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I will start this newsletter by providing a report related to the recently completed 2018 Luminaria fundraising program. Sales continue to decline—450 fewer kits this year. Due to the complexities related to the first batch of candles, negotiations were held with our partner, Bob Riddle, who agreed to an increase of one dollar per kit. Thus, the amount of the proceeds were \$7,750. Adding \$3,653 in proceeds from the Luke program resulted in total revenue of \$11,050. This will cover 25% of our expenditures for the operation of the organization for 2019..

I, again, want to thank everyone who participated in any form or fashion with a special thanks to Judy Zimmer and all the members of the management team!

The PRIDES gleaning game is in full force every Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, a news article in the Independent resulted in people contacting our office requesting that their trees be gleaned. We now have a Thursday morning gleaning team. I certainly appreciate all of you who volunteered to help preserve our good name in the community.

The Women's Club and Boomers will be hosting the Prides for an appreciation breakfast on Saturday, March 16., 8:00 AM at the Women's Clubhouse, Kuentz Rec Center.

By the time you receive this report, the major Relay for Life Event at Beardsley Park will be history—another tremendously successful campaign from the work of Marilyn Shaw and all of her excellent volunteers. It would certainly be great for PRIDES members to put together a few teams to support the upcoming golf tournament to be held

President's Message

March 15th. Contact Lisa Safago to register.

It is now time to turn our attention to the Annual Picnic which will be held at Kuentz Courtyard, Thursday, March 28th. The picnic will be catered by a local business, Memo's Bistro. They have furnished a breakfast for us in the past and the committee felt it was important to reciprocate by patronizing a catering firm within our walls. There will be the 100/100 drawings.

Pandora Variety Music will provide entertainment during the event. The Pandora coordinator will take special requests. Registration forms will need to be received by March 16th at the office.

April 6th represents the date the official Saturday starting time will be 6:30 am.

Proud to be a PRIDE,
Ralph Johnson
President

PRIDES OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- ◆ President.....Ralph Johnson
- ◆ Vice-President.....Diane Rice
- ◆ Corp.Secretary.....Kathy Estes
- ◆ Treasurer.....Ron Rada
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Disbursements.....Dick McBee & Ron Ryman
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Revenue.....Kathy Estes & Paul Koppe
- ◆ Director.....Paul Kunze
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ **March 16th**—Women's Club & Boomers Host Breakfast for the PRIDES.
- ◆ March 23rd—Payday & General Meeting 9:00 am
- ◆ March 28th—Annual Picnic
- ◆ **April 6th...**
[Begin Summer Hours 6:30—8:00 am](#)
- ◆ April 20th—NO WORK Easter Weekend
- ◆ April 27th—Payday and General Meeting 8:00 am
- ◆ **May 18th** — Payday and General Meeting 8:00 am
- ◆ **May 25th** — NO WORK Memorial Day Weekend
- ◆ **June/July**— No Meetings
- ◆ **July 6th** — NO WORK 4th of July Weekend
- ◆ **July 20th** — 8:00 am Refreshments in the Shop
- ◆ **August** — No Meeting
- ◆ **August 31st** — NO WORK Labor Day Weekend
- ◆ **September 21st** — Payday and General Meeting 8:00 am
- ◆ **October 5th...**
[Begin Winter Hours 7:30—9:00 am](#)
- ◆ October 19th—Payday and General Meeting 9:00 am
- ◆ November 9th—NO WORK Veterans Day
- ◆ November 16th—Payday and General Meeting 9:00 am


PRIDES at Work & Play — Go to <http://photos.scwprides.com/> to see the entire PRIDES photo gallery.



****Congratulations****
The 2019 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of the Sun Cities was a great success!



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Save The Date

Breakfast
For the PRIDES...

The SCW Women's and Boomer's Clubs will be hosting a breakfast for the PRIDES, the Posse and the Firefighters. The date will be March 16th starting at 8:00 AM and will be held at the Women's Clubhouse in the Kuentz Rec Center, across the street from PRIDES adjacent to the Stardust Theater.

NO-WORK DATES:
April 20— Easter
May 25— Memorial Day
July 6— 4th of July
August 31— Labor Day
November 9— Veterans Day




Relay for Life 2019

2019 American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of the Sun Cities was a great success due in large part to PRIDES members support. The February 17th event's goal was \$55,000. We raised \$65,300 so far with the golf tournament still to come on March 15th. The SCW PRIDES team raised \$5,970 with 27 donors and team members contributing. PRIDES member and chairperson, Marilyn Shaw, always does a terrific job with organizing and encouraging everyone on this very important cause.. Many PRIDES members were on teams and on the organizing committee. Thank you to everyone who made this year's very chilly Relay so wonderful. ACS's research funding and support programs are so needed. Together we can defeat cancer.

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Horticulture News... Spring Trimming and Planting

We'll start planting on March 1st, and finish around April 15th. It's a good time to trim back oleanders, sage, cassias, bird of paradise and yellow bells. Trimming promotes healthy plants and new growth. If you need plants, for your section, please fill out the form on your cart and return it to the office. **Think color.**

FYI—if you are wondering what low water use plants will work well in your Arizona yard, there is an excellent brochure produced by the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association available on line—www.amwua.org.

Any questions, call Diane Rice at 772-321-7544.

Fry's Community Rewards Program

This program rewards the PRIDES with much needed \$\$\$\$. It's all based on your signing up for the program and then shopping at any Fry's or Kroger location. But first you must have a Fry's Rewards Card and then choose a Community Rewards recipient (the PRIDES have been assigned organization # **25001**). If you haven't yet signed up for this amazing program, please do so ASAP. If you need help, call Fry's at 1-866-221-4141 or see Ruth Black. Also, get your neighbors and friends to sign up. Forms are available at our general meetings and in the PRIDES office.

Volunteers Needed

Every year we need new member volunteers to keep our sections adequately staffed. Please keep this in mind as you meet new people and let them know the good we do for the community. Invite them to come to the office on a Tuesday or Saturday morning to learn more about PRIDES, or to sign up. In addition to physical work performed, we also have a variety of other roles, such as record keeping, communications, computer input, purchasing and maintaining equipment and supplies, and serving coffee, rolls, and donuts at our monthly meetings. There is also an urgent need for people with plumbing or irrigation experience.

ANNUAL PICNIC, THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH KUENTZ COURTYARD

Luminaria for Luke Donates \$3,653 to Luke Library

Won't you consider joining the **Luminaria Team** for 2019?

The kick off will be at the October Payday meeting. We will need all kinds of assistance from bagging sand, to bag counting, to sales at Bob's Variety. I would like to say a big thank you to all volunteers who assisted in the 2018 sales. We cannot do this project without you, so again thank you.

Contact: Judy Zimmer at 701-226-9126



2018 PRIDES Luminaria Workers

