



PRIDES Newsletter

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The best way to start this message is with a huge THANK YOU to the SCW Garden Club and the SCW Zymurgy Club! This month the clubs donated \$500 and \$3000 respectively to PRIDES. This is evidence that our community values our volunteer efforts! With each donation comes an opportunity for us to visit their Club and provide their members with additional information about the PRIDES. This typically results with new volunteers for US. A wonderful circle.

The SCW Pickleball Club also supports PRIDES. Remember to get involved by selling tickets to the "Pickleball Drop" hosted by the SCW Pickleball Club. If you can't sell, make sure to buy your tickets from the PRIDES. We receive all the ticket proceeds sold by us. Last year we received \$4500 from ticket sales and additional donations from their club. Each year the Pickleball Club identifies 5-6 local organizations to support from this event. Pickleball Drop Tickets can be purchased from our office. Notify Kathy, Sharon or myself.

The Women's Club and the Boomers will be hosting a pancake breakfast on March 25th. They are honoring the PRIDES, the Posse, and the Fire Department. It's free to all three groups. Once again, a warm token of appreciation. More to come with this event.

Thanks to all, be safe and healthy!

Gary
PRIDES President

November Payday Bashas' Donuts SHOUT OUT TO:

Thank You



SCW
ZYMURGY
CLUB

February Schedule

- Feb. 4 - Work Day
- Feb. 11 - Work Day & Pay Day!
- Feb. 18 - No Work -Happy President's Day
- Feb. 25 - Work Day

March Schedule

- March 4 - Work Day
- March 11 - Work Day
- March 18 - Work Day & Pay Day!
- March 25 - Work Day

It is with sincere thanks we recognize the SCW Zymurgy Club for their generous and amazing donation. Presenting the donation on behalf of SCW Zymurgy Club is Jackie Ryg. Accepting the donation is Gary Schroer, PRIDES President.



From the Horticulture Team

The showy green and red Firestick succulents (*Euphorbia tirucalli*) are prevalent in Sun City West and PRIDES landscaping. While these plants are showy and easy to grow, they are also toxic. Firesticks produce a milky latex sap that is toxic to humans and pets. Getting the milky latex on your skin is an irritant. The real danger is getting this sap in your eyes. Getting the sap in your eyes is easier than you may think. If you get the sap on your glove and wipe your brow, a bead of sweat rolling down your brow can enter the eye. Getting sap in your eyes is an almost a guaranteed trip to the emergency room. It is very painful. Wear gloves and eye protection when trimming these plants. Cut the plant and immediately bag or set it aside and allow it to dry. Watch your pets. Dry sap is still toxic. Clean your tools after using them. Toxic milky sap is common in the plant family Euphorbiaceae which includes firesticks,

Moroccan Mound and spurge (the weed). These plants are common in SCW homes and PRIDES landscaping. The same safety protocols for Firesticks are required for these other euphorbias as well. A good rule of thumb is if you see white milky latex sap, be careful. For additional information a document by the California cooperative extension is posted to SCW-Prides.com, the Landscaping Resources tab.



40th Anniversary Parade Route

Get those carts spiffed-up!
See the parade route on Page 3



Parade 11 AM
Open House 12 - 3 PM

Sign up now to help out!

Contact Judy Zimmer

623-296-8129, tzimmeraz@gmail.com

or Wendy Venske

414-476-7605, jwvenske@gmail.com

Monitor's Corner

Friendly Reminders for Monitors, 1) We have new drivers for the water and weed spray cart. Thank you Jim Jones, Jr. and Ron Wilson for stepping up. A huge thank you to Tom Grilli for many dedicated years driving the cart. If you need your Section sprayed contact Tom Jones to schedule. 2) Pre-emmergent should be spread in your Section three times per year, March, June, and November. Granular Preen may be found in the garage. 3) No pruning should be happening in your section until late February when the risk of frost has past. 4) Now is the time to begin planning for spring planting. Plant request sheets are available in the garage. Be sure you have the correct amount of space for the mature size of the plant and working irrigation for the plant. Need help with selection? Please contact any Horticulture Team Member or email scwprides@gmail.com



Fire Sticks
Euphorbia tirucalli



Moroccan Mound
Euphorbia resinifera



February 19, 2023
Beardsley Park
3-8 PM

relayforlife.org/thesuncitiesaz

Event Chair: Marilyn Shaw
shaw.marylynn@gmail.com

Relay for Life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society (ACS). As PRIDES members, we support ACS by participating in the event as a team, fundraising for the cause, and volunteering at the event on February 19, 2023.

