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High Priestess

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Recorder



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
January, February, March 2022

Lady Kate Kalmbach, Grand High Priestess

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

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**High Priestess**  
Happy New Year to you ALL! I hope you celebrated a holiday season of joy and laughter with family and friends. As we look back on 2021, we see many challenges, yet as a Court, and individually, we acknowledged them and prevailed. As



we look forward to 2022, we see possibilities and opportunities to bring success and happiness which we will explore with gusto.

Sphinx Court welcomed five new members on November 13 at a Ceremonial held upstairs in the Hunters Paradise Lodge room. It was a different experience, but the officers managed the space very well, and performed a beautiful ceremonial. Congratulations to our new members!! We are so glad to have you in our Court.

I, personally, underwent total hip replacement surgery on my right side on December 1. The reports are I am doing extremely well and should be better than new soon. I thank everyone for your concern, prayers, and communications. You are an incentive to get back at it!

The last three month of our fiscal year will be busy. January 9 is our second membership tea and it will be held once again at the home of Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP. Lady Mimi is the perfect hostess and even though she is in the process of moving, she has offered her home for our event. I do hope you'll join us as we introduce Sphinx Court to our prospective members.

The Official Visits to the Director Staff (1-12-22), Patrol (1-18-22), and Ceremonial Pageantry (February) are scheduled. I look forward to meeting with the unit members, especially since I was unable to participate in the holiday events.

Friday, January 21, 2022, is the **Murder Under the Big Top Mystery Dinner**. It is the largest fundraiser of the year and I hope you'll come and support the Court. If you would like to play a part in the mystery, please contact Lady Lou Ann Speas or Lady Andria Granado. The menu is pulled pork and various sides, along with typical circus food and desserts, of course! There will be silent auction items available to bid on. We would love to see you there to support our Court and have a ton of fun! The Ways and Means Committee has worked very hard this year to offer new and varied ways to earn money for the Court budget. Please help us meet our obligations.



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# Officers' Offerings

Ceremonial and Farewell will be on March 19 at 2:00 PM. Lunch is planned at the Shrine for 12:30 PM. The quilt opportunity and \$500 cake opportunity will be drawn this day. Someone will be warmer, and another will be \$500 richer! The drawings will conclude the year with a bang!

I have enjoyed this year immensely and it is because of the love and support I've received from the members. You are an amazing group of women, and I am so proud to be a member of this organization. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Court this past year.

**Live** every moment, **Laugh** every day, and **Love** beyond words  
**Fraternally, Lady Marsha Young, HP**  
**Phone: 623-266-6099, Email: caringlotuslady2122@gmail.com**



## Princess

Good news! Southwest has opened May for their flights. I have booked Grand Council airline tickets for myself and my husband. Prices are right around where the other airlines have been advertising. It really depends on when you want to arrive and leave for home. Also, I have heard that the packets are here! We still have hotel rooms to book.

I want to thank everyone and the units for inviting me to their holiday parties, even finding unique ways to play the left/right game! I am enjoying my year as your court princess and if anyone is interested in possibly holding an office next year, reach out to me and let's see what will fit for you.

***Octopus Hugs, Lady Kathy Kelley, Princess***  
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## Associate Princess

And just like that, 2021 is behind us! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and hope that you were able to enjoy time with friends and family. Our court holiday card will be coming out in the Cactus Chatter Update online this year, as I wanted to give everyone an opportunity to donate and sign it at the December meeting.

Fundraising for the Court Special Project continues! As of this writing we are at 60% of my goal of raising \$5000 for the Boston Shriners Hospital. Funds will be used for custom-made compression bandages that help minimize scarring during the healing process. The Court Special Project is one of the most direct ways that Sphinx Court supports Shriners children and I am looking forward to presenting a big check to the Boston hospital on your behalf in a few months.

I also want to thank everyone who has donated toiletries, pop tops, blankets, gift cards and toys this year. Many of the toiletries were used to create personal care bags for area homeless veterans. Crocheted blankets were given to a program called Wee Help which puts together layettes including diapers, wipes, bottles, baby clothing and a baby blanket for new mothers living in poverty. It's been really fun finding ways to partner with other organizations to make the best of your donations when they are items that aren't needed by or are impractical to send to the hospitals.

As we wind down the year, please know how honored I've been to serve as your Associate Princess. I truly appreciate the wisdom, support and guidance that I've received from Lady Marsha, all our PHPs and each of you. Thank you.

***Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess***  
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# Officers' Offerings

## Recorder

### A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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Lady Elizabeth Zapanta-Dispo, 4624 E Bent Tree Dr, Cave Creek, AZ 85331-2685, [goldendaysach@yahoo.com](mailto:goldendaysach@yahoo.com)

## Roster Changes

Lady Dorothy Netherton landline #480-207-4337, cell #602-647-6539

Lady Donna DiCola, 798 E Road 3 South, Chino Valley, AZ 86323-6628

Lady Karen Miller-Gabardi has changed her name back to Karen Miller.

