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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Communications Committee

Well, we had a busy month. Big news is the awarding of \$550,000 in college and trade school scholarships to 45 graduating seniors from the local area. Congratulations, seniors, and see the names of the scholarship winners and their chosen schools within this newsletter.

On a social note, 20 Kiwanians attended the annual GALA at GCU, where Kiwanis is sponsoring two foster students in a unique program that will provide these students a de facto new “home” after aging out of the foster care system.



And for all of you wine drinkers, Kiwanis has selected a new design for our private label Kiwanis wine for 2026. The label is a reproduction of an original painting by Sonoran Arts League member Debroah Court. Enjoy that wine.

The Board of Directors has awarded a grant to the Cave Creek Unified School District to tackle the mental health crises stemming from online bullying, suicide, and self-harm issues, and the general degradation of the welfare of our students from online postings. This is a major effort that the school district will implement at all levels of education in the district. Kiwanis is proud to be able to support this significant professional-grade program.

And another fun note was the ROCK THE DISTRICT event at Harold’s Corral, which raised money for local schools with blasting rock music, some soft listening music, and much fanfare in the hundreds who participated at the “backyard music platform” at Harold’s.

June MEETINGS

Be There!

June 3 - Dr. Sue Hardy

June 10 - Steve Feld, Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce

June 17 - SWD Governor, Erica Stephens

June 24 - Steve Woods, Tech 4 Life



A Night of Excellence



HONOREES

NOOR AL-AZAWI
ASU/Barrett Honors College
Economics & Biology

AIDEN ANDRADE
Arizona State University
Pre-Law

ASHLYN CUNDALL
Boise State University
Biology/Pre-Vet Medicine

KYLEE DAHN
Oakland University
Biomedical Sciences

AUSTIN KAUTZMAN
Colorado School of Mines
Civil Engineering

BROCK LANEY
Arizona State University
Aerospace Engineering

SYDNEY PERKO
Northern Arizona University
Biomedical Sciences

CRUZ RIVERA
Arizona State University
Engineering Management

ANGEL MENDEZ SOLIS
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Mechanical Engineering

DUNCAN STAPLETON
Arizona State University
Engineering

CLASS OF 2026

SAMANTHA BAER
Colorado Mesa University
Physical Therapy

BRIANNA BEHREND
Northern Arizona University
Biology

LEAH BOUDREAU
University of Arizona
Veterinary Medicine

SYDNEY BOYD
Arizona State University
Biology

SAVANNAH BURGARA
Grand Canyon University
Finance

STEYSON CARRILLO
Northern Arizona University
Architecture

GAVIN COLEMAN
University of Arizona
Engineering

BROOKE DEGRENIER
University of Arizona
Nursing

BRODY FEY
Northern Arizona University
Business Analytics

LAUREN GOTSCHALL
University of Wisconsin
Business & Risk Management

JULIA HLAVATY
University of California
Political Science

MATTHEW HORD
U.S. Air Force Academy
Economics

OSIANA IZZO
Northern Arizona University
Speech Pathology

YUJIN JEON
Carnegie Mellon University
Illustration & Chemistry

RILEY LARSON
University of Mississippi
Nursing

XAVIER LIMON
University of Arizona
Environmental Science

ZOE MACMILLAN
University of Michigan
Pre-Law

HALEY MASTERSON
Yavapai College
Secondary English Education

ELIANA MENCHACA
Arizona State University
Digital Marketing

RORY MURPHY
Northern Arizona University
Business

AUDREY NIELSEN
University of Utah
Pre-Med

LYDIA RODRIGUEZ
Yavapai College
Business

HAYDEN ROE
University of Arizona
Pre-Law

MADELINE SAGE
N. Carolina State University
Communications

KENLEE SHANKS
Yavapai College
Elementary Education

AUGUST SHEA
Yavapai College
Welding



WYATT STARKS
Grand Canyon University
Christian Studies & Business

KINLEY STERNE
ASU/Barrett Honors College
Speech Pathology

JACOB VIGUERIA
Yavapai College
Nursing

LEO VINGELLI
Ohio State University
Mechanical Engineering

OLIVIA VOSS
Arizona State University
Graphic Design

PAYTON WALES
Montana Tech University
Construction Management

ELLIOTT WALKER
Chapman University
Business Administration

MOLLY WILLARD !
Chapman University
Film, Media & Entertainment

MATTHEW YOUNG
Penn State University
Mechanical Engineering

A Night of Excellence

What an incredible evening at A Night of Excellence! This year, we proudly celebrated Year 40 of our Major Funding Awards, distributing an amazing \$550,000 in scholarships for the second year in a row to 45 outstanding students.



In Case you Missed



May 6
ERIK HANEY
National Bank of AZ



MAY WINNERS!

May 6
JIM VALENTINO
\$162

May 13
TOM POZARYCKI
\$80

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



PETE CARPENTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Presentation of the Pete Carpenter Scholarship Award Check to GCU student Issac River, by John Skarda, Chairman of the Foster Child Assistance Committee.

