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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, December 29,**
11:00 am, Board Meeting @ Place:
TBA
- **Saturday, January 12,**
2:30 pm, Formal Meeting @ Margaret Cook's home
- **Sunday, February 3,**
2:00 pm, Silver Tea Benefit Concert, @ Community of Christ Church
- **Saturday, March 2, Time:**
10-4, Province Day in Flagstaff
- **Sunday, March 10, 2:30 pm,** Formal Meeting, Home of Thorine Peterson
- **Saturday, April 13, 2:30 pm,** Spring BBQ, Home of Moria Bogardus
- **TBA, April—Elsie Sterrenberg Memorial Scholarship Concert.**
- **Saturday, May 11, 2:30 pm,** Year-End Musicales, