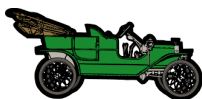




Maria L. Parrish

High Priestess

Angela K. Curry
Recorder



Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
October and November 2023

Lady Karen Przytula, Grand High Priestess

Motto: "Each One, Reach One"

***** NOTICE *****

At our October 23, 2023 stated meeting we will have the first reading of the Rules & Regulations proposed changes for Sphinx Court. The second reading and vote will be at our December 18, 2023 stated meeting.

We will also be voting by secret ballot at our October 23, 2023 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

Ladies! Welcome back, I hope your summer was much cooler than mine!

It's been a busy few months. CornFest was a huge success (thanks to everyone who came out to work the Sphinx Court table) and our Ways and Means got off to a great start. There will be more information at the next meeting but our "Estate Sale" netted over \$2400, the Pampered Chef Party raised over \$700 and our "Opportunity to Own \$\$" raise over \$1500. It's a huge relief heading into the fall knowing that we are in good shape financially and our remaining fundraisers (Pampered Chef Multi Tool opportunity, gift wrapping and Murder Mystery Dinner Theater) should help us to meet our goal.

We also wrapped up our Official Visit with Grand High Priestess, Lady Karen Przytula. It was really nice to have her here. Thank you to everyone who attended our dinner at Chompies and thanks to those who were able to attend the OV dinner and meeting. It went really well. Just on the heels of our Official Visit was WAOUM. LOS Unit Meets are so much fun and I was thrilled to attend with so many ladies from Sphinx Court.

Coming up are a few significant events. Our first Ceremonial and induction of new members will be on Saturday, November 18th. There will be a lunch following the event and the "permanent" dinner list will NOT apply. Please RSVP directly to Lady Lou Ann Speas if you will be in attendance. Our December meeting, which would have fallen on Christmas Day has been moved to Monday, December 18th. Please RSVP to lady Dennice Dunaway with your dinner reservations. Rather than our Court outfits I would love to see everyone in their holiday finery!

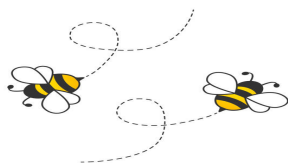
While not finalized yet, tentative dates for gift wrapping are December 22nd, 23rd and 24th. We will need volunteers from 9am-8pm each of those days so please block out some time on your calendar.

Thanks again for the love and support you have shown me on this journey. I couldn't do it without each and everyone of you.



Classy Car Kisses,

Lady Maria Parrish, High Priestess
Phone: 602-956-9639
Email: mariaparrishh@gmail.com



Officers' Offerings



Princess

October has brought us cooler weather, which is a wonderful thing to have happened since we have spent unbearable sizzling summer. In October, we will be treated to a candlelight dinner at Count Dracula's castle. A delicious dinner of Salisbury steak will be served, and an amazing costume Contest held.

In November we will hold our Fall Ceremonial and welcome several wonderful new Ladies to our amazing order. I want to thank everyone for all their hard work and planning that goes into making all our events such a success.

Lady Marcia Cherry, Princess

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



Associate Princess

What a great way to kick off coming back from Summer Break. The Court had a wonderful 2 day visit with the Grand High Priestess, Lady Karen Przytula; a successful Membership Tea...Yay Lady Lou Ann; members that attended WAOUM and a productive September meeting. Wow! What a busy September.

OOH AHH...For those in attendance at the September meeting, did you share with your friends who were not able to join us, what they missed? The unveiling of a project that benefits the Court Hospital Project, POPS (Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services at Shriners Children's). Wear your Sphinx Court pride, in a gorgeous black with red trim jacket. The jacket with the LOS emblem, Sphinx Court #65, Phoenix, AZ, embroidered on the left side is \$70 and \$75 if you would like to have a single name embroidered on the right side. It is available in a Ladies' cut, sizes XS - 4XL (does run a size small), and in a Men's cut, size XS- 4XL. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the jacket will be gifted back to the hospital project. The jacket is made of a 100% polyester shell (waterproof rating), has a 100% polyester microfleece lining and is washable. The order form will be sent by Cactus Chatter email blast, will be mailed to those who do not have email and will be available at my station during meetings.



APPEARING FOR A LIMITED TIME...The Holiday Card will be making a 1 Night Only appearance at the October Court meeting. What is the Holiday Card? It is a great way to wish all the members of Sphinx Court, a Wonderful Holiday Season. For a donation to the Court Hospital Project, you may sign the card, and the card will be printed in the next Cactus Chatter newsletter for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to add your name to the card, and are not able to attend the October meeting, please send donation to our Recorder, Lady Linda Curry, and put in the MEMO, HOLIDAY CARD. The donations must be received by November 3rd, to be included on the card.

Sending HUGS & THANKS for all the support you continue to give to the hospitals & our community.

