



Debbie Jones

High Priestess

Arinda K. Curry

Recorder

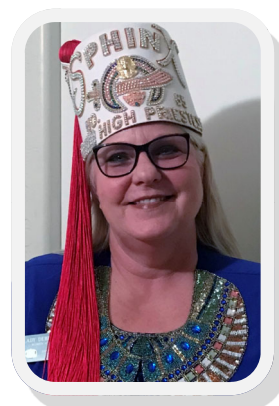


Lady Patricia "PC" Mabray, Acting Grand High Priestess, GR, PGHP

Motto: "Women of the West Stay Strong Together so we can Help Others."

High Priestess

Howdy Ladies. Happy Thanksgiving. I don't know about all of you but even with all the craziness going on in our world, I am thankful I am healthy and my family is healthy. I am also thankful to all the wonderful Ladies in my Court! You all



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have been amazing and supportive. We have had our meetings by ZOOM, and all though there have been some hick-ups along the way, overall I think it has been a good way to handle our Court Business and keeping everyone safe. I am very impressed with our Grand Body making adjustments to keep everyone safe and still carry on with everything we need to take care of.

I am looking forward to seeing our Potentate and First Lady on December 4th. I hope if you can you will come and show Illustrious Sir Dana and our Lady Katrina your support. I have a busy month visiting the Greeters, Director's Staff and the Past High Priestess Club for my Official Visits. So excited to see everyone.

I again want to thank everyone for supporting our Ways and Means projects this year! I for one am anxious for my Grandson's, Niece's and Nephew to get their letters from Santa!

In keeping with the safety of all my fabulous Ladies I have decided to ZOOM out 2020! Our November and December meeting will be virtual and I am looking forward to putting this year behind me and starting fresh in 2021, God Willing!

Remember to send in your taxes and purchase your tickets for the opportunity basket and send your special people a letter from Santa. We will pick the winner for the basket in January. The Court needs everyone's help this year. Thank you ALL again for your love and support.

Raggedy Ann Hugs & Cowgirl Angel Kisses from your Woman of the West,

Lady Debbie Jones

Phone: 480-292-1034

Email: djlosna2020@yahoo.com.



Officers' Offerings



Princess

Here we are almost to Thanksgiving! When we first began to isolate ourselves, it felt like time was dragging by; but now it feels like just last month March was happening. For such unpleasant times, time is flying by. I hardly leave the house, yet the days just meld into the next without much notice. I don't understand, but then again, who said I need to!! I just need to come out the other side in one piece physically and mentally!

At this time of reflection and gratitude, I am so thankful that both of my sons now live here in the Valley. Having them a part of my life on a regular physical basis is quite amazing. For many years, they lived on opposite coasts of the country with me in the middle, but eventually they came "home" as their families aged and went their own ways. I appreciate every moment they spare from their own busy lives to share with me. Family is the greatest!

I extend my heartfelt best wishes to you and your families as you celebrate the several holidays coming up. No matter which manner you celebrate, may your celebrations be jolly and bright and filled with love and joy, as only the holidays can bring.

"Christmas will always be as long as we stand heart to heart and hand in hand." Dr. Seuss

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Theresa

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



Associate Princess

Good day to all you ladies,

Welcome cool weather, we actually had a fire in my fireplace during our Court Zoom meeting! As I reported at the meeting, we have received an additional \$100.00 towards the Court project Spokane Hospital Child Mobility Study. We are about half way towards sponsoring another child for the study. I thank our former Sun Unit for their donation of money. Please send your donations to the Court Recorder, Linda Curry and state it is for the Court Project

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley

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

Recorder **Roster Changes**

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Connie Massey (omit Hudson), correct zip code to 85048-4008

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******2020 DUE CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE******

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

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

Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady

Ladies, it's been so fantastic to reconnect with you virtually and at some of the recent in person Unit meetings.

