

KIWANIS CONNECTION



KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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NEW K-KIDS CLUB!

The Lone Mountain Elementary was presented with their official charter of their K-Kids Club on April 15th. Pictured with the K-Kids Club Members are: Kellie Hale; Teacher Advisor for K-Kids, Patty Jensen; Principle, Kimberly Marie Jack; Kiwanis Club President and Student Leadership Programs Committee Chair, and Dr. Cort Monroe; Superintendent of CCUSD. **K-Kids** is a service club for students in elementary school. It is led by elementary students and teaches them the value of helping others by taking part in community service projects.



Happy Birthdays!

May 1	John Denaro
May 3	Heidi Schuler
May 4	Frank Abbruscato, Kathleen Haugner, Michael Farrar
May 8	Debra Determan
May 13	Howard Diske, Jacquelyn Perry-Brown
May 15	Tina Leazier
May 18	Bruce Lukowiak
May 20	Patty Jensen
May 22	Noah Kendrick, Lisa Savage-Black
May 23	Michael Moore
May 24	Alexis Sterling-Popovich
May 29	Craig Raby

Saying Good-Bye To Jim Shaw

Fellow Kiwanian, Ron Bell, characterizes Jim "as a class act". Ron knew Jim through his involvement at church, Kiwanis, and the Salvation Army bell ringer program. Ron stated "there was never a minute I was not proud to be associated with Jim. He was 94 years old and still looking for ways to help others in our community."

The "Jim Shaw Memorial Scholarship" has been established in his honor for his years of service in Kiwanis of Carefree and on the Scholarship Committee. The first recipient of this scholarship is Ms. Miah Thirion awarded on May 4, 2021.

WESTERN NIGHT EVENT

The Kiwanis Marketplace staff and our Hospitality Committee sponsored a wonderful "Western Night" recognition event for all the Marketplace volunteers who devote so many hours to our mission of supporting our local community of kids, adults, and Veterans in need. The event was held Monday April 19th and attended by some 150 folks who were entertained with music donated by "Pic O' the Litter." There was good grub, tasty drinks, a hayride, and even prizes for them lucky ticket holders!

Local businesses added to the night with donations to Marketplace volunteers. Our hats are off to: Harold's, Mountain View Pub, The Creamery, Janey's, The Cave Creek Olive Company, The Eddy, The Prickly Pear Inn, It's a Divine Bakery and Tech4Life. See all the photos on our website: KiwanisCarefree.org.



New Member Orientation an Evening of Friends and Fun

Thursday April 8th the Desert Foothills Library Outdoor Patio hosted the '2020 to early 2021' new member orientation get-together. Led by Membership Committee officers, the new members were given a bit of history; both current, by Steve Morse, and way back as told by Pete Carpenter.

Each new member introduced themselves offering a variety of backgrounds and talents being added to our club. Now to get them all active on a committee and fulfilling their goal to become a Kiwanian contributing to this community.



As soon as John Dionne joined last year he jumped in with both feet and arms taking on some big challenges. He hardly seems like a new member!

Thank you, Anne Johnson (new member on serving Membership Committee) for the space and coordinating the food and beverages.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER - DR. CORT MONROE

If you have had the pleasure of meeting the new superintendent of the Cave Creek United School District, you will know Dr. Cort Monroe is passionate about education, bestows well-earned kudos to his staff, and is already an integral part of the community he serves.

With more than twenty years in K-12 education, Dr. Monroe has held a variety of school-based and administrative roles. From teaching elementary school, coaching high school sports, being a principal and college professor, his breadth of experience has shaped him into a well-rounded administrator. Taking on the role of a superintendent of a large school district during a global pandemic is no easy feat, and he has been committed to ensuring the community's schools not only stay open but thrive.

Dr. Monroe has lived in Arizona since 1999 with his wife and four daughters. Fluent in Spanish, he served as a volunteer in Argentina for two years. He enjoys sports, being active and spending time with his family.



Stop by the Marketplace to see our new banners on the pole out front. Pole and guitar atop designed by Paul Diefenderfer (on the far right). Also pictured Bob Moore, Sandra Carrier (Marketplace Facility Manager) and Gino Orrico. Thank you Bob for all your hard work getting these up for all to see!

