

Kiwanis CAREFREE

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE 50 YEARS

KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from our President Brent Bowles

Fellow Kiwanians, November offers the reward we earned by enduring another Sonoran summer. Mornings feel crisp, afternoons turn golden, and Black Mountain glows at sunset as if painted just for us. No time was better for being outdoors than beneath the full moon at our Dusty Diamond Gala. This celebration honored the achievements of members, employees, and volunteers. The evening united the Kiwanis family with striking success and may be the first of many to follow.

This month we pause on Veterans Day to honor community members who served, and we gather around Thanksgiving tables mindful of our many reasons for gratitude. On November 28th, we will host our signature Kiwanis Christmas for the kids of our local families. Come by anytime from 10 am - 3 pm to see the joy as seen through the eyes of the kids.

I am especially thankful for each of you and the hours you give to our children. As the holidays approach, let us welcome back seasonal neighbors, invite them to a meeting, and show them what being a Kiwanis member means for our community.

November MEETINGS

Be There!

November 4 - Jane Ginn, Cyber Threat Intelligence Network

Nov 11 - Col. James H. P. Kelsey - Veterans Day

Nov 18 - Franklin Smith, Signer/Songwriter/Author

Nov 25 - NO MEETING

Nov 28th - KIWANIS CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS





IN THE COMMUNITY

Brent was selected to talk at the Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce meeting and shared how they can become members.

Welcome New Members!

Dick Dunseath
Melissa Field
Kathy Nacario
Lilly Weidhaas
Innocent Dijofack
Kelly Forkasdi-Armijo
Trinia Lively

In Case You Missed



Oct 7
BRENT BOWLES
Club President



Oct 14
CONGRESSMAN
DAVID SCHWEIKERT



Oct 21
RAENA KAMAKAHI
Desert Foothills Land Trust



Oct 28
ALEX PEREZ
Marketplace Updates

50/50 WINNER

Steve Jouflas
$289

Funny, considering he is the one who spins the wheel!!



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



Big Winners!

Bob Moore & Les Hardie won Kiwanis Wine by answering Brent's trivia questions at October 7th Club Luncheon.



In Case You Missed



















OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Make sure to introduce yourself to those who are wearing red ribbons!

In the Community

TASTE OF CAVE CREEK

Thank you to everyone who came out to Taste of Cave Creek to represent our club, connect with the community, and keep the prize wheel spinning!





















CAVE CREEK MUSEUM PORCH PARTY

We were proud to sponsor the Cave Creek Museum's Porch Party, where melodies sparked memories, objects told stories, and friends and neighbors came together to celebrate the rich history of our community!

Club member Darrell Doepke sang inside the gazebo!

THE DUSTY Diamond GALA

An Evening of Celebration with Glamour & Desert Magic

KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS & MARKETPLACE VOLUNTEERS














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Kiwanis Christmas

For the kids

SATURDAY, NOV 28TH
10 AM - 3 PM
DOWNTOWN CAREFREE

- Games & Prizes
- Hay Rides
- Exotic Animals
- Camel & Baby Camel
- Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Hot Dogs & Cotton Candy
- Christmas Tree Giveaway*

FREE FAMILY EVENT!





RAFFLE DRAWING FOR 50+ BIKES!*

* Must be present to win

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KIWANIS
FOSTER STUDENTS DAY

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Everyone Is Invited!

Join us for a special day of friendship and fellowship with students from Grand Canyon University's Fostering Futures program.

Come meet the students, greet them, visit with them, and learn more about their college experiences and future goals.



Lunch Is Served!

Harolds Bar and Grill

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce and Side Salad

$16.00 per person

Harolds Bar and Grill
in Cave Creek, Arizona

Starting at 11:30 AM

Come in West Side Parking Lot Door

PLEASE RSVP
to John Skarda
azjohn1934@gmail.com

Because of fire codes the number of non Kiwanis members is limited. Get your reservations in early!

Come share a meal, make new friends, and show our foster students that their community cares!

Carefree Kiwanis • Foster Children Assistance Program

Many Thanks

THANK YOU, KIWANIS OF CAREFREE!

A special THANK YOU to:

John and Darleen Skarda

Gordon Minns



Kiwanis CLUB OF CAREFREE

$1500 FOR OUR 2027 MP3 PLAYERS

Royal FamilyKIDS CAMP

Thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Carefree for supporting Imprints of Honor® since 2022! This year, their generosity is connecting students at Cactus Shadows High School with veterans, bringing history to life through firsthand accounts and preserving the service stories of those who served.

We're grateful for their continued support in helping students learn from veterans, honor their service, and learn from the experiences that shaped their lives.







