



Los Amigos Del Sol Newsletter

November 2017



Upcoming Events

November 4

LADS General Meeting

November 18

LADS Thanksgiving Dinner

Char Awards

December 2

LADS General Meeting

December 9

LADS General Meeting

LADS Christmas Party

January 6

LADS General Meeting

February 3

LADS General Meeting

February 10

42nd Anniversary Party

March 3

LADS General Meeting

March 17

Heels & Harnesses Party @ Anvil

April 7

LADS General Meeting

April 21

Danny Klevin Poker Run/Bar Crawl

May 5

LADS General Meeting

Kentucky Derby

Chili & Salsa Cook-off



We will be voting on the Char Humanitarian Award during the November General Meeting. As a reminder, this award is to recognize an individual who has given their time, energy & support to the community. This award is not just for LADS members, it is available to anyone in our community so that we can recognize them for helping other individuals and/or organizations via volunteerism, sponsorship, etc.

Nominees are on page 3. Please take the time to review this year's nominees and also come to the November meeting & cast your vote for the next Char Humanitarian Award Winner.

October Birthdays



Pictured above: Marie Miles & Tony Bartoli



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November Birthdays

Aaron Aviso



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Jim Calbreath



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Rafael Rivera

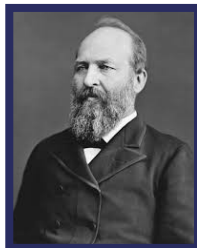


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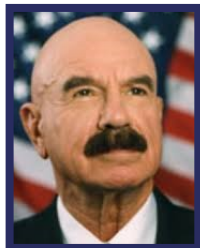
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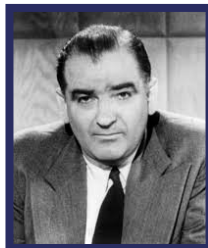
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November is Election Month

(Match the politician with the year born, state born & year they died, if applicable.)

1. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
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5. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
6. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
7. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
8. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
9. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____
10. Politician _____ Birth _____ Death _____ State _____

11. Bonus Question: Which of the above politicians has an association with the inventor of Listerine?

Write down your answers and bring them in with you to the meeting. The entry with the most correct answers will be the winner and receive a drink ticket & a scratcher. Get the extra credit answer correct as well & win a \$20 Oz gift card. A drawing will be held in the event of a tie. Turn in your answers to Jim Calbreath; the winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Meet the Nominees

Chuck Hawkins

I would like to nominate Chuck Hawkins for the LAD Humanitarian Award in memory of Char. Chuck has been instrumental in the creation of Mulligan's Manor. Through his caring and counseling, Mulligan's Manor has been the home of abused LGBTQ foster youth. Through Chuck's efforts through the court systems, youth are allowed the chance to thrive in a home environment. Chuck dedicates most of his time in advocacy of all youth that identify as LGBTQ. Chuck his a strong advocate within the community.

The Rainbow Lunch

The name of the group is called "The Rainbow Lunch". They meet every month at Mike Dailey's home. They have been doing this for nearly 5 yrs. They have between 10 and 15 people and have had as many as 24. The cost is \$2.50 which covers approximately 25% of the cost and they depend on donations to keep this price down.

Their main objective is to give our LBGT seniors a place to meet ,socialize, get a wonderful meal and just have a reason to get out and be with our peers, so many are lonely.

I would love to expand because I feel that we have a great need to do this. Mike is in the process of looking for a larger meeting space now.

Carl Gommer-Walter

Carl has been an active member in the local community for many years. He is constantly on the move & entertaining in a variety of venues in the valley. Here are just a few of the things he has done recently: Bearlesque-Proceeds benefit the Imperial Court of Arizona for the Logan's Playground toy drive, High Heels & Harnesses-Proceeds benefitting the Logan's Playground Christmas bike & toy drive, Rainbow Festival-Assisting a local business owner selling a homemade, natural lubricant, Bearizona-supporting the Phoenix Storm Rugby Football Club and he also was behind the High Heels & Harnesses production @ Anvil in April that supported LADS that he has committed to make an annual event. He will also be at Oz on 11/18 with the Wicked Review.

When he is not directly involved in a particular function, he is always out supporting them, The Emerald City Turnabout supporting LADS, Desert Leathermen of Tucson, Arizona Men of Leather, the Equality March/Rally for Unity and Pride and many, many more. Carl is someone who cares & gives to every corner of our community, from toy drives for kids to fundraising for the leather community & everyone in-between, including LADS.

Executive Committee

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October Financials

The financial report was not available at the time of publication.



Recent Bingo Winners...



10/15/17: Coverall Winner
Rafael Rivera



10/22/17: Losers Bingo Winner
Brian Swearingen



10/22/17: 50/50 Winner
Darrell Sexton



10/07/17 Halloween Trivia Winners
(above left) Chris Skowron
(above center) Carl Perkins
(above right) Brian Alexander
(left) Randy Guthrie, John Carpentier, Rosie Davidson, Richard Belcher & Dan Brown



10/07/17: 50/50 Winner
Richard Belcher

Happy Halloween

Halloween Bingo



Los Amigo Del Sol General Meeting

October 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

From the President:

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- Birthday recognition was given to Doug E, Quenton C, Tony B, & Marie M.
- The position of Historian was left vacant with Angels' passing, Jeff asked for volunteers to fill the position.
- The Humanitarian Char Award will be presented at the Nov. 18th Thanksgiving dinner. Nominations will be accepted until October 14th and posted in the November newsletter. Voting will take place at the Nov. general meeting. The winner will win \$200.00 and a plaque which will be paid for from the Oct. 21st yard sale.
- A committee of 3 will be formed to investigate the Lifetime Member Designation. Volunteers at this point are Dan Bartle and Myron B. One other person is needed.
- Proposed changes to LADS bylaws were mailed to all members during the first week of September. A vote on these changes was tabled until the November general meeting.

