



# Kiwanis CAREFREE CLUB CONNECTION



## KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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# 2024 Happy New Year!

## NEW YEAR...NEW LOCATION

We thank everyone who came out and joined in a Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting to celebrate our new location in Carefree on Dec 7th



### January MEETINGS

#### Be There!

**January 3** - Lilia Gomez, with Fledging Youth Academy

**January 10** - John Skarda & John Voss will speak about the Honor Flight program

**January 17** - Kraig Nelson, Cave Creek Museum Historian

**January 24** - Tripp Harrison, with Wild at Hearts Owl Rescue

**January 31** - Club Business

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Joanie Larson  
Gary Newman  
Debbie Keller  
Wade Keller  
Mark Owens  
Bernadette Graham  
Jessica Ryder



# In the Community



**FOOTHILLS CARING  
CORPS ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISER AT  
MIRABEL GOLF CLUB  
December 4**



## **A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOOTHILLS CARING CORPS BRENT DOWNS**

It was a great day, and everyone enjoyed the event that netted over \$55,000 for our organization. We are grateful for the Kiwanis' Birdie Sponsorship, member participation and Sandra's volunteer efforts at the Golf Classic. The Kiwanis' Koozies were also a big hit!

Foothills Caring Corps appreciates the partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Carefree. Your continued support of our mission has allowed us to meet the 40% increase in individuals seeking services in our Community. Last fiscal year we served over 1000 individuals attempting to age in place with 28,468 touchpoints with many of these Neighbors residing in the Cave Creek and Carefree area.

# In the Community Continued...



## **TIERRA MADRE HORSE & HUMAN SANCTUARY** **Steve Muhl delivered a check**

Tierra Madre Horse & Human Sanctuary is a nonprofit organization in Cave Creek, Arizona. "We provide a forever home to more than two dozen previously abused, neglected, injured or surrendered horses who, in turn, serve the community through personalized programs that provide children, teens, & adults with unique opportunities to heal, grow, & reflect. Our targeted population includes individuals with autism, special needs, or disabilities; young children who are home schooled (many who have challenges)."

## Many Thanks



Season's Greetings  
There is no time more fitting to say thank you.

With gratitude,  
Your Valley of the Sun YMCA Family

Kiwanis Club of Carefree,  
Thank you so much for your support of the  
Desert Foothills Y and all you do for this  
community! Happy Holidays!  
Sincerely,  
Chris Hart

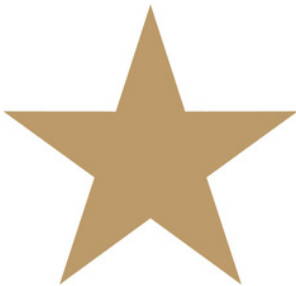


So grateful for  
the help, support &  
generous donations to  
Adopt-a-family. Our 508  
families are blessed. Happy  
holidays.  
Jinfa McCabe

Thank you



VETERANS  
HERITAGE  
PROJECT



Thank you for making a difference  
through your compassion and  
generosity. We appreciate your  
support of our mission. Your  
contribution allows for continued  
connection of students & veterans,  
preserving America's heritage &  
building future leaders.  
With Gratitude,  
Holly Shaw  
VHP Board VP

Thank you and Kiwanis for donating to the Chanukah in Carefree program. Your generous donation enabled Karen Acker to assemble a very meaningful, wonderful, 8-night event. The Town is honored to host the program and to have Kiwanis support the event makes it even better.

We are already looking forward to next year. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a blessed Holiday Season.

Best Regards,  
Mayor John Crane  
Town of Carefree, Arizona





# *We Do It For The Kids*



**Kiwanis of Carefree recently received a large “Thank You” poster from the Cave Creek Unified School District (CCUSD), thanking Kiwanis for its financial grants to the district during the last year. The poster highlights Kiwanis helping fund a kindergarten field trip to MIM, a 4th grade trip to Western Heritage, a 5th grade Junior Achievement trip to Biz Town, as well as supporting K-Kids.**

**The poster, which will be displayed in the Marketplace, was presented by Marcie Rodriguez, CFO of CCUSD, and Susan Rees, the district Financial Director. The poster was accepted by Communications Committee members Les Hardie and Tom Pozarycki, and Schools and Education Committee members Tom Leard, Debra Lay and Kathy Haugner.**



Save These Dates!

# KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



All you  
can eat!

Saturday,  
March 9, 2024  
7am – 11am

Sanderson Pavilion on Easy Street

SCAN FOR TICKETS

\$10 ADULT  
\$5 CHILDREN  
Carefree AZ



For the kids

CCR  
CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS  
EST. 1977



CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS  
PARADE  
MARCH 16TH AT 9 AM

MUTTON BUSTIN'  
MARCH 16TH AT 2 PM





*In case you missed*

**KIWANIS MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEER HOLIDAY PARTY**





*Say Cheese!*

HAPPY  
*Birthday*

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

8th Matt Owsley  
9th Diane Dunseath  
28th Mark Woods  
31st Paul Axberg  
31st Linda Wright



**SEND YOUR PICTURES TO  
COMMUNICATIONS@KIWANISCAREFREE.ORG  
WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE THEM!**

**GUEST SPEAKERS  
★ WANTED ★**

**If you know of someone who would  
be a great speaker at a luncheon  
email Darlene Carter!**

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