



Janet Massey
High Priestess

Arinda K. Curry
Recorder



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 Everyone,

And we are back from a long hot summer. Our Grand High Priestess official visit is right around the corner. The visit will be on 7 Oct at 7pm. The Court will be taking her out to dinner on 8 Oct. We are going



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to go to AppleBee's at 6pm and the address is 2547 N 44th St, Phoenix, AZ. Please come and have dinner with the Court and your Grand Officer. The Steak Fry is scheduled for October 19th. Can't wait to see the silent auction wreaths. We have a lot of official visits in the month of November. I hope to see all of you at all of them. The Directors Staff OV is [on 6 Nov 19](#), the Clowns OV is [on 14 Nov 19](#), and the Past High Priestess OV is [on 20 Nov 19](#). The FEZtival of Trees is on [16-17 Nov19](#). and Sphinx Court will have a booth. The chairman is Marcia Cherry if you have an handcrafted item you want to sell please let her know. The ceremonial is [on 23 Nov 19](#) it's [at 9:00am](#). The men are also having a Ceremonial [on 2 Nov 19](#). It's open to the public and the ladies are more than welcome to watch. They do a poem "My Old Red Fez." . Every time I have seen it Leo Balthazor has done it. It's one of my favorite things to watch. I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events. If you need anything from me please let me know.

Owl be seeing you,

Lady Janet Massey

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

Creed: KISS—Keep it Simple and Sensible!

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Howdy Ladies, Well the weather is finally changing!! What a great turn out for the Tea. We had 5 petitions. The Circus and CornFest were great. Looking forward to the Steak Fry Travel Fund Raiser on Saturday October 19th. Our Grand High Priestess Lady Linda Stone will be here on October 7th. Ladies please try and come out, show our Lady Janet some support and lets show our GHP how united Sphinx Court is. Ceremonial is November 23th! Not much for traveling this year. I will start looking at flights after Christmas for Grand Council. I'll say it again ladies.....please come and check out the Clubs & Units, that is the best way to get to know your sisters. I hope you all have a safe and Happy Halloween! If you need me, give me a call or send an email!

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

Lady Debbie Jones

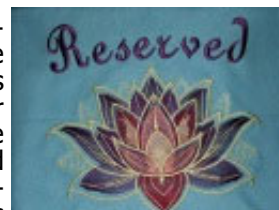
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Associate Princess

It was wonderful to see everyone at Court in September. It was a long, dry, hot summer! The break is nice, but I was certainly glad to get back to business. I missed seeing everyone.

Thank you to the Ladies of the Court for the wonderful response to my Reserved embroidered napkins fundraiser for the Court hospital project. The embroidery is beautiful, thanks to Lady Holly Nicholls-Swartzel. The Reserved napkin is \$20, but if you choose to add your name or court, the cost is \$25. I have white and a small selection of colors. The picture does not show the true colors of the embroidery because it is a dark background and printed in black and white! You'll have to take my word for it, but it is a gorgeous lotus flower. I also have white flour sack dish towels



that have a beautiful pink lotus on them. The cost is \$10 and they will make lovely remembrance gifts. Please contact me if you would like to purchase one. The holidays are close!

We have collected almost \$1,700 towards our Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning project for the Salt Lake Hospital. I do hope you'll consider a donation to this project which will go directly to assist the kids! Donations may be sent to our Recorder, Lady Linda Curry, or to me. Please mark in the memo line that it is for the Court Hospital Project. Thank you for your support!

At my station this fall, we will have a Christmas card to sign for a donation to the Court hospital project in lieu of gifts. If you would like to participate, and won't be in Court before the holiday, please contact me and I'll get you placed on it. Best wishes to all who are under the weather and happy healing thoughts!

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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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.

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Officers' Offerings

Recorder

ROSTER CHANGES

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 Vanessa Wisneski, 840 N Acacia, Mesa, AZ 85213-5902
 Beverly Houser – need address

*****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

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



First Ceremonial Lady

Happy fall to everyone!

I want to report that I mailed 30 letters and emailed 14 other ladies that had shown interest in our organization. We had a showing of 7 ladies at the membership tea, of which most of them submitted their applications which were read at the meeting Monday night. Our ceremonial will be on November 23, and the meal will be Chicken Marsala with rice and green beans (sorry Jane), with Lemon Bars for dessert. The cost will be \$15.00 for the lunch. Reservations are to be made with me, not Maria. Please be sure to get them in to me as this is not part of the permanent list, so it is not assumed you will be there. Reservations ARE a must.

