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Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Releases 2019 Statistics

At the January 29th Kiwanis meeting, the club hosted guest speaker Nicki Donovan. Donovan works for The Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and came to present some facts about the airport.

According to her, Phoenix Sky Harbor is one of the busiest airports, with 125,000 passengers coming in daily. In 2019, more than 46.3 million passengers traveled through that airport and there are 18 airlines that fly to over 123 destinations.

"We just released our 2019 numbers and it was our highest passenger count yet," said Donovan.

Many people don't know that Sky Harbor is a part of a

system of airports that also includes Deer Valley Airport and Goodyear Airport.

Phoenix Sky Harbor has a big effect on the valley's economy. Not only does it support 269,000 jobs and bring in over 800 tons of cargo daily, but it also creates a \$38 billion economic impact.

A day at Sky Harbor is very busy. 1,200 takeoffs and landings occur every day in order to support the 125,000 passengers that fly through daily, as well as the 2.1 million pounds of cargo that is shipped every day.

Due to these high numbers, there are over 5,300 cars rented everyday.

Kiwanis Supports Foothills Caring Corps

During this past holiday season, the town of Carefree partnered with Foothills Caring Corps for a Season of Caring. The program was designed to help many seniors in need. The Foothills Caring Corps helps seniors with disabling living conditions live independently and in their own home.

The organization raised more than 3,300 dollars from donation jars that ran November 25 through December 20. They serve seniors in the Northeast Valley/Desert Foothills area. The Kiwanis Club of Carefree matched all donations up to \$5,000. The town also sponsored an "Angel Tree" in the town hall offices, which provided gifts for those in need.



Kiwanis member, John Skarda, presents a \$700 check to Les Hardie, Marty Ellison, and Bob Hass, who are the organizers of the Carefree Classic Wheels and Wings Show. The show will be held at Sky Ranch Airport on March 7. *Photo By Avianna Hoppes*



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About the Kiwanis Club of Carefree

"Serving the Children of the World" is the mission of Carefree Kiwanis, a 501 (c) (3) service organization, and the larger Kiwanis International. Locally we demonstrate our passion for helping children recognize and develop their full potential by giving scholarship and merit awards, sponsoring Key Club, "Bringing Up Grades" (BUGs), summer art programs, and mentoring to establish a thriving and supportive community in the Desert Foothills area.

Visit www.kiwaniscarefree.org to learn more.



At the January 22 meeting, the CEO of MIKID Dick Geasland spoke on mental health awareness for kids. Photo by Logan McDade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19:
Regular Meeting

March 7:
Western Night

MIKID Offers Help to Arizona Kids Who Struggle With Mental Health Issues

On January 22, Dick Geasland, the Chief Executive Officer of MIKID {Mentally Ill Kids In Distress} came to spread awareness about kids with mental health issues and what their organization does to help.

In the United States, 13-20% of kids experience some type of mental illness. For those types of kids, MIKID employs over 100 trained staff, offering support, education, and skills development to families and their children as well as youth and young adults who are experiencing mental health and behavior challenges throughout Arizona.

MIKID is a non-profit, licensed Outpatient Clinic, Family-Run organization in the State of Arizona. MIKID currently has out-patient offices in Phoenix,

Tucson, Yuma, Casa Grande, Nogales, Kingman, and an administrative office in Prescott Valley. In addition, MIKID offers in-home and community support as well as prevention education to communities across the state.

According to their website, MIKID was started by Sue Gilbertson in 1984 when her son, Eric, was diagnosed with mental illness. At that time, there were limited resources for children with mental illness, and Gilbertson could not find the help she needed for her son. In addition, she found the medical community "indifferent and uncooperative to her needs."

Since its inception, MIKID has helped families better understand mental illness and how to live with it.