

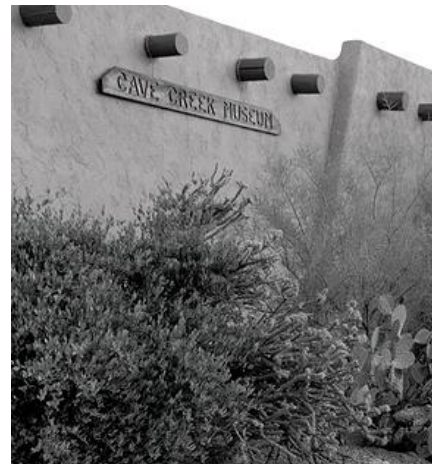
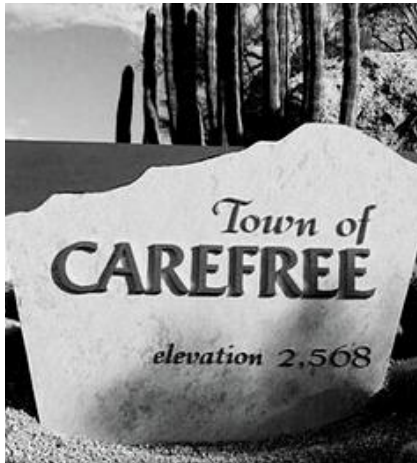


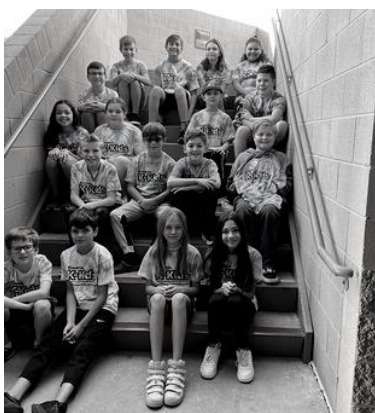
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50TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

Our Community

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Towns of Cave Creek & Carefree

TWO TOWNS - TWO HISTORIES

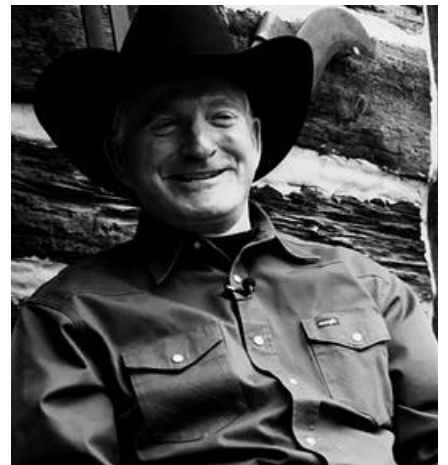
By Kraig R. Nelson, Chamber of Commerce Historian

Carefree and Cave Creek share a beautiful, ancient landmark, Black Mountain; and, a dedicated Chamber of Commerce. Interestingly, the towns do not share historical beginnings. Cave Creek was established pre-statehood, and Carefree was established post-statehood. Let's explore the diverse histories of two celebrated towns.

Arizona became a United States Territory on February 24, 1863. Fort Whipple, near the future town of Prescott, became the first territorial capital. In October, 1870, commanding officer of the new Arizona Territory, brevetted Major General George S. Stoneman, was exploring an established Native American trail which potentially would serve as a shortcut to Fort Whipple, from Camp McDowell (later Fort McDowell). Along this ancient trail, later called the "the Military Road," the Army found a lush, riparian area bordering a flowing creek with adjacent bubbling springs. The welcomed creek, was designated "Cave Creek" by the Cavalry because of a sizable, eroded cave found along the bank.

A few years later, in 1877, the first industrious Anglos built an adobe home along the creek close to where the Cavalry first rested in 1870. Jeriah and Amanda Wood soon established Cave Creek Station. A "station" is an inviting "lodge" for hungry and exhausted travelers. Yes, General Stoneman "discovered" the future town of Cave Creek; it was part of a fortuitous journey to a protective fort in northern Arizona, Fort Whipple (Prescott).

Let's move to the next century. On February 14, 1912, Arizona became the last of the contiguous forty-eight states to achieve statehood. Yes, we are the "Valentine State!" Fast-forward to 1946 when two businessmen met at a Kiwanis luncheon in downtown Phoenix: Stanford graduate, Tom Darlington, and University of Arizona law-school graduate, Kenyon Turner (K.T.) Palmer. The topic of real-estate arose and soon the idea of starting a brand-new town became a compelling idea.





*Wild West Comes to Life | Active Moms
AZ*

In 1934, K.T. Palmer homesteaded a 640-acre ranch on the western slope of Pinnacle Peak. Mr. Palmer eventually served as President of the Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce. Tom Darlington was the plant manager for Garrett Corporation's Air Research in Phoenix during World War II and decided to stay in Arizona after the War. Mr. Darlington eventually served as President of the Paradise Valley Improvement Association.

Years later, both men found themselves working in a Scottsdale real estate office and a past, monumental-dream was rekindled. It was time to locate a town site with a generous water supply. In 1955, a four-hundred-acre site, a goat farm, was found with an abundant well. Soon, 2,200 surrounding acres were secured. The corporate name, "Carefree Development Corporation," survived as the new town's name (Carefree) after many unique name-proposals were suggested.

In 1958, the Darlington-Palmer building was finished (now Carefree Town Hall). In 1959, the iconic Sundial was completed and home sales successfully commenced. Cave Creek had a new neighbor!

In 2015, the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 50th birthday. The Chamber of Commerce serves two celebrated towns, with two distinct, celebrated histories.

A black and white photograph of a hand holding a simple wooden airplane. The airplane is made of light-colored wood with dark spots, possibly from knots or paint. It has a single wing and a tail. The hand is holding the fuselage from the right side. The background is a close-up of grass, showing individual blades and some small white flowers or seed heads.

History of Kiwanis

*We do it for
the Kids!*

Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Local clubs look out for our communities and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty



Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 by a group of businessmen in Detroit, Michigan, United States. The organization was originally called the Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers, but changed its name to Kiwanis a year later.

The name "Kiwanis" was coined from an American Indian expression, "Nunc Kee-wanis," which means, "We trade." In 1920, the motto of Kiwanis became "We Build." It remained the motto until 2005, when members voted to change it to "Serving the children of the world." In the early years, members focused on business networking but in 1919, the organization changed its focus to service — specifically service to children.

Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916. Kiwanis clubs formed in communities across the United States and Canada until the 1960s, when worldwide expansion was approved. Today, Kiwanis clubs are helping children thrive, prosper and grow in nearly 80 nations and geographic locations.

All people are welcome to participate in the Kiwanis movement of improving communities for children. In 1987, women were invited to join. In 2008, delegates approved a resolution that calls for Kiwanis clubs to celebrate and foster inclusiveness.