Thank you to the ladies that gave me names for the tea, keep up the good work. As the current Potentate states; if just one brings in just one, imagine how our organization will grow. You never know who might be interested, but just hasn't mentioned it. Speaking from experience, this just happened to me the other night when talking about the tea to friends. Who would be your 'one'? Looking forward to seeing everyone and getting the year in the books

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Welcome back everyone! It's been great catching up over the last few weeks. Dinner reservations for the upcoming GHP Official Visit, October 7th were due by Sunday, 9/29. Cost is \$12 and we are having salad, ham, scalloped potatoes, a veggie and dessert. Hope to see you there!!! REMEMBER to RSVP to Lady Kathy Kelley for the November 23rd Ceremonial. Reservations are a MUST!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady - Elect

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Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Hi everyone! The Director Staff is busy getting ready for the Travel Fund Steak Fry, planned for October 19th. We need your help! Have you bought your ticket yet? We need to have reservations in by October 10th. Call Judy Lough at 602-828-8555 or email her at jlough@cox.net as soon as possible to make your reservation! Get out your country duds and come over to Mimi Bohlman's back yard for some steak with all the fixin's. The fun starts at 5:30pm and is just \$25 per person. Check out the flyer for more details.

Our next meeting will held on Wednesday, November 6th and it's our Official visit with our High Priestess, Lady Janet Massey! Everyone is welcome to attend. We'll be meeting for dinner at 5:30pm in the Red Fez Room and the meeting starts at 7pm. Let's have a great showing for our HP!

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
Assistant Chief**

Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting will be November 22 at 6:30 pm at El Zaribah shrine. Please wear comfortable shoes as we will also be setting up the stage for the Ceremonial the next day. The next court meeting on October 7th will be our court OV. We will NOT be meeting in the auditorium, so it will be easier for everyone to hear. Let's have a great turnout for Lady Janet. The travel unit's fundraiser Steak Fry will be on October 19 at PHP Mimi Bohlman's house. The Shrine FEZtival of Trees is on November 16 and 17 and the Court will have a booth there, so mark your calendars. Be safe and looking forward to getting busy again.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

Sphinx Patrol

The next meeting of Sphinx Patrol will be on Tuesday, October 15th. We will be meeting for dinner in the Red Fez Room at 5:30pm, marching practice starts at 6:30pm and everyone can join in. Our meeting starts at 7pm. If you haven't joined a unit yet, we hope you will come down and check us out!

On Saturday, November 30th, we will be joining the Clowns in Florence, AZ, for the Jr. Parada Parade. This is a fun day that starts with the Parade at 10am. We march down Main Street (just a few blocks) and then on to lunch at the Mt. Athos Restaurant in town. If you want to join us, wear black pants, a white blouse, good walking shoes, the Court Vest (if you have one) and don't forget your FEZ! If you want to stay for lunch, please call me!

Lady Karen MacDougall, Captain



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
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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

Those of us who went to WAOUM had a terrific time. The weather was unusually warm (60s during the day) for this time of year. Fun Night was, well, fun! Our high Priestess, Lady Janet, was one of the dance contest winners.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 20th place to be determined. This will be our HPOV & her line officers are invited. So bring your questions & we'll have answers.

Our project, Fill a Purse & Shaving Kits for men is underway. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you have an old purse or shaving kit, you can fill them with toiletries, makeup, tissues, safety razors, etc. Please, no money or feminine hygiene products. If you don't have a purse or shaving kit, the items can be donated & we will fill the purses. Our PHPs, Ladies Iris Colbert & Trish Whalen are co-chairing this project. The cut off date will be Saturday November 23, 2019, which is the Fall Ceremonial.

Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President



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: There isn't much to report at this time from the Greeters. We are working on completing our unit uniforms. When they are all made, our active members will each have a purple unit vest which will coordinate with our lilac tops – can you tell purple is our color?

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 9th, place TBD. Please join us, all are welcome!

Reminder: see me if you would like to order either a magnetic name tag or a unit drop down. Name tags are \$12.00 and drop downs are \$6.00.

We are all looking forward to the Grand High's Official Visit on October 7th.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Clowns

Well we have come back from a fun filled and busy summer. Now's it time to start digging out the decorations and planning for a new year. Thank you to the ladies that attended WAOUM, not too many of us could attend but we were all happy to hear the stories and see pictures. We welcomed our newest clown, Firecracker (aka Ramona Cantrell) to our unit in September.

