



Kathy Kelley
High Priestess

Janice K. Curry
Recorder



Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
September, October, November 2022

Lady Linda Figler, Grand High Priestess

Motto: Turn on your Heart Light, let it shine for all the world to see and always be your own kind of beautiful.

Inside This Issue

- ♦ Officers Articles 1- 3
- ♦ Unit and Club articles 5 -6
- ♦ Committee reports 7

***** NOTICE *****

We will be voting by secret ballot at our December 19, 2022 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.

High Priestess

Welcome to the new Ladies of Sphinx Court! The year is running along relatively smooth and I am enjoying it. In my first article, I had asked for some not-to-personal trivia items to be sent to me and I thought it would be fun to see if the other members would be able to guess who it was. These items can be sent to me via email at Kathy.kelley2@cox.net, or call or text me at 480-797-9601. Maybe we can do something with those for the December meeting where I will honor the Past High Priestesses and Lady Jean Glover, PHP.

Remember, we have several court projects going on at this time. We had our 2nd Annual Craft day at the Shrine on Sunday November 20 from 2-4 where we had different holiday projects to choose from to make. Ongoing are the opportunity to win a \$500 floral bouquet and the Pampered Chef Multi Cooker with attachments. Tickets for the floral bouquet are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 and an arm span for \$20.00. Get your tickets at any court meetings or events. The Pampered Chef tickets are \$5 each, 5 for \$20. You can also reach out to me and let me know of your interest and we will work on getting you tickets. These tickets will be pulled at our last court meeting in March.

The court did vote to participate in the Festival of Trees this year and the information will be coming out about that. This is being held at the Shrine on December 2-4. This is a public event where local businesses and groups will donate fully decorated trees which will be then raffled off.

WE ARE BACK wrapping gifts outside Half Priced books at 43rd St. and Cactus. Our days and hours are: Saturday and Sunday December 17-18 from 9am to 9pm and on December 23rd from 9am to 9pm and 24th from 9am to 4pm. These times are based upon traffic. If it is busy, we might stay later. Lady Iris Colbert, PHP is the chair and will be handling the scheduling of times. Please reach out to her with your wish list of the times you would like to work. This is a great way to be out greeting the public and I am excited to be back. There is no charge, but we do take donations.

The November meeting was held on the 19th and was our first ceremonial where we welcomed 6 new members! The December meeting will be on the 19th and we will be honoring the PHP's and Lady Jean Glover, PHP who will be turning 100 years young. Please make note of the change in meeting date for December, so you don't miss the meeting. January 23 is our regular scheduled meeting.

Please pray for those that are ill and say a kind word each day to someone you know or not, and always remember to be your own kind of beautiful.



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

Officers' Offerings

Princess



Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

I trust that everyone had a great holiday season. The unit holiday parties are great fun and add so much fun to the festivities.

Grand Council will be in San Diego the week of May 14th. I expect Sphinx Court will have a great turnout. I will provide information on flights at upcoming meetings but I expect that many of us will be driving which may be more cost effective for all. I'm really looking forward to it.

Plans for next year are in full swing. I'll have a tentative calendar available soon but please save the date of Saturday, April 8th which will be our installation. It will be a bit different this year in the Red Fez and Fiesta rooms due to other commitments at the Shrine but I know it will be a memorable day for me and I'll do my best to make it for all of you who are able to be there.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome all our new members. If any of you have questions or anything else that I can help you with please don't hesitate to ask.

Lady Maria Parrish, Associate Princess

Phone: 602.956.9639, Email: mariaparrishh@gmail.com

Associate Princess



I am thrilled to report that, with the Court's support, we have now collected the funds to provide two adaptive bikes or trikes for our Shrine children. Your support for the Court project is very much appreciated.

This time of year is very busy. November we had our Fall Ceremonial. Welcome to the new members! The next day we enjoyed a wonderful time at our Craft, make it and take it. Then there's Thanksgiving. Then before you know it, it's December. We will be starting off December with the Festival of Trees. Followed by many Christmas parties. The Shrine Children's Christmas party this year will be held on December the 18th. Then we have Christmas. New Year's. And the next year begins. It seems that time just flies by so quickly. I'm so very grateful for all the support that you have given the Court project this year.

