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December 2022

**KICKOFF TO OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

*Kiwanis Club of Carefree will officially be 50 years old next March. We have an official anniversary logo that we will be using. Get ready for some upcoming fun, creative, exciting, and historically educational events.*



**3<sup>rd</sup> YEAR FOR KIWANIS HOLIDAY**

**ADOPT A FAMILY**

Kiwanis of Carefree is a pillar of hope and service in our community. Christmas this year is going to look very different for some families for a multitude of reasons. This year, is our third year as a club to reach out to CCUSD, YMCA, Carefree Christian Academy, and Annunciations to ask them to choose some families in their organization that is most in need this year.

Here is how you can help; be a team captain, team member, volunteer to shop or gift wrap. Donations are also need in monetary and in-kind wrapping supplies.

Sign up today by contacting Kiwanian Lisa Savage-Black (509) 993-9117 or at [lisa.savageblack@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.savageblack@gmail.com)

**DECEMBER MEETINGS:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Speaker Nate Hughes, Building Community 1 house at a time
- 14<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon at Terravita CC
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas! No lunch meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Happy New Year is on its way! No lunch meeting

**Birthday folks, come to the last meeting of each month to get recognized and play Ted's Quiz to win a bottle of wine. Congrats Sheryl Bell the October winner!**



**You and your guest are cordially invited to the  
Carefree Kiwanis Holiday Luncheon  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Doors open at 11:30 AM**

**Terravita Country Club – Clubhouse, 34034 N 69<sup>th</sup> Way  
Check-in at Security Gate Scottsdale Road and Terravita Way**



- Choice of: Filet Mignon with Bernaise Sauce on the side OR  
Seared Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce on the side
- Arugula Salad with dried cranberries, candied walnuts, cherry tomatoes, cranberry red wine vinaigrette
  - Grilled Jumbo Asparagus
  - Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes
  - Various Deserts
  - Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade

**\$45 per person – one drink ticket included**

**RSVP with menu choice and guest name required by  
December 3 to Darlene Carter at  
[Administration@kiwaniscarefree.org](mailto:Administration@kiwaniscarefree.org)  
480-597-9731**

**No cancellations after December 7**

**Vegetarian available upon request – Squash  
Pasta, tomato, onion, white wine, garlic, basil,  
parmesan, pina nuts**

**Additional drink tickets are available for \$5.00 each**

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are encouraged to help  
maintain social distancing.



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**Kiwanis Carefree & Desert Hills  
Presbyterian Church  
BLOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, January 7

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DHPC Fellowship Hall - 34605 N. Tom Darlington Rd - Scottsdale

To schedule an appointment contact  
Linda Wright at [wright0514@gmail.com](mailto:wright0514@gmail.com),  
scan QR code or visit  
[donors.vitalant.org](http://donors.vitalant.org) (Sponsor Code: P1M0K)

The Thunderbirds would like to thank you for giving  
blood Jan. 1 – 13 with a voucher to redeem online  
for a free one-day admission to the 2023 Waste  
Management Phoenix Open.



**The Anthem Club is  
seeking volunteers for  
Bell Ringing in the  
Anthem Area.**

**Contact Alfie Kraus  
[alfieg54@aol.com](mailto:alfieg54@aol.com)**

**WELCOME NEW**

**MEMBERS!**

**Cam Kuniej, Carolyn  
Birney, Kimberly  
Nathanson, Jeannie  
Murray, Rodney Lewallen,  
Darlene A. Carter, Robert  
M. Risk, and Chris Contino**

## LAST MEETING OF MONTH NOW FOCUSES ON CLUB COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

President Joyce Jordan has started a new trend where the last meeting will give everyone the opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of our club. This is key to expansion and inclusion. How do we grow if members are in the dark about what the club committees are about? Recently, Michael Moore of the Youth Health & Wellness Committee shared about helping those needing glasses where all medical expenses are donated and the glasses are free to the kids.



## Club and Marketplace Recognized by the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce!

It was with a full heart and tears in her eyes that Sandra, our Executive Director, shared the news of our recognition by the Chamber of Commerce. It was something she had hoped would happen for many years.

