

KIWANIS CONNECTION



KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNICATION

Building our Comradery

The suggestion to revive the newsletter for interclub communication came up at a Membership meeting and it seems to be a good starting point for the club.

It is the goal of this newsletter to aid the club in doing just that. To be a bridge that introduces and connects the members, committees, and board with each other. It is an opportunity to find out about our past, keep up with the present, and share ideas for our future.



We deserve to give ourselves some pats on the back for all the hard work and hours of dedicated service. And everyone wants to hear about how others felt when they received our

"gifts."

So, join in! Share committee events, funny stories, history, photo-ops, births of kids and grandkids, anything that will

help connect the new with the experienced. *We are all in this together!*

COMING EVENTS

SPEAKERS:

1/20: Vanessa & Bob Kohnen from Rancho Milagro

February:

State Treasurer Kimberly Yee Nadine Cooper, recently back from China.

More information to follow regarding dates, time, and location for member meetings.

Sonoran News Jan 6, 2021 featured Kiwanis in a front page article! "A presentation to the Foothills Library of a major donation of \$50,000 as the second part of a commitment Kiwanis had made to assist with the renovations to their building supporting "Club 1117", the teen room."

Birthdays and Anniversaries!

We are looking for someone to collect the names each month and submit to the newsletter committee.

Perhaps you are that someone????

WANT TO HELP WITH THIS

NEWSLETTER?

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Christmas Sharing Brings Smiles

This Christmas we delivered several little Christmas trees and presents to our members living alone or experiencing trouble getting out. Geno was in his fun elf costume and delighted everyone. The recipients were so grateful, many of them had tears in their eyes upon receiving our little trees and stockings, knowing we were thinking of them over Christmas. We serve our K housebound members too.



We also enabled over 200 families to have a great Christmas this year by our gifts and gift cards. We received requests from persons referred to us by the YMCA and CCUSD. Many shopped for kids, tweens, and adults of all ages. The project was culminated with a wrapping day serenaded by *Upscale Singers!* We also donated gift cards to Foothills Caring Corps and The Foothills Food Bank, amongst others. What a way to bring the true 'Spirit of Christmas' home.



HISTORY... From Ralph Pipp, one of our "Oldies but Goodies"

In 2005, President Kathy Haugner (our first petty coat president) focused on what our mission was to be. So, she appointed a blue ribbon committee to develop a Mission Statement. The committee was to be comprised of people steeped in Kiwanis culture.

To head up the committee, Dr Don Parks was chosen. A doctorate in geology, a consultant to Wall Street and the Pentagon. A past president of the club, past Lt Governor and past district. Herb Hayde, was also a past president and Lt Governor of the district. His career centered on Univac Corp head quartered in Tokay. Jackie Goodspeed, an extraordinary person with a wealth of experience in the nonprofit and high education world. My contribution to the group was being a bean counter!

Don had another qualification not to be overlooked. He had the biggest wine cellar! Thus, it was determined to have the meeting at his house. This made sense. We set out one night in early evening, all prepared to do our best in creating an outstanding mission statement. The scene was set. The glasses were on the table as were the first few bottles. Then, to the first big decision. Red or white. We got through that with little discussion. The event ran late into the night, fueled by ample supply of the grape. We did not make a serious dent in Don's cellar, but it did lead to a lively and sometimes hilarious banter. We did actually produce a product that night. I don't know whether this was because of the lubrication or in spite of it.

Mission Statement

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree is a fellowship of patriotic, the quality civil-minded men and women dedicated to improving of life of children in our communities. Special emphasis is on service projects that focus on "Children Number One" though volunteer participation and community support.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Veterinarian Ava Frick Joins the Ranks

Ava is neither a stranger to Kiwanis or Arizona. After graduating from Vet School (1980) and working a year in Kansas City, she moved to Phoenix and worked with the Arizona Humane Society. Seven years later she returned to her hometown of Union, Missouri to build her own veterinary practice, spend time with family, and expand her horse-riding skills. She did all that and much more. See her website www.AvaFrick.com.

Ava joined the Union Kiwanis Club in 1989, just 2 years after they first admitted women and was the second female member there. Serving the ranks to President of that club, she was influential in its expansion.

By 2018 she was getting tired of the mid-west cold winters and her eyes began, once again, looking to go west. "Cave Creek was where I used to go on weekends to enjoy a day with friends. One day I decided I should live here," she said. And so, she has! She has a son; Dalton, sisters and parents in Missouri.

Dr. Frick has opened an office at 37608 N. Cave Creek Road where she will continue to treat animals with chiropractic, physiotherapy, exercise, and nutrition. Her biography "*Conversations with Animals*" is being released this month.



NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE SEEKING HELP!

Editor – Dr. Ava Frick

Assistant Editor – to help getting info together and writing up articles to insert

Distribution Manager – will take the prepared newsletter and get it emailed to members and any organizations we help. Print a few for having at the Marketplace as a promotional tool, and for any members who do not have email access.

Coming Events – Alexis Sterling Popavich

Birthdays, Anniversaries – someone to get the list and submit prior to deadline

Historian – John Skarda

Marketplace Reporter – will gather info and photo about a volunteer to highlight as we value what they do for us

New Member Introduction – someone to interview and then give a bit of news about those joining us so others can better greet them and help them feel invited to be a part

Meet a Committee – what each does, why they exist, and how a person could contribute

Kiwi's Around the Town – this is open to one's imagination!

We do it for the kids!

Over 200 families were served by us this Christmas.