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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Communications Committee

This month, we lost a long-time and dedicated member, BILL HOLLINGSWORTH (1936-2026). Bill was a fixture at the Kiwanis Marketplace and was immediately missed by staff, volunteers, and customers alike. Bill will always be remembered for his kind and gentle nature and the positive impression he made on our kids and Kiwanis members throughout his long Kiwanis life, including as a member of the Board of Directors. Thank you, Bill.

With the summer season just starting, what could be more SUMMER than baseball and softball? Our Kiwanis-sponsored Desert Hills girls softball team won their championship and are on cloud 9, as are the coaches, who recently sent Kiwanis a huge thank you for the two pitching machines we granted them this season.

Again, it is so heartening to see such direct and immediate Kiwanis participation in summer kids' programs, which is only possible due to all the dedicated members, staff, and volunteers throughout our club.

AND the boy's baseball team, which Kiwanis provided a grant for pitching machines last season is winning in the championship rounds and possibly could be heading to the Arizona State Championships. It looks good as we go to press.

It is wonderful to see Kiwanis grants providing so much community support, and producing such amazing results. Great job kids.

And talking about SUMMER, the Desert Foothills Theatre, which operates out of the Holland Center, which Kiwanis provided a major projects grant to completely remodel the building last year, is hosting their SUMMER CAMP. Some 400 kids are registered in all age groups throughout the summer, and another Kiwanis grant makes this possible.

July MEETINGS

Be There!

July 1 - NO MEETING

**July 8 - Steve Woods -
Scholarship Committee**

**July 15 - Bridget Riley &
Frank Higgins - Big Beautiful
Bill**

July 29 - Club Business



In honor of US Veteran
Wild Bill Hollingsworth
and all his contributions to
Kiwanis Marketplace
and our Community



We will be **CLOSED** on the

4th of July

*Rest in peace Wild Bill.
You made our world a brighter place.*



Many Thanks

CACTUS FOOTHILLS LITTLE LEAGUE

A word from the coaches ...



One of the greatest rewards of community service is seeing the lasting impact a donation can have. Earlier this year, Kiwanis Carefree was proud to donate two Hack Attack pitching machines to the Cactus Foothills Little League softball program. Since then, we have been thrilled to learn just how instrumental these machines have become in the development of the league's young athletes.

The pitching machines are now used at every softball practice, serving as a cornerstone of player development. In the batting cages, they provide consistent, game-like pitching that allows players to build confidence and improve their hitting through quality repetition. Defensively, the machines are used to simulate realistic fly balls, line drives, and challenging infield scenarios, helping players sharpen the skills they need during competition.

Perhaps most importantly, the machines allow coaches to spend less time trying to deliver the perfect pitch or hit the perfect fly ball and more time doing what they do best—teaching, encouraging, and developing each player. Every repetition becomes a coaching opportunity, maximizing the value of every practice.

The impact of these machines was evident during the team's preparation for the District TOPS Tournament in late May, where they played a key role in helping players prepare for tournament competition. Today, they continue to be an essential training tool as the Cactus Foothills Little League softball All-Star team prepares to compete in the Arizona Little League State Tournament this July.

At Kiwanis Carefree, our mission is to improve the lives of children in our community. Knowing that these pitching machines are helping young athletes build their skills, confidence, teamwork, and love of the game is exactly the kind of impact we hope to achieve. We are proud to support Cactus Foothills Little League and look forward to seeing these players continue to grow and succeed for years to come.





In Case You Missed



June 3
DR SUE HARDY
Child Abuse Prevention

June 17
Gov. ERICA STEPHENS
SWD Happenings

June 24
STEVE WOODS
Tech 4 Life



Ted Dimon, having fun with the birthday boys - Brent & Les

50/50
WINNER

JUNE WINNER!

June 3
JIM NILES
\$135

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



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

We were honored to welcome three young members of American Heritage Girls to our luncheon. Their heartfelt, faith-based message was a wonderful reminder of the importance of character, service, and leadership. The future is bright with young leaders like these!



In Case You Missed



SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE VETERANS ART CLASSES

Sponsored by Kiwanis Carefree Club, the Sonoran Arts League provides art classes for Veterans. This month three instructors (pictured) have provided instruction for a three week project creating desktop totem poles with clay forms individually created by each student.



Community Days

PURSE IMPRESSIONS

Purse Impressions visited the Kiwanis Marketplace and shared with shoppers about their mission. Purse- Impressions is dedicated to helping men and women leaving addiction treatment begin their next chapter with dignity, hope, and confidence by providing thoughtfully filled "Fresh Start" purses and backpacks containing essential items and encouragement.

In Case you Missed

DESERT FOOTHILLS THEATER

Supporting kids, creativity, and opportunities in our community, that's what Kiwanis is all about.

Kiwanis Club of Carefree Funds Request Committee member Tom P. recently had the pleasure of presenting funding support to Sandi Carll, Director of Desert Foothills Theater, helping make their summer camps possible for local youth. Through theater, students gain confidence, creativity, communication skills, and the chance to express themselves in a welcoming and encouraging environment.

We are proud to support programs that enrich young lives and create meaningful experiences that will last well beyond the summer season. Thank you to Desert Foothills Theater for all you do for our community's young performers!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st - Tom Pozarycki

5th - Steve Woods

8th - Daniel Stone

8th - Theresa Holmes-Stecky

11th - West Hunsaker

15th - Jessica Ryder

15th - Patricia Carter

17th - David Court

20th - Dennis Barkley

22nd - Janet Busbee

22nd - Bill Dolezal

22nd - Carole Nelson

25th - Patty Cashin

30th - Ron Bell



OCTOBER 17 • 2026

Marketplace Ball

Get Your Dancing Shoes Ready!

AMERICA



Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day!

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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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