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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
September 2021

Lady Kate Kalmbach, Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Care, Be Kind, Love, Smile and Laugh."

High Priestess

Summer has sure been a flurry of weather activity...everything from hot, very hot, rainy, flooding, to pleasant! I sure hope you've had time to recharge your batteries and get ready for our meetings and activities to begin in earnest. I am



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looking forward to seeing everyone again.

We had Grand Council in May at Tucson's El Conquistador Resort where it was hot! It was great to spend time with friends from across the country. We had 20 members from Sphinx Court attending and I believe fun was had by all!

Directly after Grand Council on June 1, Sphinx Court welcomed the new Grand High Priestess Lady Kate Kalmbach to our desert. The meeting was fun and our social dinner the following night was attended by 26 members and spouses. We were honored with many grand appointments of Aides and Committee members. Congratulations to all!

July 24 our Ways and Means Committee held a Norwex Products party under the direction of Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Chairman, with Lady Debbie Jones, PHP, demonstrating the products. We had tons of laughter and giggles and an ice cream social to boot! It was generous of Lady Debbie to donate a portion of her proceeds to our Court. It was a wonderful success and I've heard everyone loves their products. Thanks also goes to Lady Mary Lou Burger, PHP, for hosting us in her community room. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser either in person or online!

August brought Corn Fest at El Zaribah during the weekend of the 21 and 22. It was wonderful seeing people enjoying themselves. We sold opportunities on our quilt and started our opportunity for the \$500 "cake" for our Ways and Means. Several of our units also took the time to sell items for their fundraisers. It was a nice social weekend...and the corn was good, too!

September is now upon us and it's back to business. Lady Marcia Cherry, 1st Ceremonial Lady, has all arrangements made for the Membership Tea which will be held on Sunday, September 12, starting at 2:00 pm. Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, has graciously opened her home for this event. Lady Marcia has a nice list of prospective members. We hope all units will be represented, along with members who are interested in helping and who are excited to introduce these Ladies to our Order. September 27 is our first meeting back from summer darkness. We will read all the amazing petitions we received at the membership event! Please plan to attend and support our Court.

October 10, Ways and Means is having a "There's No Place Like 'Gnome'" craft event at the Shrine. There will be several crafts to choose from (you can participate in more than one, if you like!) and all supplies will be provided for a small charge. Instructors will lead and instructions will be appropriate for all ages and levels of knowledge. We will have projects for children, as well as adults. Bring your family and friends and let the holiday decorations begin! Lady Pam Wade is the Chairman, and she is working hard with the committee to prepare the projects. More details will be out soon but mark your calendars now for a day of fun, laughter, and snacks on October 10!

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Officers' Offerings

We have had some members with illnesses and surgeries over the summer. I have attempted to reach out to all I knew about. I extend my best wishes for healing and wellness.

I hope to see you in Court!

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



Your Caring Lotus Lady,

Lady Marsha Young, HP

Phone: 623-266-6099,

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Princess

It has been a Happy summer friends,

I will not be at the September meeting as we will still be in California after WAQUM to celebrate mom's (Iris Colbert) 90th birthday! Travel costs are great right now if you want to book Seattle now. I have seen roundtrip airfare on Google listed as low as \$200 round-trip on Alaska Air. I used the dates of 5/15/22-5/20/22 to find the fares. The top four airfares were \$200-\$263 and all were non-stop flights. I have not checked with Southwest at this time since that time frame was not available the last time I tried.

Looking forward to Western in San Jose, CA. We will be driving there, but airfares at this time for the three days of Western (9/16-9/18/2021) are showing on Google as \$143 round trip non-stop on Alaska Air as well. It is not too late to change your plans and join us in San Jose! See you in October if not sooner.

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



Associate Princess

Welcome back ladies!

I hope you are all in good health and keeping cool. My big event of the summer was a much overdue visit with my sister in Boston. The weather wasn't perfect but the company was and it was so great to be able to spend time with her again.

I can't tell you how excited I am for Sphinx Court to come back together this fall. I miss the routine of our dinners, meetings, teas, fundraisers and holiday parties. Virtual meetings can't replace the camaraderie and fun that we have when we are together in person. Meeting together last spring was a step in the right direction and one I hope we can continue this fall. I encourage each and every one of you to make plans to attend an upcoming meeting in person. Being together is where the magic of Sphinx Court happens. If you need a ride, want a "buddy" for a meeting or if there's anything else I can do to help make it easier for you to join us please let me know.

