



*Janet Massey*  
High Priestess

*Janice K. Curry*  
Recorder



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
November 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,

Thank you everyone for coming to the Grand High Priestess official visit. Lady Lynda Stone had a great time here and so did Lady Linda Figler. The GHP is definitely coming back and wants to go to the Grand



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Canyon. She even signed a petition for a potential new member. We also got an opportunity to look at the hotel where Grand Council is going to be held next year in Tucson in 2021. It's a beautiful facility I hope you can join us. We have a lot of things coming up in November. We have the Director's Staff Unit official visit on the 6th. We have the Clown Unit official visit on the 14th and the Past High Priestess Unit official visit on the 20th. We've been having such beautiful weather it's hard to resist staying outside and enjoying all of Arizona. But please remember that even though it's cool out side please drink water and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you all at the Ceremonial on November 23. Please remember that if you are unable to attend please reach out to one of the line officers and let us know so that we can get a pro tem for you. We are also doing the drawing for the opportunity for \$500. So you can have a last chance for some Holiday money. The Christmas Party for the Court is coming up on December 6th. We will be putting out another notice with information about the meal soon. The cost is \$15/adults and \$10/kids 12 and under. Please get your RSVPs in by November 29th to Lady Nancy Beffel at 602-684-0007. If you need anything from me please let me know.

*Owl be seeing you,*

*Lady Janet Massey*

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

Creed: KISS—Keep it Simple and Sensible!

## Officers' Offerings



### Princess

Howdy Ladies, Happy Fall. I hope you had a howling good Halloween! What a great visit with our Grand High Priestess Lady Lynda Stone. I hope to see everyone at our Ceremonial on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to welcome our new members. We will be walking in the Florence Junior Parada Parade the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It would be so great to have big turn out from all the units! 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 wish for everyone a wonderful and peaceful Thanksgiving!

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

***Lady Debbie Jones***

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



### Associate Princess

I send my heartfelt thanks to the ladies who have supported the Court Hospital project by purchasing embroidered reserved napkins and tea towels. I wanted to try something new to assist in raising money for the Court hospital project of Mobility, Seating and Positioning at the Salt Lake City hospital, and so far it has been going very well.

The cost of the reserved seat cover is \$20 with \$15 going to the Court project and \$5 to the embroiderer, Lady Holly Nicholls-Swartzel, and if you have your name added the cost is \$25. Lady Holly spends 73 minutes on each lotus flower design for the napkins, so if you add your name, I am giving the additional \$5 back to Lady Holly to help defray her time and costs. I am so appreciative of all she has done for this project. There are several beautiful napkins still available, so let me know if you are interested in owning one. The tea towels are \$10 each with the entire amount going to the Court hospital project. I do hope you'll consider supporting the Court.

The station of Associate Princess remains a busy one where we are still collecting goods and merchandise for the hospital. We received six child-sized blankets at the last meeting, along with more underwear, stuffed animals, a puzzle and much more! Thank you, Ladies!

I would suggest presenting \$5 Walmart or Target gift cards for the holiday season. I can send them rapidly and cheaply and they always help the hospital. Let's make this a wonderful season for the kids.

Lady Janet and her officers did a great job at the Official Visit of the Grand High Priestess, Lady Lynda Stone. She is a delightful lady and I believe she enjoyed her time in Phoenix. We enjoyed a wonderful evening out with Lady Lynda at dinner the following night. We laughed a lot, learned a lot about her and she even signed a petition! I understand she'll be coming back when she has time to visit the Grand Canyon and other scenic areas of Arizona. It was nice to travel to Tucson to attend the OV of Oasis Court #75. Our sisters in service made us feel very welcome!

We have so many events coming up in November. November 2 is El Zaribah's ceremonial where we will have a table to introduce the new Nobles and their Ladies to LOS. November 16-17 we will have a craft table for the FEZtival of Trees fundraiser for the temple. November 30 the Clowns and Patrol are participating in the Florence Jr. Parada parade with lunch to follow! All Court members are invited to walk with us. Be at Heritage Park at 9:00 a.m., with kickoff at 10:00 a.m. If you want to join us for lunch at Mount Athos restaurant, please contact Karen MacDougall to be included in the head count.