Source: Kiwanis International | Our History

The 50 Longest Serving Kiwanis Clubs

Arizona - One of the Original 29 Districts of Kiwanis

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. Today, we stand with more than 550,000 members from K-Kids to Key Club to Kiwanis and many ages in between in 80 countries and geographic areas. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Kiwanis clubs host nearly 150,000 service projects each year.

The Southwest District was organized October 12, 1918, at El Paso, Texas. El Paso, Phoenix, Arizona, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, were the three area clubs in existence. J.W. Kirkpatrick of El Paso was elected governor, and he served until October 6, 1920. No convention was held in 1919. At the second convention in El Paso, Dr. Henry M. Bowers of Albuquerque was elected governor, and he was re-elected at the next convention, in Albuquerque in October of 1921. El Paso was the first club to be completed on March 10, 1917, Phoenix was the second club on May 15, 1917, and the third club was Albuquerque on October 3, 1917.





KIWANIS CLUB OF CAREFREE

Kiwanis Club of Carefree received its charter from Kiwanis International in 1973 and ended its first year with 55 members and some funds raised. In this and other early years, most of the money was donated to the Kiwanis International. Today, the Kiwanis Club of Carefree has over 150 members. As membership grew, community involvement grew and funds shifted to local community services. We still provide some support to our International and Southwest District initiatives. We follow the Kiwanis motto: serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time.

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In the 1980s the Kiwanis Club of Carefree decided to try selling used household goods as a special fund raising event. Probably a simple multi-household yard sale. No one then, dreamed what it might evolve into more than thirty years later. The first sales were held in a parking lot at Pima and Cave Creek road. Later the sales were held in the old "Studios of Dick Van Dyke." Annual sales grew from a \$1,000 to over \$4,000 in those first few years - a very healthy growth rate that enabled the Club, through its Benefit Foundation, to substantially increase the funds invested in the community and its children.

Early years, the donated merchandise was stored in members' garages, but this became a problem with continuing sales growth. So, the American Legion in Cave Creek allowed the Club to build a storage shed behind its building around 1990. At the time, some couldn't imagine ever filling so much space, but it was outgrown.

HISTORY OF KIWANIS MARKETPLACE



In 1999, the Club struck a deal with the Town of Carefree that allowed Kiwanis to build a 3,000- sq. ft., \$100,000 building on city property. Kiwanis was given a 20-year lease on the land. At the end of 20 years, Kiwanis was obligated to return the entire building to the Town of Carefree. The new Flea Market opened in 1999 and had a lease restriction that only allowed the club to have 6 sales per year. With so much space, it was possible to use gondolas to display small goods and space to work to test, clean and repair donations. Within two years' women joined men as volunteers and pricing, preparing and merchandising improved. The Arizona Republic even published that this new flea market was "The Neiman Marcus of flea markets." Sales continued to improve.

**"Patience, persistence and perspiration
make an unbeatable combination for success."**

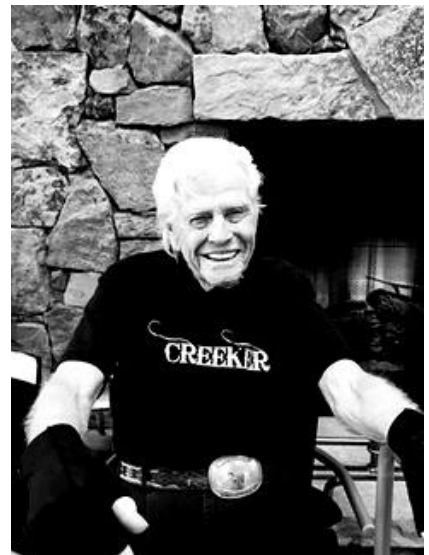
Napoleon Hill



Kiwanis Members worked on Wednesdays and Saturdays receiving and processing donated merchandise until the day of the sale. On the day before a sale members would show up at 2 pm on Friday and unload the building where furniture was stacked over 12 feet high into the parking lot. They were ready for Saturday sales outdoors. In later years, a loft was purchased along with a large lift so that more furniture could be stored between sales.

As time passed, volunteers made increasing use of the internet to help price and to sell worthwhile items on eBay. Book experts were used to review books for significant value before the public sale. Continuing evolution enabled continuing growth.

Source: Kiwanis Marketplace



Stronger Together



By 2012, it was clear that the City of Carefree wanted the building in 2019 when the lease was to expire. Alternatives were needed to keep the income flow into the Club's Benefit Foundation. Sales were still growing, but there was just not enough space for storage needs. The city would not allow extra days for sales, so the Club rented the old fire station building just north of the city property where the old flea market was held. The adjacent location facilitated exposure and trial by those loyal customers of the flea market. The new store was called the Kiwanis Marketplace.

This experiment renting retail space was conducted to reassure club members that we could continue to increase the sales even more by successfully operating a retail store was open 4 days a week from 9 am to 1 pm. Business quickly built faster than the Club could sell in the small 2,000 sq. ft. rented space.

This success gave the Club confidence to buy land to build a new store. The land was purchased. A fund-raising effort was started to build a new store for the Marketplace. The plan was to collect the needed capital and then start a new construction to get out of the old location before 2019.



And Growing...



**CAREFREE CAVE CREEK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2023 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

The Building Fund Committee raised over \$1,200,000 in cash and pledges over three years from the membership. The extra funds generated from operations at the new Marketplace test store would be saved for the project.

Things changed in the spring of 2014 when the current building (Old Epicurean Palate Store) in Cave Creek became available for the same amount as was planned to build the new building. This store was bigger and had more parking compared to the land that was purchased a year prior. And, the operation could be moved into immediately after some fast renovations.

This store was a perfect fit for the Kiwanis Marketplace store. It was purchased in July and then all the volunteers worked to move to the new location in just four days. The store opened in August of 2014. Sales have been better than expected. There are over 150 volunteers, most of them are new. Eighty percent of the volunteers are not Kiwanis Members. They are community volunteers who want to contribute to the many projects that Kiwanis supports in the community that focus mainly on children's programs.

Volunteer hours have increase by four times and sales have increased by three times in comparison to the old locations. The building is now paid for including the new parking lot. The volunteers love the working conditions at the new store.

A General Manager was hired to manage the growing new operation. In 2016 an additional Assistant Manager was hired as a sales were still growing at the new store.

Since opening the Marketplace in August 2015, through June 2022, the Kiwanis Foundation has supported community organizations and their programs more than \$4.2 million!

Kiwanis Marketplace Thrift Store

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



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Community Impact

Since opening the Marketplace in August of 2015, The Kiwanis Foundation has funded these organizations.