Unfortunately, the Membership Tea that we hoped to hold in December has been cancelled. We just couldn't take the chance of risking people's health and I really don't think too many ladies and potential members would have come. But that doesn't mean we can't all keep recruiting and telling others about the great work that we do to support each other and the children. If you know of potential members I'd be happy to talk to them or send you petitions if you need them.

It sounds like there are some great fundraisers coming up so please if you're able try to support our Court, Lady Kathy's awesome Special Court Project and the Travel Fund. I also want to congratulate all the Units who have had or have upcoming Official Visits. I hope you and your families are able to enjoy the upcoming holidays and look forward to seeing you soon.

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 602.956.9639, Email: mariaparrishh@gmail.com



Second Ceremonial Lady

I hope this finds everyone in good health. This year is coming to an end. And I for one will be glad to start 2021. We have been able to have Zoom meetings and while we all miss seeing each other at least we are keeping up with what is going on. The class of 2024 has been able to Zoom once a month and we are looking forward to next year. Everyone please stay safe.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 480-620-9570, Email: mscherry317@gmail.com



Ladies... Remember to send in your Santa Letter requests—the deadline for receipt is November 20th so we can make sure Santa sends out all letters in time for Christmas. This letter from Santa is for kids of all ages—Naughty or Nice, it

makes no difference. I get a letter from Santa every year and it always makes me smile and happy that someone was thinking of me and knew how much I love Christmas and still believe in Santa Claus. So, place your orders for letters for your friends, children grand children—make someone smile this Christmas.

W&M Committee

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



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
 Stabilizers \$8
 Can Cozies \$3
 Ginny Fain
 480-345-9819

YOU'RE INVITED TO a
PAMPERED CHEF PARTY
TO BENEFIT THE TRAVEL FUND!
PRESENTED BY SPHINX PATROL

When: Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 4:00pm

Where: ZOOM Meeting—to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7385302749?pwd=RVpoMCTzcHUzWEs1QWN0ZWlmZDVYZz09>

Meeting ID: 738 530 2749

Passcode: g5NZF6



We hope you can join us for the Zoom Party, but wait... there's more! Purchase some tickets for an opportunity to own this basket of Pampered Chef goodies for your Holiday baking worth over \$180.

Tickets are \$5.00 for 6 chances to win!

Contact your Unit Leader or Sphinx Patrol for tickets today.

During the month of November, join us on Facebook for a group party by Debbie McArthur under "LOS Pampered Chef Fundraiser". This is a closed group, so please invite your Facebook friends and help us have some fun and a successful event!

FB Party Group Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/732151327374944>

Website order link: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/los1101>

Everyone that orders something will be entered into a drawing to receive one item or set from the catalog for 60% off the price!

Need a Catalog? Can't join Facebook? Call Karen at 623-337-3226 to have one sent to you. You can place your orders by phone with Debbie.

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The PHP Club will meet November 18 for the Official Visit of our High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones. All Sphinx Court Officers are invited to attend. Come with your questions, as it is your time to get them answered! There will be a Complimentary dinner at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be at 7 pm. Please RSVP to Mimi Bohlman if you are coming to the dinner. Mimi's phone is 602-738-3628.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President



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Clowns

We welcome our newest Lady Clown member ... Lady Lou Ann Speas (clown name not yet decided).

Clown Unit meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month. We are hoping to have in person meetings, but we want to remain safe and will determine if they should be virtual.

Upcoming - keep checking emails for details
November 12 - Meeting at 7:00pm
December 11 - Clown Unit Holiday Party
January 14 - Meeting 7:00pm

We are all wishing for a safe holiday season and a brand new year!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President



Happy Thanksgiving!

Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: I hope this finds you and your families well. It has been a really rough year and most of us would like a do-over – unfortunately that isn't going to happen. All we can do is make the best of things.

