



L.A.D.S. GENERAL MEETING

January 3, 2025

Venue: OZ Bar

President / Jeff

Welcome members & guests: Happy New Year – **Members:** Jeff, Scott, Joey, Loren, Josh, Kevin, Brian, Evan, Blake, Gene, Jim, Morris, Randy, Rich, Rob, Tony

- Welcome patrons of OZ Bar

New Members: None - 52 current members

January Birthdays: Carson, Jay, Mitchell, Morris, & Randy

Member Suggestions:

- Talk to Executive Committee member or email idea to LADSPHXAZ@GMAIL.COM

L.A.D.S. 2026 Membership Card – newly designed

- 2026 distribution
- Show bartender on your 1st drink

L.A.D.S. Free Large Hoodie for 2011 Member: Brian, Josh, Kevin & Randy

Audit Committee:

- Per Bylaws, completed by Feb 7th meeting
- Volunteers: James C, Tony and need 1 more - **Evan**
 - Treasurer will attend for questions only
- Hosted at Tony's home

Nominations accepted for 2025 Awards: - distributed nomination forms and Jeff informed the membership to watch for an email with nomination forms

- Harry Hester “Member of the Year” award
 - \$100, one-year free membership and an acrylic award
- Jack Leffel “Friend of L.A.D.S.” award
 - \$100 and an acrylic award
- Humanitarian Award in Memory of Char
 - \$200 and an acrylic award
- Nomination forms and criteria distributed today – return to Jeff by Jan 31st
 - Nomination form: review
 - Eligibility & Criteria form: review

Vice President | Brian (Jeff spoke in place of Brian)

PAST EVENTS (6)

\$1,000 Raffle

- Sold all 200 raffle tickets – thank you to everyone who helped sell raffles



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- Special shoutout: Josh, Mark, James & Lisa for going over and above selling raffles
- Winner: Mike G – also donated back \$223 for drinks at Bingo

Member Gift Exchange

- Thank you, Mrs. Claus (aka Lisa), for hosting 20 participating members

Bake Sale

- Raised \$649.50
- Thank you, Gene for hosting

Santa Gift Give-away

- L.A.D.S. gave away over 30 gifts
- Thank you, Santa (aka Joey), Mrs. Claus (aka Lisa), and our Elves (aka Mark & Randy)

Christmas Ornament Guess

- Becky K – guessed exact amount of 1,213
- \$134 to Becky and \$134 to our charities
- Winner of \$25 Amazon Gift Card drawing for OZ Bartender: Florence
- Thank you, Joey & Loren who helped remove the ornaments

Jingle Bell Corey-okee

- Raised \$275.75
- Thank you, Corey, Brian & Lisa (members) and Brian & Paul (friends of L.A.D.S.)

TODAY'S EVENTS

Santa Goofed Auction

- 2:00pm – inside OZ Bar
- Auctioneer: Tony Bartoli (**need 1 assistant to help Tony**) – **Josh volunteered**
- Fundraiser for charities

UPCOMING EVENTS for Jan – Feb - Mar

Every Sunday – Bingo @ 1:00pm – Inside & now on Patio

- Fundraiser for our 3 charities and chance to win cash prizes
- Monthly Specials
 - Every Sunday, complimentary Hotdogs provided by OZ Bar
 - Guests welcome to bring a side dish to compliment the dogs
 - Thank you, Sherry for your side-dish contributions
 - Thru Superbowl Sunday, wear any “sports-themed” item for an extra Bingo Card
- December volunteers
 - Thank you, Gene called Bingo for 1st time.
 - Thank you, Scott & Brian for assisting with set-up / tear-down
- Bingo callers/assistants
 - Bingo callers and assistants appreciated every Sunday



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- Bingo caller needed for Jan, 18, 25 & Feb 1 - Jeff will send an email to all bingo callers

Every Day - Specialty Shots @ OZ Bar

- OZ Bar contribute \$1 to L.A.D.S. for every shot sold
 - Shots: *Oatmeal Cookie, Cinnamon Toast, Washington Apple, Apple Jack, B-52, & Irish Frog*
 - December contribution from OZ Bar: **\$22.00**

Jan 14 – Wednesday @ 6:30pm - Quarterly Executive Meeting – Place TBD – Jeff will host meeting remotely. Committee can choose to get together or remotely.

