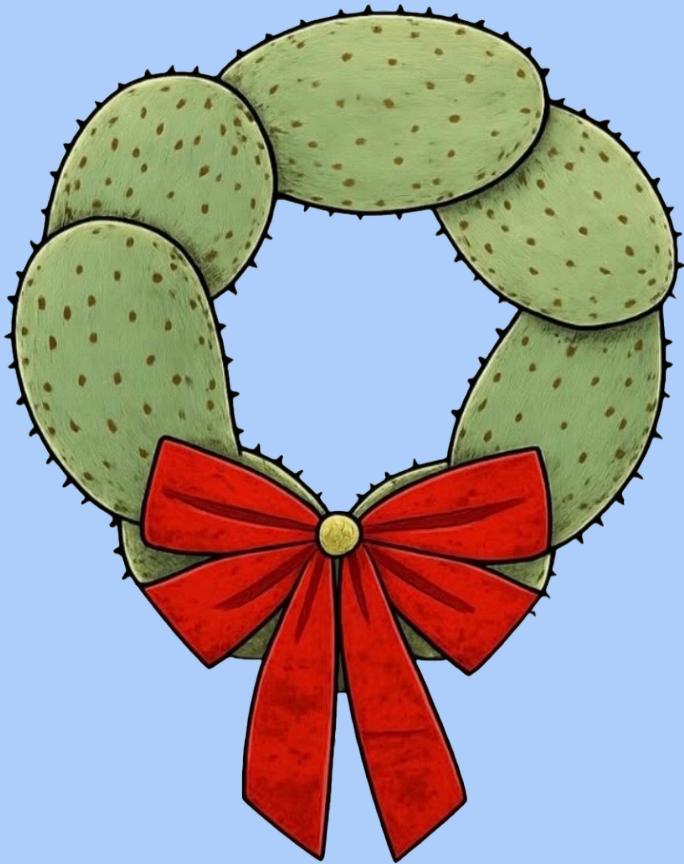


# Los Amigos Del Sol

## "LADS HAPPENINGS"

Winter 2026 Newsletter



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

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Dear Members and Friends of L.A.D.S.,

As we come to the close of another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible year it has been for Los Amigos Del Sol—and to say thank you.

L.A.D.S. continues to thrive because of you: your generosity, your time, your laughter, and your unwavering commitment to friendship and community. Whether you attended meetings, volunteered at fundraisers, supported our charitable efforts, or simply showed up for bingo (for purely social reasons, of course), each of you helped make this year a success.

This past year was especially meaningful as we proudly prepare for our Golden Anniversary—50 years of friendship, fun, and giving back. That's half a century of memories, milestones, and probably a few stories that are best left undocumented. From bake sales and bingo nights to special events and gatherings, every moment reflected what makes L.A.D.S. so special: camaraderie, compassion, and connection—with just the right amount of laughter mixed in.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you for your trust, your support, and your continued belief in our organization. It is truly an honor to serve as President of a group that proves year after year that age is just a number—but friendship is timeless.

As we look ahead to the new year, I'm excited for what's to come and confident that L.A.D.S. will continue to grow, give, and shine—together.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. Here's to another golden year ahead!

With gratitude and warm regards,

Jeff Granberg  
President



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

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L.A.D.S. is looking for members interested in running for 2026 Officer positions! If you enjoy being involved, sharing ideas, and helping guide our club to the next level, this is your chance to step up and lead.

We are seeking candidates for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Public Relations

Serving as an officer is a rewarding way to support L.A.D.S., build friendships, and help shape the future of our club and charities. Experience is helpful, but enthusiasm and commitment are what matter most.

If you're interested or would like more information about any position, please reach out to an existing officer or let us know at an upcoming meeting. Nominations will be accepted at our Feb 7th General Meeting (held at The Rock) @ 1:00pm

Get involved. Make a difference. Lead L.A.D.S. forward!



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



Congrats to Dave R. on winning the L.A.D.S-Ball Jackpot of \$475

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Saturday, January 3rd @ 1:00pm  
**General Meeting (OZ)**

Saturday, January 3rd @ 2:00pm  
**Santa Goofed Auction (OZ)**

Wednesday, January 14th @ 6:00pm  
**Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting**

Saturday, February 7th @ 1:00pm  
**General Meeting (THE ROCK)**

Saturday, February 14th @ 1:00pm  
**Golden Anniversary Party (Aunt Chilada's)**

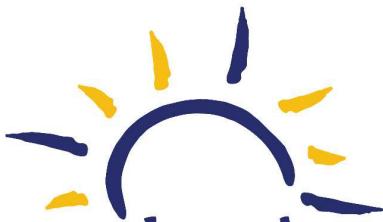
Friday, February 20th @ 7:00pm  
**Quarterly Poker Tournament (OZ)**

2026 Bus Trip (Date TBD)  
**Palm Springs**

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



November 2025 After-Meeting Game hosted by Liz and Suzette



**Los Amigos Del Sol**  
*Together for the Fun of it!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Wondering what to do with that gift you never asked for  
and don't really want? BRING IT TO*



**SATURDAY - JAN 3RD - 2:00 PM**

WRAP UP YOUR GIFT AND LEAVE A CLUE AS TO WHAT IT MIGHT BE AND  
WE'LL AUCTION IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER TO BENEFIT HALO ANIMAL  
RESCUE, AUNT RITA'S 'EXPERIENCED ESCAPADES' & MULLIGAN'S MANOR.  
AFTER ALL, ISN'T THAT WHAT "MANY HAPPY RETURNS" IS ALL ABOUT?



