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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2025

Congratulations!

We are proud to share that the Kiwanis Marketplace Thrift Store was nominated for Nonprofit of the Year at the Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce Celebration of Excellence. This nomination reflects the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, staff, and supporters who have helped make the Marketplace a cornerstone of our community. We are honored to be recognized among such outstanding organizations that are making a difference in the lives of so many.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the **Foothills Caring Corps** for winning the prestigious Nonprofit of the Year award. Their commitment to supporting seniors and providing vital services is truly inspiring, and we celebrate their incredible impact on our community. Together, organizations like ours and the Foothills Caring Corps demonstrate the power of collaboration and service in building a stronger, more connected community.

February MEETINGS

Be There!

February 5 - Ron Spear,
Phoenix Air National Guard
Patriots

February 12 - Our Gang -
Mike Poppenwimer - Cave
Creek Rodeo Days

February 19 - Dr. Owen
Campbell, Physical Therapist
& Owner of Simplify Motion
Physical Therapy

February 26 - Club Business



Join in & Volunteer
at the Marketplace



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Justin Cooper
Gary McCarthy



ALL WINNERS



Sharing the love



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Greeting Friends at Kiwanis Club of Carefree,

Thank you for your continued support of Paradise Valley Community College. Your contribution to the PVCC Fund for Excellence for equipment for our Fire Science Program enables us to continue to enhance the learning experience for our fire science students, so they are better prepared to meet the demands in their field.

Your investment in our Pumas provides remarkable opportunities that make a difference in their lives, their families and our community.

Regards,

Mario Marquez
Development Officer Senior



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE VETERANS PROGRAM SPONSORED BY KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE



514 ATTENDEES IN 2024
42 UNIQUE ATTENDEES

The Veterans program continues to blossom at the Sonoran Arts League. The Veterans enjoy each class they get to participate in and look forward to this program each week. Many of them have found an artistic medium they relate to and flourish in. We are pleased to continue this program, where our military community can thrive. They have truly found a home away from home at the Sonoran Arts League Studio.

Veterans were excited to participate in our Veterans showcase this November, where they hosted a reception at the studio and had the opportunity to sell their work. It was a delightful event, where League members and friends and family of Veterans were able to engage and share the love of art with one another in a unique setting.

In addition to the success of the Veterans Showcase, they enjoyed 2 field trips, a family friendly bonfire, 33 professionally taught art classes, 19 open studios, and many memories made.

Spreading the Love



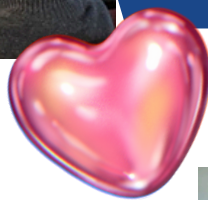
TERRIFIC KIDS AT DESERT SUN ACADEMY

Earlier this month Gordon made a visit to the Terrific Kids at Desert Sun Academy. Each student received an award for being Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable.



A NEW HANDWASHING STATION

Gordon built a handy dandy hand-wash station for our upcoming Pancake Breakfast!! Mark your calendar to see this beauty and all of these beauties on April 12th!



K-KIDS AT DESERT WILLOW ELEMENTARY

Gordon was helping the K-Kids at Desert Will Elementary School make posters for their upcoming food drive to benefit the Foothills Food Bank.



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NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Funds Committee member Tom P. presented a check to Jim Nobles to support Neighbors in Need AZ. Neighbors in Need AZ is a joint effort of local charities led by Jim, to assist families in temporary need of support.



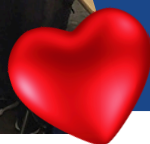
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Funds Request Committee member Tom P. presented a check to Jeffrey W of the Boys and Girls Club. We heard from two of the club's senior members who thanked Kiwanis for our support. They shared how the Boys and Girls Club changed their life. This grant will send 4 keystone members to the convention happening in Chicago and this grant also includes shirts and hoodies (with the Kiwanis logo) for the entire membership. We do it all for the kids!



CACTUS SHADOWS KEY CLUB

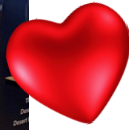
We are so proud of our Key Club and the grrrrr-eat job they did collecting toys and supplies for our furry friends during their Santa Paws Project in December. It looks like many of our four-legged friends had a paws-itively wonderful holiday!



In case you missed



STEVE GREENBERG
CAVE CREEK MUSEUM
January 8



VICKI PRESTON
DESERT FOOTHILLS LAND TRUST
January 15



CHARLES UNDERWOOD
RACKENSACK MINE
January 22

50/50
WINNERS

CHRIS HART
Jan 15
\$80 Winner

BILL DOLEZAL
Jan 22
\$84 Winner

We draw a
winner each week
but you must be
present to win!!

Kiwanis Community Connection Networking Meeting

We had our first evening meeting on January 27th at the Holland Center. We had the young performers from the Desert Foothills Theater give us a sneak peek of their upcoming performance. Leigh Zydonik, Executive Director of the Foothills Food Bank gave updates, and our President, Cam, gave overall updates on some of our club happenings.

This is an excellent opportunity for those unable to attend mid-day lunch meetings.



SAVE THE DATE!

Invite your family and friends to join in this community event and fundraiser for our club!

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



*All you
can eat!*

**SATURDAY
APRIL 12
7 am - 12 pm**

Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion
on Easy Street in Carefree



For the kids

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Showing the Love!

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4th Selene Nelson
5th William Rockford
7th Gordon Minns
10th Evelyn Johnson
12th Ryan Pletnick
18th Jim Niles

19th Blake Olson
23rd Joyce Jordan
25th Dave Gordon
25th Lisa Strohmman
27th Robert Zink



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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