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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona

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Lady Lynda Stone - Grand High Priestess

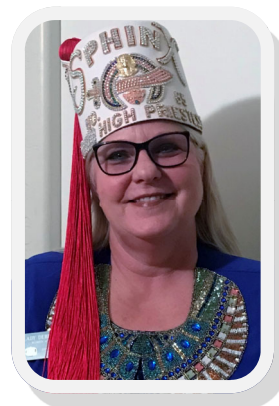
Motto: "Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, let go of what you cannot change."

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High Priestess

WOW.....Hello my beautiful ladies! What can I say about this year? Needless to say it has been hard, scary and trying. I want to thank Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP, for being my Installing Officer and congratulate all the new Officers. It was a wonderful installation. I want to also



thank Lady Janet LaBell, JPHP, for getting us on the base with a beautiful area to have our installation.

Ladies, I know we are all getting restless and soon we will be back to normal. Installations for all the Units and clubs will be in September and I can't wait to see everyone and congratulate all the new officers. We have a few ways to help while we are dark, so please make sure you read the WAYS AND MEANS section.

Thank you to all the ladies who ordered a foundation shirt. If we can, the Grand body wants a group picture with us in our shirts. If we can't get together, I will have everyone send me a picture in their shirt and I will make a collage and send it.

We will be doing a full audit of the Court books and all the Club and Unit Books 8/13 thru 8/16. All books need to be dropped off to me by August 10th. I will be at the Shrine from 3-5pm. Please let me know when you will arrive, or you can reach out to me to make other arrangements. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

We will not be having an Official Visit from the Grand Deputy for their safety and the uncertainty of the COVID-19 Virus. The letter from the Grand body was sent out in the Chatter Update. Should you have any questions please let me know.

You should have all received information about our Western Area Meet in Tucson in October. I can't tell you how happy I am that this is happening!!! I can't wait to see all the Units perform. This will be an extra special gathering since everything else has been cancelled!

I am also thinking about having a party/picnic or something to celebrate all the new officers and basically a welcome back get together. More to come with that.

Thank you for all the cards, text messages and emails from everyone. This is not how I wanted my year to start off but it is definitely one for the books and will not soon be forgotten. Please continue to stay safe! I am here for you all so please don't hesitate to reach out to me.



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Officers' Offerings



Princess

It appears my duties as Princess as the Court travel seeker will be an easy task this year since both Western Area Organized Unit Meet in 2020 and Grand Council in May of 2021 are to be held in Tucson. Maybe I will be carpool organizer instead!

I sincerely hope everyone has remained healthy and safe during the last months. I miss seeing everyone but understand what must be done to keep us all well.

I have an update on the Court Hospital Project which was just completed in March. Lady Linda Curry, PHP, our efficient Recorder, has received several donations directly since we weren't able to meet in March. Donations were received from Director Staff and Clown Unit; Lady Mimi Bohlman, in memory of all who have passed in 2019-2020; Ladies Debbie McKelvey and Linda Curry in memory of Lady Geniece Carroll and Larry Tice, husband of our Lady Sue Tice, PHP. There was also an expense of \$279.85 which was for shipping of goods in 2018-2019 that came in after the end of the last fiscal year causing it to be deducted from this year's proceeds. All of this said, I am proud to announce that Lady Linda sent a check to Grand Council in the amount of \$6,659.05 for the Salt Lake City Hospital Wheelchair, Seating and Positioning program. Well done, Ladies! Thank you so much for supporting this project. Your generosity warms my heart and I appreciate every pull tab, sock, blanket, toy, and t-shirt that were also given. Thank YOU!

The Lotus flower picture above was taken by my daughter-in-law, Cynthia Young, in Boston at a pond in a business center's courtyard. She had it mounted on glass for me and it is incredibly special as my class is the Caring Lotus Ladies. The Lotus flower is, as we are taught, regarded in many different cultures, especially in eastern religions, as a symbol of purity, enlightenment, self-regeneration and rebirth. Its characteristics are a perfect analogy for the human condition: even when its roots are in the dirtiest waters, the Lotus produces the most beautiful flower. I believe we are now in a pond of dirty water, but we will come out the other side as beautiful as our treasured Lotus flower.

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

Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,

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Recorder

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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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Officers' Offerings

Associate Princess



Hello all my quarantine buddies! I hope everyone is healthy at home and have everything they need to keep safe. Please reach out to me if you have need. I will do everything I can to assist you.

I want to thank the court for electing me to Associate Princess. I enjoyed my time as your 1st Ceremonial Lady; getting to talk to many potential and new members.