**\*\*\*\*\*2021 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND WERE 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

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. I for one am hoping 2022 is going to be a better year. Our Spring Membership Tea is coming together wonderfully. I want to thank everyone who have given me names. It will be on January 9th at the home of Mimi Bohlman. I have already received several RSVPs. Thank you all for the help and support you have given me.

**Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady**

**Phone: 480-620-9570, Email: mscherry317@gmail.com**



## Second Ceremonial Lady

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an incredible holiday and enjoyed the company of family and friends. Thank you for the invitations to the December unit gatherings. It was great to spend the holidays with everyone after being apart last year.

Now, back to business we go. Friendly Reminder, Dinner is \$12, and starts at 5:30pm. Please be mindful of the RSVP deadline. Any NO SHOWS, will still be responsible for their missed reservation. Don't fret, I will send reminders through the Cactus Chatter email.

As we start off the New Year, the January dinner deadline is January 14th. The meal will be Chicken Breast with Marsala Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad and Dessert. This month, I am looking forward to relaxing at the upcoming mystery dinner, after a very busy holiday season.

Onto the short, yet busy month of February. Mark your calendars, the deadline is February 18th. The meal will be Taco Bowl with ground beef or chicken, lettuce, tomato, red beans, cheese, salsa, sour cream and dessert.

Lastly, March will arrive; winter will leave quietly and Spring will come roaring in. As we prepare for the last meeting of the term, Ceremonial, we will not have our regularly scheduled March meeting. Be on the lookout for communication from Lady Marcia about the luncheon after the Ceremonial, March 19th.

In closing, I would like to THANK YOU, the members of Sphinx Court #65 for the opportunity to serve this amazing court as your 2nd Ceremonial Lady. I am looking forward to being able to continue to serve the court, and helping the children.

**Lady Mechelle Gaines, 2nd Ceremonial Lady**

**Phone: 719-229-9226, Email: emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com**

## 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.



## Scentsy Basket Opportunity



Ladies: Don't miss the opportunity to own this wonderful basket of Scentsy products put together for us by PHP Lady Debbie Jones with a total value of \$306.00. The basket includes:

A letter Board Warmer	By-the Candlelight Warmer	Scentsy Solid Gold
Alabaster Warmer	Bathroom Cleaner	Counter Cleaner
Fragrance Flower	Mint Holiday Hand Soap	Room Spray (3)
Body Wash	Unicorn Buddy Clip	Scent Bars (6)
Scent Pods		

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.00. Please see any Greeter member at Court or send your checks for tickets to Andie at 11523 E. Adobe Road, Mesa, AZ 85207. Please make checks payable to Sphinx Court #65. Drawing will be at our January Court Meeting.

Thank you so very much for supporting the Travel Fund—remember, we all benefit at one time or another from our fund raising efforts.

**Thank you for your support!**



Greeters  
LOS Travel Fund  
Valentine  
Paint & Sip Party

Saturday, February 12, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Palm Lakes Village

16415 N. 33rd Way, Phoenix, AZ

\$30—Paint, Sip and Food

\$20—Food and Sip only

Silent Auction

All Supplies will be provided.

Payment is due at check in on the day of the party.

Please make your reservation to paint, eat or drink.

RSVP BY: February 7th

602-329-2015 or

andie@curtismanagement.biz



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
FOOD, FUN & FRIENDSHIP**

# Unit and Club Happenings

## Clowns

Welcome 2022 from the Clown Unit!!  
 Attending the Winslow parade were Ladies Dennice and Mechelle along with our HP Marsha Young. Watching and cheering along with a huge crowd were Ladies Dorothy Mather, Sharon McGee and First Lady Teresa Seplak.

Warm weather for the Florence parade was beautiful for those taking part this year. Ladies Janet, Debbie, Mechelle, Kay and Andie loved waving and seeing all of the people on the sidelines. So happy to be in parades again! Be on the lookout for email information for future parades.

The clown unit had its fun Holiday Party on December 11th with almost two dozen attending to enjoy the great Mexican food and gift exchange.

Please come and join us at our meetings which are held at the Shrine on the 2nd Thursday of the month - January 13, February 10 (election of officers), March 10.

Looking forward to a safe and very happy New Year!

***Lady Nancy Beffel, Vice President***

## Greeters Unit

Ladies: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 5th at 11:30 a.m., place TBD which will be our election of officers. We will be having our New Year luncheon on Saturday, January 8th at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Central Avenue. All are welcome - just let me know by January 2nd so I can adjust our reservation.