Who knew? A recording of a camel's moan was slowed down and used as the sound of the tornado in the movie *Twister*.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

**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***

# Officers' Offerings

## Recorder

### **ROSTER CHANGES**

Connie Hudson, PO Box 2133, Scottsdale, AZ 85252-2133  
Sandy Greeneltch, 3512 E Virginia Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85008-1202

**\*\*\*\*\*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

Come one, come all to the Ceremonial and Luncheon on November 23 at the Shrine. We will have lunch after the Ceremonial that morning, which will be Chicken Marsala, with rice and green beans, and lemon bars for dessert. The cost of this lunch will be \$15.00 and reservations MUST be made with me, the standing dinner list is NOT for this event. Those are only for the court meetings. Email, call, or text me at as soon as possible. At the time that I am writing this, I only have 16 reservations. I know it is early, but I am required to have my final count into the Shrine by November 2 at the latest, so get your name into me.

We voted to have a table at the Holiday Shopping Expo at the Sun City Lodge on Saturday November 9 from 8am to 2pm. I am looking for assistance during the day for meeting and greeting ladies and talking about LOS, we will be also selling the opportunities for the court. Please let me know if you want to join me for the day, or even part of the day. There will be holiday shopping available, and hope to see you there.

**Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley**

**Phone: 480-797-9601, Email: kathy.kelley2@cox.net**



## Second Ceremonial Lady

I hope your fall is off to a great start! By the time you read this, I will have officially earned my road warrior badge. I will be in Poland for the last three weeks of October then home for a week before heading east again to spend a few weeks with my mom and sister in Boston. I look forward to seeing you all and initiating our new members at the Ceremonial in November.

Speaking of the Ceremonial, Lady Kathy Kelley will be coordinating the luncheon. Please RSVP to her directly. I will be coordinating the December 16th meeting dinner. We will be serving tortellini alfredo with chicken and broccoli, salad, garlic toasts and brownies for dessert. **RSVP by Sunday, December 8th** as I will be confirming our final number (the one we will be billed for and served) on December 9th.

Hope you had a Happy Halloween!

**Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady**

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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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## Unit and Club Happenings

### Director Staff

The Travel Fund Steak Fry was a great success, so thanks to all of you that made it a great success! Also a big shout out to Leo Balthazor, Don Lough, and Fred Hammer for making those delicious steaks and helping at the event.

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!

We are continuing with Travel Fund projects and currently are selling Village Inn Pie cards for the holidays. Get yours today! Cost is just \$15 and the cards do not expire. They make great gifts for anyone on your holiday list.

**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  
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com

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NO. 65**



Contact: Andie Lacombe  
602-329-2015  
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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

Aren't we loving this weather? Doors and windows open and fresh air flowing.

Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting will be on November 22 at 6:30pm at the Shrine, and the stage will be decorated that evening for the Ceremonial the following day. Mark your calendars and come and help with the setup for the Ceremonial on the 23rd.

The holidays are coming fast, take care of yourself so we can see you at our events.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**

### Sphinx Patrol

The next meeting of Sphinx Patrol will be on Tuesday, November 19th. 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. Anyone can 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 so I can include you in the reservations.

**Lady Karen MacDougall, Captain**



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



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

## Unit and Club Happenings

### PHP Club

Lady Janet, your GHP OV was a great success and now we're so looking forward to your OV with the PHP Club this month on November 20th. We are meeting at Garcia's Las Avenidas, 2212 N. 35th Avenue in Phoenix. Ladies on the Line, please bring your questions. We should know all the answers! LOL! A no host dinner starts at 5:30pm and the meeting is at 7pm. Don't miss out! Everyone should RSVP to Karen MacDougall, PHP—text or call 623-337-3226.

Ladies of the Court, any purses or shaving kits you have for "Fill the Purse" is due at our next Court Meeting on Saturday Nov. 23rd, which is our Ceremonial.

The Holidays are fast approaching! Everyone have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**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

Ladies: It's starting to cool down and we are finally able to turn off the a/c and open up the doors for some cool fresh air. We all had a great time with GHP Lady Lynda when we took her out to dinner and again when some of us traveled to Tucson for her OV with Oasis Court.

The next few months will be very busy with fund raising, FEZtival of Trees, Ceremonials, Thanksgiving, our LOS Christmas party and everything in between so stay healthy, drive carefully and get where you are going safely.

Our next Greeters meeting will be on Saturday, November 9 at 11:30am at Mimi's Café at 8980 E. Shea Blvd. Scottsdale. *Please join us...all are welcome!*

**Lady Andie Lacombe, President**

### Clowns

Happy Fall Y'ALL! The Clowns are excited and looking forward to our OV with Lady Janet (aka PJ) on November 7th. If any of the new ladies would like to come, this is a good meeting to attend! We would also like to welcome our NEWEST Clown, Giggles (Lady Connie) to the troupe. We are beyond excited to have two new faces joining our antics.

