



*Mary Lou Burger*

High Priestess

*Linda K. Curry*

Recorder



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
February 2019

Lady Kristine Sheridan - Grand High Priestess

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

## High Priestess

At the January Court Meeting, I asked our Ladies to bring in a stuffed animal to the February Court Meeting to donate to "Angela's Angels", a project to collect toys for the hospitals started by Illustrious Sir Ken Neusch in memory of his daughter. All the stuffed toys that are collected in February will be presented to the Illustrious Sir before the El Zaribah Stated Meeting on March 13th. We have the permission of the Illustrious Sir to have the Ladies of the Court who are at the meeting come up to the microphone with me to make the presentation. I would like Sphinx Court to support the new Potentate in his worthy project. We are always there to support the Shrine!

Don't miss the Ceremonial Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>! We have 12 new members to initiate! We are changing the start time of the meeting to 9:00am in the Auditorium, with the Ceremonial Luncheon to follow in the Fiesta Room. Everybody come and let's make a good showing for the new members!

**Rainbow Smiles and Yellow Roses,  
Lady Mary Lou Burger**

**Home: 602-503-6045 email: mlburger@cox.net**



## Last Court Fund Raiser for 2018-2019 Year is Here!

**APRIL 1, 2019**



Since this is the last Court fund raiser for the 2018-2019 year, you must buy your ticket/donation by 3/16/2019. Just choose your ticket from the form below, mail your check to Linda Curry or bring your form and check to the Ceremonial on Saturday, 3/16/2019.

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Pajama Party RSVP Tickets—Check Below:**

♥ **NO, I will NOT attend - Please send \$10**

♥ **NO, I want to attend, but don't have pajamas to wear - Please send \$15**

♥ **YES, I want to attend, but I don't know WHERE to go? - Please send \$20**

**Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65**  
mail to c/o Linda Curry, 1550 N El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281-1426

# Officers' Offerings



## Princess

Hello Ladies,

It's hard to believe that it's February already. We have the election of officers and I would love to have your support for the upcoming year. Please come to support potential candidates running for the line.

As we get closer to Grand Council please let us know if you need a packet. The airfares are running about \$360 to \$430 depending on when people are wanting to leave. Southwest Airlines has no flights into Richmond available for Saturday May 11th. If you need anything from me just let me know.

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

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



## Associate Princess

Howdy Ladies,

Howdy Ladies. WOW...2019! Last year was a blur. I am looking forward to all the cool happenings this year. Please plan to attend the meeting this month, it is elections and we need everyone there to vote on the new Officers and Second Ceremonial Lady. The Clown Unit is having their Travel Fund Raiser on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please do try to come; it should be a blast with games, costumes and lots of food. If you have never been to a clown event, you are really missing out. Mark your calendars for the Ceremonial March 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Lady Marsha for getting 12 petitions at her last Tea! The units have been invited to join ALL the parades from our Potentate. What an honor, please do try to attend some of these. They are always a great time! I want to thank everyone for all the love and support over the last couple of months. This organization is truly a wonderful, loving sisterhood. For my Court Special Project year to date (**Anti-Gravity Device**), I have received almost \$4,000. I can't thank you all enough. Happy Valentine's Day!

**Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs & Kisses, from your Woman of the West!**  
**Lady Debbie Jones**

**Phone: 480-292-1034, Email: djlosna2020@yahoo.com.**

## Recorder

### **ROSTER CHANGES**

- Penny Hassmann, 14028 N Thunderbird Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351-2516
- Faye Humphrey, 14075 E Knoll Circe, Dewey, AZ 86327-7393

### **NOTICE**

If you would like to have your email address in the next Court roster, please send an email to Linda at [lkcurry1@cox.net](mailto:lkcurry1@cox.net) from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.

\*\*\*\*\*2018 DUES ARE \$25.00 AND WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2018\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*2019 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2019\*\*\*\*\*

**Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65**

mail to c/o Linda Curry, 1550 N El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281-1426

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

**Lady Linda Curry, PHP**

**Phone: 602-619-4313, Email: lkcurry1@cox.net**

## Officers' Offerings



### First Ceremonial Lady

January 16 was the Membership Tea for the Court. It was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all present. We received 11 petitions from the event from women who are sincerely interested in our endeavors; some of whom are already working on projects for the court. Thanks to the members who helped setup and take down, the units for the fabulous food, and Lady Lou Ann Speas for opening the building and assisting in so many ways! You helped to put our best foot forward to the prospective member, and your efforts showed.

The Ceremonial will be held on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 9:00 A.M. with lunch starting at 12:30 P.M. in the Fiesta Room. The menu includes: taco bowl with ground beef, iced tea and water, and dessert. The cost is \$15 per person. RSVPs are due to me no later than Friday, March 8, by noon. Please remember the standing list for the Court dinners does NOT apply to this meal. Please let me know if you are coming by calling me at (623) 266-6099. If I'm not available, please leave a message. Please plan to attend and welcome our new members.

