

Los Amigos Del Sol

"LADS HAPPENINGS"

Fall 2024 Newsletter



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Quarterly Newsletter

January - April - July - October



A NOTE FROM L.A.D.S. PRESIDENT

This past quarter has been filled with a lot of love and laughter among our members and friends. Sadly, it also marked the passing of a couple of our dearest Amigos.

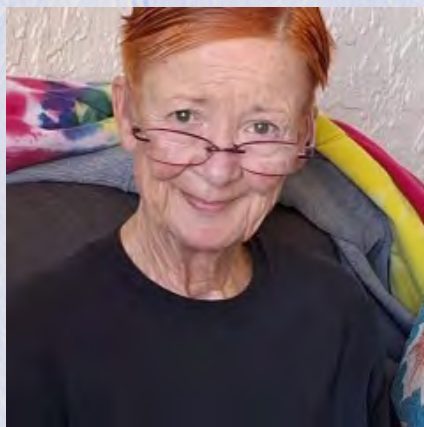
Brian Swearingen, a member of L.A.D.S. since 1993 left us after a courageous battle with cancer. Known as “Flower Brian” from his days in floral delivery, Brian was a crafter at heart. His leather and carpentry skills were remarkable, and he was generous in sharing his one-of-a-kind creations with those he held dear. Originally from Wyoming, he chose to be in Phoenix around his “Family” of friends. To all those members and friends who helped him through his final transition, know that your love and dedication did not go without notice and deep appreciation.

Paula Patterson, a member since 2022, returned home to Nebraska after suffering an infection that left her in need of 24/7 care. She passed shortly after with her sons nearby. Paula is probably best known as our Mrs. Claus from the past few years. A petit gal with a strong appetite for life, laughter and friends, Paula was at every meeting she could attend and nearly every Bingo game she could get to, making sure that everyone had a proper napkin under their drink. She was generous with her time, her energy, her advice and her loving heart.

L.A.D.S. mission is a simple one. Its formation was to bring people together in love and friendship to enjoy the passing of time in each other's company. I, for one, enjoyed the time I spent getting to know Brian and Paula and I am better for it.

In Merrit Malloy's poem, Epitaph, the final stanza reads,
Love doesn't die,
People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love,
Give me away.

Thank you, Brian and Paula, for giving us so much love. Know that it will not only be cherished but shared with those who need it most.





UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, October 5th 1:00pm
GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY, October 27th 3:00pm
BINGO HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST
\$100 in prizes will be awarded

SATURDAY, November 2nd 1:00pm
GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY, November 15th 7:00PM
QUARTERLY POKER TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, November 23rd 1:00PM
Annual Giving Thanks Luncheon
-Blind Art Auction

SATURDAY, December 7th 1:00pm
GENERAL MEETING/SANTA GIVEAWAY & BAKE SALE @ OZ Bar
Nominations will be accepted for:
-Char Humanitarian Award
-Member of the Year
-Friend of L.A.D.S.

SUNDAY, December 8th 4:00pm
BEAR-E-OKE

All upcoming events are scheduled to occur at Oz Bar

- Keep it fun.
- Keep it friendly.
- Keep it L.A.D.S.

Andre du Broc --EL Presidente--

EVERY SUNDAY: BINGO @ 1:00pm
Win CASH while supporting L.A.D.S. Charity Partners

**Wear Sports-Themed Outfits for
an extra bingo card for all of
Football Season.**





PAST EVENTS

Las Vegas Bus Trip - August 16th - 18th

Sin City was unprepared for the members and friends of L.A.D.S., where memories were made, friendships strengthened, and dopamine was flowing.

Thanks to Brian for bartending on the way up and for Andre being the event Chair and selecting the films on the way back!





PAST EVENTS

Poker Tournament - August 9th

We raised \$694!

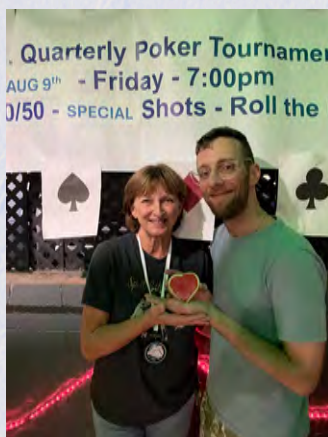
1st Place: Terri Davis (\$100)

2nd Place: Mark Leeper (\$50)

Thank you to Lisa, Brian and T.C. for helping out!

\$1,000 Raffle with proceeds benefitting HALO Animal Rescue

Congratulations to Rocco D. who had the winning ticket! Thanks to everyone who helped sell tickets throughout the month and to all those who purchased them!



