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High Priestess

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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
January 2020

Lady Lynda Stone - Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Laugh when you can, apologize when you should,

High Priestess

Hello Ladies,

I hope you've had a wonderful holiday season. With all the family and friends and celebrating all the holiday parties. I have been very busy since our last meeting. Bruce and I are settling in our new



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house. Oh by the way my last name is changed, we tied the knot. OK enough about me... LOL! We have lots of things coming up. On January 12th we have a day of "pampering for the ladies", yes it's a Sunday. On January 19th we have the membership Tea, yes that is a Sunday. Our monthly meeting will be on January 27th. We have our ceremonial on February 16, yes that's a Sunday. The Shrine is really busy on Saturday's. That's awesome that they are getting so many rentals. The Director Staff is having a fundraiser for the travel fund on March 8th (that's a Sunday). In March our monthly meeting will be on the 23rd and we are back to Monday. We have tickets for the opportunity to win \$500. The drawing will be at the March meeting. I hope to see you all at some if not all of the events that are coming up. If you have any questions or need anything from me please let me know.

Owl be seeing you!
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Officers' Offerings



Princess

Howdy Ladies,
Happy New Year!. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday enjoying friends and loved ones. It is hard to believe that 2019 is behind us already. We have a lot going on for the rest of the year. Please remember to help and participate with the Travel Fund activities. The Travel Fund helps all of us when we travel. Speaking of travel, for everyone going to Canada, flights are ranging from \$420.00 to \$600.00 on various airlines and arrival locations. Membership Tea is this month. Hopefully you got Lady Kathy a bunch of names! Membership is the key to our Court! Congratulations to our Lady Janet and her Wedding to her Noble Bruce! Again to our new Ladies, please come out and meet the ladies at our Units and Clubs. It truly is the best way to grow friendships and we always have a good time!

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

Lady Debbie Jones

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Associate Princess

Oh my, I woke up and suddenly it's 2020 already! Time is marching by...in double time! I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday season and that you were able to spend it with family and friends. I wish for every member a joyous, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

December was busy with Court activities between parties, Shrine activities and our Court meeting. Somehow our kind ladies also supported the hospital with generous donations. My station was gifted a knit ski cap, another Target gift card, a puzzle, pull tabs (or pop tarts...just ask me for the story), Panda toothbrushes, and four Squishmallow toys that were the hit of the evening and made my station very popular. The total of goods for the night was \$68.25. Cash donations included reserved napkins and many memorials for our dear Lady Dorothy Joerding, PHP, who passed away in December, and Lady Fern Livingston, PHP, who passed in November. Memorials were also given in honor of Nobles Fred Rogers and Dean Halling, and for Bill Magness, father of our Lady Donna DiCola. My deepest sympathies are extended to the families and my thanks to the members who recognize them with such generosity. A total of \$750 was received which brings our year-to-date total to \$4,876 for the Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning department at the Salt Lake City hospital. Thanks to all for your donations.

Who knew? The number of cricket chirps you count in a fifteen-second interval, plus 37, will tell you the current temperature. Who knew? The phrase *hanky panky* stems from the magician's practice of using a handkerchief in one hand to distract the audience from noticing what he is doing with the other.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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First Ceremonial Lady

Ladies, Ladies, I am working on the membership tea for January 19 at the Shrine. I already have received 3 RSVP's from the approx 45 letters sent out, in less than 24 hours. Hopefully the Ceremonial on February 16 will have a nice sized group of ladies. Please consider your neighbor or lunch group as you never know who might be interested in our organization. If everyone brought in just one person, we could double our membership overnight. Feel free to give anyone interested my name and number or email; 480-797-9601 or kathy.kelley2@cox.net.