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Marketplace Opened Aug. 2015 thru June 2020

Cave Creek Unified Schools	\$ 1,097,613.00
Student Scholarships	\$ 780,000.00
Foothills Academy College Preparatory	\$ 260,087.00
Desert Foothills Family YMCA	\$ 132,941.00
Jubilate Christ Anglican Church	\$ 92,345.00
Kiwanis International Foundation	\$ 87,232.00
Town of Carefree Splashpad	\$ 86,000.00
Desert Foothills Library	\$ 85,338.00
Annunciation Catholic Elementary School	\$ 76,087.00
Foothills Community Foundation	\$ 71,244.00
Scully Learning Center	\$ 44,084.00
Southwest Kiwanis District Foundation	\$ 35,711.00
Cave Creek Rodeo	\$ 34,500.00
Foothills Caring Corp	\$ 33,555.00
Scott Foundation	\$ 18,500.00
Cave Creek Museum	\$ 16,848.00
Carefree Christian Academy	\$ 14,266.00
Foothills Food Bank	\$ 14,100.00
Sonoran Arts League	\$ 13,495.00
Boy Scouts of America	\$ 13,248.00
Soroptimist Int'l Saguaro Foothills	\$ 11,950.00
Bella Vista College Preparatory School	\$ 9,872.00
Arts Program	\$ 6,199.00
Carefree Salvation Army Service Unit	\$ 6,050.00
Our Lady of Joy Roman Catholic Church	\$ 6,000.00
Quality Interactive Montessori	\$ 5,000.00
Arizona Town Hall	\$ 5,000.00
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center	\$ 2,500.00
Veterans Heritage Project	\$ 3,063,765.00



August 2015 - June 2020

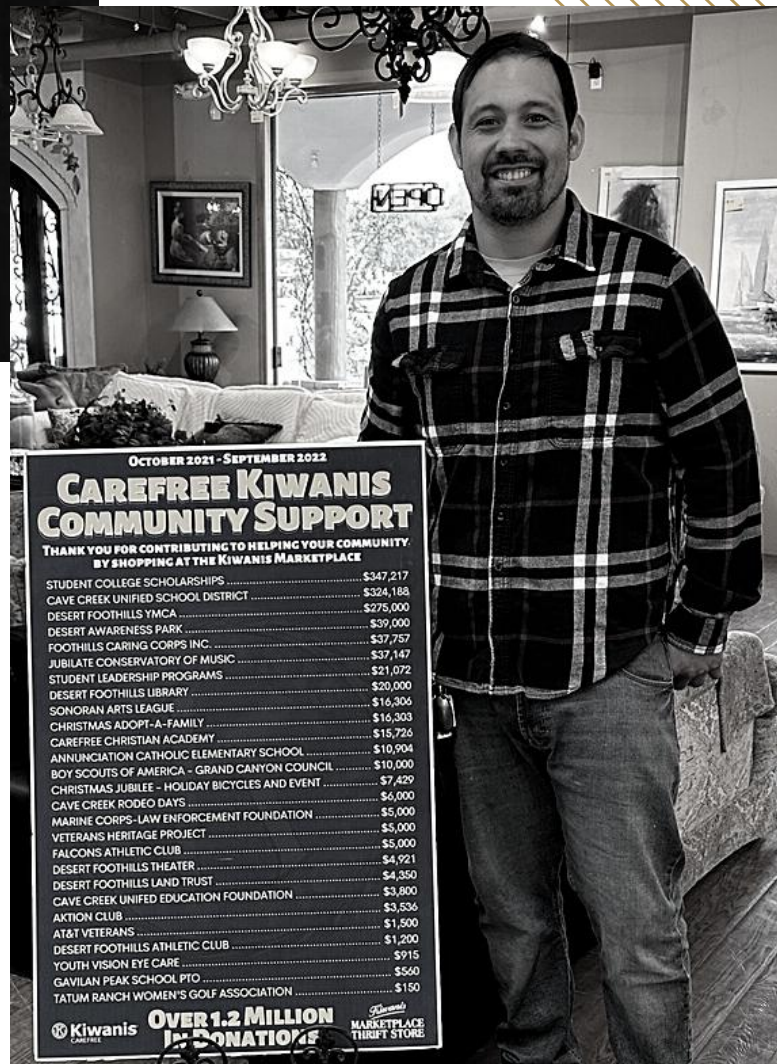
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Mission

OUR COMMITMENT TO KIDS

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree is a fellowship of patriotic, the quality civil-minded men and women dedicated to improving of life of children in our communities.



From instilling the splash pad in the town center of Carefree to supporting and funding projects for local schools and youth organizations, our mission statement is part of every decision we make.

At the elementary school level, we have a Terrific Kids program where once a month in every class the teacher selects a "Terrific Kid" for character and accomplishments, to believe and to achieve. Kiwanis presents a certificate and small bag of presents, photographs of the student for display in the school gallery.

Our Service Leadership Programs start with elementary students in K-Club. In middle school, students join Builders Club, and in high school students are part of Key Club. These clubs focus on service projects that give back to the community and help our students develop important leadership skills. Aktion Club is the only community service organization designed specifically for young adults (18+ years) with mental and physical challenges.



Leadership

Current OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Voted at Annual Elections by Membership.

Executive Committee

President: Joyce Jordan
President Elect: Linda Wright
Immediate Past President: Mike Poppenwimer
Vice President: David Court
Secretary: Ron Bell
Treasurer/Club: Canon Steven Dart
Treasurer/Foundation: Dave Gordon
Executive Director: Sandra Carrier

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Darrell Doepke
David Court





Committees



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HERE**



CLUB & FOUNDATION *Committees*

ACCOUNTABILITY – CHAIR RON BELL

To provide the Board of Directors (and indirectly Club members) with confidence that recipients of Kiwanis-donated funds use those funds in compliance with their agreement with us. Retrieves and reviews documentation of expenditures for funds granted by Kiwanis of Carefree and reviews to ensure funds are being expended on what they were funded and intended for.

AKTION CLUB – CHAIR BIFF MILLER

Aktion Club empowers the adult members with mental and physical challenges to be themselves, work together with friends, and implement plans through action.

BUDGET/FINANCE – CHAIR FOR FOUNDATION – DAVID GORDON

Chair for Club Canon Steven Dart – Email: canondart@christchurchaz.org

To provide the Foundation and Club Board of Directors (and indirectly Club members) with a fiscally responsible annual budget. The Budget/Finance Committee is also responsible for maintaining accounts responsibly and recommending financial and accounting options to the board annually, quarterly, or monthly, or on an as needed basis.

BYLAW – CHAIR WEST HUNSAKER

Review Club and Foundation bylaws and policies to ensure all bylaws are in the best interest of the Club and or Foundation's operations. Recommend updates and or amendments. Review any proposed request for changes from members, Committee and or Board then report recommendations to the board on an as needed basis.

COMMUNICATION – CHAIR JOYCE JORDAN

The Communication Committee manages the Kiwanis Club of Carefree and the Kiwanis of Carefree Benefit Foundation (excluding The Kiwanis Marketplace and the Marketplace Committee.) public and internal communications. The purpose is to engage the public and members in Club and Foundation activities, projects, fundraising, and committees. This committee also manages the Yearbook Committee creating yearbook of all Kiwanis Club Members for the current year.

FUNDS REQUEST – CHAIR SHERYL BELL

The Funds Request Committee administers and supports one-time and ongoing projects of benefit to our surrounding community, with a primary emphasis on children and youth.