So, after being postponed because of COVID, we are finally able to have our Greeters meeting and our Official Visit with our High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, our meeting and OV will be on Saturday, November 7th, 11:30 a.m. at El Zaribah Shrine. Please join us – the more the merrier!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



SPHINX PATROL

Water Bottle Holders - \$5.00

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

See any Patrol member



Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Greeting Ladies! What better way to kick off the holiday season than by celebrating our Unit and our High Priestess, Lady Debbie. Come join us for our OV, Nov 4th, with a complimentary dinner at 6pm, and meeting at 7pm. Please RSVP to Lady, Karen, Chief, PHP by email at kcmac999@cox.net or 623-337-3226.

Our Christmas Party will be the next event. Attend the November meeting for all the fun details. Put it on your calendar for our first meeting of the New Year, Jan 6th, 2021. Have a wonderful, fun-filled holiday. Stay safe and healthy.

Happy Holidays and Distant Hugs!

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
sphinxcourtc clownunit@gmail.com

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



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

**SPHINX
NO. 65**



Contact: Andie Lacombe
602-329-2015
Andie@curtismanagement.biz

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

We finally had our installation of officers on Oct. 19, 2020. I want to thank the ladies that came to the Installation. We will be reading our Rules and Regs. in 30 days with a Zoom meeting and after that we will have another Zoom meeting to vote on them. (Zoom meeting due to COVID).

Hope everyone is safe and healthy, please take care of you and yours.

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on Tuesday November 17th. Practice at 6:15pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. If you want to eat at the Shrine, we will need a minimum of 20 people. There is only two other groups that meet on the same night. Please call at least one week prior to double check that the Red fez room will be open for dinner.

We are going to have a practice. Our routine can still be performed, we will just be further apart. We did it last month and it worked very well. We have approval for several fundraisers for the Travel Fund. The opportunity to win a basket of wonderful Scentsy items. More information and tickets will be sent out to the other units. Tickets will be 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. The drawing will be in March.

Pampered Chef representative, Debbie McArthur, has put together a fabulous opportunity basket to kick off our party. We will have a Zoom party on November 8th. Please stay tuned in the Cactus Chatter for the flyer. Tickets are for sale for the opportunity 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. We are also going to be having an election for our Treasurer position. If you would like to be the Treasurer or vote please come to the meeting. If you would like to come to see the Unit and maybe join we would love to see you at the meeting. Stay safe and see you soon.

Lady Janet LaBell, Jr. PHP, Captain



2020-2021 Ways & Means

Ladies - order your Scentsy products today!

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Scentsy also offers a wide variety of options - laundry soap, laundry wiffs and kitchen cleaner which is awesome!

Love Scentsy products..join the Scentsy Club...never run out of what you love, schedule your shipments, get discontinued Scentsy Bars and enjoy members-only perks. Browse **deborahjones.scentsy.us** or go to the Scentsy website at **scentsy.com**, choose a consultant and type in Debbie Jones to see the many items available and place your orders.

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

Sphinx Court # 65 Funeral Information

It is the privilege of our Court to provide a LOS Funeral Ceremony at any member's funeral or memorial. To better assist the LOS Funeral Director and our officers, please provide the following information, and give this form to the Court Recorder.

It is my desire to have the LOS Funeral Ceremony as part of my funeral or memorial. I understand that my family will have the final decision after my passing, and it is my responsibility to have made arrangements in writing, so my family can carry out my wishes.

Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Family or contact Name _____ Phone _____

Special requests for the LOS Funeral Director _____

Signature

Date

Committee Reports

Membership @ 09-27-2020 228

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

Membership @ 10-26-2020 227



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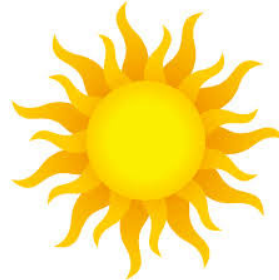
From the Funeral Director....