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**HALO**  
Animal Rescue

AUNT RITA'S FOUNDATION  
**EXPERIENCED  
ESCAPADES**

**QZ BAR**

[ladsaz.org](http://ladsaz.org)





## PAST EVENTS

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Sunday, October 26th @ 2:30pm  
**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST**



- 1st Place – I Dream of Jeanie (aka Ms Hollywood)
- 2nd Place – Tequila drunk (aka Miguel)
- 3rd Place – Plague Doctor (aka Becky)



## PAST EVENTS

Friday, November 14th @ 7:00pm  
**QUARTERLY POKER TOURNAMENT**



Congratulations to our winners:

- o 1st Place: – Patrick B. (\$100)
- o 2nd Place: – James C. (\$50)

We raised \$360!

Thank you to our volunteers who helped out, including Brian, Lisa, Scott, Mark G and Yvette!



## PAST EVENTS

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Saturday, November 22nd @ 1:00pm  
**GIVING THANKS LUNCHEON & BLIND ART AUCTION**



### Thank you to all the volunteers

- Liz/Suzette/Michael – Turkey
- Lisa – Ham
- All of our Members who brought side dishes
- Setup/Cleanup – Randy, Jeff, Brian

### **Blind Art Auction**

- Raised almost \$900 from the blind art auction
- Special thanks to Corey and Tony!



## PAST EVENTS

Saturday, December 6th @ 1:00pm  
**GENERAL MEETING, MEMBER WHITE**  
**ELEPHANT EXCHANGE, BAKE SALE, AND SANTA**  
**GIFT GIVEAWAY**



Thank you to Gene for hosting the Bake Sale as well as Joey, Lisa, Randy and Mark for helping with the Santa Gift Giveaway!



Thank you to our gift-wrapping squad (Liz, Suzette, Jeff, Lisa, Patrick & Scott)



## PAST EVENTS

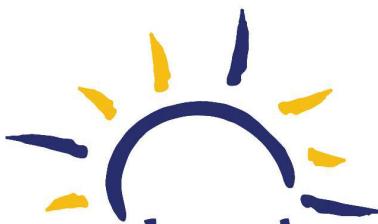
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Saturday, December 14th @ 4:00pm  
**JINGLE BELL COREY-OKEE**

L.A.D.S. would like to extend a huge thank you to Corey, Brian, and Paul for their generosity and support in sponsoring this event. There was lots of food, good (and not-so-good) singers, and plenty of fun and laughs all around.

It's people like you who make it possible for us to support our charities and continue hosting memorable events for our community.





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## PAST EVENTS

Saturday, November 22nd - December 21st  
**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT GUESS and \$1,000 Raffle**

# **L.A.D.S. Holiday Winners!**



## *Christmas Ornament Guess*

**Winner:** Becky K.

**Winning Guess:** 1,213 ornaments hanging from the ceiling behind the bar

**Prize:** \$134

**Bonus:** \$134 will also be donated to our charities!



## *\$1,000 Raffle Winner*

**Winner:** Mike G.

**Prize:** \$1,000

**Bonus:** \$1,000 will also be donated to our charities!



## *Thank You!*

Your participation made this holiday season extra special — more fun, more winners, and more support for our charities!





## January Birthdays

- Mitchell B.
- Carson S.
- Morris C.
- Jay A.
- Randy G.

## February Birthdays

- Le L.
- Matt N.
- Liz A.

## March Birthdays

- Dan B.
- Paul A.
- Scott S.
- Todd D.





## Welcome to our new members

- Evan
- Mitchell
- Gene
- David
- Rich
- Morris
- Carson





## Humanitarian Efforts in the last quarter



Albert (member) purchased 10 bicycles on Black Friday, put them all together, and donated them to less fortunate families in the Payson area.

Lisa M. (member) volunteered at a card signing event for St. Judes. She also volunteered with the Phoenix Pride Parade in October.

Suzette (member) volunteers with AZALEA (Arizona Alliance of LGBT2+ Equity in Aging) and is planning an event called Shine the Light on all Dementia



*Tell us about the great work you are doing in the community, either at the next monthly meeting or let us know via email*

## 2025 Executive Leadership Team

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## STATE OF FINANCES

as of 12/1/2025

**Total - \$17,483.09**

- **Charities - \$10,493.77**
- **Campout - \$368.35**
- **General Fund - \$4,167.81**
- **Anniversary Party- \$2,453.26**

L.A.D.S. Annual Charity Fundraising



For a detailed financial report, please email your request to [treasurer.lads@gmail.com](mailto: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!

Shop Save Pickup & Delivery Services

Pickup at 7th Ave Camelback ▾

[Home](#) > My Account

- My Account
- Profile
- Address Book
- Preferences
- Purchase History
- Wallet
- Points Summary
- Community Rewards** ←
- Local Rewards
- My Prescriptions

- Step 1: Log into your Frys account ([frysfood.com](http://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**

Organization Address  
**1801 E Camelback Rd Ste102 #1005  
Phoenix, AZ 85016**

**Enroll** ←

