SPHINX COURT NO. 65 L.O.S.N.A. INC. PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Lou Ann Speas
High Priestess

Recorder

Cactus Chatter

Sphinx Court #65 - Phoenix, Arizona
September—October 2026

Lady Roberta Ensor, Grand High Priestess

Motto: "If it is to be, it is up to me, Shine!"



In Loving Memory of our High Priestess

Lady Lou Ann Speas

A Memorial Service will be held on October 25th at the El Zaribah Shrine Center. Further information and times will be provided when it becomes available.







IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please Read:

1. At the October stated meeting we will be having an election for the office of High Priestess, if needed.
2. Lady Debbie Smith, PHP, has asked Sphinx Court to sponsor her for the office of Grand Outer Guard or Grand Inner Guard at next year's Grand Council. At the October stated meeting we will be voting to sponsor a candidate for these officers in the future. Then we will vote to sponsor Lady Debbie as that candidate.
3. We will be voting on the proposed changes to the Court's Rules and Regulations after the second reading of the proposed changes at our October stated meeting.

Officers' Offerings



Princess

Ladies: Hope everyone is having a restful and cool summer. Western Area Organized Unit Meet was held Sept. 10th -12th. I hope everyone that attended a great time!

Hawk Hugs and Buterfly Kisses,

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

Associate Princess



Welcome back, Ladies!

As a reminder, our Court project this year will support the Shriners Children's Salt Lake City Wheelchair and Seating Program (WSP). This remarkable program provides essential durable medical equipment (DME) and customized mobility solutions for children with specialized needs. Their dedicated staff custom-fits wheelchairs, adapts car seats, and performs vital adjustments and repairs—services that greatly ease the financial burden on families.

How can you help? I'm asking everyone to collect and bring in aluminum cans—not just the tabs. I will take them to the recycling center and have the proceeds donated directly to our Court for this year's project. Shriners Children's Salt Lake City also offers an Amazon Wish List for those who prefer to contribute in that way.

We will also continue our Hobo Pillowcase initiative. Whether you sew, cut patterns, iron (yes, the lost art!), or simply lend a helping hand, every contribution is appreciated. I will share dates and times for our work sessions soon and will send updates through the Cactus Chatter Update emails as they become available.

Thank you, ladies, for all that you do. Your kindness, creativity, and dedication make our Court shine brighter with each passing season.

Lady Debbie Sise, Associate Princess
Phone: 810-923-0024, Email: mypolasha@icloud.com

First Ceremonial Lady



Dear Ladies,

I hope you had a great summer. Some of the line officers went to Tucson for their Official Visit with the Grand High Priestess, Lady Roberta Ensor. Two days later we visited with the GHP here in Phoenix for a short meeting and wow, we learned a lot about children that were born with feet that need special shoes.

I am still working on getting names for our Membership Teas. Please let me know if you have any ladies who may be interested in joining and I will contact them.

Lady Margie Brakefield, 2nd Ceremonial Lady,
***Phone:* 928-587-2133, Email: davenmargie2000@gmail.com**



Officers' Offerings



Second Ceremonial Lady

It was truly wonderful seeing so many of you at the Grand High Priestess visit. Lady Roberta's message behind "Show Me Your Shoes" added such heartfelt meaning to the evening, reminding us how impactful our work can be when comfort, dignity, and joy come together. Paired with our enjoyable social time, a delicious Court dinner, and a productive meeting, the night left me grateful for each of you and the spirit you bring to our court.

Looking ahead to our September Court meeting, please remember to RSVP in advance for dinner. We'll be serving classic burgers and French fries; simple comfort food that pairs perfectly with good company and a productive evening. Your RSVP helps us plan smoothly, and your participation is always appreciated.

I'm grateful for each of you and excited for the months ahead.

Lady Juliette Hurz, 2nd Ceremonial Lady
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Recorder

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Lady Linda Curry, PHP

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From:

Past High Priestess Club

Dancing puppets in parades,
Shriners kids with painted faces,
Creative costumes made with love,
Clowns excel in many places.

If you would rather smile than frown,
We like your style, become a CLOWN!



Contact the Sphinx Court #65 Clown Unit
Greer Balwin, President @ 602-696-3832
sphinxcourtclownunit@gmail.com

Unit and Club Happenings

The Ladies of Mohave Club

Ladies of Mohave have had a busy and exciting season filled with service, fellowship, and continued growth as we move closer to becoming Mohave Court #115.