The Ceremonial is on the calendar for the afternoon of **February 16** and I will be sending out information for the meal at a later date, but **remember, you will RSVP for that meal to me** and not to Maria Parrish. The standing dinner list is not used for this meal.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season and that the new year brings health and happiness to everyone.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and is ready for the start of a new year! Below are details on upcoming court meeting dinners:

- January 27th Court Meeting: **Reservations/Cancellations due by Sunday, January 19th.** Menu: Beef stroganoff with noodles, salad, dinner rolls and cobbler for dessert.
- February 16th Ceremonial: **Reservations to Kathy Kelley, 1st Ceremonial Lady**
- March 23rd Court Meeting: **Reservations/Cancellations due by Sunday, March 19th.** Menu: Turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, dinner rolls and dessert.

Thanks to everyone for RSVPing in a timely manner and letting me know if you're unable to attend. Given the stricter reservations policies and timelines, it really makes a difference. I'm also sure it will make things easier for our next 2nd Ceremonial Lady now that everyone is in the habit of RSVPing the Sunday a week prior to meetings.

I'm looking forward to all we will accomplish together in 2020!

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady

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Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Happy new Decade! I hope everyone had some fun with family and friends over the holidays. The Director Staff was busy the 5 days before Christmas wrapping gifts at our fund raiser for the year. It was a lot of fun and not too cold.

We would love to see our new members at our next meeting. We will be meeting on January 8th, since the 1st Wednesday of the month is a holiday. We'll also be at a restaurant in January. So meet us at 5:30pm for dinner at Mimi's Café, 8980 E Shea Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, and the meeting will follow at 7pm.

In February we will be back at the Shrine for a meeting and electing officers for the new year. Meet us for dinner at 5:30pm and a meeting at 7pm on February 5th.

Then on March 8th the Director Staff is having our final event for the Travel Fund. We invite you and your friends to attend the "Step Into Spring" Fashion Show and Luncheon. New Image Fashions will be here with lots of new resort wear for sale at the event. Please mark your calendars!

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP,
Assistant Chief

Ceremonial Pageantry

Seasons Greetings to everyone. Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting is on February 3rd with no host dinner at 5:30 and the meeting to follow. We will have our OV and election of officers at that meeting. Please join us. On February 14th, we will be meeting at Noon at the Shrine to set up the stage for the Ceremonial. The installation of Ceremonial Pageantry officers is on April 6th at the Shrine. Please mark your calendars.

Here is my hope for all to have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and joyous season greetings to all. May your new year be blessed with good health and happiness.

Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President

**Be A
Lady in Red
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Ceremonial Pageantry**



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Clowns like to smile,
We laugh all the while.
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GREETERS

**Court and Unit Name Tags
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Magnetic Name Tag - \$12.00
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Unit Bar - \$6.00**

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

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Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

Welcome 2020!!!

Our fill-A-Purse project was a success. We collected 38 purses & 3 men's ditty bags plus extra toiletries. Thanks to everyone who donated.

We're looking forward to the upcoming Membership Tea & Ceremonial.

Our next PHP meeting will be Feb. 26, 2020 at the Shrine Center. We will be having elections.

Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President



Past High Priestess Club

Happy New Year and Welcome to the next decade!!

Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on Tuesday, January 21st. We meet 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. We would love to see the new members this month. I hope you will come down and check us out!

Election of officers is coming up on February 18th. We will be looking for a new Captain, as I have other commitments next year. Please think about running for an office. It's not hard work and there is always someone that will help.

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Captain

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

Greeters Unit

Ladies - hope you all had a wonderful holiday and stayed healthy.

The next Greeters meeting will be on Saturday, February 1st at 11:30 a.m. at El-Zaribah Shrine. Hopefully we will have a good attendance as this will be our meeting for election of officers. Those of you who have been sitting on the sidelines for the past few years and new ladies please consider throwing your hat into the ring for one of the positions

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Clowns

Happy New Year and New Decade! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and is looking forward to what new, fun and exciting things, the New Year has in store for all to enjoy.

SHHH! Don't tell anyone, we had a slow start to the New Year and some much needed rest after the holiday hustle and bustle. We will be face-painting at the Amaranth Charity Car Show, February 1st from 9am—2pm in Mesa. We are also busy working on new face painting and clown make-up creations, and costumes and puppets for the many upcoming events.