HOSPITALITY – CHAIR LINDA WRIGHT

Hospitality Committee manages the Kiwanis Club of Carefree's social and fundraising events. The purpose is to engage and or thank the members and community.

MARKETPLACE – CHAIR MIKE POPPENWIMER

The Marketplace Committee will oversee the Kiwanis Marketplace store as the principal fundraising entity of the Foundation. The Marketplace Committee will oversee all aspects of the Kiwanis Marketplace store, including but not limited to volunteers, operations, vehicles, and employee, with the following goal: to grow net proceeds as the primary funding source for support of Kiwanis youth and community targeted programs while providing a positive experience for Kiwanis and community volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP – CHAIR STEVE MORSE

Membership Committee recruits new members, acclimates new members to the club and its activities, and works to maximize retention of club members.

PROGRAM – DARLENE CARTER

Program Committee creates member meeting schedules with presenters, guests, and announcements.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – CHAIR GENO ORRICO

Main function of the Property Management Committee is to manage all Foundation property's upkeep and maintenance.

RISK MANAGEMENT – CHAIR GENO ORRICO

Main function of the Risk Management Committee is to manage and assess all Foundation insurance needs.

SET UP – CHAIR AARON VASQUEZ

Main function of the Set up Committee is to prepare the room for our weekly meetings. Includes working with Programs to ensure speakers needs are met.

SCHOLARSHIP – CHAIR JANET BUSBEE

The Scholarship Committee's main function is to positively impact the lives of local area students through college scholarships and merit awards to individual students in our community.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION – TOM LEARD

The Schools and Education Committee administers and supports one-time and ongoing educational projects of benefit to our surrounding Schools and Educational Organizations. (In and near the CCUSD area). The Schools and Education Committee Chair assigns members of the Committee to be a Site Representatives for each Educational Organizations. Youth Health/Wellness is also managed by Schools & Education.

THE YOUTH HEALTH/WEELLNESS COMMITTEE

Coordinates and supports one-time youth health or wellness needs. The committee will coordinate with educational organizations to receive information for specific students in need of health or wellness with an emphasis on dental and or eye care.

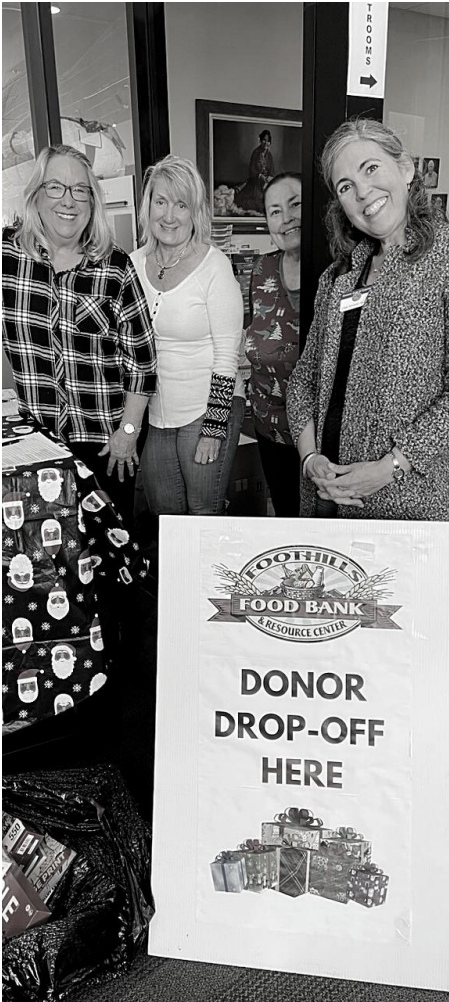
SIGNATURE COMMUNITY EVENTS – CHAIR LINDA WRIGHT AND JOYCE JORDAN

Signature Community Events Committee manages the Kiwanis Club of Carefree Benefit Foundation community events. The purpose is to engage the community in large signature community event.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS – CHRIST HART

Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs are leadership and character-building programs hosted in a school or community agency and often sponsored by a Kiwanis club. Terrific Kids, K-Kids – Elementary, Builders Club – Middle School, Key Club – High School, Circle K – College

All of these committee's play a role in our success in giving back to the community. We are waiting for you to help us grow to the next level for this Foundation and Club. You'll learn more about the community and have a rewarding experience at the same time. Give it a shot!



This is What We Do!



Membership





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50 Years of Service

CHARTER PRESIDENT

FRED GRIFFEN

1973

1974

..... OLE OLSEN

BOB ERNST

1975

1976

..... FRED BORWELL

BILL MEYERS

1977

1978

..... TED CLARK

Ted Clark (1978) Of the 700 kids in the local schools at that time, 600 were engaged in Club activities. These activities include Junior Achievement, learn to swim and chess. Started Key Club and Builders Club. 130 Members.



DICK SCHWARTZ

**PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR &
PAST GOVERNOR**

Dick Schwartz (1979) Started greeter program. The Club became number one fund-raiser for Kiwanis International. 137 Members.

1979

1980

..... STEVE GILLIAM



BRUCE BOYER

1981

1982

..... STEVE CAMPBELL

RUSS ROURKE
PAST LIETENANT GOVERNOR

1983

1984

..... FR. JOHN VOGT

JOHN CURTISS

1985

1986

..... STEVE SEARLE

Last President named Steve and last under 40. Forced to move out of Carefree Inn, we met in a tent at Frontier Town. Problems with IRS regulations caused Club to cut back on fund-raising until problem solved. Sponsored Little League team for 5 to 6 years, found plaques in the garage and brought them for Club to keep.



HERB GLICKSTON

1987

1988

..... FRED CARPENTER

JOHN ROGERS

1989

Infamous Spalding golf tournament during tenure. Raised \$100,000 for a net of about \$80,000, which equates to about 15 cents an hour. Started two new committees. Salvation Army Services Extension and Loan Closet, which was taken over from



Ted & Eleanor Clark. Reduced contributions to International.



DON PARKS

PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



When I joined, the Club met at Carefree Inn. There Dick Schwartz was no Foundation and no women. When ordered to admit women the Don Parks big issue was who would be the first member to sponsor a woman.

Now the women are among our most valuable members. Started Club Directory with photos. Started Science Night and Career Day at schools.

CARL NUSBAUM

1990

1991

..... BOB ANDERSON

1992

1993

..... BILL MULLINIKS

When I joined I thought, "what a nice group of white haired gentlemen". Now I am one of them. Expanded donations and scholarships. Club ran out of money and had to tighten belt to get back on track.



1994

REV. BOB HUTSON



During the very first week, the Club was informed by Culver's Place that our meetings could no longer be held there. Needless to say, there was a mad scramble to find a new location. Harold's was picked as an intrim

location and the Club has met there ever since! Started efforts to tidy up the membership roles and to create a financial direction for the Club.

1995

..... ALAN HAUGHNER

Focused on restoring financial stability to Club and Foundation. Kathy Haugner joined Club and they were the first husband and wife members.