There is a community Volunteer Fair being held on Sunday, February 10 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at The Van Buren in downtown Phoenix. We will have a booth to promote our Order. Volunteers to assist are welcome, so please let me know if would like to help.

We have two upcoming parades. Saturday, February 23, is the Lost Dutchman Days in Apache Junction. Line-up is no later than 8:30 a.m. at the Apache Junction Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, 567 W Apache Trail. Saturday, March 30, we've been invited to participate in a parade commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the G.I. Bill sponsored by the American Legion Post in Florence. Deadline for this parade is March 22. Please let me know if you or your units are interested in participating in either of these parades. It is great to put a face on Sphinx Court by being active within our communities.

"The circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong." Attributed to the author Sark

***Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,  
Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: marsha.young@cox.net***



### Second Ceremonial Lady

Hello members and friends,

Last night we served 50 dinners before the court meeting, with several gentlemen from Hunter's Paradise also. I had reservations for more than that. We were short five meals based on the reservations, please remember if you are on the permanent list we are expecting you to be at the dinner unless you contact us and tell us differently.

The menu for the February 25th meeting is lasagna with pie for dessert. I will have to have reservations or changes to the permanent list to me by the night of the 17th so I can give my count to the Shrine on the 18th. Please send prayers for continued health for my Grand Officer who is currently cancer-free and we hope stays that way.

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

#### **CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS**

If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda Curry, PHP to be added.

***lkcurry1@cox.net***

#### **Cactus Chatter Editor**

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# Unit and Club Happenings

## Clowns

Clowns are special to many people but surprisingly also to the a very high ranking officer at Luke Air Force Base, who likes an annual photo with 'his' group of Clowns. And we happily comply! He always waits until his Airman & families have had their faces painted and photos with the kids. We love supporting our military and their families. And what a fabulous time we had at the Shrine Children's party! More face painting and Clowns and kids than ever.

Our Court is so fortunate! Do you realize that the next three years we will be led by Clowns. Oh you have to come be a part of this! We are having fun now so imagine what is to come.....

We have been invited to be a part of the Highland Games in March. They must have heard we sometimes wear plaid. We love to play games so we are all in (maybe the event is not what I'm thinking).

Come see us at our meetings on the second Thursday. I always feel better because we laugh and think creative happy thoughts.

We wish you Joy and Magical days in this new year,

***Lady Pam Wade, Vice President***

## Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting will be February 4th. This meeting is not only our Official Visit, it is also election of officers, so come and join us for the evening and help mold our leadership, your can even run for a position if your do desire. The meeting will be held at the Shrine at 6:30 pm. Dinner before the meeting in the Red Fez room Hope to see you there.

***Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President***

**SPHINX  
NO. 65**



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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**

## Greeters Unit

Hello ladies! Spring is quickly approaching and with that comes change and growth. We hope to have many new ladies join us at the Spring Ceremonial and the Greeters are ready to Welcome them all. The next Greeters meeting will be on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at Iris Colbert's house. We had so much fun there at the Holiday Party, we all want to do it again!! We will be doing another Buffet style for food and I will be sending out information on that to all members on what to bring. Remember, this will be our Elections Meeting, so be thinking of any office you might want to take to help the Unit. Some of our existing officers are not continuing. Love and strength to all who have been sick or lost loved ones.

***Lady Trish Whalen, PHP, President***



## ***CACTUS CHATTER PRICES***

Personal Ad or Message - 1 Issue \$10.00  
Unit or Club Ad - Yearly \$45.00  
Make checks payable to Sphinx Court and send to:  
Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Recorder

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  
Andria Granado, President @ 480-510-2806  
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com

## Unit and Club Happenings

### Director Staff

February is Election month! Please be sure to join us on Feb. 6th for Dinner at 5:30pm and Meeting at 7pm.

Last month the ladies of Director Staff had a "gathering" to make fleece blankets for local chemo patients like the one below. We had a great time making 5 blankets like the one below. No sewing! If you would like to help us in our endeavor we will be doing it again on Monday, 2/11/19. Everyone is welcome to join us. Hope to see you soon!

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



### PHP Club

**Meeting Change:** The next PHP Club meeting will be held February 20, 2019, 7:00 pm at Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP's home at 5915 E Woodbridge Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. You will need to eat before the meeting or those who work may bring their dinner. We will have dessert after the meeting. Please RSVP by February 16th. This meeting will be elections. I hope everyone is ready for 2019 and in good health.