Wayne K. celebrating becoming an octogenarian as well as our other member birthdays in July (Jeff G. & Mark L.)



Some of our lucky Bingo winners this quarter, captured just after their win!





PAST EVENTS

Beach Party Bear-E-Okie

Held on Sunday, July 28th, when DJ Corey, Paul and Brian hosted the Beach Party Bear-E-oke, benefitting HALO Animal Rescue! Featuring \$1,000 Raffle Tickets for sale, gift card drawings and more.... The most OUTRAGEOUS sunglasses won a prize!





PAST EVENTS

L.A.D.S. Annual Campout - September 13th - 15th

Trashy, Sassy, and kickin' ass-y at Upper Wolf Creek Campground in Prescott, AZ





August Birthdays

- Jim O'Dell
- Rob Kietze

September Birthdays

- Brandon Ochoa
- Steve Cortez
- Mike Martinez

October Birthdays

- Angela Cotta
- Stephen Cundiff
- Tony Bartoli
- Yvette Torres

November Birthdays

- Lawrence Guerra
- Rob Nail
- TC Curvin

December Birthdays

- Beth Shy
- Corey Rowley

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STATE OF FINANCES

as of 9/1/2024

- **Charities - \$7,812**
- **Campout - \$1,005.74**
- **Las Vegas - \$-221.25**
- **General Fund - \$3,140.43**

Total - \$11,737.47

L.A.D.S. Annual Fundraising Goal

\$14,000



Raised
\$7,812



For a detailed financial report, please email your request to treasurer.lads@gmail.com



FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Did you know that you can link your Fry's Account to LADS?

The steps are simple!

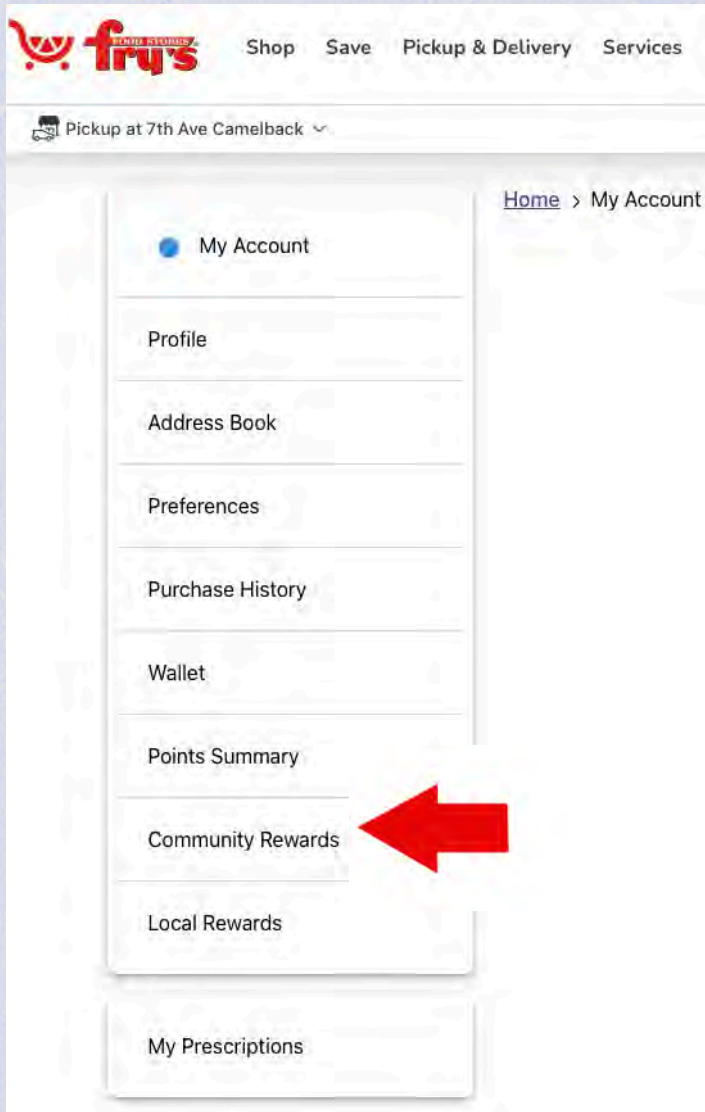
Step 1: Log into your Frys account (frysfood.com)

Step 2: In the upper right, select your Name then My Account

Step 3: On the left hand side, select Community Rewards

Step 4: Search for Los Amigos Del Sol or use DK155

Step 5: Select ENROLL



Organization Name	Los Amigos Del Sol
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