I have chosen our court project for the year 2020-2021 from the Spokane Hospital. It is their motion analysis program. This is a 2-3 hours movement study that uses advanced computer technology and therapy. This study provides helpful information to guide the course of treatment for appx 200 children every year. The cost of this study is \$1,550.00 per study. I would love to be able to provide for at least 3 children this year.

There is a YouTube video you can watch that shows what each child goes through and learn more about it. On your phone, tablet or computer; open YouTube and enter "Spokane Shriner's Hospital Movement Analysis Lab", then you can watch the video. This program helps recognize orthopedic and other issues. Part of this study includes 3-D motion capture, oxygen use, and foot pressure.

During this unique time of our lives, the hospitals are restricting donated items, the current list from Salt Lake is: gift cards; dolls/super hero figures; toy cars and trucks; play-doh sets; coloring books, colored pencils, markers, and crayons; toys for infants and toddlers; video games for X-box or Wii; new release DVDs; Legos; and blue-tooth speakers and headphones. You may have noticed that blankets and other soft goods are missing from this list. At this time, they are not accepting these, so we are not collecting these for the hospitals until they inform me differently.

The Spokane hospital is also in need of face masks. They have sent me patterns and instructions for making face masks. Please contact me if you would like to make some and I will send you the details.

Sorry for the length of this article, but, I wanted everyone to know what we are collecting for this year even though we don't know when we will be able to meet in person. Take care and sending you all a 'virtual' hug. You are all in my thoughts.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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First Ceremonial Lady

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As I'm sure you can relate, these past few months have been challenging. I'm fortunate to be working remotely and my daughter is finishing up her first year of college from home. Steve's business is shut down but with luck will be able to reopen with additional precautions in the near future.

As 1st CL, I was looking forward to hosting a Membership Tea in April and having Ceremonial in early May. That obviously didn't happen so we are going to need to work extra hard to make the fall tea and ceremonial a success. If there is anyone who you'd like to add to my list for invitations please let me know.

I look forward to being able to get together again soon. I'm ready to get out of the house, hear your quarantine stories and have some fun. Until then, stay safe, stay healthy and stay strong.

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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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

Officers' Offerings



Second Ceremonial Lady

Being elected as Second Ceremonial Lady was such an honor. I am looking forward to begin this very special journey with such a wonderful group of ladies. This year has started with so many firsts; Coronavirus Pandemic, TP shortage, staying 6 apart of each other just to name a few. Yet we are staying safe and learning to depend on each other.

When our meetings start back up, if you would like to be on the standing dinner list, please contact me. RSVPs are due at least a week before our next meeting. We are planning to have taco salad. I will be sending out reminders.

Maria has already been a great help. She has made this station look easy. My respect for all she has done in this station has grown.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
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Unit and Club Happenings

Greeters Unit

Ladies: Hope this finds you healthy and taking the necessary precautions to remain healthy. I don't know about you ladies but I am tired of only looking at one person and I am looking forward to getting out of the house and becoming socially active in LOS once again. The only good thing that has come from not being able to go anywhere was not having to fill my gas tank. I have only had to fill it once since the "stay at home" proclamation from the Governor and that has saved me \$\$\$\$\$.

Our installation of officers was originally scheduled for April 4th but had to be rescheduled. So, we will have that ceremony and Lady Debbie's Official Visit at our next Greeters meeting which is scheduled, for now, to be on Saturday, September 5th at 11:30 am - place TBD. Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP will be our installing officer and will, as always, do a wonderful job! Hope you can join us!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
 Stabilizers \$8
 Can Cozies \$3
 Ginny Fain

PHP Club

What an interesting year we are going to have!! All the leaders have been installed, however, we still have the other officers to be installed. As of this writing the May meeting for the Past High Priestess Club will not happen and we will hopefully meet in September and start our year at that time. In the meantime, stay home, stay safe, and stay healthy. I hope you all have a nice summer and we will see you in September.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President



Past High Priestess Club

Congratulations to our new Officers of Sphinx Court!!!

Clowns

Our May 14th Clown Meeting has been canceled. We will keep you posted on Summer 2020 Activities.

We would like to have our Installation of Officers on September 10th (if all goes well).

Congratulations to our new Sphinx Court #65 HP Debbie Jones!

Take care, keep safe and well everybody.

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Spring has arrived! The winds are here, and the days are quickly heating up...Summer is on the horizon.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers and unit leaders. We look forward to kicking off a fun term once we can gather safely. Quick update, the May unit meeting has been cancelled. We are however, looking forward to our first meeting of the term and the Installation of Officers, September 2nd. Also, if conditions allow gatherings, over the summer, we will be starting our blanket making project again, along with dance practice. Be on the lookout for updates through email or the Cactus Chatter update.

Everyone stay safe and healthy, and make the most out of your summer. See you soon.

