



*Kathy Kelley*  
High Priestess

*Arvida X Curry*  
Recorder



# Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona  
February and March 2023

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.

## High Priestess

Happy New Year to everyone out there; members and friends alike. We are heading towards the final events of the current year, but there are still exciting functions happening!

The membership tea was held on January 21st at Lady Trish Whalen's clubhouse. We are hoping to have multiple ladies join us when we have our ceremonial on March 25th.

The Official Visit of the Grand High Priestess, Lady Linda Figler, is on Monday, February 6 at 7 pm, with dinner beforehand. This is a special meeting for the purpose of the Official Visit only; we will still hold our regular February meeting on the 27th. On Tuesday evening the 7th, we will be gathering for a casual dinner at 5:30pm at Macayo's, 8608 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Lady Linda, GHP, will be staying at the Hyatt Place on Rio Salado and is available to any court member. On Wednesday February 8th, I will be taking Lady Linda, GHP, to Tucson for their Official Visit. They will be having dinner at Olive Garden that evening with their meeting on Thursday the 9th. Everyone is invited to attend. Let me know if you want to car pool on Wednesday the 8th, attend dinner that night, or attend the Official Visit Thursday.

Our regular court meeting will be held on February 27th, and this meeting is elections. It was discussed, when I was Princess, during the PHP meeting last year whether to hold the February meeting together with the Official Visit, but the general consensus was not to add them together and end up with the meeting running late into the evening. The OV will be in the auditorium, and the court meeting in the Red Fez/Fiesta room. Please try to attend and show your support for the court and let's show off to the GHP.

Now, for the rest of the court activity. The Paint and Sip held by the Travel unit, Ceremonial Pageantry, was a hit. Such a successful night from my view. I think the count was about 25ish that painted with several that supported and did not paint. Good job ladies, it was a fun night. Having two choices to paint was unexpected and difficult to decide, but for me the polar bears won out. February will bring our last Fundraising event (well, the two chances to own are still ongoing) On February 18th at 2PM we will be having a Norwex party demonstrated by our own Lady Debbie Smith. The theme is Spring cleaning. Clean out your old outdated cleaning supplies; fill your dwindling supplies, etc. Norwex has wonderful products, many products are recycled and are antimicrobial. Baclock antibacterial agent self purifies the cloth keeping it fresher longer. Micro silver agent embedded in the cloth self-cleanses it. This will be held in the community center at Lady Trish's complex, located at 16415 N 33 Way.

Please remember, we still have the chance to own \$500 flower bouquet, or the Pampered Chef multi cooker, kinda like an Instapot for quick cooking. The \$500 chance tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, or an arm length for \$20.00; grab anyone you want to use for these tickets. The multi cooker tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Both drawings will be held at the March ceremonial (last meeting of the Court year).

Having a blast as your High Priestess and so hope you feel I am representing you well.



**Octopus Hugs,  
Lady Kathy Kelley, High Priestess  
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# Officers' Offerings

## Princess



A Happy 2023 to All!!!

Grand Council is the week of May 14th at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa on Mission Bay in San Diego. I know many of you will be driving but Southwest is offering flights for just over \$300 for those who may be travelling by air. You can also make your hotel reservations now as the information was distributed in the Grand Council package. Please mark your calendar for WAOUM which will be held September 20-23 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Portland, Oregon. I really hope that these events will be well attended by Sphinx Court.

I'm looking forward to the upcoming elections and ceremonial. I still have a lot to do to get ready but am excited to work with all our new Officers, Unit Officers and Aides in the coming year. Please be on the lookout for information on some fun Ways and Means events that we will be holding next year. We will need everyone's support to make it a successful year for Sphinx Court.

Can't wait to see all of you at our upcoming meetings and events,

**Lady Maria Parrish, Princess**

**Phone: 602.956.9639, Email: mariaparrishh@gmail.com**

## Associate Princess



I hope the year is starting off great for everyone. Last year is over and I am so glad to tell 2022 goodbye.

I want to thank everybody for their generous donations to the Court Project, adaptive bike. As of today, we have been able to provide 3 1/2 bikes. I also want to thank everyone for their generous donations of underwear for the children. Also, a thank you goes out to the Clown Unit who collected gift cards which I have received a letter from Salt Lake thanking us for the generous donation.

I am looking forward to Our OV In February. Then in May we will be off to San Diego for a great time at Grand Council. And again, we were always saying, where has this year gone?

Thank you for all the love and support the court has given me this past year.

