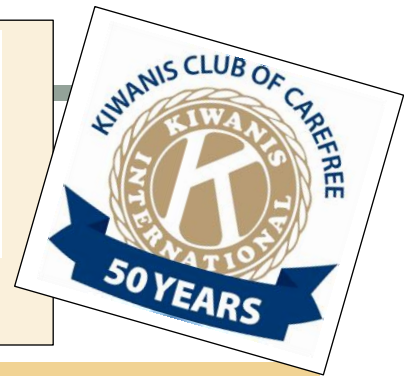




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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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May-June 2023

Celebrating Cinco De Mayo!

May 3rd, amongst festivities, we were visited by George Dahl and Chuck Montgomery of the Docent of Hall of Flame Firefighter's Museum located in the heart of Phoenix. This is the world's largest historical firefighting museum devoted to preserving the history and traditions of the fires service. Many exhibits depict events from around the US where firefighters have made a difference from New York Rescue 4 on September 11, 2001 to a transport buggy that carried the Granite Mountain Hotshots of Prescott, Arizona to the fatal Yarnell Hill Fire of 2013.



Honoring Mothers and Fathers. Loved by All!



June MEETINGS:

Be There!

7th - Nick Myers, Commissioner of Arizona Corp Commission. Update on Rio Verde Foothills water, El Paso Natural Gas Disaster and possible impact to AZ, PFOS-EPNG chemicals

14th - John Crane, Mayor of Carefree. Update on town of Carefree, What's Happening

21st - Steve Prokopek, Economic Director, Carefree. Future of Hospitality and why it's important; Town Center; Commercial development

28th - Club Business

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Thursday June 8th 4 PM
American Legion Post 34.

GATHERING OF HEROS

**Honoring all veterans
and 1st Responders**
**Music, 50/50 Raffle, Silent
Auction, and Meal**



Kiwanis Sponsors Two Events

A Hole at Tatum Ranch
golf tournament for BCRF
and the 'Rock the District'
event where over 400
attended.





June Celebrations

- 2nd Bob Jenkins
- 6th Steve Morse
- 6th Nancy Scott
- 11th Rachael Zink
- 16th Brent Bowles
- 17th Les Hardie
- 17th Susan Uhl
- 19th Steve Muhl
- 25th Chris Hart
- 25th Lucy Allen
- 26th John Voss
- 28th Bill Elsholtz
- 28th Ralph Pipp
- 28th Christine McLaren

Jubilate Kid's Conservatory Having Fun!



Falcons Boys Volleyball

Kiwanis awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Boys Volleyball program at Cactus Shadows High School to purchase uniforms for the inaugural season.



We Fund Programs at Annunciation Catholic School

On April 22nd, Annunciation Catholic School stopped by our meeting with Sharon Pritash and some of the kids to show us how they have been able to use some of our grant funding.



Earlier in the month, some members were present at the Annunciation Charity Dinner. Kiwanis was a **GOLD** sponsor.



YMCA HEALTHY KIDS' DAY EVENT APRIL 29TH

Kiwanis there to greet, inform and support nearly 1,000 kids and their families



Our guest speaker on March 3, 2023 was Megan Peterson Boyle, DMD, a Scottsdale dentist who, eighteen years earlier, was a Kiwanis college scholarship recipient. Megan was a senior at Cactus Shadows HS in 2005 when she was awarded a \$12,000 scholarship, which enabled her to attend the University of the Pacific. She then enrolled in dental school and received her DMD degree and license in 2012. She began practicing with Dr. Mark Peck and quickly became a partner. When Dr. Peck retired in 2020, Megan bought the practice, named Dental Studio 101. In addition to general dentistry, Megan specializes in aesthetic and full- mouth rehabilitation.

Deeply committed to her patients and the community, Megan has gifted \$15,000 to Kiwanis, to be added to our scholarship funds. Megan's gift adds a new twist to old adage "give and you shall receive"; Megan received from Kiwanis, and has given back. Megan's gift exemplifies the best of the people in Kiwanis!

Wayne Knops
A friend to so many. We will miss you, but never forget you.

Wayne was an unforgettable sort of person. He had a quick wit sense of humor sharp intellect, and a talent for engaging in conversation. Wayne had admirable devotion to his family. He and Joy married and raised five children. Wayne worked in the grocery and product marketing business in Southern California, Alaska, and Arizona. Wayne was a fixture at the Kiwanis Market Place store where he gave countless hours and years of volunteer work offering help and a free smile to everyone he met. He did not know a stranger. He was a true gentleman, always respectful and genuinely nice, kind and a loving person who was friendly with all he met.

He recently was recognized by the Marketplace with a *Volunteer Appreciation Award*. Wayne was a fixture in Kiwanis for 16 years and dated back to the early days of the “Parking Lot Sales.” Way before “The Marketplace Store” existed, he arranged furniture on the parking lot on sale day and priced items.

When the first tiny store opened, next to the parking lot, Wayne was very active in getting it set up. He later helped design the layout of the Marketplace Store that we are in today, with the metal shelving and gondolas. Since the opening of the Marketplace, Wayne has overseen pricing and merchandising of the furniture. You could catch him with a rag in his hand or back pocket, zipping around the store and cleaning furniture as the Roadies dropped it off. Wayne was known as the eager guy who always kept his head on straight. He made himself available to talk and help figure out any issues that needed to be addressed. The Marketplace would not have the success we enjoy today, without the commitment and support of Wayne. And for that and so much more, the Club is eternally grateful.

Adios and Happy Trails, Wayne. Until we meet again!



June 21-24, 2023

***Kiwanis International
Convention***

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attend virtually or in person