Come and visit with us! Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month, No-Host Dinner before at 5:30 in the Red Fez Room and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Lady Mechelle Gains, President

Director Staff



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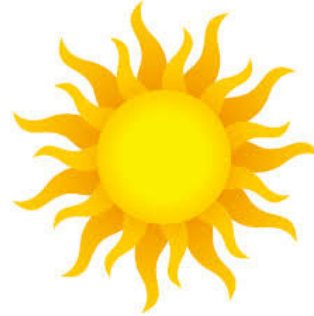
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 11-23-19	243
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-1
Suspended	-0
Membership @ 12-16-19	242



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TRAVEL FUND FUNDRAISERS

We have had a change in plans for our final Travel Fund Event. The date was changed to Sunday, March 8, 2020, and we will be having a Fashion Show and luncheon. Please see the flyer in this newsletter. New Image Fashions will be bringing us some beautiful outfits that we'll be able to purchase at the Show. We are planning a delicious luncheon and some fun and games too. So mark your calendars and don't miss this event!!

Sunshine Report

12/05—Lady Margaret Alexon—fell and broke her hip and was transferred to Center at Arrowhead in Glendale.

12/05—Lady Kate Kalmbach, Grand Associate Princess—her daughter Kay passed and her son, Jay had a stroke.

12/06—Lady Rosemary Bennet—had a stroke, was in the hospital and transferred to Glencroft Providence Place.

12/07—Lady Doris Miller's grandson—passed

12/08—Lady Carol Halling's husband, Dean—passed

12/13—Lady Mary Hammer's sister—passed.

12/28—Lady Doris Miller's Brother—passed

Ladies, Linda Curry, PHP, sends out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Karen MacDougall, PHP, is 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 members.



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STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON!

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Tickets are \$20 per person

Fashion Sales Start at 11:30 am

Lunchon Starts at 1:00pm

El Zaribah Shrine Center Auditorium

552 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ

Featuring new resort wear from :

New Image Fashions

- ◊ *Fashions On Sale at the Event!*
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Reservations Required—Call 623-337-3226 for Info



SPHINX COURT #65 WAYS and MEANS

We have another Opportunity to Own \$500, so get your tickets! Each Unit has tickets to sell and drawing will be on March 23 at our last Court meeting for the 2019/2020 year.

Don't forget we are having a "Pamper Me" fund raiser for the Court fundraiser on Sunday January 12th at Noon.

The 365 Pay It Forward is still going. Thanks to Marilyn Castleman, Janet Massey, Trudy Mullins, Callie Miller, Brenda Brown and Linda Curry for your donations to this program! We would also like to thank El Zaribah, Bernice Horn, Veronica Ann Reece, Beverly Lyndon and Barbara Cook for there donations this year. This helps support our Court and keeps our wonderful organization alive. There is still time to Pay it Forward.

Please see Dorothy Mather, Lou Ann Speas, and Ramona Cantrell about any of these fund raisers.

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: _____

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JANUARY—2020

01/08 Director Staff Meeting, 5:30pm
Mimi's Café at 8980 E. Shea Blvd.
01/09 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm
01/12 Afternoon of Pampering, 1pm
01/19 Membership Tea, Noon
01/21 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
01/27 Court Meeting, 7pm

FEBRUARY—2020

02/01 Greeters Unit Mtg/Elections, 11:30am
02/03 Ceremonial Pageantry OV and
Elections, 6:30pm
02/05 Directory Staff Mtg/Elections, 7pm
02/13 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm

FEBRUARY (cont.)—2020

02/14 Ceremonial Pageantry Setup, 2:00pm
02/16 Ceremonial & Elections, 3pm
02/18 Sphinx Patrol Mtg/Elections, 7pm

MARCH—2020

03/04 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
**03/08 Travel Fund, Step Into Spring
Fashion Show, 11:30am**
03/12 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm
03/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
03/23 Court Meeting, 7pm
03/29 LOS Officer Installation, 2pm