If there are any ladies that are wanting to attend our next meeting, it has been moved to October 24th, dinner at 5:30 in the Red Fez Room and the meeting starting at 7pm. We encourage all the new ladies to attend unit meetings to see if that's where they would like to be involved. The units are REALLY where the FUN happens.

The Lady Clowns are looking forward to our OV with HP Janet on November 14th. And also in November, we plan on walking in the Florence Parade on the 30th. This event is open to ALL the ladies and if you would like to participate contact Lady Marsha Young to let her know you can attend.

December brings us many Christmas parties and the Clowns have decided to have one on December 13th - this may be a joint party with the men. More details to follow next month. Wishing everyone good health, happiness & joy!

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

Committee Reports

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

9/14—Linda DuBois, PHP—having eye issues
 9/15—Mary Ann Linberg—corneal transplant in August and recovering at home

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.



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



Welcome to
 Lady Linda Stone, GHP!

We hope you enjoy your
 visit with
 Sphinx Court #65.

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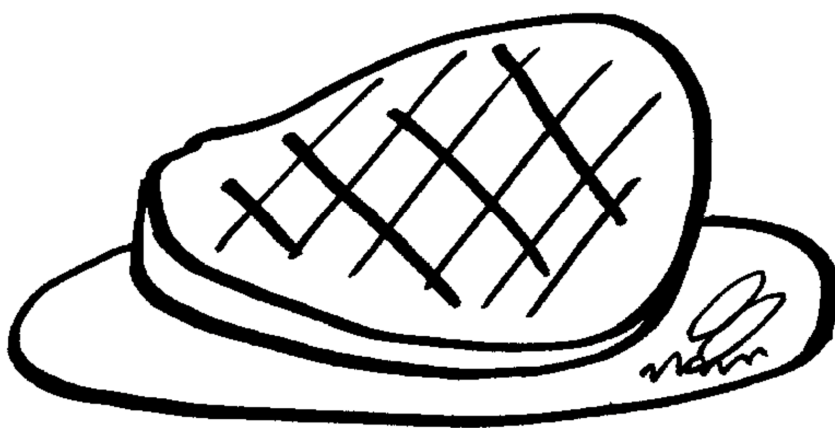


Travel Fund Steak Fry

Saturday, October 19th

2230 E. Whitten St.

Chandler 85225



\$25 per person*

5:30 pm- Social Hour

6:30 pm- Dinner



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***Not Tax Deductible**

TRAVEL FUND UPDATE!

Thank you to everyone that made our Pampered Chef Online party a success! We brought in \$287.13.

We need your support again to make our Steak Fry a success. Please make reservations by October 10th with Judy Lough by emailing her at jlough@cox.net or call her at 602-828-8555. Remember, anyone can attend, so invite your neighbors, family, and friends!

SPHINX COURT #65 WAYS and MEANS

The Holidays are upon us girls. We have gift items for you: Organizers to hold gift cards, jewelry items, change on your dresser, just anything you want to hold.

Then we have opportunities on \$500.00, why not spend \$20.00 and hang 5 tickets on your tree or put it into the Organizer as a gift.

Also don't forget 365pay it forward. Dedicate your donation in someone's memory, or someone's name just because. It can be in any amount you choose.

See Dorothy Mather, Lou Ann Speas, and Ramona Cantrell.

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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Calendar of Events for 2019 UPDATED September 30, 2019

OCTOBER –2019

10/2 Director Staff Unit Meeting, 7pm
10/7 GHP Official Visit, Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting, 7pm
10/8 GHP Dinner at AppleBee's, 6pm
2547 N 44th St, Phoenix
10/15 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
10/19 Travel Fund Steak Fry, 5:30pm
2230 E. Whitten St., Chandler
10/24 Clowns Unit Meeting, 7pm

NOVEMBER—2019

11/06 Director Staff Official Visit, 7pm
11/09 Greeters Unit Meeting,
Place and Time TBD
11/14 Clown Unit Official Visit, 7pm
11/16-17 FEZtival of Trees Event, 10am-4pm
11/20 PHP Club Official Visit, 7pm TBD
11/22 Ceremonial Pageantry Unit
Meeting and Setup, 6:30pm
11/23 Ceremonial Meeting, 9:00am
Luncheon to follow