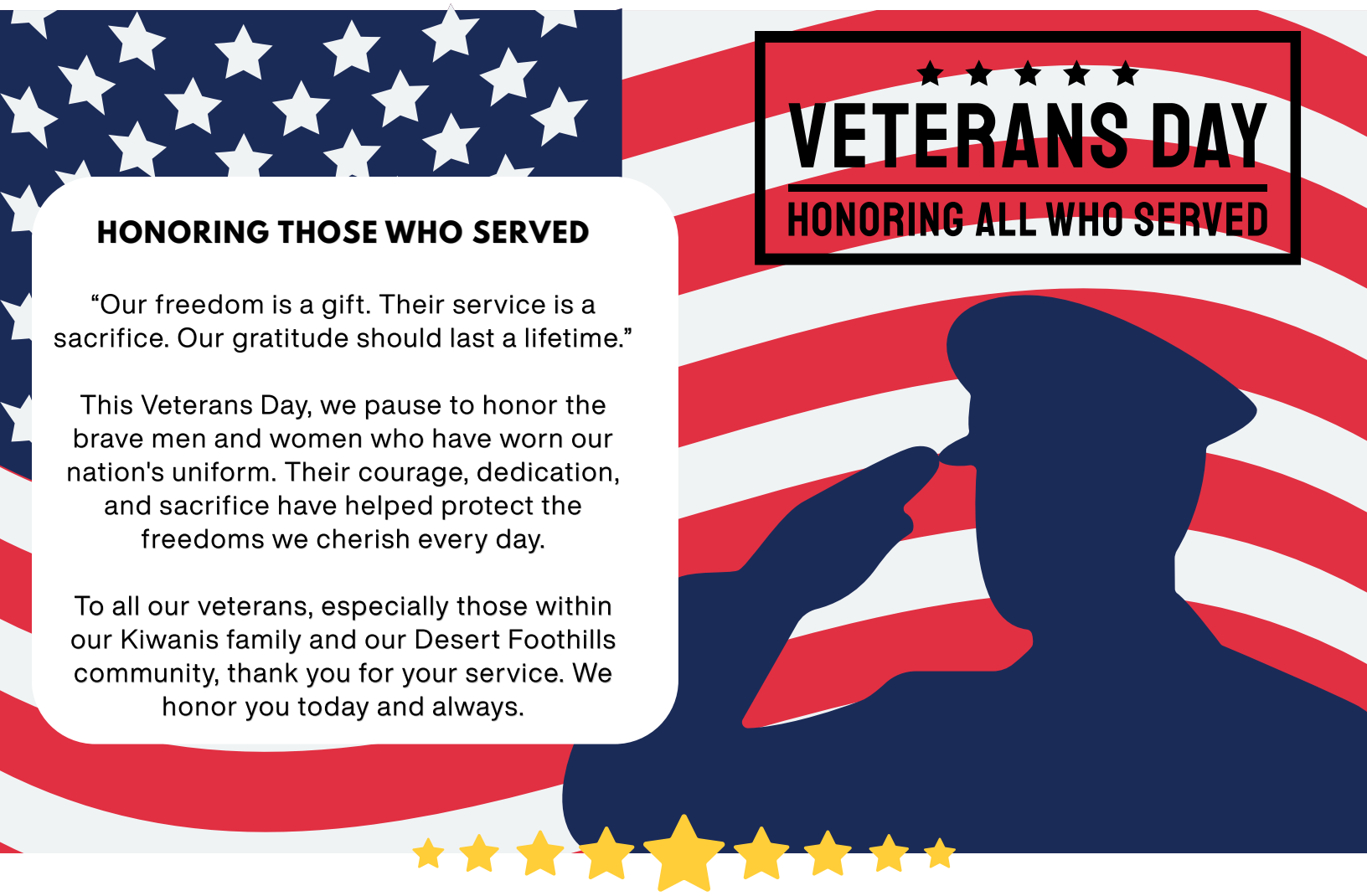


Calling All Committee Chairs

We need your help showing our community what Kiwanis is all about. Please send us photos of Kiwanis members in action: delivering checks, attending committee meetings, volunteering, participating in community events, or simply working together to make a difference. Your photos may be featured on our social media and in our monthly newsletters, helping us tell the story of the incredible work Kiwanis is doing throughout our community. Show us what your committee is up to!

SEND YOUR PICTURES TO COMMUNICATIONS@KIWANISCAREFREE.ORG

A Very Special Thank You!



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

"Our freedom is a gift. Their service is a sacrifice. Our gratitude should last a lifetime."

This Veterans Day, we pause to honor the brave men and women who have worn our nation's uniform. Their courage, dedication, and sacrifice have helped protect the freedoms we cherish every day.

To all our veterans, especially those within our Kiwanis family and our Desert Foothills community, thank you for your service. We honor you today and always.

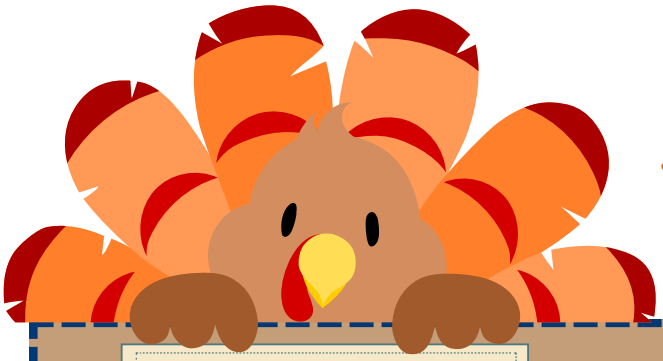


HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Ed Edling
3rd Jeanne Smith
4th Debbie Keller
6th Jill McNally
7th Alan Tannaz
8th Jason Smith
11th Geno Orrico
16th Marty Ellison
19th Michelle Bergman
21st Mary Adrian
21st Bob Moore
22nd Cam Kuniej
30th Sue Force





Happy Thanksgiving

GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED

If you know of someone who would be a great speaker at a luncheon email Darlene Carter!

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