Lady Mechelle Gaines, Associate Princess

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

Officers' Offerings

Recorder **ROSTER CHANGES**

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 Lady Elizabeth "Betty" Swerda, PHP Shaaru Court #37,
 6209 E McKellips Rd, Mesa, AZ 85215, 858-214-4977

*******2023 DUES ARE \$30.00 ARE DUE ON APRIL 1, 2023*******

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



First Ceremonial Lady

Hello Ladies! Hope your summer was a good one and you all had a great time. Well, we are officially back in action. The first thing we had was our OV with our Grand High Priestess, Lady Karen Przytula. She is a very nice person and we had a very good visit.

Next was our Membership Tea with a very nice turn out. The ladies were wonderful, food was yummy and a great time was had by all. I would like to thank the Units and their ladies for bringing the food and most of all for your smiling faces and warm hearts to show these ladies that may be joining us that we are a great group with a good cause.

In September a few of us attended WAOUM in Portland, Oregon. We had some fun at Fun Night and then back home for our Court meeting. Our next big event will be our Fall Ceremonial Hope to see everyone soon and let the Force be with you.

Lady Lou Ann Speas, 1st Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 480-510-2896, Email: littletyrant1960@aol.com



Second Ceremonial Lady

Two dinners left before 2024. October 23rd will be Beef Stroganoff with Noodles and Broccoli with Lemon Bars for dessert. Dinner is \$15.00 and if you are on the permanent list your reservation is made. All others need to make reservations to Dennice Dunaway dundealaz@gmail.com. **Deadline is Oct. Friday the 13th.**

The next dinner will be the December Court meeting date and further plans will be coming. I need to plan the menu and get a headcount into the Shrine at least 10 days prior to every dinner and the reservation count is what we are charged for. Please pay the court your \$15.00 if you have made a reservation for dinner and were not able to be present. Hope to see you at our next dinner for more fun and laughter.

With a grateful loving heart,

Lady Dennice Dunaway, 2nd Ceremonial Lady
Phone: 602-628-7820, Email: dundealaz@gmail.com

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Sphinx Court #65

Note: Travel Fund

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Clown Unit Travel Fund Project

SPHINX COURT #65—Presents Murder Mystery Dinner Theater



Benefiting: Sphinx Court Ways & Means—2023/2024

When: February 3, 2024

Where: Aboard the **HMS SPHINX**

Boarding: 5:00pm from the Fiesta Room at El Zaribah Shrine

Details: Sphinx Court is setting sail for disaster on a fun filled four hour tour! Join your fellow shipmates for an island themed dinner, fun & laughter

as we try to solve a murder after being ship-wrecked on a desert island. Everyone is welcome, so bring ALL your friends. Don't miss out!

Attire: Wear your best Cruise Casual or Island themed outfits. Swimwear is optional.

Cost: \$25.00 per person—includes Cruise Fare, Dinner, and a Show!



Unit and Club Happenings

Clown Unit

The clowns were busy over the summer with workshops and a face painting booth at the recent CornFest. Our first meeting after our summer "dark" break was on Sept 14th, and it was nice to see so many smiling faces. Our next 2 meetings will be October 12th and November 9th, with dinner available in the Red Fez room at 5:30, meeting follows at 7:00 p.m. We have also scheduled our Holiday/Christmas Party for Dec. 30th at the Shrine.

The Clown Unit is the Travel Unit for next year and we have started our fund raising. Our 'no bake' Bake Sale is off to a slow start, but check out the flyer in this issue of Cactus Chatter. We anticipate some delightful responses from these calorie free treats.

On October 20th is our Candlelight Dinner at Dracula's Castle in the Fiesta/Red Fez Room. A spooky themed event, costumes are not mandatory, but there will be a "Best Costume" prize awarded. This is a family affair, children are welcome, with Trick or Treating fun available at each table. The dinner menu is Salisbury Steak with gravy and all the fixings plus a choice of deserts. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12.

Reservations must be made for this event to **Janet LaBell** at janet-label@yaho.com. Cash or checks will be accepted at the door. Social hour at 5:30, dinner at 6:30p.m. Keep on Clowning

Lady Emy Bartula – Vice President



Ceremonial Pageantry

Hope everyone had a safe and fun summer! Our next meeting will be on November 16, 2023, at 6:30pm with stage setup after our meeting. Looking forward to Ceremonial on November 18th, as we had 6 ladies fill out petitions at the Membership Tea. Have a great day and enjoy!

Lady Jane Sheldon, President

Sphinx Patrol

Welcome back to meetings and gatherings. Our Membership Tea was great. I hope everyone had a great time at Western Area Unit Meet. We have some events coming up for the court and I sure hope that you, your friends, neighbors and family are able to attend they will be a lot of fun.

We have a meeting on October 17th at 7pm. We will have a practice before at 6:15pm. I hope to see everyone there. You can also join us for dinner before the practice and meeting in the Red Fez room and you can order off of the menu.

