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High Priestess

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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
September 2019

Lady Lynda Stone - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Laugh when you can, apologize when you should,
let go of what you cannot change."

High Priestess

Hello Ladies,
I hope everyone had a great summer. We got a lot done over the summer with clown classes, Unbirthday Party and practices. The Corn-Fest was the first event at the shrine and a chance for us to see each other



to get caught up with one another. We have the Circus coming up September 6-8 I hope you can come out and help the men. We have the Western Area Unit Meet coming up in a few weeks September 12-14 in Alaska. It should be a really good meeting we hope to see you there. Please don't forget our membership tea coming up on September 21. Please give the names of potential members to Kathy Kelley so she can get in contact with them. Our first meeting back from the summer will be on September 23 I look forward to seeing you all at dinner. Please remember that our October meeting is moved to the 7th for the Grand High Priestess official visit. Lady Lynda Stone is coming all the way from Canada to meet all of you and to see all of the hard work that Sphinx Court does. I will be accepting your Unit books on the 3rd and 4th of October for audit. Welcome back and please stay cool because it's still pretty toasty outside. If you need anything from me please just let me know.

Owl be seeing you,

Lady Janet Massey

***Class of 2019-2020
Lynda's Phantoms of the North***

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Creed: KISS—Keep it Simple and Sensible!



Officers' Offerings



Princess

Howdy Ladies and wholly fire ball! What a hot one this year. I hope you all had a great summer and were able to stay cool. Now that we have had a long overdue rest it is time to get back on the horse. CornFest was great. Thank you to everyone who came out. September is busy with the Circus, Western Area Meet in Alaska and our first Membership Tea. To our new ladies please do come to our Court meeting and if you haven't yet; please do visit the Units. It really is the best way to get to know all of your wonderful sisters!

Raggedy Ann and Andy Hugs & Kisses, from your Woman of the West!

Lady Debbie Jones

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Associate Princess

After a 10,000 mile road trip during June and July, I was glad to be home, even though it turned out to be hotter than blue blazes! I experienced an infestation of late season black flies and mosquitoes while in New Hampshire for my youngest son's wedding; days (and days) of rain and humidity in Nova Scotia; trees and more trees all through Quebec and northern Ontario (Canada); rain in Manitoba where you couldn't see; crazy Edmonton and Calgary loop roads; road construction; and, potholes as big as the car wheels.

My white car literally had so many bugs on the front end that it looked black! A car wash fella told me that windshield wiper fluid would remove them...and by golly he was right—my car now sparkles! I enjoyed every day of the trip and the friends I visited, but there is NO place like home!

Oh! What a collection of kids underwear we received from our generous members at the May Court meeting. We collected 180 pieces of girls' panties, socks, camis and bras, along with 98 pieces of boys' briefs, t-shirts and sox!! One of our new members, Lady Dennice Dunaway, offered to deliver our offering to the Salt Lake City hospital as she would be spending time there this summer. In addition to the underwear, the boxes also included 12 club foot bar covers, 2 hot wheels and a package of 18 Scunci hair ties. Dennice was excited to be able to tour the hospital. Ask her about the experience when you see her at Court. Thanks, Dennice!!

On May 30, at the Nobility Strategy Team meeting at the Shrine Center, I had the distinct pleasure to present Potentate Ken Neusch 15 more stuffed animals for his Angela's Angels project. These animals have been collected at the last two Court meetings. He was thrilled to receive them. Thanks, Ladies!

At the May meeting, we also collect cold hard cash (and checks!) which brings our total to \$1,459 for the Court's Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning hospital project to benefit Salt Lake City. I have set a lofty goal of \$6,000 for that project, so I am trying some new ways to build the project coffers. There will be items for sale starting at the September meeting. Our High Priestess Janet has given her permission to sell cloths that have RESERVED and a beautiful lotus flower embroidered on them for use on the back or seat of a chair to save your place at dinners, meetings, Grand Council, or whatever fits your needs. There will also be vintage style tea towels which will have the lotus flower also embroidered on them. Purchase prices are not yet determined as Lady Holly Nichols-Swartzel is finishing the embroidery work. I promise the costs will be reasonable. If the project goes well, we may even offer some custom items. If you can't attend Court, but would like to own these items, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I appreciate your support.

