



Kiwanis CONNECTION



KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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VIETNAM VETERANS HONORED

On January 19, 2022, The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation Arizona Chapter (MC-LEFAZ) hosted a dinner at the Greyhawk Golf Club honoring local Vietnam Era Veterans. Approximately 25 area Vietnam Veterans were in attendance and individually honored from the podium, including 7 members of the KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE.

KIWANIS provided funding support to MC-LEFAZ in the past and continues to be an active partner in their philanthropy. MC-LEFAZ supports the children of our fallen heroes, including the men and women of the U.S. Military and Law Enforcement Agencies. MC-LEFAZ's mission is to establish a \$35,000.00 educational account for every child who loses a parent serving his/her country in the military or in a federal law enforcement agency. EDUCATING THE CHILDREN OF THOSE WHO SACRIFICED ALL!

The MC-LEFAZ will be present for a March meeting to share with us more about their endeavors. Watch emails for the date and come to hear what they have to tell.



4th Selene Nelson
 5th William Rockford
 10th Evelyn Johnson
 14th Jill Sarraino
 15th Linda Fleisher
 16th Farzam Afshaar
 19th Joseph DeVito, Blake Olson
 23rd Joyce Jordan
 25th Lisa Strohman, David Gordon



Left to Right Above:
Tom Pozarycki, Ed Edling, Patty Edling, Bob Jenkins, Royce Drynan

Below:
John Skarda, Tom Pozarycki, Tom Dicke, Lisa Savage-Black, Pete Carpenter, Howard Dicke



Hello Division 13 Kiwanians,

It's time for some fun! So, I was thinking that since National Pet Day is coming up, why not learn more about the other side of some of our Kiwanis Club member's lives. When I have asked many about pets in their lives, they all had smiles. Let's see how many smiles we can get from our members.

I am proposing we have some friendly competition. How this will work is Each Club has their members submit their pets to their community and club. The pet that receives the most votes will represent your club.

Then we will vote for the last 9 pets that are left via the Division.

Please share this with your club members and forward the last pet standing to me. I know this is way in advance, but having your clubs vote will take a moment. I also know how busy you can get as a Club Officer. #PetsOfKiwanis Looking forward to seeing all of the submissions. Contest deadline April 2, 2022. May the best pet win!

Thank You, Erica Stephens

CAVE CREEK MUSEUM

Kiwanis is sponsoring a Family Sunday event at the Cave Creek Museum entitled *Cacti and a Field Guide*. Come learn about the Sonoran Desert's many species of cacti with amazing spring blooms. Visitors will make their own field guide and have the opportunity to create a desert flower to take home. Free and open to the public. February 13th, 2 to 4 PM.

TID BITS

On January 21st Kiwanis International celebrated its 107th birthday! Hurray!!

Committee Members: If you need a reimbursement or have a check request from the club, please direct it to: disbursement@kiwaniscarefree.org.

NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR KEY CLUB MEMBERS - PASS IT ON!

Global Leadership Certificate is a new KI online program for students in the Key Club who want to elevate their voices and meet their community's needs. It offers nearly 40 courses ranging from building meaningful relationships to strategic and tactical leadership, civic engagement and more. Students will access the courses through the Kiwanis Connect portal using their membership email address.

Know a Key Club member? Tell them about this!

WILD FLOCKS OF PEACH-FACED LOVE BIRDS IN ARIZONA

Thank you, John Skarda, for sending this love-ly story from which I have excerpted facts for a so very appropriate February article!

Wild flocks of peach-faced lovebirds have made Phoenix home. These parrots are now estimated to number in the hundreds in the greater Phoenix area. Whether spotted splashing in a backyard garden fountain or snacking on a back-porch bird feeder, these birds are now common fixtures in the Phoenix wildlife scene, and it looks as though they will continue to thrive.

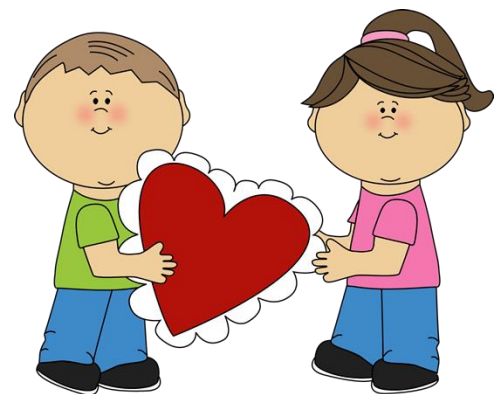
Though peach-faced lovebirds are not native to the United States, they are well suited to the warm and dry climate of Phoenix. This resembles southern Africa, where the bird occurs naturally. Exotic plants are also planted throughout the Phoenix area adding to the acceptability of our habitat. Conjecture on how they got here suggests a collector obtained a pair, that either escaped or were freed in Phoenix.

A lack of natural predators in the area also helps harbor these parrots. The peach-faced lovebirds' flocking behavior appears to be adequate for keeping predatory birds like owls, hawks and falcons from preying upon the parrots. Dwelling in roof tiles and palm trees, the peach-faced lovebirds sustain themselves with feed from neighborhood bird feeders, fruit from backyard trees and pods from some naturally occurring trees. The birds also flock to backyard fountains and sprinkler systems to drink and bathe. Maybe you will be lucky enough one day to enjoy a flock of

lovebirds at your feeder or fountain!



Happy Valentine's Day!



"That best portion of a good man's life are his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

William Wordsworth