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Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
October 2021

Lady Kate Kalmbach, Grand High Priestess

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

***** NOTICE *****

We will be voting by secret ballot at our October 25, 2021 stated meeting on whether or not we want to sponsor a Candidate for Grand Outer Guard. If the vote is in favor of sponsoring a candidate, a second vote will be taken to decide which Lady we will be sponsoring.

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High Priestess

Our first meeting back after the summer break in September was a busy one and it was wonderful to see everyone.

On September 12, we had the first Membership Tea of the year. It was well attended by Court members who all spoke about their experiences and helped answer questions for the new ladies. Thanks to Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, for opening her home to us. It was intimate, warm, and welcoming. Lady Marcia Cherry's decorations were darling, and the food provided by the units was fantastic.

October 10 will be the Court's "No Place Like Gnome" craft event. There will be different craft projects to make for the upcoming holiday season. There will even be a kids table where they can make spiders, pumpkins, and monsters! The projects can be done by any level of crafting skill and will include outdoor Christmas and Halloween adornments, wreaths, luminaries and more. You may participate in one craft for a cost of \$10 or three for \$25 with all supplies provided. Auction items will also be available. Please come down to the Shrine for a fun day and bring your family and friends. All are welcome. See you there!

October also brings us another Norwex party presented by our Jr. Past High Priestess, Lady Debbie Jones. We will have a party on October 23, noon until 3:00 PM, to be held at Past High Priestess Mary Lou Burger's dining room. Links will be provided where you can order without attending if you prefer. The live demonstrations are enlightening, and Lady Debbie always makes them fun. Everyone attending will receive a ticket for an opportunity to take home that day a Norwex gift valued at \$50. If you bring a guest, you will receive TWO tickets! Bring your friends, or better yet a member who hasn't attended in a while. We hope you will support the Court and get fabulous products, too. More information will come via the Cactus Chatter update.



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Officers' Offerings

Ceremonial will still be held on November 13 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be upstairs in the Hunters Paradise Lodge Room. We thank the Lodge Brothers for graciously allowing us to use their space. Ceremonial Pageantry will adapt their play props as best they can. The class is small so the smaller space should still work well. It will be different for us, but the wonderful Ladies involved are all willing to give it a try! If any unit would like to perform after the meeting closes, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience as we navigate this unusual change in routine.

The Winslow parade is November 20 and Florence parade is November 27. I hope your units will consider the opportunity. The Potentate has assured me the Ladies are welcome to participate.

If you need tickets for the quilt or \$500 "cake," please let me know and I'll arrange to get them to you. Please keep our Ladies who are having health issues in your thoughts and prayers. We wish them all a speedy recovery!

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



Your Caring Lotus Lady,

Lady Marsha Young, HP

Phone: 623-266-6099,

Email: caringlotuslady2122@gmail.com

Princess



Good day fellow campers! LOL. I have found for airfare to Seattle in May next year, that Alaska Airlines has wonderful prices starting at \$79 one way depending on the day of travel. I found from \$159 on Saturday, Sunday \$189, Monday \$159 or Tuesday \$109. I am guessing on the actual dates as we don't have the paperwork yet for the dates of Grand Council. If it starts at the end of May, I have 5/21 (I have church service on Sunday) at \$159 to go and \$109 to return, but there are other days at \$72.00. Southwest doesn't have those dates up yet, but January as prices at \$81 up and \$72 return. It just really seems to depend on the specific dates. Delta is running \$287 round trip. Watch for the paperwork from Seattle with the dates and I can give you more specific information. Probably next month. Have a great summer and see you all in October. Be safe everyone.

Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley, Princess

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

Associate Princess



Fall is almost here! Cooler weather (we hope), holiday planning and a ton of upcoming LOS activities!

As a reminder, there will be a **"Drop your Drawers"** underwear/sock drive at the October Court meeting. All girl and boy sizes are welcome. They need to be in original packaging and preferably white. If you aren't able to attend the meeting but want to donate please let me know.

Congratulations to Lady Marcia Cherry for hosting a successful Membership Tea. And thanks to Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, for hosting it. It was a lovely afternoon and another reminder of how much fun we have when we can actually be together. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meetings and events.

Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess

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Officers' Offerings

Recorder

Roster Changes

Lady Kristi Antall, 7807 E Main St, Lot H8, Mesa, AZ 85207-8430
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*****2021 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2021*****

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



First Ceremonial Lady

Our membership TEA was held on September the 12th at the home of Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP. We had three prospective members attend. There was wonderful food and great conversation by all that attended. We received three new applications for membership. Those ladies will be bringing amazing talent to our Court. They already have decided on which Units they would like to participate in. They will be a perfect fit. I want to give a special thank you to the Units who provided all the wonderful food for the tea. It was so much enjoyed and so appreciated. And a special thank you to Lady Mimi for opening up her home for the event.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Second Ceremonial Lady

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Second Ceremonial Lady

Summer is a distant memory and fall is now in full swing. The Units have had their meetings, the Court has had a couple of fundraisers, our Membership Tea (Thank you Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, for opening your beautiful home), and our first meeting back after our summer break. We are now busy making preparations for the October meeting, Ceremonial in November, Parade Season....and did I hear someone say Holiday Planning? Speaking of the October meeting, dinner at 5:30pm, will be Hawaiian Chicken, au gratin potatoes, vegetables, salad and dessert, cost \$12.00, and the permanent dinner list will be used. **Please RSVP (email, call or text) by October 15th, 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

The November meeting, Ceremonial, is November 13th and kicks off at 9am. I hope you will be able to come and join us as we welcome our new members. As we will not be having a luncheon after the Ceremonial, watch the November newsletter for December dinner information.

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

The Past High Priestess Club next meeting is November 24th at 7pm.

Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President

Clowns

Join the fun at the "No Place Like Gnome" Craft Day at the Shrine on Sunday, October 10th at 1:00pm.

Come to the next Clown Meeting on Thursday, October 14th (OV) 7:00pm at the Shrine with a Pot Luck Dinner before the meeting.

The Clown Unit meets at the Shrine on the second Thursday of each month (not December).

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President

Ceremonial Pageantry

Our next meeting will be before the Ceremonial being held on 11/13/21. Notice forthcoming.

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary

Sphinx Patrol

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 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

Happy Halloween!



Past High Priestess Club

Greeters Unit

Ladies: we held our September meeting in the Community Room at Madison Gardens with many members in attendance and we also had the honor of the presence of our High Priestess Lady Marsha. Thank you Lady Mary Lou for allowing us to use the facility and thank you Lady Marsha for joining us and providing updates on your Court projects. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 6th at 11:30 a.m. – place TBD. Thank you also to Lady Trish and Lady Kathy for coordinating a "surprise birthday party" for Lady Iris to celebrate her 90th birthday. We wish you many more Lady Iris. Please see a separate article in this edition regarding existing and upcoming Sphinx Court Travel Fund Activities

Lady Andie Lacombe, President



SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders -
\$5.00

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

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

Our October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th. Dinner available in the Red Fez Room around 5:30pm and Meeting starts at 7pm.

Then make plans to attend out November meeting and High Priestess OV on 11/3/2021. Meet for dinner at 5:30pm and meeting will start at 7pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Chief

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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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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Contact: Andie Lacombe
602-329-2015
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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

Travel Fund Projects

Last month The Greeter's Unit rolled out our first Travel Fund Project- our "Bake-less Bake Sale." Additional forms will be available at the Court meeting if needed. Thank you to the ladies who have already sent in their form and donation - please keep them coming.

In October we will be introducing our next project, "Cookie Dough Sales" which will include a variety of cookie choices just in time for the holidays.

In January of 2022 we will be kicking off an opportunity to own a "Scentsy Basket" filled with lots of goodies which has been donated to the Greeter Unit by Lady Debbie Jones, PPHP - thank you Lady Debbie!

In February of 2022 we will be having a "Paint and Sip" party - please look for additional information as that time comes nearer.

Thank you in advance for supporting all of our Travel Fund projects - remember, the proceeds from all of these projects benefits all members of our Court.



**Be A
Lady in Red
Join the
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

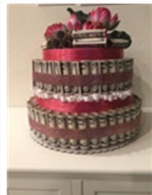
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If you would like to have your email address in the next Court roster, please send an email to lkcurry1@cox.net from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.



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. One craft is \$10 or 3 for \$25. 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

09/09—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—husband, Dave Polner, PP had congestive heart failure. He is now home and recovering.

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.

A note from Dorothy Cameron:

My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone for the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers during my recent illness. I appreciate all of you thinking of me.

Advice from a Starfish

Sea-ze the day
Share your amazing beauty
Put yourself out there
Stay in touch with your neighbors
Hang tight through the changing tides
When things get rocky, find your sweet spot
You'll always be a star!



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Calendar of Events for 2021 — UPDATED September 18, 2021
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER—2021

10/06—Director Staff, 7pm
**10/10—There's No Place Like Gnome'
Craft Event/Fund Raiser, 2pm**
10/14—Clown Unit Mtg. and OV, 7pm
10/19—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
10/23—Court Norwex Party Fundraiser, 3pm
Community Room
808 E. Missouri, Phoenix, AZ 85014
**10/25—Court Meeting—dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm**

NOVEMBER—2021

11/03—Director Staff Mtg. and OV, 7pm
11/06—Greeters Mtg., 11:30am
Location—TBD
11/11—Clown Unit Mtg., 7pm
11/13—Fall Ceremonial/Court Mtg.—9am
No Luncheon
11/16—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
11/24—PHP Club Mtg., 7pm
11/20—Winslow Parade
11/27—Florence Jr. Parada Parade, 9am