Lady Marcia Cherry, First Ceremonial Lady

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

Recorder

BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Lady Terry Andrews, 9631-B W Brown Street, Peoria, AZ 85345-3240 Cell #928-680-9734

Lady Hilary Morejon, 35206 N 26th Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85086-6647 Cell #325-864-9699

Lady Deonna Ruff, 8366 W Camino De Oro, Peoria, AZ 85383-1516 Cell #602-390-2750

Lady Denise Ruiz, 10610 W Heatherbrae Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85037-5818, Cell #602-882-0980

Lady Deborah Sise, 20021 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85027-4475, Cell #810-923-0024

Lady Natalie Trainor, 1850 S Westwood, # 5, Mesa, AZ 85210-9404, Cell #602-818-5701

ROSTER CHANGES

Lady Kerri Baumann, 25 Pinto Rd, Edgewood, MN 87015-7935

Lady Cyndy Lowry, cell #602-499-0095, email lowryc43@gmail.com

Lady Susan Rial, 22722 N 123rd Dr, Sun City West, AZ 85375-4563

Lady Madge Spencer, 8333 N Open Prairie Lane, Prescott Valley, AZ 86315-9227

Lady Brandi Twinam, 28398 N Blue Bird Rd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142-0018

*******2022 DUES ARE \$30.00 AND WERE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2022*******

Make your check payable to Sphinx Court #65 and mail to c/o Linda Curry, 1550 N El Camino Drive, Tempe, AZ 85288-1426 Your self-addressed, stamped envelope for your dues card is appreciated.

Lady Linda Curry, PHP

Phone: 602-619-4313, Email: lkcurry1@cox.net

Officers' Offerings



First Ceremonial Lady

Did someone notice they turned the heat down in the desert? The sweaters are out, holiday decorations are displayed, meals are being planned, the smell of baked goods permeates the house, and we can't forget all the fun holiday parties we are attending with the hilarious games and gift exchanges.

With the holidays in full swing, we have just welcomed a new class of ladies, who are just as excited about LOS as we are that they have joined us. Welcome and Congratulations, Ladies! We are happy that you have joined us and we are here to help you with any questions you may have. You will hear many times, if you haven't already heard many times, "You get out of LOS what you put into it".

Since we are on the subject of new ladies; let's keep up the membership momentum and continue to spread the word about how much fun we have, and how we help and support each other, the children, and our community. Our next Membership Tea is January 21, 2023, at 10 AM at Lady Trish Whalen's clubhouse, 16415 N 33rd Way, Phoenix, AZ 85032. Please forward the names of your friends, family, and neighbors to me by December 9th so I can send them an invitation to come play with us that day.

Have a safe and fun-filled holiday season. Happy New Year!

Lady Mechelle Gaines, 1st Ceremonial Lady

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



Second Ceremonial Lady



Hello Ladies! I hope you are all in good health. December is going to have so many Christmas parties, you should try to go to at least a few of them if you can. They are so much fun! If you would like to join in the fun, contact the Unit Leaders and let them know.

On January 13th the Ceremonial Pageantry Unit, to benefit the Travel Fund, is doing a Paint and Sip event at the Shrine. Contact Lady Janet LaBell, PHP if you would like to join the fun.

I would like to thank the ladies that have let me know if they wish to stay on the permanent Court dinner list or be removed. Please remember to call in advance if you will not be able to attend. Here are the up coming Court dinners:

December: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, and Apple Cobbler.

January: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Rolls, and Lemon Bars.

February: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Squash, Salad, Garlic Toast, and Carrot Cake.

Lady Lou Ann Speas, 2nd Ceremonial Lady

Phone: 480-510-2896, Email: littletyrant1960@aol.com

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.

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



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



Please join us on Friday January 13, 2023 at El Zaribah Shrine Center. Doors will open at 5:30pm and the painting will start at 6:30pm for some fun, food and artistic creations.

Tickets are \$20 per person if you would to just come and enjoy the food and fellowship

Tickets are \$25 per person if you would like to paint and enjoy the food and fellowship

We will have food and beverages available. The bar and the menu from the red fez room will not be an option.

You can buy your tickets from one of the unit leaders, the front office or the Bar.

LOS Sphinx Court #65 travel fundraiser

Christmas Gift Wrapping for the Court is BACK!!

We are doing Christmas gift wrap at the Half Price Book Store, 4322 East Cactus Road. The following dates and times are listed below. We need 4 people for each shift. You do not have to bring anything except warm clothes. We have plenty of everything else. Times listed include set up and closing. Closing times may vary depending on the wrapping traffic.

Saturday, December 17	9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 5 pm; 5 pm to 9pm
Sunday, December 18	9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 5 pm; 5 pm to 9 pm
Friday, December 23	9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 5 pm; 5 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, December 24	9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 4 pm

Please call Iris Colbert, PHP, at 602-622-6381, or send a text message. You can also email her at irisc0181az@aol.com. Let her know what time you are able to help, and if you have any questions..