Over the past few months, our ladies have stayed active in both our community and our Masonic family. We proudly hosted the 3rd Annual Masonic Family Picnic and enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship together. Our ladies also assembled and donated 110 feminine hygiene bags and collected 135 pairs of eyeglasses for the Lions Club in just one month. We are incredibly proud of the generosity and hard work our members continue to show.

Our September Purse Fundraiser was another exciting event for Ladies of Mohave and sold out once again. Thank you to everyone who supported us and helped make the fundraiser such a success.

We continue to grow our membership and are excited to welcome new ladies into our sisterhood as we prepare for the Institution of Mohave Court #115. Institution Weekend will be held February 5–6, 2027 at El Zaribah Shrine Center in Phoenix. We sincerely hope many of our Sphinx Court ladies will join us as we celebrate this very special milestone. Registration packets and complete details will be coming out soon.

Looking ahead, we are also excited for our annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and more opportunities for fellowship throughout the fall.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and encourage the Ladies of Mohave. We are so excited for what lies ahead!

Fraternally,

Lady Jessica Tary, President

Ceremonial Pageantry

What a hot summer, hope everyone was able to stay cool!

The GHP dinner and meeting with Lady Roberta was fun, interesting and informative. Her project is pretty shoes which the kids can wear with their orthotics.

Our next meeting will be in November prior to our Fall Ceremonial, time and place TBD and will be announced in the Cactus Chatter Updates.

Hope everyone had a great time at WAOUM!

Lady Gina Baird, PHP—Vice President

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Clown Unit

We hope everyone has been staying cool this summer. The Clown Unit enjoyed snacks and refreshments while practicing face painting on June 27th. Ladies Greer, Andria and others demonstrated some of their favorite characters to paint, as well as, which brushes and techniques make a dazzling finished product. Lou Ann Speas, HP, stopped by to encourage our group.

On July 11th, members of the Clown Unit returned to Paz De Cristo Community Center to help make and serve food to the less fortunate in Mesa. Lady Christy headed up the recruitment of volunteers and the sign up.

A second Clown Unit training was held on July 25th. Clown Unit members got the opportunity to work on their make up skills in preparation for future parades and Clown events. We appreciate Lady Marsha for hosting our training. Ladies Marsha and Janet provided helpful hints and suggestions to our group. Clown Unit members participated in Cornfest which was held August 29th and 30th. Face painting was provided during this two day event held at El Zaribah Shrine. The Clown Unit has also been working on a skit for the upcoming WAOUM.

Regularly scheduled unit meetings were held September 3rd and October 1st at El Zaribah Shrine. The Clown Unit will continue to prepare for upcoming events and welcomes new members who want to have fun while supporting the children of Shriners Children's Hospital and their families.

Lady Barb Roth, Vice President

Director Staff

Greetings! I hope everyone is staying cool this summer. It's hard to believe we are halfway through the summer break. Director Staff is busy as always. We are worker bees for sure.

In June we got together to make 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Trevor's Vision. Lady Maria delivered them to be handed out on shower day. Everyone was so appreciative and we had a great time getting together.

We had a wonderful visit with our GHP Lady Roberta. Thank you to Lady Andria for the wonderful lasagna dinner. Congratulations to Lady Lou Ann our High Priestess for a wonderful Grand OV.

We will be cooking once again for Trevor's Vision in August. Our Welcome back meeting will be September 2nd and October's meeting is 10/7. I do hope the new ladies will come and visit. If you like to be busy and help out the community, we are the unit for you. Stay cool. Stay safe, and we will see you all soon!

Indian Love,

Lady Debbie Jones, PHP, - Chief

Unit and Club Happenings

Sphinx Patrol

Welcome back, Sphinx Court Ladies! I hope you are ready to kick off the fall season after your (hopefully) cool summer escapades! Last May, Sphinx Patrol performed beautifully at Grand Council in Orlando, Florida and we looked super sharp in our new uniform of all-black with the sparkly turquoise vests.

For Sphinx Patrol's first fundraiser as the working Travel Unit this year, we had a table at El Zaribah's CornFest (August 29-30, 2026) selling home-made baked goods compliant with the Cottage Food Rules. Other fundraisers this year are 50/50 tickets, the donation "piggy bank" at Court meetings, a No-Bake Sale (see the ad in this newsletter) and a Bunco night on January 23, 2027. Please keep an eye out for additional details on these fundraising activities.

Our October practice and meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at El Zaribah. On both dates, practice will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Red Fez Room (where you can order off of their normal menu) will also be open for dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. on both dates. If you are interested in being a member of a unit that is light of heart and foot (most of the time), please join us! All Sphinx Court members are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again and keep marching on!