As mentioned in prior newsletters, the court special project for the year is providing custom compression bandages for burn patients at the Boston Shriners Hospital. To date we have raised just over \$1000 or 20% of the goal of \$5000. Many thanks to everyone for your generous donations. I'm also happy to report that some of the hospitals are beginning to take other donations again. In light of this, I would like to have a **"Drop Your Drawers"** underwear collection drive at our October meeting. All sizes of boys and girls under garments that are new/in original packaging and preferably white are requested. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Thanks again for your continued love and support. I hope to see each of you very soon!

Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess
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Officers' Offerings

Recorder Roster Changes

Lady Katrina Dobson, 806 Main Street, Tazelwell, VA 24651-5397
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 Lady Carolyn Moran 835 S Palomino Drive, Benson, AZ 85602-7353

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Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65

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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

I'm hoping that everyone is having a wonderful summer. September is here and with that comes our fall Membership Tea. The Tea will be held on September the 12th at the home of Mimi Bohlman located at 2230 E Whitten St. in Chandler. it will start at 2:00 PM and I'm asking the Units and Clubs to have their food there by 1:30pm so that we can get the food plated and ready for the Tea. Right now we have 33 ladies to be invited. I will be sending out the invitation shortly so if you have any other ladies that you would like to invite please be sure and send me their information so that I can send out a personal invitation to them.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year getting back with everyone beginning with the September meeting. Stay safe and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Membership Tea.

Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady

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Second Ceremonial Lady

WOW! Summer has come and is going and Fall is following closely behind. Looking back over the start of summer, I attended my first Grand Council, what an experience, I can't wait until next year. I enjoyed meeting the ladies of my class, and learning our Class Name is Whimsical Mystic Ladies, and, oh...can't forget saying farewell to the Mushroom. I am looking forward to a great journey, full of words of wisdom, friendships, mentoring, laughter and hard work.

Congratulations to the officers on a wonderful Grand High Priestess visit. It was nice to see all the ladies visiting for the meeting. I would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone who enjoyed the meal and fellowship before the meeting. We start the September meeting with no unpaid dinner reservations from the June dinner. Thank you Ladies!

The September 27th Court dinner, 5:30pm, will be the Baked Potato Bar, \$12.00, and the permanent dinner list will be used. **Please RSVP (email, call or text) by September 17th, if you are not on the permanent dinner list, or if you need to add or remove your name from the permanent list.** Friendly Reminder, if you are a NO SHOW for dinner, you will still be responsible to pay for your missed meal. **NOTE...**my new email address, emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com

Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady

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Ways & Means Opportunity

The Ways & Means Committee is pleased to announce our first Ways and Means fundraiser. We are having an opportunity to own a quilt that measures 92"x92" (about the size of a full bedspread or a queen/king comforter) and is made of 100% cotton fabric and batting. The quilt was machine pieced and machine quilted by our High Priestess, Lady Marsha Young.

The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Each Unit will have tickets available to purchase and Lady Donna DiCola will be handling sales at the Court meetings. If you are unable to attend Court, never fear, you can still obtain tickets. Just contact Lady Donna or any of the Ways and Means Committee and we will arrange to get you entered. The drawing will be on March 20, 2022.



LOS Greeters Unit Court Travel Fundraiser

Bakeless Bake Sale

Many is the time I heard you say, I would rather give a 'dollar' than bake today. And so, we are asking you to help, more or less, to make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take to bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake

Or send in the amount of money it takes to make a dozen cookies or even a pie

We know you can help us if you will but try.

Quantity	Item	Flavor	Price	
	Cupcakes	Banana	2/\$1.00 12/\$5.00	\$
	Cupcakes	Vanilla/Chocolate	2/\$1.00 12/\$5.00	\$
	Cookies	S'mores	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cookies	Cherry Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cookies	Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cake	Lemon	\$5.00	\$
	Brownies	Chocolate	12/\$3.00	\$
	Blondies	Butterscotch	12/\$3.00	\$
	Cheesecake	Strawberry	\$10.00	\$
	Cheesecake	Pumpkin	\$10.00	\$
	Pie	Dutch Apple	\$7.00	\$
	Pie	Cherry Cobbler	\$7.00	\$
			Total order	\$

Please send your completed form and your donation payable to Sphinx Court #65 to Andie Lacombe, 11523 E. Adobe Rd, Mesa, AZ 85207 or bring the completed form and your donation to the next Court Meeting.

Unit and Club Happenings

PHP Club

Welcome to Fall and all the activities that are starting again. The Past High Priestess Club will meet September 22 at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President

Clowns

Clown Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 9th at 7:00pm. Stay safe and keep smiling!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President

Ceremonial Pageantry

Next meeting is will be before the Fall Ceremonial.