Unit and Club Happenings

Clowns

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays Ladies!! We hope that you all are well. Please feel free to join us for our Christmas Party on Friday, December 9th at 5:30pm at El Zaribah. RSVP to Lady Andria Granado by December 3rd we are just asking for a \$5 donation at the door.

Our very own Lady Marsha Young won the chili cook off!! Also, Lady Lou Ann Speas won the Card Tournament!! Way to go ladies!! Our next two meetings will be January 12, 2023 and February 9, 2023 at 7pm at El Zaribah come early if you'd like to eat.

We plan on attending the Florence Parade in November after Thanksgiving and face painting at Luke Air Force Base for their family Holiday Party.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Lady Andria Granado – Vice President

Sphinx Patrol

The unit was pleased to welcome Lady Kacy Baxter as our newest member. Our R&Rs came back from J&L approved as written. Lady Andie Lacombe and Lady Lynn Hatch have been busy planning our unit Christmas party. It will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Lady Andie's home. Please RSVP to Lady Andie if you plan to attend. All are welcome. Our next unit meeting will be the unit's official visit with our High Priestess, Lady Kathy and the elected officers of the Court on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The meeting will be held at El Zaribah and start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be available from the menu in the Red Fez room prior to the meeting. Let's try to arrive for dinner early enough to have time to practice our marching prior to the meeting. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays.

Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain

Cactus Chatter Editor

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP
623-337-3226 Email: kcmac999@cox.net
8103 W. Hess Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85043
www.sphinxcourt65.org

Ceremonial Pageantry

It will soon to be another Holiday Season and it seems like we just finished summer. Ceremonial Pageantry's next fund raiser will be the PAINT and SIP party or Sip and Paint which ever you prefer first on January 13, 2023. I have tickets for this fund raiser and also all of Lady Kathy's fund raisers. Lets get them all sold.

Our next meeting will be on Feb 8th, with dinner with the men at 5:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM. This night will be elections.

Dance practice will be announced after the holidays.

Don't forget ladies the next ceremonial will be March 25th 2023 and we will be performing in costume.

Lady Dorothy Mather, Secretary

Greeters

Ladies: Congratulations and welcome to our newest members - we hope you take time to visit all the units to find the right fit. The Greeters meet on the first Saturday of the months of February, April, September and November. We would love to have you visit us! We will be having our holiday party on Saturday, January 14th , 1:00 p.m. after all the hustle and bustle of Christmas and New Years. This party will also be held at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 4th at 11:30 a.m. at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri, Phoenix. This meeting will be our election of officers. Members voted at our most recent meeting to increase the cost of the magnetic name tags to \$15.00 and the unit bars to \$7.00. Please contact me to order a name tag or unit bar at andie@curtismanagement.biz or 602-329-2015 or see me at any Court function. Happy Holidays!

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

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**

Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

The Director Staff's is celebrating the holidays with a party on December 16th at the Shrine. We would like to invite all our new members to come out and join us. Give Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP a call at 623-337-3226 if you would like to come.

Last month we had our Official Visit with Lady Kathy Kelley, HP and had a wonderful turn out. Our Christmas project this year was filling backpacks with all kinds of goodies that we donated to the homeless through Trevor's Vision. We formed an assembly line and had it done in no time that night.

To our new LOS Members—Director Staff is looking for some new members. We usually meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month and our next meetings will be 1/4/2023 and 2/1/2023. Please come and join us for a no host dinner in the Red Fez Room at the Shrine at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. We would love to see you there!

Here's hoping that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, Chief

STUMP A PHP

Please join us for our first session of "Stump a PHP!" to be held on Saturday, January 21st immediately after the Membership Tea. Our first panel of PHP's on the "hot seat" will consist of : Lady Debbie Smith, PHP; Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP; Lady Trish Whalen, PHP and Lady Mary Hammer, PHP. We know that the new members have tons of questions as you were probably overwhelmed with information at both the Membership Tea and Ceremonial. This is also true of long standing members - I know after ten years I still have questions. So, please put on your thinking caps, bring your questions and join us for this first round of "stumping" our past highs.

Lady Andie Lacombe, Court Treasurer

PHP Club

The officers and members of the Past High Priestess Club send a Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to everyone and wishes for a wonderful 2023.