- Kiwanis Club of Carefree for 20 years of Membership, Dedication and Contributions
- Business of the Year 2021 – Kiwanis Marketplace Thrift Store

[Pictured: Patty Villeneuve; President and CEO of Chamber, Alex Perez; G.M.Kiwanis Marketplace Thrift Store, and Sandra Carrier; Kiwanis Club E.D.]



### CLAYTON WOLFE - NOV 16<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM

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## Cave Creek's Desert Awareness Park playground gets facelift

A ribbon cutting took place Nov. 15 at Desert Awareness Park with members of the Carefree Kiwanis. A beautiful playground fortress now graces the park in the center of Cave Creek, thanks to the coordinated efforts of town volunteers and local organizations.

The 30-year-old playground equipment needed to be replaced. The Desert Awareness Committee of the Holland Community Center worked with the town and wrote a grant to the Carefree Kiwanis, who donated all funds to the project. The Holland Center then donated the installed structure to the town. The new playground is focused on providing a safe and fun recreational experience for 2-to-12-year-old children. Many families, grandparents and visitors use this quiet park daily.

The park was created in the 1990s by an outpouring of support. A local developer donated the land, volunteers wrote a \$283,000 grant and received funding from the AZ State Heritage Fund. Local architect, Michael P. Johnson, donated his architectural expertise and many local groups including the Foothills Community Foundation, Soroptimist, the Horseman's Association, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Archeology group, Desert Awareness Committee and many volunteers and professions donated time, expertise and talent to build a unique, low impact park and educational experience for locals to enjoy.

The park also has an award-winning desert heritage center with interpretative signage educating visitor about their unique Sonoran Desert home. During winter months the Desert Awareness Committee lead guided hikes on the nature trails the first Saturday of each month (November to April) at 10 a.m. There is also an amphitheater that has served the community in many events.



## CAVE CREEK MUSEUM MEMBERS AT MARKETPLACE ON NOVEMBER 5TH



Cave Creek Museum has been busy adding the *Arizona Gold Mine Experience* the second Saturday of every month. It begins with a retelling of the Cave Creek mining district's history. There are demonstrations that showcase the hard rock ore extraction process for which this town is renowned. The Gold Reef Stamp Mill was brought from the Golden Reef Mine on Continental Mountain to the Museum, which is the only fully operational mining stamp mill in its original mining district in Arizona. The Museum also sponsor Kiwanis Family Fun Days, free because of the support we provide. Got family or friends coming to town? Schedule time to visit the Cave Creek Museum. 6140 E. Skyline Drive, 480.488.2764 or [cavecreekmuseum.org](http://cavecreekmuseum.org).



### Pre-School at Our Lady of Joy Holds a Kiwanis Banner

Pictured: Ted Dimon, Jessica Snook, School Director; Mrs. Krystie Burgess, staff; Mrs. Julie Garrison, staff. Plus a few of the little urchins in uniforms!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bill mullinicks
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Donald Szibdat
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Thomas Leard
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Regina Elmers
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Mike Poppenwimer
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Michael Ferguson
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Angela Balascak
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Bill Hollingsworth
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Larry Key
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Ron Ireland, Leane Kok

Veterans Program: Tom Kirk, a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot in both Korea and Vietnam, who also spent five-and-a half years in the Hanoi Hilton, shared his stories. Pictured here with Jackie.



## Clayton Wolfe – Seeks the Explorers Grand Slam

Clayton Wolfe grew up in a farming community in Canada, where the winter temperature would drop to minus 20 degrees F, preparing him for his future mountain climbing temperatures. He first shared with us that he is a member of the Saguaros which has raised millions of dollars for local Arizona non-profit organizations that support children's charities.

Clayton then shared both short films and still photos of his climbs of several well-known mountains and pointed out the base camps and various stages of the climbs including the sequences of the up and down cycles camp to camp to prepare him to attain the summit. It took him three different attempts over three different years to reach the summit of Mt. Everest due to the pandemic and guide issues, not his preparation.

In all, he is seeking the Explorers Grand Slam having achieved the summit of Denali, Aconcagua, Mt. Vinson, and Mt. Everest already... he says, "If I can do good for other people while reaching my goals, it's a win-win."

**Happy Holidays**