**Lady Debbie McKelvey, PHP, President**



### Sphinx Patrol

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is well and healthy, cold season is here. Sphinx Patrol has already had their February meeting and we voted to move our monthly meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month when the kitchen will be open for dinner. So our next meeting in March will be on 3/19/19. We will also have a reading of our R&Rs at that meeting to get the official meeting day changed. Please try to attend.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the "Be Our Guest" Travel Fund Fundraiser. We all need to support this event as we all travel when we are the travel unit. We also have a ceremonial in March, so please contact Marsha Young to make a reservation for lunch.

As you all know our Lady Dorothy Netherton lost her Nobel Erv Whetstone recently. A memorial service will be held at the Shrine on 2/17 at 1:00pm. It would be nice to have a good turnout to show her our support. Yours in faith,

**Lady Lou Ann Speas, Captain**

## SPHINX PATROL



**Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00**

**LOS Folding Fans  
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00**

See any Patrol member

## Director Staff



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



## Committee Reports

### Sphinx Court Membership Report:

Membership @ 11-17-2018	253
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-3
Suspended	<u>0</u>
Membership @ 01-28-2019	<u>250</u>



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



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

### Sunshine Report

11/30—Martha Sarchett, Passed  
12/21—Ken Jones, Passed (Debbie Jones)  
12/31—Suzanne Edwards, Passed  
(Trudy Mullins)  
01/02—Fred Wulff, Passed (Sally Wulff)  
01/06—Erv Whetstone, Passed  
(Dorothy Netherton)

Ladies, Linda Curry, PHP, will be sending out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Karen MacDougall, PHP, will be her back up. If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Linda or Karen so we can get the word out to our members.

### 2018-2019 Travel Fund Events

Our last fundraiser is coming up soon. Be Our Guest on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 5pm. Come dressed as your favorite Disney Character! Kids 5 and under are FREE!! Ages 6-12 \$15 and adults are \$20. Please get your tickets ASAP from your unit leaders, Lou Ann in the Red Fez, or RSVP with me!! We will have karaoke, games, and more! It should be a "Magical" night to remember! ;) If you are unable to attend please consider making a donation as this is a Travel Fund event.

Our "In the Spirit" cookbooks are still available for \$5, they will be available at court meetings or you can ask a Clown how to get a copy!!

Thank you ladies for your continued support.

**Lady Andria Granado,  
Clown President**



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### 2018-2019 Ways & Means Report

We wanted to let everyone know that the \$500 opportunity prize was won last year by Lady Mary Hammer. Please don't forget to bring in your filled Coin Cans at the February Court Meeting.

Our last fund raiser of the year is sure to please! Be sure to send your check in for the "Pajama Party" by 3/16/2019. Details are in a flyer on the front page with an RSVP form to send with your check. Questions? Come to the February Court meeting or call us.

**Lady Maria Parrish  
Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP**

**PHILANTHROPY REPORT 2018-2019**

COURT NAME AND NUMBER:					
	MILEAGE DRIVEN	NO.OF HOURS	NO.OF ARTICLES	ARTICLES VALUE	CASH CONTRIBUTIONS
<b>ORGANIZATIONS:</b>					
Cancer Society					
Diabetes					
Church					
Red Cross					
United Way					
Other					
<b>FRATERNAL:</b>					
Shrine Centers					
Circus					
Transportation					
Masonic Lodges					
Other					
<b>VOLUNTEER WORK:</b>					
Hospital					
Nursing Homes					
Shelters					
Youth					
Other					
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>					
Blood (Units)					
Clothing					
Eyeglasses					
Research					
Sewing					
Soup Labels					
Education Labels					
Tabs/Cans - Pounds					
Other					
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					

Please Return to Linda Curry not later than March 31, 2019.

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## Calendar of Events for 2018-2019 UPDATED February 7, 2019

### FEBRUARY—2019

2/4 Ceremonial Pageantry OV, TBD  
2/5 Sphinx Patrol OV, 7pm RSVP  
2/6 Director Staff, 7pm  
2/9 Greeters, Iris Colbert's House  
2/10 Volunteer Fair, 11am-3pm  
The Van Buren in downtown Phoenix  
2/14 Clown Unit, 7pm  
**2/16 Travel Fund Fundraiser**, 5pm  
Be Our Guest, Costume Party  
2/20 PHP Club, 7pm at Bobbie's  
2/23 Lost Dutchman Days Parade, 8:30am  
Apache Junction  
**2/25 Court Meeting/Elections**  
Dinner 5:30pm, Meeting 7pm

### MARCH—2019

3/6 Director Staff, 7pm  
3/14 Clown Unit, 7pm  
**3/16 Ceremonial**, Mtg 9am,  
Lunch 12:30pm  
3/19 Sphinx Patrol, 7pm (NEW DAY)  
3/30 G.I. Bill Anniversary Parade—Florence

### APRIL—2019

**4/14 Installation of Officers**, 2pm  
HOLD THE DATE