I hope some of our new members come check us out. We are a lot of fun and we look pretty silly when we practice our march. When we perform we get lots of applause. See you soon.

Lady Janet LaBell PHP, Captain

Greeters

Ladies: We welcomed our members back after a long hot summer on September 2nd with seventeen ladies in attendance. We had a light lunch and a very productive meeting. Thank you again ladies for all of your help setting up and cleaning up. Lady Debbie Smith, PHP was finally installed as our unit Secretary by Lady Lynn Hatch, PHP. Congratulations to Lady Debbie and thank you to Lady Lynn for a very nice installation. Our next meeting is currently scheduled for November 4th but that may change. Meeting to be at Madison Gardens, 808 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix at 11:30 a.m. We also scheduled our Holiday Celebration for Saturday, January 6th.... more information to come. We are looking forward to the Ceremonial on November 18th and welcoming new members to our Court.

Lady Andie Lacombe, President

Cactus Chatter Editor

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP
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Unit and Club Happenings

Director Staff

It was great seeing everyone out at our last meeting. I hope everyone had a nice summer and you are ready to get to work. We voted to do 3 projects during the year instead of one at Christmas time. They are Shriner's Hospitals, Winslow Hospital, and Trevor's Vision. So get ready to get to work with our blanket making, hats and other items.

Our next meetings are on October 4th and November 1st, with dinner at 5:30pm in the Red Fez Room and meeting starting at 7pm. Dance practice is after the meeting. Have a great day and be safe.

Lady Jane Sheldon, PC, Asst. Chief


Past High Priestess Club

Hi everyone and welcome to Fall... finally! In September we welcomed a new member into our Club, Jr. PHP, Lady Kathy Kelley!! Enjoy the year off, cause we'll put you to work next year.

The PHP Club will continue with our "Fill a Purse" project through out the year. If anyone has a large usable purse that is not needed anymore, please see Lady Iris Colbert, PHP. We could use your help with this project.

We are looking forward to the November Ceremonial and welcoming some new members into our Court. Also on 11/29/2023 will be our Official Visit with the High Priestess and her Officers, so get your questions ready for us! We'll be meeting at a restaurant TBD for dinner and the meeting at 6:30pm. Hope to see all the Court Officers out at a meeting.

Lady Karen MacDougall, PHP, President

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|  | Happy Halloween! 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!!! |  |
| Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit Deninice Dunaway, President @ 602-628-7820 sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com | |

Committee Reports

Membership @05/29/2023 210

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| Correction | 0 |
| Initiated | 0 |
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| Demitted | 0 |
| Deceased | -2 |
| Suspended | -0 |

Membership @09/25/2023 209



Sunshine Report

- 09/25—Lady Sharon McGee—son Mike in ICU with congestive heart failure and husband Mike going in for skin cancer surgery.
- 09/24—Lady Doris Miller, discovered cancer
- 09/20—Lady Jackie Miller's son James - brain tumor
- 09/20—Lady Ginny Fain—Recovering from surgery after a fall.
- 08/23—Lady Renate Sweat—Surgery for hip replacement
- 08/17—Lady Gina Baird, PHP—Surgery for hip replacement.
- 08/15—Lady Christy Connelly—home recovering from surgery.
- 08/03—Lady Marion Lockie's Noble, Walt — Had a fall
- 07/30—Lady Georganne Garn, PHP, husband Bob passed.
- 07/30—Lady Judy Lough—Home from hospital after 6 day stay for aorta aneurysm.

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.

Be A Lady in Red Join the Ceremonial Pageantry



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Calendar of Events for 2023 — UPDATED 09/30/2023
All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

October—2023

10/04—Director Staff Meeting —7pm
10/12—Clowns Meeting —7pm
10/17—Sphinx Patrol Meeting.—7pm

**10/20—Travel Fund Fundraiser
Candlelight Dinner at Count
Dracula's Castle— 5:30pm
10/23—Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm
Meeting at 7pm**

November—2023

11/01—Director Staff Meeting—7pm
11/04—Greeters Meeting—11:30am
808 E. Missouri Ave, Phoenix
11/09—Clowns Meeting—7pm
11/16—Ceremonial Pageantry Mtg.—6:30pm
**11/18—Ceremonial Court Meeting—9am
Luncheon After Meeting**

November—2023

11/21—Sphinx Patrol Meeting—7pm
11/29—PHP Club Mtg. and OV—6:30pm
Location TBD—look for your invite

December—2023

**12/18—Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm
Mtg. 7pm—Holiday Attire
12/22,23,24—Court Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser**

January—2024

**01/22—Court Meeting, Dinner 5:30pm
Meeting. 7pm—**

February—2024

**02/03—Murder Mystery Dinner—5:00pm
HMS Sphinx—Cruise/Island Attire**