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High Priestess

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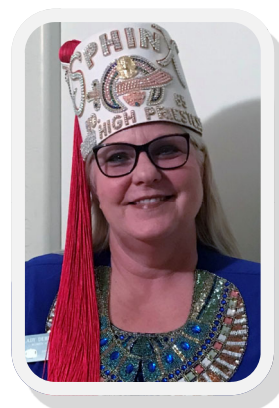


Lady Patricia "PC" Mabray, Acting Grand High Priestess, GR, PGHP

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

High Priestess

Howdy Ladies! Happy Holidays to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I hope you all, as I did, took the time to be thankful for all the blessings we have even in this



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time of uncertainty. Family and friends are so important and precious!

The get together with the Potentate, Illustrious Sir Dana, and his and our First Lady Katrina was lovely. I am looking forward to the holiday parties and having some safe gatherings.

Thank you to the Greeters, Director's Staff and the PHP's for a lovely Official Visit. The Florence Day Parade was wonderful and I was honored to represent the Court. The City of Florence did a great job making sure everyone was safe.

As this year comes to an end I want to thank all of you again for the love, support and understanding during this absolutely crazy year. I for one am ready to get 2020 behind me and I am looking forward to what 2021 brings. I sure hope things even out and we can get back together safely.

I am planning on having our January meeting at the Shrine and we will be in the Auditorium so we can all have safe distance. I am very excited to say that we have a new petition for membership that was voted on and hopefully we can have our Ceremonial in February. I will keep you all posted as it gets closer. I would like to leave you with this quote from Mae West, **"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."** GOOD BYE 2020!

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

Lady Debbie Jones

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Officers' Offerings



Princess

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving even though it certainly had a different complexion this year. This year has taught us to be adaptable, more considerate of others (hopefully), grateful for the blessing we do have in our lives and maybe even to like our own personal company a little better.

My late husband's favorite time of year was Christmas. We would go to the top of the Mogollon Rim (we lived in Holbrook, so it was down to the rim!) and along with our two sons, we would cut our own Christmas tree. He would not encourage us to put it up and decorate it until after my December birthday (he was very considerate) and the anticipation for the boys was heightened because of it. The process was a family affair and we looked forward to this Christmas adventure each year. Unfortunately, we lost him at a young age and the tradition faded as the boys and I moved to California. But the memories of those times together as a family linger today and bring us much happiness. After all, that is what the holidays are all about...Family!

My dear Ladies, as we enter the holiday season, may we remember the reason for whatever season you celebrate. May your holidays be filled with love, joy, and happiness no matter how you celebrate them. I hope your memories of old are recalled with fondness and that the new memories you are making will bring a lifetime of warmth for you and the ones you love. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Live every moment, Laugh every day, and Love beyond words
Your Caring Lotus Lady, Lady Marsha Young,
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Associate Princess

Happy Thanksgiving holiday to all. Boy, our dinner is going to be different this year between Covid 19 and the loss of my father. Give your family social distance hugs, extra smiles and love and keep safe. My hugs and prayers to all.

The Court special project of the Motion Analysis Program is well on it's way. To date, donations have totaled \$2,438.00. With the cost of each child at \$1,550.00, we have covered one child and on the way to a second one. Thank you to: the Clown Unit; Lady Maria Parrish; the PHP Club in memory; Lady Donna Yorston, PHP; Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP in honor of the Director Staff officers; Lady Iris Colbert, PHP in memory; Lady Linda Curry, PHP in memory; Lady Andie Lacombe in memory; Lady Marilyn Castleman, PHP in honor of PHP club; Director Staff in memory and last but not least, Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP. Remember, any donations you want to make, send them to Linda Curry with a notation for the Court Special Project and she will forward me the information.

Please stay well and take care of yourselves and loved ones, and

Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley
Phone: 480-797-9601, Email: kathy.kelley2@cox.net

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 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

Officers' Offerings

Recorder Roster Changes

Marie Jones, new address is 15770 W Becker Lane, Surprise, AZ 85379-4619

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

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First Ceremonial Lady



The holidays are upon us!

I hope that each of you are staying healthy and finding creative ways to celebrate your holidays. One of our family traditions is to donate to the Paradise Valley Emergency Foodbank that supports families in the PV School District. They are a small, referral-only operation and they've been completely overwhelmed by the increase in demand for their services. For anyone who is able, I encourage you to pick up a few extra pantry items as you shop over the next few weeks and donate them to a food pantry near you. The need is greater than ever and many traditional food drive events aren't able to happen this year. I can't think of a better way to give thanks for all the blessings of my life while also helping others in need. And while the gift giving season is here, please consider making a donation to Lady Kathy Kelley's special project to support child mobility efforts at the Spokane hospital.

I wish you all a holiday season to remember,

Lady Maria Parrish, Second Ceremonial Lady
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Second Ceremonial Lady



I understand that this year maybe hard for many. Many may not be able to be with family and many have lost family to Covid19. But I am thankful to all the wonderful people in my life. If nothing else this year has forced us to think outside of the box. With so many things being canceled it looked for a while the children's Christmas party might be also. But with some quick thinking it will be a drive by. It will be different that is for sure but with all the clowns and other clubs stepping up it will be amazing. I am so proud to be part of a group of amazing ladies and men who are so caring. To each and everyone I am wishing you an incredibly Happy Holiday Season.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady
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**A BIG THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED
IN THE
PAMPERED CHEF PARTY
TO BENEFIT THE TRAVEL FUND!
PRESENTED BY SPHINX PATROL**



The FUN is not over yet! You still have some time to purchase some tickets for an opportunity to own this basket of Pampered Chef goodies worth over \$180.