The next Past High Priestess meeting will be in February 22, 2023

Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, President

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 - \$15.00
Pin Back Name Tag - \$10.00
Unit Bar - \$7.00



Web Designs Arizona, LLC

Leo Balthazor
Project Manager • Owner
5915 East Woodridge Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85254

email: leo@webdesignsarizona.com
website: www.webdesignsarizona.com
Facebook or Twitter: @webdesignsaz

- Web Design
- Brand Analysis
- Online Marketing
- Print Publication

Cell: 602.740.5635
FAX: 602.237.5526



**Happy
Holidays!**

**Past High
Priestess Club**

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
Lou Ann Speas, President @ 480-510-2896
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com

Committee Reports

Membership @ 5/31/2022 218

Correction	0
Initiated	+6
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-2
Deceased	-3
Suspended	-0

Membership @ 11-19-2022 219

It was with sincere sorrow that many of us attended the funeral for our Lady Juanita May. It was a beautiful ceremony, and we were only sorry we were unable to perform our LOS Funeral for her.

To all of our LOS Court: Please stay healthy.

Iris Colbert, Funeral Chairman



Director Staff

Fez Cases \$45
Stabilizers \$8
Can Cozies \$3
Ginny Fain
480-548-2725



Curtis Management, L. L. C.
745 N. Gilbert Rd., #124-269
Gilbert, Arizona 85234
(480) 497-6061
jim@curtismanagement.net

Jim Reid, CMCA, AMS®
Community Association Manager

Andie Lacombe
Community Manager

Specializing in Management of Community Associations
website: www.curtismanagement.net



SPHINX PATROL



Water Bottle Holders -
\$5.00
LOS Folding Fans
\$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Sunshine Report

09/06—Lady Neva Thompson, in home hospice
09/12—Lady Dennice Dunaway, her daughter passed unexpectedly
09/14—Lady Sharon Magee, hospitalized for heart tests
09/16—Lady Juanita May, passed
09/17—Lady Edith Nader, recovering from heart valve surgery
09/27—Lady Judy Bond-Reaves, hospitalized with cancer
10/03—Lady Dorothy Stanfield, PHP, fell and hurt her arm
10/14—Lady Jackie Miller, her sister passed
10/16—Lady Betty Dabagian, passed in July
10/17—Lady Gina Baird, PHP, hospitalized to have pacemaker replaced
10/20—Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, and Lady Maryalta Cooper, hospitalized after a car accident
10/24—Lady Gloria Leppert, broke her arm and hip, had surgery
11/07—Lady Sue Tice, PHP, hospitalized after a fall with a broken femur
11/15—Lady Jane Sheldon, hospitalized with Covid
11/17—Lady Janet LaBell, recovering after surgery

If you hear of anyone with good news or sickness, contact Lady Linda Curry, PHP at 602-619-4313 or email lkcurry1@cox.net. She will send out the Cactus Chatter Updates via email and Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, is her back up. Lady Kacy Baxter and Lady Taime Bengochea will be sending out cards.

Court Books –Audit Committee

Since the GHP will be here early February, I will collect the books at the January Court Meeting on January 23, 2023. Since the January bank statements won't be received prior to this date, the Treasurers' books will end December 31, 2022. This will give the committee plenty of time to audit the books and have corrections made.

Have a Happy Holiday & Prosperous New Year.
- **Lady Gina Baird, PHP**

Sphinx Court No. 65
Ladies' Oriental Shrine
of North America

Linda Curry
1550 N. El Camino Dr.
Tempe, AZ 85288-1426

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Phoenix, Arizona
Permit No. 369

Calendar of Events for 2022 — UPDATED 11/27/2022
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

DECEMBER—2022

12/2-4 —Festival of Trees

12/09—Clowns Holiday Party—5:30pm

12/11—Patrol Holiday Party—1:00pm

Andie Lacombe's home

12/16—Director Staff Holiday Party—5:00pm

Red Fez Room, Dinner at 5:45pm

12/17—Lady Jean Glover's 100th Birthday

Party—4pm RSVP 602-524-8319

12/17-18—Court Gift Wrapping—9am-9pm

Half Priced Books 4322 E. Cactus Rd.

**12/19—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm**

12/23—Court Gift Wrapping—9am-9pm

Half Priced Books 4322 E. Cactus Rd

12/24—Court Gift Wrapping—9am-4pm

Half Priced Books 4322 E. Cactus Rd

JANUARY—2023

01/04—Director Staff Meeting—7pm

01/12—Clowns Meeting—7pm

01/13—Travel Fund Paint & Sip, 5:30pm

01/14—Greeters Holiday Party, 1:00pm

808 E. Missouri

01/17—Sphinx Patrol Meeting—7pm

**01/23—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm**

February—2023

02/01—Director Staff Mtg & Elections—7pm

02/08—Cerem. Pgntry Mtg & Elections—7pm

02/09—Clowns Mtg & Elections—7pm

02/21—Sphinx Patrol Mtg & Elections—7pm

**01/23—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,
Meeting at 7pm**