***Lady Andie Lacombe, President***



### Director Staff

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



## Happy New Year!

***Past High Priestess Club***

## PHP Club

The Past Highs are still collecting purses for their Fill A Purse project. Bring your purses to any court meeting and we will take them. The next meeting will be February 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine and we'll be electing officers for the coming year.

We wish you Happy and safe Holidays.  
***Lady Mimi Bohlman, PHP, President***

## Ceremonial Pageantry

Check Cactus Chatter Update emails for our February Election of Officers meeting date.

***Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary***

## Sphinx Patrol

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at El Zaribah. It will be the unit's OV with our HP Lady Marsha Young. Our next meeting dates are February 15, 2022 and March 15, 2022. All of our meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served in the Red Fez room from the limited menu prior to all three of our upcoming meetings. Let's try to arrive for dinner early enough to have time to practice our marching prior to the meetings. We hope some or all of our new members will come visit us at our meetings.

***Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain***

## SPHINX PATROL



**Water Bottle Holders -**  
\$5.00

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

# Unit and Club Happenings

## Director Staff

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and that the new year is better for all of us! The Director Staff unit had a great Holiday party, thanks to Lady Judy Lough for hosting!

Our January meeting has been moved to January 12th, due to a conflict at the Shrine. We will be having our HP OV with Lady Marsha and will be bringing in dinner. Please let me know if you will be attending, so we get enough.

To our new members, I hope you will come by and visit with us. We normally meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the Month. Dinner is in the Red Fez room and meeting starts at 7pm. February 2nd is our Election of Officers and March 2nd we'll be honoring our past Chiefs. Hope to see you soon!!

**Lady Karen MacDougall, PPH, Chief**

## 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.

**CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS**

If you are not receiving emails from the Cactus Chatter Updates list, please contact Linda Curry, PPH to be added.  
***lkcurry1@cox.net***

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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## GREETERS

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

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



# Committee Reports

<b>Membership @ 09-27-2021</b>	<b>218</b>
Correction	0
Initiated	5
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-3
Suspended	-0
<b>Membership @ 11-13-2021</b>	<b>220</b>

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**A note from Karen MacDougall, PHP:**  
 These past several months have gone by in a blur. I want to thank my LOS Family for being there for me. Thank you all for the cards and the many donations made in Gale's memory. You have made this time in my life a little easier to bear and manage.

**2021-2022 Ways & Means**

We are in the home stretch for our Ways & Means projects. We've got the Drawings for opportunities to own \$500 and a beautiful quilt that will happen at the Ceremonial, March 19th. So get your tickets!!  
 Don't miss our biggest event of the year, the **Mystery Under the Big Top Mystery Dinner** coming up on January 21, 2022. Get your tickets soon and invite your friends... it's going to be great!

**Sunshine Report**

10/26—Lady Pat Zimmerman, PHP—Daughter, Cindi, passed.  
 11/01—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—husband, Dave Polner, PP passed.  
 11/03—Lady Rosemary Bennet—passed on June 15, 2021  
 11/10—Lady Marsha Maxwell, PGHP, GRE—passed  
 11/23—Lady Janet Mielke, PHP—hospitalized, but is now at home.  
 11/28—Lady Dorothy Netherton—in and out of the hospital with a lung infection. She is home now.  
 12/02—Lady Marsha Young, HP—Hip Surgery  
 12/14—Lady Dorothy Cameron—hospitalized with a leg infection and heart issues.

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](mailto: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 Gina Baird, PHP:**  
 Thank you everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, texts, and emails during these past long months. Many thanks for the many donations in Dave's memory. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



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**Calendar of Events for 2021 — UPDATED December 19, 2021**  
***All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.***

**JANUARY—2022**

01/08—Greeters New Years Party,  
Old Spaghetti Factory  
**01/09—Membership Tea, 1:30pm**  
**Home of Mimi Bohlman**  
01/12—Director Staff Mtg. and OV, 7pm  
01/13—Clowns Mtg., 7pm  
01/18—Sphinx Patrol Mtg. and OV, 7pm  
**01/21—Mystery Under the Big Top**  
**Dinner Fundraiser— 5:30pm**  
**01/24—Court Meeting—dinner 5:30pm,**  
**Meeting at 7pm**

**FEBRUARY—2022**

02/02—Director Staff Elections, 7pm  
02/05—Greeters Elections, 11:30am  
Location—TBD  
02/10—Clown Unit Elections, 7pm  
02/15—Sphinx Patrol Elections, 7pm  
02/23—PHP Club Elections, 7pm  
02/?? - Ceremonial Pageantry, Elections—TBD  
**02/28—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,**  
**Meeting/Elections at 7pm**

**MARCH—2022**

03/02—Director Staff Mtg., 7pm  
03/10—Clown Unit Mtg., 7pm  
03/15—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm  
**03/19—Ceremonial and Stated Meeting,**  
**Luncheon at 12:30pm,**  
**Meeting at 2:00pm**