**Lady Marcia Cherry, Associate Princess**

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## Recorder **ROSTER CHANGES**

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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**

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## Officers' Offerings



### **First Ceremonial Lady**

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?!? Here we are adding the final pages to Lady Kathy's term and prepping the pages for Lady Maria's term. As always, we had a lot of fun at the recent membership tea, which was held on January 21st. There were many ladies in attendance curious about our organization, excited to help with the many talents they have, and eager to learn more. Thank you ladies for continuing to share your joy and excitement about our organization with your family, friends, and acquaintances.

The Spring Ceremonial is to be held, on March 25th, 9 am, at El Zaribah Shrine. The luncheon is \$15 per person and will be Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Salad, and Desert. RSVP DEADLINE IS MARCH 10, 2023. **FRIENDLY REMINDER**, The Permanent Dinner List, does not apply to the Ceremonial. If you would like to eat at the luncheon, please RSVP to me at [emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldmermaid2526@gmail.com) or 719-229-9226 call or text. Here is a fun idea for the Ceremonial ... I and the members of the court would love to see the Galley "sidelines" full. Ladies, come play, say hello, exchange hugs, and enjoy a fun day as we welcome the new members! It has been way too long since we have seen the smiles of many of our members. If you would like to attend but are unable to drive, call me. I am more than happy to help you find a ride. To the ladies who are physically unable to join us due to health, distance, and life circumstances, I am sending huge hugs.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and guidance this year; WATCH OUT, here I come with an opportunity to make even more and bigger messes while having lots of fun cleaning them up. I look forward to my next adventure with the court and the ladies, and the friends I will meet along this journey. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

***Lady Mechelle Gaines, 1st Ceremonial Lady***

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### **Second Ceremonial Lady**

Hello Ladies, Hope the New Year has started out good for you all. On February 6th there will be a special meeting in honor of the Grand High Priestess' Official Visit. The meal will be served at 5:30pm and will include grilled chicken salad, rolls, and dessert. Please plan on coming and supporting our Court, H.P. and our G.H.P. Reservations need to be in to me at least a week before the meeting.

Then on February 27th we'll be having our stated Court meeting. The meal will be spaghetti and meat sauce, with garlic toast, tossed salad, veggies, and lemon bars. Remember that March is our Spring Ceremonial and Lady Mechelle Gaines, 1st CL, is in charge of that meal. Please contact her for a reservation.

We hope that many of you ladies are planning to go to Grand Council in May in sunny California. It is always a fun time and you may learn a few things. That is also when we vote for our new Grand Officer and our Court has a lady running for the Grand line, our own Lady Trish Whalen, PHP. So, let's all show our support for her.

Our Court elections are also in February. The 2nd CL seat will be open for someone that wishes to run. I would like to take this time to thank all of my sisters in L.O.S. for the opportunity to serve you this year as 2nd CL. It has been my pleasure, but I could not have done it without all of your support. I'm looking forward to see what this new year has to offer.

Yours in Faith,

***Lady Lou Ann Speas, 2nd Ceremonial Lady***

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**Our newest members from  
November Ceremonial.**



**Travel Fund Paint & Sip  
Function**



**Clowning Around at the  
Florence Parade**

## Unit and Club Happenings

### Clowns

Hello ladies we hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The Clowns Christmas Party was full of fun and great food.

We started the year with a Liver Walk on January 28th. The Paint and Sip was so much fun thanks to everyone coming out and supporting the Travel Unit.

Elections are coming up soon. Hoping to see some new faces in the positions this coming year. We are also looking forward to the Official Visit from the Grand High on Feb 6th.

Our next meeting is February 9th (elections and Clown of the Year voting) our March meeting will be held March 9th. No big events scheduled for us at this time. Hope to see you all soon!

**Lady Andria Granado – Vice President**

### Sphinx Patrol

Our next unit meeting will be on February 21, 2023 which will include the election of next year's unit officers. The March meeting is on March 21, 2023. The meetings 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.

**Lady Linda Curry PHP, Captain**

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



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### Ceremonial Pageantry

Ceremonial Pageantry's Paint and Sip Travel Unit Fund Raiser was a great success, we really do have talented painters in our court. Great job Janet LaBell!

Don't forget the Grand High Priestess Official Visitation on February 6-7th, contact Lou Ann Speas for dinner reservations. There will also be a Court meeting on February 27th. again contact Lou Ann about reservations.

Our next meeting will be on February 23rd, this will be our official visitation with HP Kathy Kelley, as well as election of officers. Please invite new members to visit our meeting.

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 - Happy New Year! We had our Holiday Celebration on January 14th and all had a wonderful time with over twenty ladies attending. The food for was plentiful and absolutely delicious. Thank you for those who participated in the "white elephant" gift exchange and to those who brought food for the pot luck.