1996

LEE LANGE



Club was in need of a new fund raiser so I inquired of other Clubs for ideas. First suggestion was ballon races, which seemed impractical in the Foothills. Fountain Hills said to try a pancake breakfast, so we did and it has become very successful. Sheriff Joe was invited and brought

some of his pink shorts for auction and the Foundation cleared about \$2,400.

1997

..... DICK STEWART

PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Moved into Harold's and had to solve problems of displaying award patches, sound from the other room and moving stage to clear space for tables. Big Dave Anderson took care of moving and sound barrier needs and the banners were developed for the display. It was the 25th Anniversary Year, the Club Directory was revised and the Christmas Meeting attracted 240 attendees.



1998

JULIAN BARROLAZA



There was a crisis with the IRS as the Club was not aware of the filing requirements. Dick Marr got the Club off the hook. Negotiated agreement with Town of Carefree to gain access to Flea Market warehouse. Funds appeal became important to fund a third scholarship.

1999

MIKE SLOAN



Set a goal for raising \$75,000 to sustain the Club's programs. Five flea markets, two pancake breakfasts and a Western Night provided much of the success in reaching that goal. Unfortunately, this was the only year that the Club experienced a small decrease in membership. This prevented us from being an Honor Club that year.

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SHELBY WILSON

2000

First Club President to bring a heavy metal group to a meeting (Metallica) for a moving tribute to Bob Schafer and his major contribution to their success. Also brought drug sniffing dog demonstration to a meeting. Broke records at Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast.

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2001

WAYNE FISCHER



Formed a Strategic Spending Committee to focus Club contributions. Thanked entire Club for his successful tenure.

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HUGH STEVENS

2002

Revised Scholarship guidelines under management of Ed Morgan. No longer fixed on GPA, but also includes contribution to community service and a degree of need. Neal Cochran appointed PR Chairman and he does a fine job even when he is in Illinois in the Summer.



Kiwanis
CAREFREE

2003

HERB HAYDE
PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Herb started his year with an off-site "Directors and Officers Retreat" where he outlined the state of the Club and his goals. He created the Future Focus Committee whose charge was to identify key areas concerning present and future growth of the Club. The Grant Committee streamlined and developed processes for evaluating and granting funds requests. Luncheons were more enjoyable with the introduction of theme table settings for holidays such as Thanksgiving, October Fest, Valentine's Day, etc. The Club modernized its Pancake Breakfast equipment with the purchase of stoves, coffee urns, and kitchen equipment that reduced expenses for this vital fund raiser. Through fundraisers such as the Pancake Breakfast, Flea Markets, and others our Club reached a new high of \$100,000 which in turn, was granted to worthy organizations in keeping our mission of serving the world, one child, one community at a time. One goal was Club Membership growth. During Herb's year the Club grew by 27. The Club was awarded the "Chuck Nicholas Award" for the largest membership growth of any club. Under Herb's tenure the club was also awarded the 5 Star Award, The Governor's Award, and the Distinguished Club Award.

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2004

RAY ARNOLD



Ray Arnold (2004) Inducted 58 new members, instituted three new committees, began four new Kiwanis service projects, committed to over \$42,000 in new scholarships, raised record Bell-Ringer Dollars for Salvation Army, donated \$6,500 to Tsunami Relief, donated over \$25,000 in ex-budget Hurricane Disaster Relief, donated ex-budget \$5,000 to a special facility need at Kamp Kiwanis, started and continued to sponsor two new K-Kids Clubs and one new Key Club, provided \$10,000 sponsorship funding for these youth programs, funded and staffed several reading programs including the library by more than \$16,000, partnered with other community organizations including Soroptimist, MCSO's Latch Key and Midnight Madness, Little League e.g. to the tune of almost \$30,000... plus the most important ingredient, and the sine qua non: the hearty participation of our many members.

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2005

KATHY HAUGHNER
PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



Kathy Haughner (2005) Focused our Club on the Kiwanis mission: changing the world one child and one community at a time. With this focus we grew our member participation in service projects such as the Kiwanis Science Fair, grew our Kiwanis family to nine sponsored youth clubs, grew their attendance at leadership training programs at the SW District level, and grew participation for Key Leader training. In children in the CCUSD district have adequate dental, eye, and medical care as well as continued support for other local children's programs. Membership grew! Knowing the important work we do for the community spurred the club to focus on fundraising with the golf tournament, flea market, pancake breakfast, Wings and Wheels, and Western Night hitting new records. Helga helped by interjecting two "Fun Raiser" which give an opportunity for Kiwanis fellowship. While most volunteer organizations operate on the old 20/80 rule, through a participation survey it was discovered that 80% of our members are directly involved in at least one project or aspect of the running of our club. Now, that's "hands on service" for our mission.

ANDY TOBIAS

2006

Growth. In its second year, the Science Committee tripled the number of students involved to about 1,600, our largest service project. The Scholarship Committee created three new Merit Scholarships and gave much greater emphasis to financial need for our traditional college and vocational scholarships. The Fleat Market generated a record \$87,299 for the year. Many thanks to the work of our tireless Fleas. We added a Key Club at Pinnacle Peak and a Key Leader program, bringing our youth service clubs to a total of eleven. And we had fun along the way! Whew! What a ride. Thanks to our whole club for all the work and making it fun!

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2007

BRIAN KUNKEL



Distinguished Club, and much more. First time our Club created a new club. First time we achieved all three Interclub Circles. 3,200 children involved with our Science Fair, which is double last year. The Flea Market earned a record \$90,186, including cars. Again, we committed to about \$50,000 in local scholarships. We created the "Wish List" to help fund requests from teachers and spent about \$15,000 in grants ranging from \$200 to \$400. Continued our many other youth-oriented projects. That's community service!

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DAVE BELL

2008

Dave Bell (2008) The Club got off to a good start in 2008 with a record profit from the Golf Tournament and a record turn-out for the new member mixer at the Buffalo Chip. Then there was a very successful first-time ever Kiwanis Big Band Dance with the Desert Foothills Woman's Club as co-sponsors. Everyone had a good time and there are plans to continue this event every year. We hope to make this a fundraiser for the future. We also had a record crowd for Senator Kyle's visit with 170 people for lunch at Harold's. Our Club sponsored another Key Club at Shadow Mountain in the Paradise Valley School District. The new Kiwanis Club of Desert Ridge will become responsible for the new club in the future. We have active Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and Terrific Kids programs in several schools. All good things for kids.

Our Club sponsors the Kids Christmas part of the Carefree Light Festival in December. We now have a Santa Grotto and a new Christmas float to use in the future parades.

The Investment Committee developed a new policy for the Board so that we can better manage our growing Kiwanis Foundation. Our Foundation was the recipient of \$25,000 to fund a scholarship entitled "The L. Bruce Hilsee Carefree Kiwanis Scholarship for International Relations." We also received a gift of about \$2,475,000 from the Scully Family. We were proud that our Club was selected for these gifts. Kiwanis gave large grants to Kamp Kiwanis, Foothills Food Bank, The Foothills Caring Corps and Foothills Community Foundation totaling over \$530,000 this year with plans for more grants next year. Kiwanis of Carefree has given over \$3,000,000 back to the community since our club was started 35 years ago. Membership ended up by 4 this year to 258 regular members and 19 honorary members.



