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## CLUB CONNECTION



### KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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*A Message Executive Director  
Sandra Carrier*



Dear Kiwanis Friends,

As the season winds down and many of our Snowbirds prepare to head to cooler climates, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks for your dedication, service, and the countless ways you've helped others in our community this year.

Your time, energy, and compassion have truly made a difference, and I am so grateful for all that you do.

To those heading out, enjoy a safe, relaxing summer - we'll miss you and look forward to welcoming you back this fall!

And for those of us staying in Arizona, don't worry - we can handle the heat!

With appreciation and warm wishes to you all!

#### June MEETINGS

**Be There!**

**June 4** - Sandy Carll,  
Desert Foothills Theater

**June 11** - "Our Gang"  
Ron Bell, Accountability

**June 18** - Terri Alexon, AZ  
Corporation Commission

**June 25** - Club Business



**NEW MEMBERS**

**DAVID ACKERMAN  
PATTY CASHIN  
DR. LEISA GRGULA  
AMY TAYLOR  
TOBY TOTTEN  
JAMES VALENTINO**

# Committee Highlights

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This is an on-going committee, managing the Kiwanis Club of Carefree and the Kiwanis of Carefree Benefit Foundation (excluding The Kiwanis Marketplace and the Marketplace Committee.) public and internal communications. The purpose is to engage the public and members in Club and Foundation activities, projects, fundraising, and Committees.

Committee Co-Chairs: Joyce Jordan, Cam Kuniej

Active Committee Members:

- Janet Busbee
- Les Hardie
- Tom Pozarycki
- Tom Williams

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This committee meets as a group once a month, as well as working independently on specific assignments.

Primary responsibilities:

Engage with Committee Members, Committee Chairs, and Board on an ongoing basis to effectively promote Club and Foundation events, projects, fundraisers, activities, and Committee updates.

Provide materials/photos & coordinate the following media:

- Social Media
- Member Newsletter
- Print ads for key events
- Press releases
- Website updates, both every day and event-driven
- Town banners, Carefree & Cave Creek. Everyday & Event Driven.



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**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER!**

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**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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**FIND OUT MORE**

## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Laughlin, NV from August 22 - 24**

Join your fellow Kiwanians at the 2025 Southwest District Convention for growth, education, and fun.

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# In case you missed

A GREAT PICTURE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED A NIGHT OF  
EXCELLENCE AWARDS CEREMONY



*Thank you!*

## 2025 - 2026 ELECTION RESULTS

President - Gordon Minns

President Elect - Brian Kunkel

Secretary - Lisa Savage-Black

Foundation Treasurer - Larry Key

We are still currently in search of a Club Treasurer

## CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Pozarycki & Brent Bowles

## FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Hollingsworth & Brent Bowles

**BRENT DOWNS**  
May 7  
\$156 Winner

**50/50  
WINNERS**

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

**LES HARDIE**  
May 14  
\$80 Winner

# In Case you Missed



## JUBILATE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Jubilate Conservatory of Music, who strengthen hearts and minds through music. They offer several classes at the Desert Foothills Library.



## CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS PRINCESSES & WRANGLERS YOUTH PROGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree provided a grant to the Princess and Wranglers Youth Program.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

### CAVE CREEK RODEO



### COWBOYS FOR KIDS

### RODEO DAYS PARADE

### MARKETPLACE



# Many thanks

## THE HOLLAND CENTER



*Thanks to the generosity of Kiwanis of Carefree, the Holland Center has a refreshed and inviting look that complements the building's beautiful architecture.*

*The lobby has been transformed with new carpet, furniture, and front desk, creating a warm and welcoming space for visitors and our Kiwanis members. The Quail room now features new banquet chairs, enhancing comfort for the many events, performances, and meetings we host throughout the year.*

*This much-needed update ensures that The Holland Center remains a vibrant place where people can connect, learn, and celebrate for years to come.*

*Thank you, Kiwanis!*

## RANCHO MILAGRO FOUNDATION

*Dear Kiwanis Club of Carefree,*

*Thank you so much for your generous donation. We are so thankful for you! Your giving heart and your passion to see lives changed and survivors finding home and true healing. Thank you for being such a huge blessing.*

*The Rancho Milagro Staff and Family*

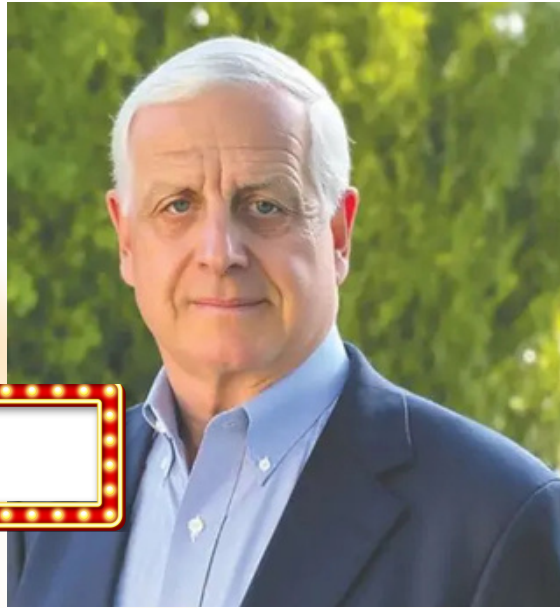


## SOUTHWEST DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION

*Thank you for your generous donation for our Key Leader event that will be held in the Phoenix area. This will help us defray some of the expenses in making this new type of Key Leader event possible. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and for thinking of us.*

*Jim Sowers, Treasurer*

# Member Spotlight



**LARRY KEY**

Born in Florida, Larry Key grew up in various locations across the country due to his father's career in the mining industry. As he approached college age, he settled in the San Francisco Bay Area and attended San Francisco State University, where he earned a degree in Business Administration.

After college, Larry began his business career with Atlas Securities, a division of Golden West Financial, based in the Bay Area. He quickly rose through the ranks, starting with building a sales organization and creating investment products, ultimately becoming President and Chief Operating Officer in 2001.

In 2006, Golden West was acquired by Wachovia, and Larry took on a leadership role overseeing the company's western expansion. The financial crisis of 2008 led to Wachovia merging with Wells Fargo, and in 2009, Larry was appointed Senior Director of Brokerage for Wells Fargo Advisors. He managed operations across five states, from Texas to Arizona, until his retirement in 2019.

Larry met his wife, Ginny, in 1985, and they are celebrating their 40th anniversary in November. Together, they raised three children in San Francisco's East Bay, where Larry coached their sports teams. He also promoted community service, supporting organizations like Habitat for Humanity and local food banks.

Larry's skills and experience were recognized in 2020 when he joined the Kiwanis Club of Carefree. He was quickly appointed Club Treasurer and, in collaboration with the Foundation Treasurer, worked to update the Club and Foundation's financial systems. Larry is currently the Kiwanis Foundation Treasurer, Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee, and Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

One of his favorite roles is as a "Marketplace Roadie," where he volunteers to pick up donations. Throughout his tenure, he has been involved in over 2,000 donation pickups. Larry views each donation interaction as an opportunity to thank the community for its support and to highlight the positive impact of Kiwanis.

Larry and Ginny are dedicated community supporters, working to make Carefree and Cave Creek the wonderful places they are today. Larry follows a life philosophy of "Learn, Earn, and Return," which he continues through his service with Kiwanis. Could it be time for you to give back to your community? Kiwanis might just be the place to do it!

# A Special Thanks



## JACQUI PERRY-BROWN

Jacqui joined the club in 2019 and has been active in many committees, events, and decorating for our Member Luncheons ever since.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

10<sup>th</sup> - Mark Owens  
11<sup>th</sup> - Rachael Zink  
16<sup>th</sup> - Brent Bowles  
16<sup>th</sup> - Roy Colosimo  
17<sup>th</sup> - Les Hardie  
17<sup>th</sup> - Robert Rich

17<sup>th</sup> - Susan Uhl  
19<sup>th</sup> - Steve Muhl  
24<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Norhton  
25<sup>th</sup> - Chris Hart  
26<sup>th</sup> - John Voss  
28<sup>th</sup> - Christine McLaren



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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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