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## KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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*A Message from our Executive Director  
Sandra Carrier*

### DID YOU KNOW?!

Our Club and Foundation Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at the Holland Community Center and begin at 8:30am. You do not have to be a Board Officer or Director to attend our Board meetings! Consider attending as a Guest and hear what the leadership is discussing.

If you are unable to attend a Board meeting, the Board approved minutes, committee reports and Club & Foundation Financials can be found in MemberDay in the "Files" folder for 2024/2025.

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CLUB AND FOUNDATION**



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### April MEETINGS

**Be There!**

**April 2 - NO CLUB MEETING**

**April 9** - Bob Moore & Brent Bowles - Membership Committee

**April 12 - PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**April 16** - Janet Busbee, Scholarship Committee

**April 23** - Tender Little Hearts - **CLUB ELECTIONS**

**April 28** - Community Connection Quarterly Evening Mixer

**April 30** - Club Business



## CLUB ELECTIONS!

**April 23 at Harold's Corral from 9 am to noon**

Our Bylaws state that you must be present to vote, and must be current on membership dues. Absentee voting is not allowed

**Prime Rib, Salmon & Bloody Mary Bar!**

# Committee Highlights

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Bylaws Committee reviews additional policies and guidelines pursuant to the Foundation and Club bylaws, with the goal of recommending adoption of appropriate policies and guidelines for best operational practices, based on input from committee chairpersons.

**Committee Chair:** David Gordon

**Co-Chairperson:** Gordon Minns

**Committee Members:** Jim Niles, Larry Key, Linda Wright, and Mike Ferguson

**Advisory Members:** Cam Kuniej and Sandra Carrier



Current Bylaws and additional policies can be found on MemberDay



**WANT TO LEARN WHAT THEY'RE WORKING ON NOW? WANT TO JOIN THIS COMMITTEE? GO TO MEMBERDAY TO CONTACT THE COMMITTEE CHAIR.**

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## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

PLAN AHEAD!

This year's convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA from June 25 - 28.



A featured speaker is Henry Winkler! Sandra Carrier & Gordon Minns will be attending. You can attend, too!

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# CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS FUN!

It was a Western weekend of floats, horses, sheep, popcorn, and community!

## PARADE

We had the K-Kids from Lone Mountain Elementary and Black Mountain Elementary join us on our float.



OUR FLOAT WON BEST  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





# MUTTON BUSTIN'

We handed out popcorn and water to the crowd. We had a blast watching the little wranglers on the wooley bully!





# KIWANIS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Get ready for an exciting Kiwanis Connection Meeting on April 28th at the Holland Center! This is your chance to stay in the loop as we discuss the upcoming scholarship awards, reveal the nomination results, and share updates on Rodeo Days—plus much more happening in Kiwanis! We're also thrilled to welcome Alex Perez from The Marketplace, who will provide exclusive insights on the latest from the store. Mark your calendars and join us for an engaging morning filled with important news and community connection—you won't want to miss it!

### **Stay in the Loop**

Discover exciting updates on Kiwanis' initiatives, including upcoming projects and our latest grant recipients making an impact in the community.

### **Connect and Collaborate**

Meet our newest members and engage with committee chairs and members in a relaxed networking environment.

### **Get Involved**

Explore meaningful ways to contribute your skills and passions to Kiwanis' mission of serving the community.

**April 28 | 5 pm**

**JOIN US!**

**CONNECT**

**WITH OUR COMMUNITY!**



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# In case you missed



**UPDATES ON  
SUMMER CAMP CEDARBROOK  
March 6**



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN!**



## CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS ROYALTY

Funds Committee Member Jim N. presented a check to Louise R., the head of this rodeo committee. The Princess and Wrangler youth program is an opportunity for young cowgirls and cowboys to participate in parades, community service events, and educational opportunities. This is a year-round program celebrating our youth and Western heritage!

## ARIZONA FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOUNDATION

Funds Committee member, Barb P. had the pleasure of giving a check to the Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation which will provide children and youth in Arizona foster care living in Carefree with Childhood Activities programming to include: sports and social activities, camps and field trips, supplemental clothing, school supplies and tutoring. We are proud to support this cause!





# In Case you Missed



## PURSE IMPRESSIONS

Funds Committee Members Barb P. and Shelly H. made a visit to Purse- Impressions Charity Boutique and dropped off a check to Patricia! We are proud to support her mission to help the kids whose parents are in rehab facilities.

## CAVE CREEK MUSEUM KIWANIS FAMILY FUN DAYS

Kids of all ages made clay pots, learned how archaeologists work with artifacts to piece together the clues to tell the history of the Hohokam people who lived here before us and how they adapted to the geology and climate to survive.

Everyone learned how to identify local rocks and created their own take-home sand painting using colorful minerals.





# Member Spotlight



**TED DIMON**

Ted Dimon is a cornerstone of the Kiwanis Club of Carefree, not only because he has been a member since 2002 but because he represents the “culture” of the Club. He has been a “contributor” since day one which is why he was soon recognized as “New Member of the Year”.

Ted hails from a small town about 50 miles north of New York City where he attended grade school through high school all in the same building, graduating in a small class of 52. He started his college program in Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University in upstate New York, finishing at the University of Miami as an Industrial Engineer, specializing in manufacturing efficiency.

He spent his early career with major companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Standard Brands and ITT in various management positions supporting their manufacturing divisions. Then he switched to running small companies, two of which he owned.

He crafted his music skills, first as a teenager in his church choir, then progressing through other choral groups as an adult, eventually directing his own choir where he learned to wave his arms much like he does every Wednesday, leading the patriotic song at the Kiwanis luncheon meetings. Due to his deep resounding voice, he has been the “Voice of Kiwanis” for decades, having the most fun as the auctioneer at the many Western Night parties held in the past.

He was elected twice to the Kiwanis Board of Directors and continues to serve on the Schools and Education Committee, after chairing the Yearbook Committee for a decade. He was one of the stalwart members of the Kiwanis Flea Market when he was awarded “Kiwanian of the Year.”

Ted continues his life in Kiwanis as he maintains the tradition of telling a “true and usually amusing story” at each meeting and serving as a “pillar” of Kiwanis history.



# In the Community

## IMPRINTS OF HONORS FORMERLY VETERANS HERITAGE PROJECT

March 8

Kiwanis Club members Howard D, Tom P, Rod L, Shelley H, Brent B, and guests enjoyed an inspiring evening at the Imprints of Honors event. We are proud to support these students as they preserve veterans' stories.



## 15TH ANNUAL MINERS' DINNER CAVE CREEK MUSEUM

March 25

Sandra attended the Cave Creek Museum's Miners' Dinner fundraiser. Here, she is pictured with former Executive Director of the Museum, Evelyn Johnson. Evelyn is also a fellow Kiwanian. It was an evening of history, live music, gold panning, and community!

**50/50  
WINNERS**

**MICHAEL MOORE**

**March 12**

**\$160 Winner**

**BOB HESSELGUESSER**

**March 19**

**\$92 Winner**

**DEBBIE NORHTON**

**March 26**

**\$75 Winner**

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



# JOIN US!

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

[KiwaniisCarefree.org](http://KiwaniisCarefree.org)



# SAVE THE DATE

Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 6PM

CACTUS  
SHADOWS  
FINE ARTS  
CENTER

33606 N 60TH ST  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ

**Free Admission**

WITH CATERED  
RECEPTION  
TO FOLLOW

KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

# A NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Ricky Watters*

- 5X Pro Bowler and 10 year veteran with the San Francisco 49'ers, Philadelphia Eagles and Seattle Seahawks
- XXIX Super Bowl Champion with the San Francisco 49'ers
- NCAA National Champion with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish
- Subject of NFL Films, *How Being Adopted Motivated Ricky Watters*
- Author of the children's book, *A Gift Called Shane*
- Color analyst, motivational speaker and champion for kids



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> - Frank Tyrol  
5<sup>th</sup> - Brent Downs  
15<sup>th</sup> - Barb Pearse  
18<sup>th</sup> - Pete Carpenter  
21<sup>st</sup> - George Hofer  
21<sup>st</sup> - Kevin Wilson  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Leigh Zydonik  
24<sup>th</sup> - Sherie Eschels  
25<sup>th</sup> - Darlene Carter  
26<sup>th</sup> - Renae Watkins  
27<sup>th</sup> - Brian Kunkel  
27<sup>th</sup> - John Skarda



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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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