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High Priestess

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# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
February 2020

Lady Lynda Stone - Grand High Priestess

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

### **High Priestess**

Hello Ladies,

We had such a fun meeting in January. If you weren't there sorry you missed out on the fun. I think I'm going to ask Linda Curry to go on the road with me as a comedy act. We voted on five new candidates to



become members of our organization and we will have our Ceremonial on February 16th at 3 PM. At February's meeting it will be a little bit long because we have a Ceremonial and Election of Officers. After the meeting we will have dinner. Please make sure you make your reservations with Kathy Kelley. Please come out and show your support for the line officers, cast your vote and find out who our new Second Ceremonial lady will be.

We have a Paint and Sip fundraiser on February 21st. The social hour starts at 5 PM and the painting starts at 6 PM. Also please put on your calendar March's meeting which will be March 23rd at 7pm. We will be honoring the past High Priestesses with a special presentation. We will also be drawing the opportunity to win \$500 so buy your tickets.

There is new information regarding the hotel in Canada for Grand Council in May. If you need to get the information please reach out to one of the line officers, or unit leaders and we will get you that information.

Thank you for all of the well wishes and congratulations for myself and my new husband. If you need anything from me please feel free to reach out to me.

***Owl be seeing you!***

***Lady Janet LaBell***

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## Officers' Offerings



### Princess

Howdy Ladies,

I hope January was good to you. So busy with everything! Congratulations to Lady Kathy Kelley for a successful Tea. It should be a great Ceremonial. The Paint & Sip Party on February 21<sup>st</sup> should be a great time whether you paint or not. Just come down and enjoy the company. Elections are this month! Think about a candidate for the Second Ceremonial Chair and be ready to nominate. And don't forget the Fashion Show coming up on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to join in and help raise money for the Travel Fund. Remember the Travel Fund helps all of us when we travel. Speaking of travel, for everyone going to Canada, flights are ranging from \$460.00 to \$600.00 on various airlines and arrival locations. Until next time...

***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

The membership tea is now a memory and we are preparing for Ceremonial on February 16 at 3:00 pm. It is always exciting to welcome new members and watch our Court grow, but with new members also comes responsibility on the part of every member to aid our newer members with the nuances of our ceremonies. A welcoming smile and greeting are good for any of our members. I am proud to be a part of Sphinx Court and I hope you are, too!

Our Court Hospital Project advanced towards our goal at the January Court meeting. The ladies were extremely generous with cash donations given in memory of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady's mom, Laura Sobol, Lady Mary Hammer's sister, Lady Dorothy Joerding, PHP, and Lou Camilli. We also sold more of the beautiful reserved napkins and tea towels. I had received 77 pounds of pull tabs, so I turned them in to a recycler for \$26.95 for the project. The total amount received at the meeting was \$506.95, which now leaves us about \$617 from our \$6,000 goal. Thank you, Ladies, for your generosity!

We also received in-kind goods totaling \$419. At the El Zaribah Temple Guard Christmas party, Lady Marcia Cherry had the members bring socks for the kids. She presented 140 pairs of socks, along with 14 pairs of girls' panties! Way to go, Marcia and the Temple Guard!! Crocheted and knitted items were received from the Tempe Needlewielders via Lady Dennise Dunaway. This group of hand-crafters donate to various charities in the area. Other miscellaneous items were also received. So much love to the rescue in our Court!

Who knew? When the gray exterior of the Presidential Mansion was painted white to cover the fire damage caused by British Forces in the War of 1812, the change in color brought along a change in the name: The White House!

Who knew? "Avon" comes from Stratford-on-Avon, since it was volumes of Shakespeare that company founder David McConnell first sold door-to-door. However, when the complimentary vial of perfume he gave away to each housewife proved more popular than the books, a cosmetics company was born.

**Live** every moment, **Laugh** every day, and **Love** beyond words  
***Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,***  
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# Officers' Offerings

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\*\*\*\*\*2020 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2020\*\*\*\*\***

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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**

A very prosperous New Year to you all:

Where does the time go? 2020 is here and we are preparing for our second Ceremonial. I hope everyone that attended the Tea enjoyed my twist on our 'way we always did it'. The next Court Ceremonial is February 16 at 3 pm. Dinner will be served afterwards for \$15.00. We will be having Fried Chicken (I have heard it is delicious), mashed potatoes and corn, salad and rolls, with Cherry Cobbler for dessert.

Remember, I will be handling the reservations for the dinner and the standing list does not apply. Reservations must be in to me no later than February 9, so I can give my final count to the office on Monday. You can reach me by email at [Kathy.kelley2@cox.net](mailto:Kathy.kelley2@cox.net); or call, text or leave a voice mail message at 480-797-9601.

Thank you to all that helped me Sunday at the Tea. I couldn't have gotten everything in place without all of your help, both before and after. Bear Hugs to you All! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Court meeting.

**Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley**

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## **Second Ceremonial Lady**

It's hard to believe that our year will be wrapping up soon. The March meeting dinner is the last one that I'll be coordinating as your 2<sup>nd</sup> CL. The menu is taco salad. Permanent list opt outs and RSVPs are due to me by Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning to attend dinner after the February Ceremonial, please RSVP to Lady Kathy Kelley as the permanent list does not apply.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers over the past few months. Your outpouring of kindness and sympathy during this difficult time were greatly appreciated.

**Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady**

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### **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

### **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

It's February and time for Election of Officers! Director Staff is looking for some new faces to fill a couple of spots. Please come out and support your Unit. We will also be honoring our Past Chiefs at this month's meeting. So, join us for dinner in the Red Fez room at 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 7pm on Wednesday, February 5th.

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 and get your tickets. They are just \$20 and include a nice luncheon. Fashions go on sale at 11:30am with lunch and the show to follow.

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

## Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry's next meeting is on February 3, 2020, and will be the Official Visit of HP Lady Janet LaBell. This meeting will also be election of new officers. The meeting will start at 6:30pm at the Shrine. We usually meet before for a no-host dinner in the Red Fez room.

Also, please mark your calendar for the Court Ceremonial on February 16 at 3:00 pm. Dinner will be afterwards, and see Kathy Kelley for those reservations. Those that are available to help we will be meeting at the Shrine on Friday, February 14th between 2 and 3 pm to set up the stage. Check out this issue for the upcoming dates for Court elections; Court Installation of officers and of course Grand Council in Canada. Hope to see you at these events.

**Lady Kathy Kelley, Vice President**

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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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**  
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**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.

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# Unit and Club Happenings

## PHP Club

The next meeting for the PHP Club is Wednesday 2/26/2020 at the El Zaribah Shrine Center at 7:00PM. Dinner is at 5:30 PM. The Men's Director's Staff cooks dinner, so I'll need a head count by Wednesday 2/19/20. As yet I don't know the menu. Also, it is election night. See you there.

***Lady Gina Baird, PHP, President***



## Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be honoring our High Priestess, Lady Janet LaBell, at our meeting on February 18th. Election of Officers is also taking place, so we hope to have a big crowd! Join us for dinner in the Red Fez Room at 5:30pm. We'll be practicing at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

We have a new member, Lady Stephanie Goss, who joined us last month. Welcome!! If you haven't joined a unit yet, come out and check us out! We have a lot of fun and get a little exercise thrown in.

***Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Captain***



## Greeters Unit

Ladies: Hope you are staying healthy with all the bugs going around. The next Greeters meeting will be our Installation of Officers and our High Priestess's official visit on Saturday, April 4th, place TBD. Please plan to join us.

***Lady Andie Lacombe, President***

## Clowns

Howdy Ladies! We hope that everyone is getting back to normal life now that the holidays are over! The lady clowns are getting back on track with our projects, face painting events and even a new skit for Grand Council...practice, practice and more practice!

If any of the new ladies would like to see what we are about, please join us for a no-host dinner February 13th in the Red Fez Room starting at 5:30 PM and then join us for our unit meeting to follow at 7:00 PM. We are a fun group of ladies that love to laugh and raise money for a common goal.

Happy Valentines Day to you each and every one of you!

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

## **SPHINX PATROL**



**Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00**

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

## **Director Staff**

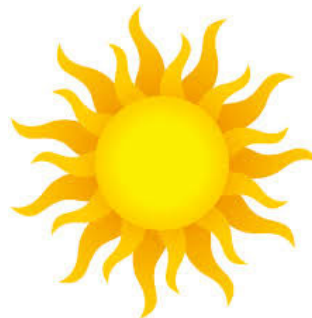
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## Committee Reports

<b>Membership @ 12-16-19</b>	<b>242</b>
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0
<b>Membership @ 01-27-20</b>	<b>242</b>



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### Sunshine Report

01/01—Lady Nonnie Carter, PHP—in hospital getting a pacemaker.

01/11—Lady Maria Parrish, 2nd CL—her mother passed.

01/17—Lady Mary Hammer, PHP—husband Fred in the hospital.

01/30—Lady Rosemary Bennet—has been moved to a residential assisted care home.

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 :*

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- ◊ *Fashions On Sale at the Event!*
- ◊ *Yummy Luncheon and Games & Prizes!*

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### **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.

Our last event of the year is a Paint and Sip Party on February 21st. Tickets are \$25 for food, sip and paint or \$20 if you just want to come for the food and sip with your friends. This should be fun... you never know what you'll end up with at the end of the party.

The 365 Pay It Forward is still going. Donations help 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Calendar of Events for 2020 — UPDATED January 31, 2020

### 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  
02/11 Ceremonial Practice/Mtg, 5:30pm  
02/13 Clown Unit Meeting, 7pm  
02/14 Ceremonial Pageantry Setup, 2:00pm  
**02/16 Ceremonial & Elections, 3pm**  
02/18 Sphinx Patrol OV/Elections, 7pm  
**02/21 Paint & Sip** Court Fundraiser, 5pm  
02/26 PHP Club Mtg/Elections, 7pm

### MARCH —2020 Cont.

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  
03/22 LOS Court Installation Practice, Noon  
**03/23 Court Meeting, 7pm**  
**03/29 LOS Officer Installation, 2pm**

### APRIL—2020

04/01 Director Staff Mtg/Installation, 7pm  
04/04 Greeters OV/Installation, TBD  
04/09 Clown Unit Mtg/Installation, 7pm  
04/21 Sphinx Patrol, Mtg/Installation, 7pm  
**04/27 Court Meeting, 7pm**