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary



Sphinx Patrol

Thank you to the Patrol members who were able to help out selling our Frisbee fans at the Court's Corn Fest table. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at El Zaribah. Dinner will be served in the Red Fez room from the limited menu. Let's all try to arrive early enough to eat and be ready to practice our marching prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain



Director Staff

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

Welcome Back!!



Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: Hope you are staying cool and dry. It's hard to believe summer is almost gone. As you know we are the travel unit and will be traveling with Lady Kathy to Seattle, Washington in May 2022. Please see information for one of our Travel Fund fundraisers in this Cactus Chatter and editions to come. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center at 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix (Mary Lou Burger's building). Please let me know if you are planning on attending.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have. *Margaret Mead*

SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders -
\$5.00

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

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Hello to all the Ladies of Director Staff (and to the rest of you, too!) I hope you've been enjoying a wonderful summer – I certainly did. We went through Colorado, North Dakota, Idaho, Washington, and Utah – and passed through others. We visited with old friends in each of those states. I hope that many of you had the pleasure of wandering, too.

We (our DS ladies) had a nice get together with Ceremonial Pageantry in June. The Blanket making party planned for August was cancelled, but we hope to start that up soon. Just stay tuned – we'll keep you up to date as we get settled.

It looks like it's going to be another busy year for all of us. We are inviting everyone to our September meeting – it will be on the first Wednesday in September, 9/1, at 7pm. We will be discussing what we want to do for the holidays so please bring some suggestions.

Our October meeting is scheduled for October 5th. There are not many going to Seattle for Grand Council, so we are planning a Court walk-on wearing our Court Vests.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Lady Linda DuBois, PHP, Assistant Chief



SEPTEMBER COURT MEETING DINNER
September 27, 5:30pm
Cost: \$12

Menu: Baked Potato Bar

RSVP Deadline: September 17th
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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'!!!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
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CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

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GREETERS

Court and Unit Name Tags
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Magnetic Name Tag - \$12.00
Pin Back Name Tag - \$10.00
Unit Bar - \$6.00

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Lady in Red
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Ceremonial Pageantry**



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

Committee Reports

Membership @ 04-26-2021 213

Correction	5
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0

Membership @ 05-24-2021 218

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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 from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.



2021-2022 Ways & Means

We kicked off our opportunity to own \$500 at the Corn Fest and we are well on our way! If you missed it, we have a lovely Cash Cake waiting for someone. Tickets are just \$5 each or you can get 5 tickets for \$20. What a deal!!

Don't miss the craft event on October 10th "There's No Place Like 'Gnome'". There will be several crafts to choose from (you can participate in more than one, if you like!) and all supplies will be provided for a small charge. Instructors will lead and the instructions will be appropriate for all ages and levels of knowledge. We will have projects for children, as well as adults. Bring your family and friends and let the holiday decorations begin! Lady Pam Wade is the Chairman, and she is working hard with the committee to prepare the projects.

Sunshine Report

08/21—Lady Pat Bandhauer, PHP—hospitalized with a blood clot
08/06—Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP—hospitalized
07/15—Lady Dorothy Mather—husband George having open-heart surgery
07/14—Lady Gina Baird, PHP and Dave Home
07/10—Lady Mary Hammer, PHP—husband, Fred fell and had arm surgery
07/21—Lady Janice Davis—has dementia
06/21—Lady Pat Bandhauer, PHP—back issues
06/17—Lady Cindy Lowry—husband, Dave having surgery for melanoma
05/29—Lady Mary Hammer, PHP—husband, Fred had foot surgery
05/23—Lady Jean Glover, PHP—fell and is hospitalized
05/21—Lady Dorothy Cameron—hospitalized
05/21—Lady Marlene Pavesi, PHP—passed this month.
05/21—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—husband, Dave Polner hospitalized in Pennsylvania.
5/19—Lady Mary Lou Salyer—knee surgery

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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Calendar of Events for 2021 — UPDATED August 29, 2021
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER—2021

09/01—Director Staff, 7pm
09/04—Greeters, 11:30am, Community
Center at 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix
09/09—Clowns, 7pm
09/12—Fall Membership Tea, 2pm
2230 E Whitten St., Chandler
09/16-18—WAOUM in San Jose, CA
09/21—Sphinx Patrol, 7pm
09/22—PHP Club, 7pm
09/27—Court Meeting—dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm

OCTOBER—2021

10/06—Director Staff, 7pm
10/10—There's No Place Like Gnome'
Craft Event/Fund Raiser, 2pm
10/14—Clown Unit OV, 7pm
10/19—Sphinx Patrol, 7pm
10/25—Court Meeting—dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm