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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Communications Committee

WOW. KIWANIS MARKETPLACE records the highest monthly revenue in its history with January gross receipts of \$373,000.00, all due to the capable management team, dedicated volunteers, and generosity of donors in our community. The Marketplace has established itself as a destination shopping icon that continues to outperform.

This success permits Kiwanis to broadly support our community in ways no other local charity can. This past month, Kiwanis has issued the following grants:

- **ALL IN**, A Lady of Joy Church assistance program for children and young adults with life challenges.
- **SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE**, art classes for veterans.
- **SOROPTIMISTS**, a group addressing childrens' mental health issues due to overexposure to internet social media.
- **CAVE CREEK RODEO DAYS MUTTON BUSTIN'**, a wonderfully entertaining and empowering sport for young buckaroos, helping kids gain self-confidence.
- **YMCA**, a grant to provide no-cost water safety lessons to all the children in our community, plus additional funds for child care services for financially challenged families.
- **MARINE CORPS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION**, a grant for children of officers killed in the line of duty.
- **FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK**, supporting a program formally called "Neighbors in Need" but now changed to "Higher Ground" where grants are given to families experiencing temporary financial emergencies due to auto accidents, sudden illness, loss of job or similar unexpected situations.

March MEETINGS

Be There!

Mar 4 - Steve Feld, Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce

Mar 11 - Jo Gemmill, English Rose Tea Room

Mar 18 - Kim Deck, Dementia Educator

Mar 22 - Mutton Bustin'

Mar 23 - Social Mixer at the Marketplace

Mar 25 - Club Charter Day

Mar 29 - Mutton Bustin' Finals

In Case you Missed



Feb 7
MAYOR BOB MORRIS
Town of Cave Creek



Feb 7
MAYOR JOHN CRANE
Town of Carefree

50/50
WINNERS

JIM VALENTINO
February 11
\$110

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



Feb 11
MICHELE GUY
Seven Sisters Holistic Healing



Feb 18
DIRK VAN LEENEN
Holocaust Survivor



Feb 25
Lt. GOVERNOR
Kiwanis SW District



BIRTHDAY FUN!

Ted Dimon is always poking a little fun at our birthday crew!

In Case you Missed

FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Tom P., representing our Funds Request Committee, proudly presented a check to James Henderson, Operations Officer at the Foothills Food Bank and Resource Center. With this support, the Food Bank will take over management of the Higher Ground program, ensuring continued care for families in our community facing unexpected financial crises.



JUBILATE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

Funds Request Committee member Ed E. had the pleasure of delivering a check to Jubilate Conservatory of Music to help provide scholarships for students who might not otherwise have access to high-quality music education.

IMPRINTS OF HONOR (FORMERLY VETERANS HERITAGE PROJECT)

These remarkable students sat down with five veterans to listen, learn, and document their powerful experiences, interviews that will be published in this year's annual edition.

Their work not only honors the men and women who served but also ensures that future generations understand the sacrifices made for our freedom. We applaud these students for their compassion, dedication, and commitment to keeping these stories alive.



Mark your Calendar

MUTTON BUSTIN'

March 22 | 2 pm

Cave Creek Memorial Arena



WE ARE HAVING A

Party!!

The club will host a social mixer

Monday, March 23 | 4 pm - 7 pm

At the Marketplace

Join us for wine, beer, soft drinks, appetizers, raffles, and surprises. Plus, 50% off all merchandise!

Bring your spouse, friend or partner.

KIWANIS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY
APRIL 11
7 am - 12 pm

All you
can eat!



Happy BIRTHDAY To You!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 10 - Keith McKenzie

March 12 - Robert Salzwedel

March 15 - Hans Thiele

March 17 - Rodney Lewallen

March 28 - Bernadette Graham

March 28 - David Bell

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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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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