Feb 7 – Saturday @ 1:00pm - General Meeting – The Rock

- Ballots distributed to vote on:
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- Nominations will be accepted for 2026 officers
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations, and Historian
 - If you are unable to attend meeting and would like to run for an office, tell Jeff
- After Meeting Event: Game - \$75 Budget (includes prizes & supplies)
 - 40 Games in library
 - Game host needed – **no one volunteered**

Feb 14 – Saturday @ 1:00pm - Anniversary Party – Aunt Chilada’s

- Theme: Golden Anniversary
- Venue: Garden Patio @ Aunt Chilada’s (check it out on their website)
- Invitation only – members allowed one guest
 - Watch for Evite invitation next week – RSVP required
- Cocktail hour, food buffet, awards, charity distribution, and a fun event hosted by Adam
- DJ: Dwayne
- Photobooth will be set up
- Estimated Cost: \$3,400
- Committee: Adam, Lisa, Brian, Tony, Jeff, Mark, & Corey
 - Next web call meeting is Thursday, January 15th @ 6:30pm



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February 20 – Quarterly Poker Tournament – Friday – 7:00pm

- Volunteers: 4 needed – Brian (Jeff will if in town)
- Cash prizes for 1st & 2nd Place winners
- 50/50 and Roll the Dice and promote specialty shots
- Donations accepted \$5 suggested)
- Promotion: poster | website | tabletops | Banner | Dakboard | GayPHX.com | Facebook

March 7 – Saturday @ 1:00pm - Annual Meeting – OZ Bar

- Elections for 2026 Officers
- Storage Clean-up / Inventory
 - Need 1 volunteer – Evan volunteered
- Charity nominations accepted
 - Invite a spokesperson for any charity organization
- SOS Committee: 3 volunteers
- Per Bylaws, annual Financial Statement distribution
- 2026 Campout: begin planning (Sept 18-21)
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FUTURE EVENTS

Tony Perowitz Morning Wood Derby – May 2026

- Derby cars available for purchase
- Event venue? Has anyone considered other venues? – No one mentioned anything

Bus Trip – Palm Springs – July or August 2026

- Committee: Brian, Rich & Morris
- Hotel and Bus: information available at Feb meeting
- Should we consider partnering with another organization?

Public Relations | Mark

- Facebook: 384 followers
- Newsletter: emailed 12/30 and available on website

Secretary | Lisa

Historian | Randy



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Treasurer | Scott

Financials as of 01/01/26 – not available

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- General Fund - \$4,167.81
- Charities - \$10,493.77
- Campout - \$368.25
- Anniversary Party - \$2,453.26
- Total - \$17,483.09

Monthly detailed financial report: available upon request

Special Donations:

Fry's Food contributes to L.A.D.S.:

- Register Los Amigos Del Sol as your charity organization
- Instructions can be found on our website
- Currently we have 35 households participating

L.A.D.S. merchandise for sale:

- T-shirt, tank, muscle, polo, and hoodies available
- Prepayment required to order.
- Option to include 1st name on complimentary member shirt

Membership Dues:

- You will receive an email from GoDaddy when dues are up

Closing

- **Humanitarian efforts** - If you are involved in any projects outside of L.A.D.S., please share with us so we can celebrate them together – **no one spoke**
- **Free Drink drawing:** all members who attend our General Meeting get one raffle ticket, and if you wear any L.A.D.S. shirt, get an extra raffle ticket. – **Loren won**
- **50/50 – Loren won \$48**

Next General Meeting: Saturday | February 7th | The Rock | 1:00pm

Adjourn