Tickets are \$5.00 for 6 chances to win!

Contact your Unit Leader or
Sphinx Patrol for tickets today.
The Drawing will be in December.

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.



Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

The Past High Priestess Club wishes you all a very joyous Holiday Season. Please be safe, wear your masks and enjoy your families and friends. See you next year.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President



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Clowns

Our Christmas Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 13th in place of our monthly meeting (no meeting 12/10).

We will start the New Year with a meeting on January 14th. If you are interested in joining our fun group - contact Lady Mechelle Gaines for more info.

The lady clowns can turn your frowns upside down, keep smiling, stay healthy, and enjoy every day.

Wishing Happy Holidays and
a Merry New Year to all!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
Stabilizers \$8
Can Cozies \$3
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***Happy
Holidays!***

***Past High
Priestess Club***

Greeters Unit

Ladies: Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with your families and have a very Merry Christmas! We had our meeting and OV on November 7th at the Shrine. Although few members were able to attend, we had a good meeting, accomplished a lot of business and had a great OV with HP Lady Debbie.

We are planning a post holiday party on Saturday, January 9th at my house in East Mesa after the flurry of Christmas and New Year's is over if it is safe to do so. We are all hopeful that 2021 will be better than 2020.

Our next regular Greeters meeting will be on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. place TBD – and will also be our election of officers. Happy Holidays!

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

Sphinx Patrol

The Sphinx Patrol will be meeting on Saturday December 12th at 1:30pm its going to be a social meeting/holiday party.

We are working on several fundraisers for the Court Travel Fund. The opportunity to win a basket of wonderful Scentsy items. We are going to start selling tickets in January Tickets will be 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. The drawing will be in March.

The Pampered Chef Party with Debbie McCarthy was a great success! She has also put together a fabulous opportunity basket. The window for sales is getting ready to close soon so get your goodies and help support the Travel Fund. We are going to have the drawing for the basket in December. If you want tickets please reach out to one of the unit leaders or Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP.

We have elected a new treasurer. Congratulations Lady Andie Lacombe. Lady Betsy Sale thank you for all of your hard work and we will miss you.

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

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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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

Director Staff

The Holidays are Here! The Holidays are Here! We all know that things may look and feel a little bit different, but we will still be sending holiday hugs, enjoying the smiles of gifts unwrapped whether in person or by video message and spreading wishes for a great New Year to loved ones and friends.

Thank you to all the ladies, officers, and Lady Debbie Jones, HP, for the Official Visit at the November meeting. It was well attended, with a wonderful dinner from Red Devil provided by the unit, and of course sweet treats.

Unfortunately, due to the increased virus numbers, the Christmas Party Committee has decided to cancel the Christmas Party. Before you know it, we will all be gathering, laughing, and sharing meals soon.

As the Christmas Party has been cancelled, our Chief, Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, would like to have a meeting on **Thursday, DECEMBER 10TH AT 7PM**. We are planning a surprise for EVERYONE to start the new year. So please mark your calendars for Saturday, January 30, 2021. Details will be our on the Cactus Chatter Update. You won't want to miss it!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lady Mechelle Gaines, Assistant Chief

Ceremonial Pageantry

Stay tuned for our next meeting. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

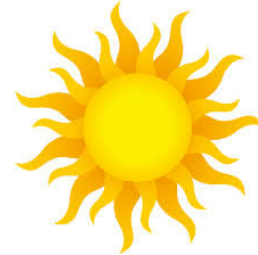
**Be A
Lady in Red
Join the
Ceremonial Pageantry**



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

Committee Reports

Membership @ 10-26-2020	227
Affiliated	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0
Membership @ 11-23-2020	227

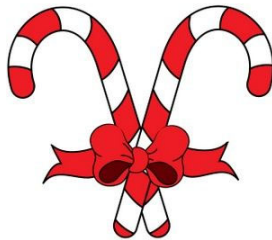


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From your Court Ways & Means Committee:

Ladies, thank you all so very much for supporting the Court this year with your generous contributions to all of our Ways & Means projects. It was a very unusual year for raising funds but, as always, you all came through and made it a successful year despite the pandemic. Please stay healthy and have a Merry Christmas from all of us.

Thank you from,
 Lady Andie Lacombe
 Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP
 Lady Kristi Antall
 Lady Blair Murphy

Sunshine Report

- 12/06—Lady Connie Drizigacker's Husband, Bob passed
- 11/30—Lady Lori Ward's, Husband—passed
- 11/25—Lady Ronda Houghton's Father-in-law, passed.
- 11/25—Lady Maria Parrish's Father-in-law, Ken Parrish, passed
- 11/18—Lady Carol Anton's Mother passed.
- 11/17—Husband of Lady Bobbie Balthazor, PHP and daughter of Lady Krista Harmsworth, Noble Leo Balthazor, PP, in hospital with arrhythmia
- 11/16—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—recovering from surgery.
- 11/13—Lady Sally Olson, passed
- 11/12—Lady Janet Mielke, PHP—Fell and injured her shoulder last week.
- 11/04—Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP—Fell and tore her rotator cuff.

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda DuBois 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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All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

DECEMBER—2020

12/10 Director Staff Zoom Mtg., 7pm
12/12 Sphinx Patrol Holiday Party, 1:30pm
At Lady Janet LaBell's House
12/13 Clowns Holiday Party
12/28 Court Zoom Meeting, 7pm

JANUARY—2021

01/06 Director Staff Mtg., 7pm
01/09 Greeter's Party, at Andie Lacombe's
01/14 Clown's Mtg., 7pm
01/19 Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
01/25 Court Meeting, 7pm
01/30 Director Staff New Year Surprise—TBD