2009

SUSAN VANIK



It was my pleasure to serve as President of the Kiwanis Club of Carefree. Leadership is made easy by the remarkable dedication of over 250 members who work together to make our community a better place. During my term, two new programs were launched that serve our mission statement of Kids are #1. The Aktion Club for developmentally challenged young adults provides a social and project-oriented club sanctioned by Kiwanis International that enriches the lives of some 25 young people. Autism outreach was developed by member Michael Moore who brought together SAARC, the Cave

Creek Unified School District and numerous club members to help meet the needs of some 60+ autistic kids and their families. The Flea Market achieve record sales of nearly \$100,000 and continues to be the engine that drives our fund raising.

The Club turned another milestone by purchasing a parcel of land in Carefree that one day will be the site of a Kiwanis Building. During this period of extreme economic hardship we were able to partner with the Food Bank both at Thanksgiving and Christmas to help those in need as well as make a donation to the Salvation Army. Our Science Fair continues to involve thousands of students in projects that challenge. In addition, we continue to build the leaders of tomorrow today, through our Builder and Key Clubs. Over 39 new members joined our roster this year. Our tradition of opening each meeting with patriotic music, prayer and pledging allegiance to our flag serves as inspiration to each one attending our weekly meetings who come for fellowship, as well as to learn from the diversity of our programs. All these accomplishments and we had fabulous events that brought us together: The Big Band Dance, The Christmas Luncheon at Desert Mountain, the 7th Charter Day Luncheon at the Carefree Resort and the Year End Celebration at the Carefree Station.



MANNY GONZALES

2010



The year started off with the new purchase of a piece of property. This purchase lent us the opportunity for two things first as an investment then as a build to house the flea market. The current flea market location is on Town of Carefree property and according to our current agreement with the town our club will have to vacate soon. The Fleas and their work are vital to our club and the work we do in the community. This year Carefree Kiwanis took over a long standing program in the community "The Christmas Pageant". Toby Payne has been Key in the program's success over the years. Our New Key Club "Desert Foothills" ran the Luminaria run for the first time in hopes to fundraise for a growing and thriving club hat includes

all High School students in our community. Great time we all had at Kiwanis Western night at the Carefree Inn Opera House being entertained for the first time at Carefree Inn World famous 3000 pound buffalo Harvey Wallbanger and TC Thorstenson his trainer. Before our stage entertainment started we recognized Catt Lovins with a Diamond G Harold Martin award for Key Club excellence. On stage we enjoyed an evening with Dolan Ellis the Official Arizona State Balladeer. Capping off the night with the memory of George and Joan Hoffer our western night chairs riding off stage on their stick horses. I served as Key Club International Convention host Kiwanian with Key Club host Catt Lovins a member we sponsor at the JW Marriott at Desert Ridge and many Kiwanis members came to help out with all the Key Club members from 30 countries for the weeklong conference. Thanking our board and all our servant members for year in service and Howard Dicke, Bruce Lukowiak and Bob Swan for giving us the tools for our financial future and Herb Hayde for his guidance.

2011

JON LOFFMAN



The 2011/2012 year was a memorable one in many respects. We had a number of great events including a record setting attendance at our Christmas Luncheon that returned to the Desert Mountain venue, a great Western Night that even attracted Wyatt Earp to the Opera House and a Founders Day that honored past presidents. Our pancake Breakfast continues to be community staple and the Science Fair just continues to get bigger and better each year. I don't have enough space to thank those Kiwanians involved in all of our activities such as Student Leadership Programs, Scholarship programs, running golf tournaments, arranging great luncheon programs and many others. Several new initiatives of note include the "Job Bott Camp," the formation of the Land Use Committee and decision to proceed with the launching of the Marketplace. The Job Boot Camp was a program designed by Autism Committee Chair Phyllis Strupp that provides practical skills for special needs students applying for work. The program was very well received by participants, parents and school administrators. The decision to move forward with the renting, renovating and launching of the Kiwanis Marketplace will not only substantially increase our ongoing fund raising efforts, but it will also provide valuable experience and community presence as we transition to our new site in future years. This activity is off to a great start under the leadership of Dave Bell and the newly formed organizational committee that coordinates the Flea Market/Marketplace operations.

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TOBY PAYNE

2012

This year proved to be a fruitful and achievement-oriented term. Our March Pancake Breakfast was attended by 550 of our local citizens. It was a great turnout and the pancakes were flipping rapidly as we gathered outside. April ushered in a new Builders Club at the Sonoran Trails Middle School, extending our reach into area schools. A highlight of our work with youth was when the band from Cactus Shadows High School attended our Scholarship Presentation of Awards, and serenaded the club with rousing music as they marched around the guest tables. Our Key Club Fall Rally Camp was attended by 120 students who came to Camp Sky Y in Prescott, AZ. Tara Jackson, from the Arizona Town Hall Organization, was our featured speaker and this proved to be a rewarding and powerful event. Arizona Town Hall assisted us again by serving as facilitators for our own Town Hall, held at the Holland Center. Both the Foundation and the Club Divisions of Kiwanis Carefree gathered to discuss the club's direction. What a significant consensus builder this gathering proved to be for us all. Numerous onlookers were present as well, and all felt our goal of sharpening the focus of the club's direction had been achieved. In July our Board proudly funded \$3500.00 for the Veteran's Heritage Project. Connecting our youth and our veterans together to share the veteran's experiences permitted all to review the tremendous effort of these service members, while learning our nation's history in more depth than books alone could provide. Our Key Club students promoted worldwide health by donating \$2,000.00 to the Kiwanis International EliMiNaTe Project. The project, which joins together KI and UNICEF International, aims at eradicating maternal and infant tetanus, a significant cause of infant mortality around the globe. Attending the Southwest District Convention in Tucson, and the International Conventions in New Orleans, LA and Vancouver, WA, proved to be beneficial. Jenna Lee, our Key Club Southwest District Governor, was also in attendance. Perhaps one of the larger accomplishments during my term was furthering the goal of establishing our own Kiwanis Marketplace. The concept of the Marketplace was tested out by leasing the old fire station and opening it on December 1, 2012. During this time, we concurrently continued to operate our flea markets, sponsoring an annual total of 7, which allowed us to increase our incoming revenue. By April 5th, our Club Board was able to pledge \$500,000.00 to our Foundation, which will go toward the Building Fund. We've thus increased the momentum toward establishing our Kiwanis Marketplace in lieu of the current flea markets, and a significant amount of revenue is now pledged toward this goal. Upon completion of my term, we had 199 members and 25 Honorary members, at which time the gavel was passed to the incoming president, Bob Swan.