Donate to ACS! You will have the opportunity to make donations at our Donate canned goods! You can bring canned goods to our Pay Day meeting in February or the day of the event.

Purchase a Luminaria! You can purchase a Luminaria bag which you can decorate in honor of a friend or loved one who has battled or is currently battling cancer or you may purchase one for those we remember who lost their battle.

Click here to make a general donation to our Relay Team:

[Donate to the PRIDES Relay for Life Team](#)

Click here to purchase a luminaria bag:

[Dedicate a Luminaria](#)

February Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!

Marilynn Anderson	3 Years
John Barber	3 Years
Bill Briggs	3 Years
Tony DeSomber	12 Years
Mary Ecord	6 Years
Ron Emmitt	6 Years
Carol Fontaine	1 Year
Judy Holman	3 Years
Steve Johnson	12 Years
Nancy Kopycinski	6 Years
Marcia Lee	3 Years
Rick Molitor	1 Year
Mark Mosher	8 Years
Pat Ritter	6 Years
Ralph Ritter	6 Years
Beth Rolfe	5 Years
Bill Spellman	13 Years
Linda Turk	5 Years
John Van Strydonck	7 Years
MaryAnn Van Strydonck	2 Years

Your 2023 PRIDES Board Members and Officers

- President – Gary Schroer
- Vice President – Tom Jones
- Secretary – Lisa Safago
- Treasurer – Ron Rada
- Associate Treasurer of Revenue – Linda Mandoske
- Associate Treasurer of Revenue – Lowell Janssen
- Associate Treasurer of Revenue – Kathy Estes
- Associate Treasurer of Disbursements – Maryalyce Skree
- Director – Judy Holmen



We've Got The Committee For You..

Consider helping with one of the following committees. If you are interested, please email scwprides@gmail.com. Your email will be forwarded to the appropriate lead who will be thrilled. Or, you may contact the lead directly. Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance for consideration!

- Audit - Lead, Ron Rada - Two to three people with an accounting background who will audit our books once per year
- Apparel - Lead, Sharon Ody - Purchase and maintain inventory of shirts, vests, hats, etc.
- Events - Lead, Maryalyce Skree - Assist with planning and organizing events
- Horticulture - Leads, Bruce Kilbride, Lisa Safago - Manage the plant list, approve plant requests, make recommendations regarding plant care, pruning, etc. and assist Monitors as needed
- Membership - Lead, Judy Holmen - Coordination of recruitment events, display table, etc.
- Monitor Training - Leads, Tom Jones, Jim Jones - Monitor training will consist of explaining plant care, location of all tools, equipment, and supplies, and procedures, and introducing them to all staff members
- Nominating - Lead, Kathy Estes - Recruit members for Board positions
- Payday Sponsors - Lead, Gary Schroer - Assist with securing SCW businesses for sponsoring our monthly Payday meetings
- Publicity - Lead, Maryalyce Skree - Works with area publications, radio, and social media to help with fundraising, events, etc.
- Refreshments - Lead, Wendy Venski - Help with ordering, pick up, and serving payday meeting refreshments
- Safety - Lead, Linda Mandowski - Maintain First Aid kits and other safety related duties
- Technology/Webmaster - Lead, Larry Tannenbaum - Keep website updated and maintain office technology equipment
- Traffic & Safety - Leads, Ron Rada, Diane Rice - Attend the Maricopa County Traffic and Safety meetings quarterly at PORA.



FRIDAY! March 3

**Parade 11 AM
Open House 12 - 3 PM**

**Tell your Friends and Neighbors
All are Welcome!**

40th Anniversary Parade Route

- Vehicles will exit the Helping Hands/PRIDES parking lot, turning left onto Stardust Blvd.
- Parade will turn right onto Yukon Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Desert Glenn Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Echo Mesa Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto Meeker Blvd.
- Parade will turn left onto Aurora Avenue.
- Parade will turn left onto Ballard Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto 138 th Ave.
- Parade will turn right onto Sky Hawk Drive.
- Parade will turn left onto 143 rd Drive.
- Parade will turn right onto Stardust Blvd.
- PRIDES Vehicles will return to the Helping Hands/SCW PRIDES Parking Lot and vehicles from other organizations will depart the area.