The creation of a LADS calendar has been tabled until after the holidays.

From the Vice President:

- Campout was a huge success with 68 campers attending. On Oct. 1 the Campout Survival party was held at OZ bar. Sub sandwiches and chips were provided, members who donated and helped with campout were recognized and numerous prizes were given away.
- Today's after meeting event will feature Halloween trivia. Prizes will be awarded.
- **Sunday Bingo:** A frequent players club has been established with players getting an extra card on every 5th visit. 50/50 raffles will be held for the next few months to raise funds for a new bingo machine. \$397.00 has been raised to date.
- A campout focus group will meet Sat. Oct. 14th at OZ at 11:00 a.m. to review past successes during campout, and investigate new ideas for next year's campout. After this event all are invited to attend the Arizona State Fair as a group.
- October 21 is the LADS Yard Sale @ Oz bar from 600 AM until 11:00 AM. Rafael and Myron are co-chairs. 5 canopies and banquet tables will be set up to hold the items. Donations are encouraged to be delivered by 6:00 AM. A cooler filled with water and Soda will be available for donations. This will be promoted by Posters, Signs and will also be announced on Craig's List.
- November 8, 2017: General Meeting- Suggestions are requested for an after meeting event.
- November 18, 2017: LADS Thanksgiving Dinner @ Oz at 1:00 PM. Turkey and Ham will be provided by LADS and Nellie. Chris/Carl & Jim/Bob have agreed to prepare these. A sign up sheet for other side dishes sheet will be posted at the bar on November 4th.
- **December 1st-3rd is the annual Las Vegas trip.** This year we will be staying at Main Street Casino, and is being promoted by posters in other bars, Facebook & the LADS website. Costs can be found on the LADS website, and payments will also be accepted on LADS website, as well as cash or check from any board member. 44 members are needed in order to make this event possible. Please sign up by October 29th. If 44 participants are not confirmed, we can cancel with no penalty from the Hotel or Transportation. Fees include the Bus ride, two night stay in the hotel, alcohol, soda and snacks during the bus ride. Bingo will be cancelled on the 3rd due to this event.
- December 9th is the general meeting. It has been moved from the first Saturday in December until the 2nd Saturday due to the Vegas trip. The after meeting event will include the LADS gift exchange with a \$20.00 maximum on gifts, a visit from Santa. All members are encouraged to bring a \$20.00 gift and an appetizer or finger food.

Mulligan's Manor Holiday campaign. Bingo proceeds from November 19th to December 10th will be donated to this annual event. Due to a prior commitment Mulligan's Manor is unavailable for our annual Lunch. Because of this we will provide other items to the residents. Suggestions included 1) VR Junkies AZ. Gift certificates. 2) Admission tickets to zoo lights. 3) Tickets to Top Golf in Scottsdale. A vote will be held during the November general meeting to choose one of these. Dan Bartle offered to provide ornaments for sale and to be hung in the bar (provided the manager approves), with all proceeds going toward these gift certificates.

From the Treasurer:

- Financials are proved in the attached financial section of the newsletter.
- Orders for LADS member shirts are being organized. These will be provided to all members who have never received one. For members who have had a LADS shirt but would like a replacement, they can be purchased for \$12:00. These are being made by Marti and Richard.

Amazonsmile.com is now available to everyone who orders from Amazon. Just log on to the website and 5% of all purchases will be donated to Los Amigos del Sol if you choose this as your charity of choice. This is encouraged as it is essentially free money that will be provided to LADS.

Public Relations:

- The website now accepts payments by credit card for membership dues, any events and even donations.

A display board is to be installed at OZ bar, with LADS information posted on it. Information about LADS can be found on the Facebook page, and in the monthly Newsletter. The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 4th @ 1:00 PM at OZ bar.

The meeting was adjourned



Your suggestions matter...welcome to the newest section of the LADS Newsletter, our Classifieds. Do you have something you would like to offer? Email us here at PublicRelations.LADS@gmail.com with what you have for sale. This will be a platform for LADS Members and Friends of LADS to place an ad for personal items. Ads for services or retail sales will not be accepted. All ads subject to approval. Make sure when placing an ad you include a description of the item (the more info the better), an asking price, your name & a way to contact, a phone number and/or an email address. Now, let's get shopping!

Verizon Apple iPhone 5S (needs to be activated, no SIM card). Best offer for a donation to LADS.
Contact Dan Bartle at (480) 416-1140, dbartle25@gmail.com

Who would like to go on a non-sponsored camping trip in the Spring? Email Jim Calbreath (jim6902@gmail.com) if you are interested. Suggestions of where to camp & dates are all on the table.

Your ad here, don't miss out & place your free classified ad today!

What else would you like to see? Email PublicRelations.LADS@gmail.org & let us know.

Banner preview

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