Our next meeting will be our election of officers on Saturday, February 4th, 11:30 a.m. - place to be determined.

**Lady Andie Lacombe, President**



### **NOTICE**

If you would like to have your email address in the next Court roster, please send an email to [lkcurrey1@cox.net](mailto:lkcurrey1@cox.net) from the address you would like included giving permission to publish it.

# Unit and Club Happenings

## Director Staff

Welcome new members. We invite you to attend our next Director staff meeting on February 1st at 7:00 pm at the Shrine. Many of us arrive at 5:30 for dinner and fellowship, and we hope to see you that evening. To our members: remember that this night we will be electing the officers for 2022-2023. Please consider the positions of Chief and Assistant Chief. They are both very important and most rewarding.

In March we will meet on 3/1/2023, hope to see you there, too!


**Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, Assistant Chief**


## Past High Priestess Club

The Past High Priestess Club wishes to welcome the new class of members. Please attend as many functions as you can, remembering you will get more back than you give. We wish you well on your journey.

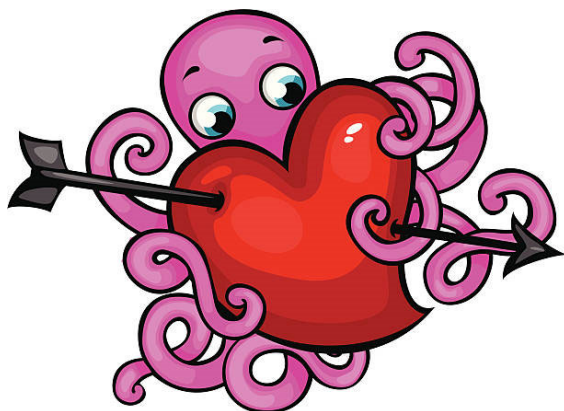
Our Next PHP Club meeting will be held at the Shrine on February 22, at 7:00 pm.

**Lady Iris Colbert, PHP, President**

<b>SPHINX NO. 65</b> 	<b>GREETERS</b>  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
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**Past High Priestess Club**




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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  
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## Committee Reports

### Membership @11-19-2022 219

Correction	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	0
Deceased	-2
Suspended	-0

### Membership @01-23-2023 217

### Sunshine Report

- 12/04—Lady Connie Massie, recovering after surgery  
 12/09—Lady Pat Zimmerman's Husband, had a pacemaker put in and doing fine.  
 12/11—Lady Gloria Leppert, broke her arm and hip, recovering in rehab.  
 12/16—Lady Trudy Mullins, PHP, asking for prayers for her brother-in-law, Dr. Raymond Tobey, in hospital for possible stroke.  
 12/19—Imperial Sir Bert Oien, PIP, passed  
 12/20—Lady Bert Allen-Petterson's Husband Glenn, passed  
 12/26—Lady Margaret Alexon, passed.  
 01/05—Lady Yukona "Kona" Baker— passed in September/2022.  
 01/10—Lady Carol Shepard, PHP—home with Flu  
 01/11—Lady Jackie Miller, Son is recovering from brain 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:lkcurry1@cox.net)



### SPHINX PATROL



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### Director Staff

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**Calendar of Events for 2022 — UPDATED 01/17/2023**  
***All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.***

**February—2023**

02/01—Director Staff Mtg & Elections—7pm  
02/04—Greeters Mtg & Elections—11:30am  
Location TBD  
**02/06—Grand High Priestess O.V.  
Dinner 5:30pm, Meeting 7pm**  
02/07—GHP Dinner—5:30pm @ Macayo's  
8608 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale  
02/09—Clowns Mtg & Elections—7pm  
**2/18—Court Norwex Fund Raiser—2pm  
Clubhouse at 16415 N 33 Way**  
02/21—Sphinx Patrol Mtg & Elections—7pm  
02/22—PHP Club Mtg. & Elections—7pm  
02/23—Cerem. Pgntry O.V & Elections—7pm  
**02/27—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm,  
Meeting at 7pm**

**March—2023**

03/01—Director Staff Mtg —7pm  
03/09—Clowns Mtg —7pm  
03/21—Sphinx Patrol Mtg —7pm  
**03/25—Ceremonial & Court Meeting  
9am Meeting, Luncheon after**

**April—2023**

**04/08—Installation of Officers—1pm  
Pictures at Noon**  
04/12—Director Staff Mtg —7pm  
04/13—Clowns Mtg —7pm  
04/18—Sphinx Patrol Mtg —7pm  
**04/24—Court Meeting—Dinner 5:30pm  
Meeting at 7pm**