2013

FRANK TYROL



I served as President for the 2013-2014 term, and during this time Kiwanis Carefree ushered in a very big and impactful event. Following extensive consideration and debate, and with the hard work of our club members, the Kiwanis Marketplace building was purchased. This purchase enables Kiwanis to own and not rent that space, which is a popular shopping place on Cave Creek Road. Like any valuable asset, the ownership of this property dramatically increases our profits garnered at the Marketplace and opens up a wide range of possibilities for our future gifting and funding. Using mostly volunteer staff, our payroll costs decrease as we continue to assist our buyers. What an accomplishment for Kiwanis Carefree, and I speak for all when I say we're all looking ahead with excitement to our opportunities to fund more scholarships and support many other local projects. Addressing the well-being and safety of our children within the community is a Kiwanis priority. During my term, extensive focus was placed on youth and safety. While serving as president, with the support of other Kiwanians from Carefree, we were able to establish a firm set of guidelines and devise specific protocols for working interactively with our community youth. This was a major accomplishment and one I am also proud to have been a part of. Our Key Club projects and members were also effective during my time as president. The knowledge and inspiration we gained and shared during this time made working with our youth inspirational. Our daily work was highlighted by some wonderful speakers and luncheon programs, and they were well attended. In keeping with Kiwanis tradition, I also attended the Vancouver International meeting, mixing with old friends while meeting many new ones. Our international ties and projects are invaluable as our world expands in complexity and population. In looking back, I remember the controversy which preceded the purchase of the Kiwanis Marketplace. Many opinions were shared, reviewed, assessed and evaluated, prior to the final and official purchase. The diversity of thought and the ideas exchanged resulted in a sometimes difficult and sometimes amusing discussion. I believe the end result was worth it. Many of our volunteers worked tirelessly and endlessly to further our goals, but special thanks belongs to Toby Payne, Manny Gonzales and Dave Bell. This was a year in which we enabled Kiwanis Carefree's range of gifting to be broader than ever. We have great hope for the future.



BOB SWAN

2014



The major challenge and opportunity was to staff the newly-opened Marketplace in Cave Creek with volunteers and eventually some paid employees. A very capable club member committee undertook this important task. Thanks to member Karen Mackiewicz for becoming our Club Executive Director and later the Marketplace General Manager! (All this while she co-sponsored our Key Club.) Major thanks go to the dozens of Kiwanians who joined with a cadre of outside volunteers to make this important fund-raising function viable. Due to member generosity, payments on the loan we took out to buy the Marketplace premises began to be retired early. The best news: the parking lot was full of customers from day one. Manny Gonzales quarterbacked a very successful Fall Rally in Prescott for 196 Key Club members from throughout the state of Arizona. We sponsored Kiwanis Concerts in the Carefree Pavilion under Toby Payne's mentorship. We surveyed Kiwanis club members seeking input on meeting and volunteering issues. We established a Board Code of Conduct. Bob Swan, his wife Kathy and Karen Mackiewicz were honored to attend Kiwanis International's 100th Birthday Party (Convention) in Indianapolis as the Club's delegates. Your Board implemented a new process to evaluate grant applications using a Funds Request Committee. The Board approved a good faith effort to raise \$135,000 for Kiwanis International's Project Eliminate (to defeat Maternal Neonatal Tetanus world-wide). With great encouragement by Geno Orrico, we are underwriting Carefree's newly-installed splash pad, and got terrific branding of the pad, which attracts kids from the foothills community and beyond for good clean fun. Kudos to John Skarda for naming the blue metal scorpion in the pad "Kiwani." We also obtained more prominent exclusive Kiwanis branding of the Little League baseball field on CCUSD grounds. Many other grants were awarded, in several cases to new recipients. It was a very busy year with many changes to absorb! Carefree Kiwanis' impact was making bigger positive differences.

2015

WES HUNSAKER



Bringing the Marketplace into a well-functioning business contained complexities and issues to confront and solve. One of our larger issues, in the beginning, was addressing the issue of having and managing employees. This was a learning time for us all, not always smooth and some issues were not easily solved. As both an attorney and the President, I was also acutely aware of the risk side of having employees. We addressed these concepts and learned as we went along, and although it was not always seamless, we established a successful working structure at the Marketplace. Additionally, we also had to deal with concerns regarding the surrounding environment. There were questions regarding the adjacent area development and potential flooding around our building. That was another of the numerous concerns we had to iron out, and there were always various perspectives to take into consideration. In the end, we managed to work through several issues, resulting in significant growth in revenue for Kiwanis Carefree as we moved forward. The increase in capital solidified the financial stability of the Foundation, and we were successful in paying off the debt we took on to purchase the building, years ahead of schedule. This not only removed the liability but also saved us tens of thousands of dollars in interest. Our financial stability resulted in a substantial increase in our contributions within the community and dramatically increased the number and size of the scholarships we gave out. While representing our Club and the Foundation at the Kiwanis International Conference in Toronto, I can say that almost 100% of our fellow Kiwanians wished they had the Carefree issues to deal with! That afforded me another perspective altogether, and meeting our fellow Kiwanians was a great experience, as well as was attending the District Conference in Tucson. As I reflect upon my efforts to juggle my full-time job with my duties as President, it honestly was more than I bargained for at the start, but with a positive end result. I am grateful for the experiences I had as the club President, and appreciate the deep friendships that ensued. But seriously, I confess, sometimes I miss that little flea market of old! Remembering both past and present, I remain a proud Kiwanian, and deeply appreciate all the work we do as a club, and the positive contributions we make to our community each and every day.

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GENO ORRICO

2016

I was president of Kiwanis Carefree from 2016-2017. Following the purchase of the Kiwanis Marketplace in 2013-2014, by the time I took the position as president, it was up and running and serving as a continuing source of income. I was able to focus on and direct the sale of another piece of property that Kiwanis had, which had been up for sale for a couple of years. We were all pleased to see it sell, and by doing so we removed a financial liability and also increased our incoming revenue. This enabled us to further develop our projects within the community. I attended all the Southwestern District conventions during my term, and assisted Canon Dart in representing Kiwanis Carefree at the program in France. It was a busy term. Being closely involved with the Scholarship Committee and the Key Club at Cactus Shadows, I had firsthand experience in observing the kids and teens broaden their leadership qualities. It was inspiring to watch them learn and develop their leadership skills, which will enable them to be strong and effective leaders of tomorrow. I also enjoyed connecting with the parents of the recipients of the scholarships, and it was uplifting to hear them express their appreciation for how much impact our awards would have on their children's lives. I was always reminding them "That's what we do. We're here to help the kids." As president of an active club, heavily involved in service, I was often able to interact with the most interesting people. So many have left such a positive impression with me, both our own Kiwanis members and our young recipients and club members in the schools. This connection between the people is what has left the most lasting impression with me. To watch everyone interact and bond together, that was inspiring. During my year of service as president, we accomplished many positive things, but what always stays with me the most is seeing people helping people, striving to make others lives better and working toward a common goal. Seeing us all assist one another-that adds a lot of fulfillment to my life. "We're here to help the kids"-I like seeing that happen. We all pitched in to help one another, and that stays with me as I look back.