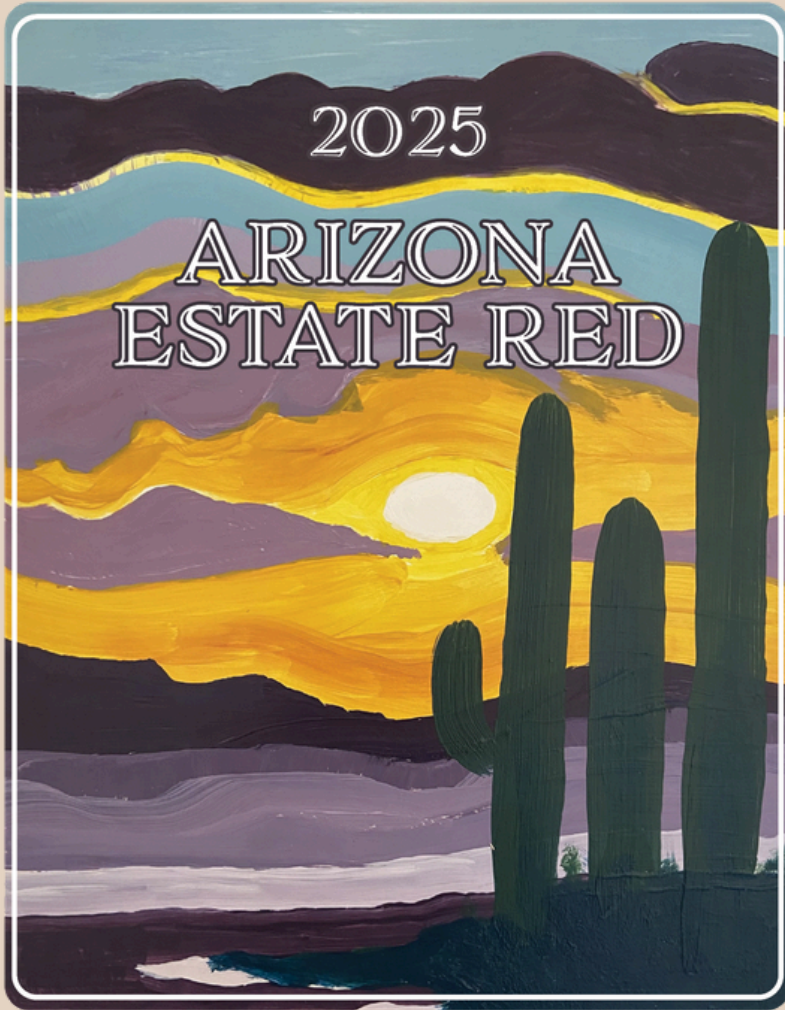
MARKETPLACE UPDATES

Marketplace General Manager, Alex Perez, plays "Price is Right" with our luncheon audience, in addition to providing us with another outstanding Marketplace monthly performance report.



In Case you Missed

KIWANIS WINE LABEL WINNER ANNOUNCED!



Congratulations to **Deborah Court**, whose beautiful artwork has been selected as our 2026 Wine Label! A special thank you also goes to Ed Edling for coordinating with the winery and label design competition. Cheers to another wonderful year of art, creativity, and community!



DESERT FOOTHILLS THEATER

Desert Foothills Theatre kids visited the Kiwanis Marketplace and shared with shoppers about their upcoming summer camp, which is funded by a grant from Kiwanis.

Many Thanks



PURSE IMPRESSIONS

Purse- Impressions is beyond grateful and thrilled to receive a grant for the 4th year from Kiwanis Club of Carefree, AZ for our Children's Program!

There are over 400 children residing in sober living treatment centers with their moms who are in dire need of Back-to-School backpacks filled with school supplies. This generous grant brings joy and much-needed support for the coming school year. In addition, the grant helps provide diaper bags and infant hygiene items for babies in the program.

This program is incredibly special to us. We have heard so many touching stories about how excited the children are to receive their new backpacks — one little boy even wanted to sleep with his!

Thank you, Kiwanis, for your compassion, generosity, and continued support of these amazing families. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of so many children.



CAVE CREEK MUSEUM

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree sponsors Kiwanis Preschool Pioneers at the Cave Creek Museum. This is an opportunity for little cowpokes to learn more about the community we live in with stories, crafts, and a little dressing up.



In the News



The Kiwanis Club of Carefree was just featured in THE PRESCOTT TIMES!

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Membership Committee Cuts the Ribbon

The Kiwanis Membership Committee is designing a program to help new members get to know one another as well as current members during our lunch programs!

We are initiating this program to ensure that current members recognize new members by identifying new members with a red ribbon attached to their badges. Jacqui Perry-Brown has cut up the ribbons and attached two-sided tape so the ribbons really stick to their badges. There is no missing her red ribbons!

We are then asking current members, upon seeing a new member with a red ribbon badge, to take the initiative to introduce themselves, engage them in conversation, and perhaps even ask them to sit at their lunch table and meet others, so the new members feel accepted into the group and share background stories with them.



Happy Birthday

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5th - Maxx Anderson

10th - Mark Owens

16th - Brent Bowles

17th - Les Hardie

17th - Susan Uhl

17th - Robert Rich

19th - Steve Muhl

24th - Roy Colosimo

24th - Debbie Norhton

26th - John Voss

28th - Christine McLaren



HAPPY Father'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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