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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 Doris Miller correct lot # is 199

*******2019 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND WERE 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

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First Ceremonial Lady

Welcome back Ladies. I hope you are all in good health and spirits and ready for a new year. The membership tea is scheduled for September 21 at noon. Unit leaders: the request for assistance has been emailed to you, if you haven't received it, please let me know. At this time, I have sent out 45 letters, and have received one negative and only 3 positives. Please get me the names of anyone you know of so I can get them the information in time for the tea. Looking forward to getting back in the saddle again. On a personal note; thank you to those that sent me get well wishes. The surgery was more intense than expected with added 2 days to my hospital stay, but I do seem to be healing properly and by the time Court is active, should be back on a regular diet again.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Welcome back ladies! I'm looking forward to seeing you and hearing your tales of summer. Mine was great and as of last week I'm officially an empty-nester. We will be having a taco bar for the September court meeting for dinner. RSVPs for those not on the permanent list need to be in by Sunday, 9/15 as I need to confirm our final count 7-days prior to the meeting. Please email me at mariaparrishh@gmail.com or call/text 602.956.9639 to be added to the reservation or for any special dietary needs on or before the 15th. Thanks and see you soon!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady - Elect

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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

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Hi everyone! The Director Staff started the summer off with a Pampered Chef Online party that turned out to be lots of fun! There were lots of prizes and special games. I hope everyone had a chance to participate. So far we have made about \$280 on the event that will benefit the Court Travel Fund.

We will be the Traveling Unit in 2020 and fund raising is continuing with a Steak Fry scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. Get out your country duds and come over to Mimi Bohlman's back yard for some steak with all the fix in's. The fun starts at 5:30pm and is just \$25 per person. Check out the flyer for more details.

On another note, we voted to take on the annual holiday gift wrapping this year. So, get ready for December!

The Director Staff Unit meets the 1st Wednesday of each month with a no-host dinner at 5:30pm in the Red Fez Room and the meeting starting at 7pm. If you are looking for a fun Unit, come on by and check us out!

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
Assistant 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'll!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
Mechelle Gaines, President @ 719-229-9226
sphinxcourtclovnunit@gmail.com

Clowns

Hello Ladies! Welcome back from the HOT HOT summer!

The clowns had loads of fun at summer workshops, coming up with new costumes and finding new ideas for puppets. August brought us CornFest, the clowns were busy painting faces and selling crafts at their very own table. Let's not forget the Shrine Circus...loads of kiddos and grown ups getting painted and entertained. As always, there was fun, laughs and learning at clown school.

We hope everyone enjoyed their summer adventures and are looking forward to the coming term. Our Clown OV is October 10th with a no host dinner at 5:30pm and meeting starts at 7pm please feel free to join in on the fun!

**Lady Holly Nicholls-Sworzel,
Vice President**

Ceremonial Pageantry

Welcome back from a long hot summer. Hope all are well and ready to get busy again. Ceremonial Pageantry did a dance practice at the Shrine on August 11, and it is coming along nicely. Thanks to Bobbie Balthazor for the routine. Our next meeting will be November 22 at the Shrine at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone again at the court meetings.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

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NO. 65**



Contact: Andie Lacombe
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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

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



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

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The PHPs hope everyone had a nice summer. It was good seeing so many at the CornFest and discussing upcoming plans. We have a meeting on Sept 25th & our High Priestess OV on November 20th. Remember we're doing the Fill A Purse again this year. Men's shaving kits are also being collected. Looking forward to seeing you in court!

Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President

Here's wishing everyone has a safe trip and a great time at Western!



**From:
The Past High
Priestess Club**



Director Staff

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

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

See any Patrol member

Greeters Unit

Hello Ladies: hope you all managed to keep cool over the past couple of months. We had our quarterly meeting on August 31 at Madison Gardens with a nice group of members attending. I was also installed as President by Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP - nice job Lady Lynn. A few of our members will be traveling to Alaska for WAOUM in September and will be participating in the All Unit Court walk on. Have fun ladies!

We had our "Un-Birthday" Christmas in July party on July 27 with a very nice attendance. Thank you goes out to Lady Mary Lou for allowing us to have the party in the beautiful Grand Dining Hall of her building, to all the ladies who helped set up, tear down and clean up with special thanks to Lady Trudy Mullins and Lady Marcia Cherry for their special place setting favors. Good food and fun was had by all!

Reminder - the Greeter Unit takes care of ordering name badges and drop down unit bars for all Court members. Magnetic name tags are \$12.00 and a drop down unit bar is \$6.00. Please see me at Court or e-mail me at andie@curtismanagement.biz if you would like to order either.

Our next meeting will not be until November - place to be determined. Please join us - all are welcome!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Sphinx Patrol

Well, I'm finally home from vacation and resting up for our first meeting. Remember we will be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We'll be in the Red Fez Room on 9/17 at 5:30pm for dinner with our meeting at 7pm.