2017

CANNON STEVEN DART



God blessed the Kiwanis Club of Carefree in this year bringing in 23 new members and a newly minted Hospitality Committee working for a 40% increase in attendance at our luncheon meetings. The committee also brought us our private label Kiwanis of Carefree red wine. We enjoyed the participation of student interns who revived the Sundial Newsletter, launched our social media campaigns, and initiated a robust communications plan. Our Key Club flourished again at the Cactus Shadows High School. We brought our Bylaws into alignment with Kiwanis International standards. Our charitable foundation board unleashed its committees to respond to the tremendous growth of the Kiwanis Marketplace and the consequent benevolent giving. We rocketed over \$1,000,000 in

revenue at the Marketplace. This, combined with other funds, allowed our Foundation to give a record 1/4 million dollars in the community with major grants to the local schools for educational infrastructure and materials.

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RICK HEIKEN

2018

This period was marked by some very serious hard work from many dedicated Kiwanians. In keeping with the demands of the times and our world today, we backed our "Brilliant Futures Initiative" with providing CCUSD and Foothills Academy with ChromeBooks, and also funding the schools with STEM Labs. Providing students with materials to further their technological expertise and increasing their usage was a very important goal for us. By supporting STEM labs in the schools, we believe we increased their "hands on" learning while building core skills in math, science, engineering and technology. We're pleased with our ongoing commitment to this solid foundation for their future. With our emphasis on education, we saw the restructuring of Key Club from a "community sponsored club" to a school sponsored club. As a result, the membership in Key Club has increased and become one of the stronger organizations in the high school. During my term, we extended our support of scholastic achievement by funding numerous Scholarship Awards, which grew significantly in my term. I believe our strong emphasis on technology and education was a great way to support our students as they meet an increasingly technological future.

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2019

MIKE POPPENWIMER



Served as President of Kiwanis Carefree from March 2019 to October 2020. My term, spanning 18 months, consisted of a very busy and productive period followed by a very quiet period, due to the onset of the CoVid-19 virus. We were accomplishing many objectives before the onset of the pandemic; the development and promotion of a new Mission Statement, the purchase of new land adjacent to the Marketplace for needed additional parking, the re-establishment of a major fundraiser, Western Night, and the development of a new wine label and the presentation of our special wine for awards. We also produced new printed materials for distribution within the community and to prospective members, and enhanced our web-site. The onset of the pandemic brought many changes, however. For the first time since our club's

inception, we had to cancel our weekly luncheons, due to the Governor's directives. We also had to close the Marketplace for a period of time. This closure had a significant impact on our club, as it is our primary source of funding for many of our projects. However, despite the continuing epidemic and the ensuing nationwide closures, our club and its members were still committed to our mission. Although our weekly luncheons had to be postponed, our work continued. Our Student Leadership Program broke records with the number of new groups that were started, and additional records were set with the scholarships we handed out. Even with our six week closure, in the end the Marketplace finished the year with record sales and profit. In my role as President, I attended the monthly District meetings in Scottsdale, went to our Annual District convention in Phoenix, and attended the National Kiwanis Convention in Orlando, FL. All resulted in significant memories, but recalling Ted Dimon's luncheon jokes and the festivities during Halloween and Christmas still provides a good laugh. Identifying individual contributors that stood out is difficult, as I believe everyone contributed to the success of my Presidential term. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much". This definitely sums up the Kiwanis Club of Carefree's attitude and work ethic. I was blessed to have the support of members in all the endeavors and programs during my time as President. Together, we made a difference.

KIMBERLY JACK

2020

Submitted by: Joyce Jordan

President Kimberly took the world by storm! Kimberly recognized the rapid growth of the Marketplace, Foundation, and Club. Just a few of her accomplishments (but certainly not all):

- Memorialized committee guidelines for all committees, allowing the next generation of committee chairs and committee members' guidance to the process.
- Introduced the concept, and brought to fruition the new position of Executive Director. Again, forward-thinking on behalf of the Club and Foundation, particularly the President and BODS.
- Wrapped her arms and heart around our Student Leadership Programs and AKTION Club



2021

Thank you, President Kimberly Jack!

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JOYCE JORDAN

2022



It is my honor, and pleasure to serve as President. We've made it through the challenges Covid presented us, and now in "post covid" times, we're navigating back to normalcy with regular lunch meetings, member mixers, pancake breakfasts, and more! Our community has opened up, allowing us to support local organizations in their endeavors in supporting the kids in our community. We're a very fortunate club to have The Marketplace Thrift Store, which our past Presidents, past Members, and current long-term Members so diligently developed and have passed along to us today.

Last year, the position of Executive Director was created. Sandra Carrier (our former GM of the Marketplace) accepted the position. With an ever-growing and ever-changing Club and Foundation, I'm very grateful to have the added support and leadership of our Executive Director, Sandra Carrier.

2023

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do. "

Eleanor Roosevelt



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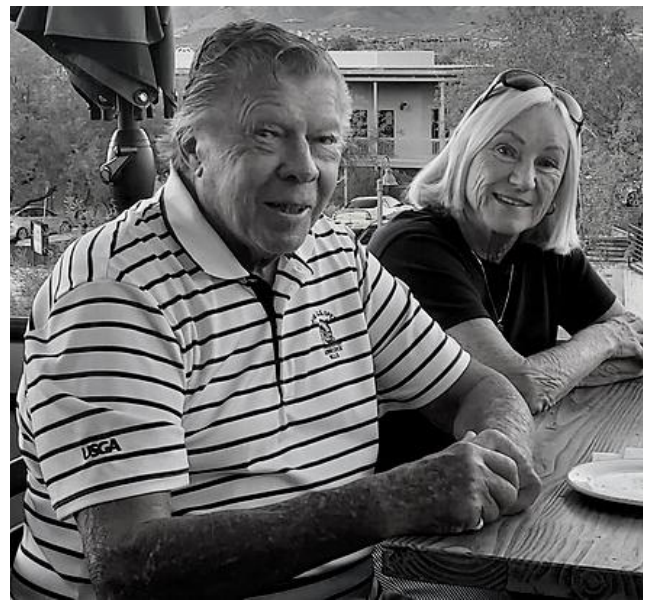
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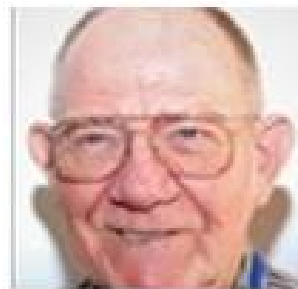
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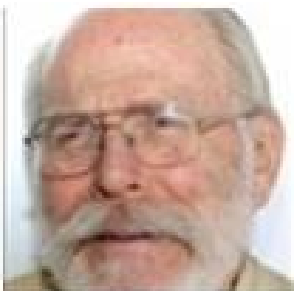
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