniece Carroll, in hospital—reaction to radiation and fell.

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, so she can get the word out to our members.

### CACTUS CHATTER PRICES

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 Lady Linda DuBois, PHP

### 2018-2019 Travel Fund Events

Welcome back from W.A.O.U.M Ladies!! I hope everyone had a great time and made it home safe. We know we sure had fun... now back to raising funds for next year.

We'd like to remind you ladies to please get your reservations in for the Paint and Sip fundraiser on Saturday, October 13, 2018. If you are unable to attend donations are always welcome! RSVP to Lady Andria Granado 480.322.2947 or you can email me at: [andria520@gmail.com](mailto:andria520@gmail.com).

Our "In the Spirit" cookbooks are now available for \$5. They will be available at Court meetings or you can ask a Clown for a copy!! Christmas is coming soon. Get a copy for someone before they're gone!

We still have our Steak Fry with a twist planned for March 16, 2019. So mark your calendars today!

Thank you ladies for your continued support.

**Lady Andria Granado,  
Clown President**



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



**Contact LADY JANE SHELDON  
480-710-5975**

## Fun Upcoming Happenings



FEATURING:  
**THE UPTOWN ANGELS!**



**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

**5:00 to 10:00 pm**

Social:

5:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Dancing and  
USO Show to Follow

El Zaribah Shrine Center  
552 N. 40th St. , Phoenix, AZ

**\$30 per person**

Advance Ticket Reservation Required

***USO Themed Apparel Requested***

Diner Menu: Salad, Sirloin Steak, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetable Medley (Vegetarian Option Available with Reservation)

Events:   Silent Auction  
              Treat Booths  
              Door Prizes  
              Lots of Fun & Surprises!

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### Calendar of Events for 2018 UPDATED October 4, 2018

#### **OCTOBER—2018**

- 2 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
- 3 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Clowns Meeting & OV, 7pm
- 13 Travel Fund—Paint and Sip**
- 22 Court Meeting**—Dinner, 5:30pm  
Meeting , 7pm

#### **NOVEMBER—2018**

- 3 Booth at Nile Shopping Expo, 8am
- 4 Greeters Meeting, TBA
- 6 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
- 7 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
- 8 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
- 10 USO Veterans Day Gala, 5pm**
- 16 Cere. Pageantry Mtg.—6:30pm
- 17 Fall Ceremonial**—Lunch, 11am,  
Meeting, 1pm
- 28 PHP Club OV, 6pm at Lady Bobbie  
Balthazor's home