The Western Unit Meet will be in Alaska this year and coming up soon. Patrol will be doing a walk on with the other Court Units. I hope everyone has a great time!

Don't forget to come out to the Membership Tea on 9/21 and we'll see you at Court!

Lady Karen MacDougall, Captain

Committee Reports

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| Membership @ 4-22-2019 | 242 |
| Affiliated | 0 |
| Initiated | 0 |
| Dual | 0 |
| Reinstated | 0 |
| Demitted | 0 |
| Deceased | -2 |
| Suspended | -0 |
| Membership @ 05-28-2019 | 240 |

Sunshine Report

5/3—Donna Witmer, passed
 5/26—Pat Johnson, passed in April
 6/8 —"Bert" Allen-Petterson recovering from double pneumonia.
 8/8—Kathy Kelley, hernia surgery, recovering
 8/11—Rosemary Bennett, mastectomy in June, now in Boswell Hospital— not eating
 8/18—Dorothy Joerding, fall in June, and now hospitalized with pneumonia
 8/31—Fern Livingston, in hospital, recovering at home now
 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.



Our **Lady Maria Parrish** is no longer a "mushroom"! She came home from Grand Council as a member of Karen's Classy Cars! Her Grand Officer is Lady Karen Przytula, PHP and their symbol is the Model T (also known as the Tin Lizzy). They have a lot of Fun items too: Dollar Signs, Traffic Lights and construction signs, Halloween pumpkins, pianos, music notes and the snowman. Their Motto is "Each One, Reach One" and the Hug is a sign of friendship.

Looks like you are off to a great start with your Class! Congratulations and hope you have nothing but smooth travels ahead of you!



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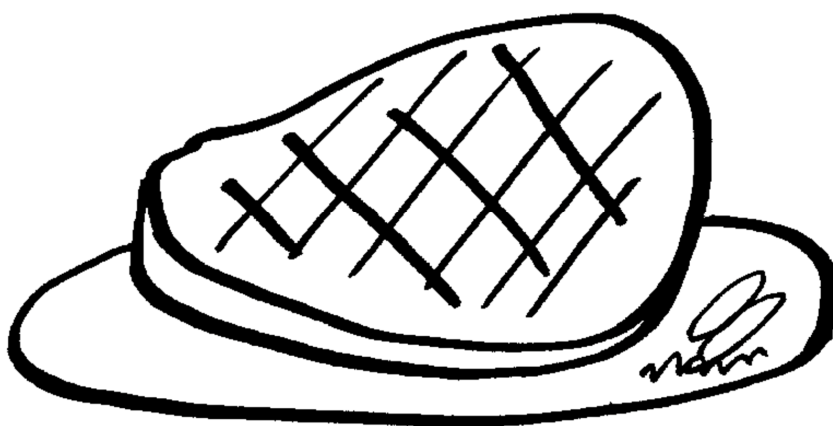


Travel Fund Steak Fry

Saturday, October 19th

2230 E. Whitten St.

Chandler 85225



\$25 per person*

5:30 pm- Social Hour

6:30 pm- Dinner



*Not Tax Deductible

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SPHINX COURT #65 WAYS and MEANS

This year the Ways and means committee is Dorothy Mather, Ramona Cantrell and Lou Ann Speas. Some of the fund raising projects include the opportunity to win \$500. The first drawing will be in November and the second opportunity will win \$500 will be in March. We also have organizers for sale that Lady Marcia Cherry made. They are great to organize jewelry, makeup, and other little items. They make great gifts for friends and family. They are one for \$15 or two for \$25. We are also going to be doing a 365 pay it forward program. Everyone can participate and keep Sphinx Court in a forward direction. The form below can either be mailed in or printed out and given to us at the next court meeting. We are also working on the Fry's food community service card. Fry's grocery stores have club cards that you can register Sphinx court to receive money for community rewards.

365 Pay it Forward program

Your Name: _____

If you would like to dedicate your donation in the name of an individual please put their name here: _____

Dollar amount: _____



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SEPTEMBER—2019

9/4 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
9/6-8 Shrine Circus, West World
9/12 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm
9/12-14 WAOUM—Anchorage, AK
9/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
9/21 Membership Tea
9/23 Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm
9/25 PHP Club Meeting, 7pm

OCTOBER —2019

10/2 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
10/7 GHP Official Visit, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting, 7pm
10/8 GHP in Phoenix
10/10 Clown Unit OV, 7pm
10/15 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
10/19 Travel Fund Steak Fry, 5:30pm
2230 E. Whitten St., Chandler