Ladies:

Did you know that all of you are entitled to an LOS memorial ceremony? Please check whatever funeral arrangements you have made, even if it is just instructions to your family members, and be sure that you inform them that there is an LOS Funeral Director appointed each year by the High Priestess. Ask them to please call her as soon as required, to make arrangements for our beautiful LOS funeral ceremony. Our ladies are honored to perform this ceremony and as you know, do a beautiful job. Please send a copy of the Funeral Information Sheet you will find in this issue of the Cactus Chatter, to me.

You can email me at: iriscol81az@aol.com or send it to my address in the Court Directory.

Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, 1 Year Trustee



Sunshine Report

10/30—Lady Martha Ahrens—passed
10/28—Lady Amy Liristis—in hospital
10/26—Lady Sue Tice, PHP—at home ill recovering from COVID
10/23—Lady Fran Tickner, PHP of Oasis Court Passed

Last month Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, assumed the position of Sunshine Chairman. If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda with a call or text to 602-743-3955 or send her an email to linda3492@cox.net. She will send cards and get the word out to our co-chairs Lady Linda Curry, PHP and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP.

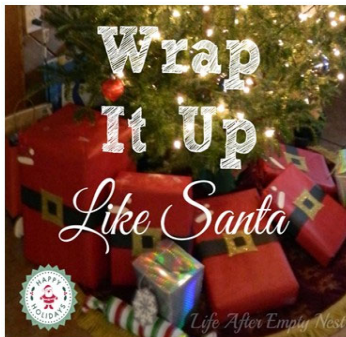
Lady Linda Curry, PHP, sends out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, is her back up.



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Court Ways & Means



Ladies: Although we have not received permission (yet) to gift wrap outside of Half Price Books, we are going to continue planning anyway. As you know we will be wrapping only three days this year (December 18, 19 & 20) and will not be wrapping on Christmas Eve as we have in the past. Lady Debbie feels that the ladies should be home with their families on Christmas Eve and the

Committee completely agrees. That being said, we will be wrapping from 9am to 8pm each one of those days. We have promised the management company that we will have no more than 4 ladies at the table at any one time, we will wear face masks and will have the ladies situated so we are practicing social distancing. We still have time so we will not be asking you to sign up just yet - but will do that as soon as we do receive permission to be on property via a Cactus Chatter update.

Thank you

W&M Committee



Santa Letter Order Form

Have your little munchkins receive a customized letter from Santa Claus this year —\$5.00 per letter includes mailing. Orders must be received by November 20th as Santa is very busy this time of year and wants to make sure he gets his letters out to all the children before Christmas. Your little ones will begin receiving their letters after December 1st.

Please make your checks payable to Sphinx Court #65
And mail the completed form and check to Andie Lacombe
11523 E. Adobe Road, Mesa, AZ 85207

Or

Bring your completed form and your check
To the next "in-person" Court Meeting

Child's Name _____

Child's Address _____



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 = ____
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 # 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!

Please either give this completed form to Andie at Court with your payment or send this completed form along with your payment payable to Sphinx Court #65 for taxes due to:

Andie Lacombe 11523 E. Adobe Road Mesa, AZ 85207

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 held in January, so get your tickets today!

See any member of the W&M Committee to buy tickets.



Sphinx Court No. 65
Ladies Oriental Shrine
of North America

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Calendar of Events for 2020 — UPDATED OCT 31, 2020
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

NOVEMBER—2020

11/04 Director Staff Official Visit, 7pm
11/08 Zoom Pampered Chef Party, 4pm
11/07 Greeters Official Visit, 11:30am
11/12 Clowns Meeting, 7pm
11/17 Sphinx Patrol Meeting, 7pm
11/18 PHP Club Official Visit, 7pm
11/23 Court Zoom Meeting, 7pm
11/28 Florence Parade, 9am

DECEMBER—2020

12/06 Director Staff Holiday Party, TBD
12/11 Clowns Holiday Party, 7pm
12/12 Sphinx Patrol Holiday Party, 1pm
12/18-20 Gift Wrapping
Court Fund Raiser
12/28 Court Zoom Meeting, 7pm

