

KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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Business is **BOOMING** at Kiwanis Marketplace

Surpassing forecasted projections, our Kiwanis Marketplace continues to thrive! Last month sales hit a record high of \$224K, and this month we are well into \$200K again.

Another major milestone with a count of 1,423 guests visiting the store in a single day. And it keeps going... as we hit another record of having 42 volunteers in the Marketplace on a single day. Amazing work happening at the Marketplace, Way to Go Alex & Team!

Calling attention to this month's Community Partners at the Marketplace "Table Your Business" - Puppy Luv, Dynamic Appliance Repair, American Family Insurance and the Foothills Food Bank.

2022 Scholarship Evening of Excellence Award Ceremony



Enjoy a beautiful evening and celebrate the kid's achievements as they receive their awards.

Join former NFL player, AC Caswell on Monday, May 9th at 6PM at Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center - 33606 N. 60th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85266 for 2022 Scholarship Evening of Excellence Award Ceremony.

TOP NEWS

Caribbean Night in the Desert - POSTPONED

The Hampton Inn tirelessly works to open, but delays push our event to Fall.

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Celebrating 49 Years!

Serving kids in our community for 49 Years. Happy Anniversary Kiwanis Club of Carefree!



Geno Orrico, talked about humorous situations which had taken place at meetings and events during his years with Kiwanis. Surprisingly, he didn't break into a song once he had a microphone in hand.

Happy 49th Anniversary

Kiwanis President Joyce Jordan, announced our Kiwanis Chapter's 49th Anniversary, as we were founded in 1973 by KT Palmer and Tom Darlington. We had some of our more senior members speak about their recollections of the early days of the Carefree Kiwanis Club.

Things have changed over the years... Kathy Haugner, speaking from her heart, shared the Native American meaning of Kiwanis is... "we trade". She went on to talk about the Kiwanis days before women were allowed to join formally and yet they still managed to find a way to contribute. Membership at that time was nearly 300.

Doing it for the Kids



Tony Gutowski, Southwest District Governor takes time out of his day to come to the Marketplace weekly and he picks up and deliver shoes that we donate to the Prescott Valley Kiwanis Club. Another great reason to get involved with the Carefree Kiwanis!

Weekly Club Meetings

Join us for great food and good fun!

Wednesday's at 11:30AM

Harold's Cave Creek Corral
6895 E Cave Creek Road
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Phone: 480-488-1906

Happy Birthday



John Denaro - May 1
Heidi Schuler - May 3
Kathleen Haugner - May 4
Frank Abbruscato - May 4
Michael Farrar - May 4
Howard Dicke - May 13
Jacquelyn Perry-Brown - May 13
Steve Alley - May 14
Tina Leazier - May 15
Patty Jensen - May 20
Noah Kendrick - May 22
Lisa Savage-Black - May 22
Michael Moore - May 23
Alexis Sterling-Popovich - May 24
Craig Raby - May 29





Climate Change

We were blessed to have Susanna Dart discuss climate change. She is the Climate Change Policy Officer in Lancaster, England! It was refreshing to hear her positive aspect about the future of the world through climate change.

Celebrating Marketplace Volunteers!

Grateful for all the help we so generously receive! A little time-out to celebrate our Volunteers, we appreciate all they/you do for the Marketplace!



Thank! You!

Member Spotlight **Les Hardy**

Kiwanis member, Les Hardy, was the chair of an independent Carefree Event called, Wings and Wheels on April 2nd. He shared that this event generated over \$7,000 which was donated to the Foothills Food Bank. About 5,000 people attended to see a wide array of airplanes and automobiles.

Kiwanis supported this event by loaning 20 tables, delivered by Geno. *(Thank you also Geno)*

We salute Les for all the hard work he put in to make this event a great success.



KIWANIS Member Spotlight *Alexis Sterling-Popovich, M.Ed.*



Growing up, Alexis Sterling-Popovich's father would frequently remind her that "we're not here just for ourselves; we are here to serve others." And as a World War II Silver Star recipient, member of the Marine Red Raiders and founder of the Detroit branch of Big Brothers, her father embodied that adage.

It's no surprise, then, that Alexis has followed in her father's footsteps and lives a life of service.

After meeting at the University of Arizona, Alexis and her husband, Mike, began to raise a family and have lived in various parts of the United States and Central America. Their wanderlust led them back to Arizona where Alexis received a graduate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Her career includes launching a private practice, teaching, creating a community-wide drug education program and being a Therapist at the Superior Court in Pima County where she conducted divorce mediation, family assessments and developed a mandatory Parent Education Program for parents litigating custody and visitation.

Alexis joined Kiwanis four years ago when she and her husband moved to North Scottsdale from Tucson with the goal of meeting people with a heart of service. As a member of four committees, she works diligently to ensure the organization has a broad reach.

"There's a place for everyone in Kiwanis" Alexis says. "Come to a meeting and put yourself out there. Get to know the people and what we do. Make it a point to figure out how you can fit in to extend our reach."

"Everyone," she says, "has something to give."

"Volunteerism is Fulfilled at Kiwanis... Come and be one of us!"

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Member Luncheon Award Ceremony

THE SUPER STAR OF THE YEAR!

Alexis Sterling Popovich

THE BEST HAIR OF THE YEAR!

Steve Morse

Pete Carpenter

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR!

Linda Wright

Aaron Vasques

Eva Frick

BEHIND THE SCENES SUPER STAR!

Janet Busbee

Chuck Moranto

Tom Leard

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME KIWANIAN!

Larry Key

George Hoffer

ABOVE AND BEYOND!

Geno Orrico

Biff Miller

ALWAYS SMILING AND BEING THE MOST WELCOMING KIWANIAN!

Jacqui Perry Brown

OUT AND ABOUT IN SERVICE KIWANIAN!

Ed Edling

Mike Ferguson

KEY CONTRIBUTOR!

John Dionne

Darrell Doepke

Colleen Walski

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Lynn Oates

CONGRADULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