Save the Date - November 30th, the Clowns will be participating in the Florence Parade once again. It's an easy route and minimal walking. If you would like to join in lunch following the parade, let Lady Marsha Young know as we will need a headcount.

The years end is rapidly approaching and we are also looking forward to our combined Christmas Party with all the units on December 6th.

May everyone have a wonderful and delightful Thanksgiving!

**Lady Holly Nicholls-Sworzel  
Vice President**

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



## Committee Reports

### Membership @ 09-23-2019 240

Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-1
Suspended	-0

### Membership @ 10-07-2019 239

### TRAVEL FUND FUNDRAISERS

The Steak Fry was a success last month with over 60 in attendance. We had a lot of fun and raised a little money, too. A report will be coming at the next Court Meeting.

For the holidays we are selling Village Inn Pie cards for \$15 each. You can get yours from your Unit or call on any of the Director Staff before 11/20/19. We need to get the money back to Village Inn by the 21st and will start another round of cards for the end of the year. See our flyer later in the newsletter. These cards do not expire and make great gifts for your friends and anyone that has helped you out during the year.

Finally, be on the lookout for the details of our big party planned for Saturday, February 15th at the Shrine. We are looking for TALENT! That's right, we are having our own version of that great old classic THE GONG SHOW! A fun evening of food, friends and fantastic acts. So plan ahead, mark your calendar and practice up! Everyone is welcome to attend and show their talent, too.

### 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



### Past High Priestess Club

Honoring our Lady Janet Massey, HP at her Official Visit!

### Sunshine Report

9/30—Gwen Marino—passed  
10/21—Gloria Leppert—was in the hospital  
10/27—Carol Shepard, PHP—has been recovering from bad fall, fractured hip and shoulder

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.



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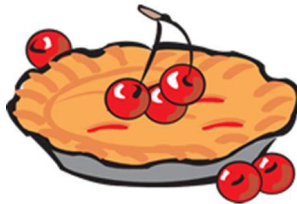
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## Sweet Returns

The ladies of Sphinx Court have joined with Village Inn to provide a delicious offer for the holidays. You can help the Sphinx Court Travel Fund and enjoy one of these award winning Village Inn whole pies:

- Cherry
  - French Silk
  - Coconut Cream
  - Country Apple
  - Lemon Meringue
  - Strawberry Rhubarb
  - Lemon Supreme
  - Triple Berry
  - Pecan (seasonal)
  - Pumpkin (seasonal)
- ⇒ Village Inn Pies are a treat for any occasion.
- ⇒ Cards may be redeemed at any participating Village Inn Restaurant.
- ⇒ They make great gifts for your family and friends.



\$15.00 per Card

Buys a delicious Village Inn Pie today!

### 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. They make great gifts for friends and family. They are one for \$15 or two for \$25.

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. The first drawing is coming up on November 23rd. We need to get out there and sell these tickets. We'll need your help on 11/9/19 at the Nile Holiday Expo and at the FEZtival of Trees on 11/16-11/17 to sell tickets.

Also don't forget 365 Pay It Forward. There are a lot of ladies in our court who would love to participate but due to various reasons they are unable to come out. This helps support our Court and keeps our wonderful organization alive. 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 October 27, 2019

### **NOVEMBER—2019**

11/02 El Zaribah Ceremonial—LOS Booth  
11/06 Director Staff Official Visit, 7pm  
11/09 Greeters Unit Meeting, 11:30am  
Mimi's Café at 8980 E. Shea Blvd.  
11/14 Clown Unit Official Visit, 7pm  
11/16-17 FEZtival of Trees Event, 10am-4pm  
11/20 PHP Club Official Visit, 7pm  
Garcia's Las Avenidas, dinner 5:30pm  
2212 W. 35th Avenue, Phoenix  
11/22 Ceremonial Pageantry Unit  
Meeting and Setup, 6:30pm  
**11/23 Ceremonial Meeting, 9:00am**  
Luncheon to follow  
11/30 Parade—Florence, AZ, 8:30am

### **DECEMBER—2019**

12/06 Court Holiday Party, 5:00pm  
RSVP to Nancy Beffel by 11/29  
**12/16 Court Meeting, 7:00pm**

### **JANUARY—2019**

01/09 Clown Meeting, 7pm  
01/21 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm  
**01/27 Court Meeting, 7pm**

### **FEBRUARY—2019**

**02/15 Travel Fund—GONG SHOW**  
Hold the date!