Lady Amy Wilson, Captain

Greeters

Hope everyone had a good summer!

We had a great dinner and meeting with our new GHP, Lady Roberta. Her project about pretty shoes for kids wearing orthotics was great.

We also had a lot of fun at the Un-Birthday party.

Next meeting is on November 7th with the time and place TBD. Check the Cactus Chatter updates for future events.

Lady Gina Baird, President

Past High Priestess Club

Wow! What a wonderful Official Visit from the Grand High Priestess, Lady Roberta Ensor! She was delightful and the story about why she selected the "Show Me Your Shoes" project was enjoyable and inspiring. She made everyone in the room feel equal and accepted. We extend our best wishes as she continues to travel around North America.

The Past High Priestesses are taking some time this summer to relax and have fun.

The Official Visit of our Court Officers will be on MONDAY, November 16 at 6:30 pm. The location is yet to be determined. All Line Officers are invited to attend this meeting and bring any questions they have about their position or the work they are expected to perform. Our seasoned PHPs will have answers and advice for them. When one Lady succeeds, we all succeed.

Enjoy the rest of your (hot) summer. As of now, it looks like it's going to be an active monsoon season. Let's pray for rain…in moderation, please! Happy Summer to all!

Lady Marsha Young, PHP, President

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GREETERS

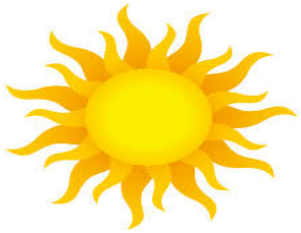
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CACTUS CHATTER UPDATE EMAILS

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Committee Reports



Sunshine Report

Lady Lou Ann Speas, HP, passed away on September 22, 2026.

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.

Membership @03/31/2026	**199**
Correction	0
Initiated	0
Dual	0
Reinstated	0
Demitted	-0
Deceased	-0
Suspended	-0
Membership @05/18/2026	**199**

Sphinx Court Ways and Means

The Ways and Means Committee is excited to announce the following fund-raisers for the 2026-2027 year. We had an Antagonize Your Neighbor Party on October 3rd. It was a great time! We are working on a few other events, so stay tuned to the Cactus Chatter Updates

On behalf of the committee, thank you in advance for your support to reach our goal as we begin another fun year.

Lady Andie Lacombe, Court Ways & Means Chair
Committee Members:
Lady Leanndra Beard, Co-Chairman
Lady Andria Granado

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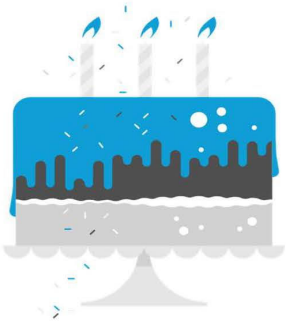
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SPHINX PATROL

We work hard at having fun executing choreographed marches and acting as escorts at Court events.
Monthly meetings and practice
(Third Tuesday of September-May @ 6:30pm).

Any questions, text Sphinx Patrol Captain, Lady Amy Wilson @ 480-309-9212

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Sphinx Court Patrol Unit Proudly ANNOUNCES . . . .

IT'S A NO-BAKE BAKE SALE!

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Wonderful Cupcakes:	$15.00
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Half sheet:	$10.00
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You can place your order with Lady Andie Lacombe or Lady Amy Wilson at any Court meeting or mail your order along with your payment payable to Sphinx Court #65 (in the memo, please put "Patrol Travel Fund No Bake Sale") to:

Lady Andie Lacombe
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Thank you for your support!





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Calendar of Events for 2026 - UPDATED 09/19/2026

All activities are at the Shrine Auditorium unless otherwise stated.

OCTOBER-2026

10/03—Antagonize Your Neighbor, 7pm
Court Fund Raiser
10/07—Director Staff Mtg.. 7pm
10/08—Clowns Mtg., 7pm
10/20—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
10/26—Court Meeting, 7pm
Dinner at 5:30pm
10/27—Ladies of Mohave Club Mtg., 7pm
Mohave Shrine Center

NOVEMBER—2026

11/04—Director Staff Mtg.. 7pm
11/12—Clowns Mtg., 7pm
11/16—PHP Club Mtg. & OV, 6:30pm
11/17—Sphinx Patrol Mtg., 7pm
11/29—Court Ceremonial
Luncheon and then Mtg. 2pm