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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018



RALPH JOHNSON

President's Message

The summer and fall have been a busy time with multiple activities performed by the Rec. Center, Maricopa County and PRIDES.

Let's begin with the removal of the mock orange "lollipop" trees. The Rec. Center accomplished their removal during the last two weeks of June. I enjoyed watching Moon Valley perform

the project during its different phases. They completed the project one week ahead of the original schedule. I am confident the Sections on RH Johnson are relieved to no longer be working on the steep banks trimming those trees three to four times per year and painting and scraping their trunks annually.

As of right now, there has been no commitment by the Rec. Center as to when the 344 trees on Stardust will be removed. The "preliminary" plan that has been discussed is to reduce the number

of trees by one-third leaving approximately 230 trees. More news will follow on this as we hear about it.

Luminaria, it's the only fund-raiser the PRIDES do. It all began in mid-summer with organizing the program and putting in place the committee chairs: Steve and Linda Victor, Luke Program; Peggy Joynson, Publicity; Barbara Sumner, Finance/Accounting; Paul Kunze, Sandbagging; Diane Rice, Large Orders; Judy Zimmer, General Liaison and Shift Scheduling; Suzanne Jones, Signs, Supplies and Printing.

When we created the organizational chart, we did not realize another department would be inadvertently created and it is Steve Benza who is the chair of the "Master Magician Department." Steve has been tasked with finding/creating space in the warehouse to store the large amount of Luminaria kit materials needed PLUS utilizing his master skills of repair and restoration all to make the Luminaria program work. By mid October supplies were being received and stockpiled and an organizational meeting was held.

(See the back page of this newsletter for the remainder of this article.)

PRIDES Christmas Luncheon



Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at the Grandview Terrace (14515 W. Granite Valley, Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375) we will hold our Christmas Luncheon. Starting at 11:30 am for Happy Hour (soda will be provided or you may BYOB). The luncheon will start at noon and entertainment will be provided. The cost would normally be \$29+ per person, but your Christmas bonus cost is \$0 for PRIDES and \$17/per person for all non-members (spouses, significant others and guests).

Reservations may be made by completing the form below, including your check made payable to SCW PRIDES and then returning it to the SCW PRIDES office by December 8, 2018... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mail to: SCW PRIDES
14630 W. RH Johnson Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375



PRIDE Name: _____ \$0.00
PRIDE Name: _____ \$0.00
Spouse/Significant Other/Guest
Name: _____ \$17.00
Phone #: _____

Selection of entrée (one selection per person):
Your Selection: Spouse/S.O./Guest:
☐ Salmon ☐ Salmon
☐ Beef Tenderloin ☐ Beef Tenderloin
☐ Vegetarian ☐ Vegetarian

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Photos With Santa

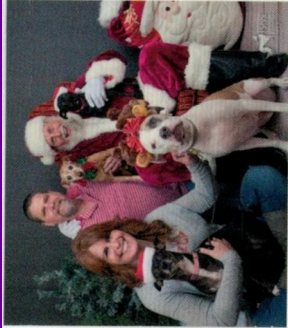
No charge to PRIDES, but
 a donation to your favorite
 pet charity is appreciated.

People and/or Pets

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PRIDES OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- ◆ President.....Ralph Johnson
- ◆ Vice-President.....Diane Rice
- ◆ Corp.Secretary.....Ruth Black
- ◆ Treasurer.....Ron Rada
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Disbursements
.....Ron Ryman & Dick McBee
- ◆ Assoc. Treasurer Revenue...
.....Ruth Black & Paul Koppe
- ◆ Director.....Paul Kuntz
- ◆ Director.....Hugh Leedy

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ November 12th — Luminaria Sales Begin at Bob's Variety
- ◆ November 17th — Meeting
- ◆ **No Work** November 24th — Thanksgiving Holiday
- ◆ December 16th — Meeting
- ◆ December 18th — Christmas Luncheon
- ◆ **No Work** December 22nd — Christmas Holiday
- ◆ **No Work** December 29th — New Year's Holiday
- ◆ January 19th — Meeting
- ◆ **No Work** February 9th — ARC Car Show
- ◆ February 16th — Meeting
- ◆ March 16th — Meeting
- ◆ April 1st — Summer Hours Begin
..... 6:30—8:00 am

Proud to be a PRIDE...

Election of Board Members

At the end of December three Board members will have their three year term expire. A slate of candidates will be provided to PRIDES members via email on November 15th and at the November General Meeting the membership will elect three Board members. Over the years we have been very fortunate to have many qualified and hard working people step up to the plate to provide leadership to our organization. Sincere thanks to everyone who has served on the Board and whose efforts have helped make the PRIDES the respected organization it is.

Horticulture News — Diane Rice 623-466-0512

This has been a busy fall with at least seventy new plants planted along RH Johnson, Crown Ridge, and Deer Valley AND there are two more Sections yet to wrap up their planting. We expect all planting to conclude by December 1st. Also, the great news is that the diseased, dead and dying pine trees have been removed in the median from Bell to Grand...THANK YOU, Maricopa County!

Fry's Community Rewards Program — PRIDES Organization Number is NV643

If you haven't yet enrolled or you want to ask your friends and neighbors to enroll, forms are available in the office. If you need help, call Fry's at 1-866-221-414.

PRIDES Tools

Need to borrow a PRIDES tool for personal use? No problem, Steve Benza has a clipboard in the shop just waiting for you to record your information so you can borrow the tool. Please sign the tool out and when you return it, sign it back in again.

Luminaria

Volunteer today to help sell Luminaria at Bob's Variety.

Call Judy Zimmer at **701-226-9126**



President's Message Continued

One unexpected surprise this year concerned the Luminaria candles. It takes 42,000 individual candles for the kits we expect to sell this year. However, all of the candles were shipped in units of 24 instead of the 12 we have had in the past. That meant Judy Zimmer and a very large group of volunteers tackled the monumental task of putting 42,000 candles into baggies that are now units of 12. This took almost 80 hours of work!! A special THANKS to everyone who labored so diligently to resolve this problem!

Sell, Sell, Sell... I urge every PRIDE to become a member of the Luminaria Marketing



Team and "sell" your neighbors and friends on re-creating the vast display of Luminaria the community embraced several years ago.

The much anticipated PRIDES Christmas party will again be held at Grandview Terrace. It will be December 18th so sign up now. All the details are contained in the registration form on the first page as part of this newsletter.

Finally, I want to wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas!

Ralph Johnson
 President
 SCW PRIDES