Lady Mechelle Gaines, 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
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SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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



Contact LADY JANE SHELDON
480-710-5975

Ceremonial Pageantry

Hello Ladies, Hope everyone is healthy and safe. At our last meeting we voted on new officers, they are as follows, Jane Sheldon Pres, Jean Glover Vice Pres, Dorothy Mather Sec and Nancy Beffel Trea., Our installation date has not been determined as of now. Will advise as soon as the Court allows us. Until then be safe and healthy!!!!!!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

Sphinx Patrol

I hope this finds you well. El Zaribah is closed until further notice. As a result our next unit meeting is scheduled for September 15. Depending on the pandemic situation in Arizona closer to the date of the meeting, notice will be given if the meeting has to be canceled. Our unit officers for the 2020-2021 year will be installed at our next regularly scheduled meeting. All of our members need to be thinking about fundraisers for travel to Grand Council in May, 2021. We'll decide on what we want to propose at the next meeting. In these unprecedented times, please stay safe and follow our local and federal guidelines on social distancing. Missing you all and sending long-distance hugs to each & every one.

Lady Linda Curry, PHP, Captain

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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

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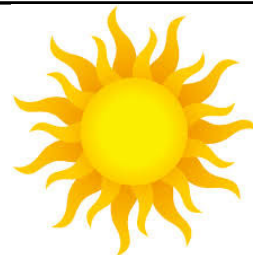
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Committee Reports

Membership @ 03-31-2020 235

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

Membership @ 04-30-2020 235



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100% of Lady Debbie's commission will go back to the Court.



Sunshine Report

02/27—Lady Sue Tice, PHP—husband, Larry Tice passed away.

02/29—Lady Joan Isaacs—passed away

03/02—Lady Geniece Carroll, PHP—passed away

03/06—Lady Marion Martin—passed away

03/06—Lady Stephanie Goss—lost her mother-in-law

03/07—Lady Marci Andre—lost her son

03/08—Lady Christine Nichols—lost her mother

03/10—Lady Pat Morgal—lost her husband, Jay

03/25—Lady Very Ingermann—passed away

03/30—Lady Dorothy Cameron—lost her sister

04/05—Lady Sally Olson—passed away

04/06—Lady Mary Bystricky—recovering from covid virus

04/08—Lady Brenda Brown—lost her mother-in-law

04/08—Lady Cyndy Lowry—diagnosed with breast cancer and is now recovering from surgery.

04/27—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—recovering from surgery

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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Court Ways & Means

2020 Personal Income Tax

Calling all members of Sphinx Court #65. This is a fun way to raise funds for our Court and involve all members, especially those who aren't able to be at meetings but want to make a donation.

Directions: Multiply your number on each line by the value indicated, enter that amount on the line to the right, total up at the bottom and send in your check. Thank you for supporting our Court!

Your Age ____ @ \$.15 = ____
 # of Years you have been (or were) married ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Years you have lived in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of People living in your house ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Children ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Grandchildren ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Great-Grandchildren ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Parents Living ____ @ \$.75 = ____
 # of Pets ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Cars you own ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Bedrooms in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Bathrooms in your home ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Televisions ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of cell phones ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Motorcycles you own ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Computers in your home ____ @ \$.50 = ____
 # of DVD/CD players ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Kindle or Nook Readers ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Years a member of LOS ____ @ \$.25 = ____
 # of Offices held in LOS ____ @ \$.25 = ____



Name: _____ Total Taxes Due: _____

Thank you for supporting our Court!

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Opportunity to Own

Ladies: Ways & Means is offering an "opportunity to own" a beautiful jewelry set from Kay Jewelers - Blue and White sapphires in a ring, earrings and a necklace in silver. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be at the Shrine on the last day of the FEZtival of Trees on November 29th, just in time for Christmas. See any member of the W&M Committee to buy tickets.



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Calendar of Events for 2020 — UPDATED MAY 3, 2020
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

MAY To JULY—2020

Look for Cactus Chatter Update Emails

AUGUST—2020

08/10 Units/Clubs Drop off Books for Audit
08/13-16 Internal Audit Court Books
08/15-16 CornFest
08/21-23 Shrine Circus

SEPTEMBER—2020

09/02 Director Staff, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/05 Greeters, OV/Inst., 11:30am, TBD
09/10 Clown Unit Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/10-12 WAOUM—Tucson
09/15 Sphinx Patrol, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/16 PHP Club, Mtg/Installation, 7pm
09/28 Court Meeting, 7pm

OCTOBER—2020

10/07 Director Staff Meeting, 7pm
10/08 Clowns Official Visit, 7pm
10/20 Sphinx Patrol, Meeting, 7pm
10/26 Court Meeting, 7pm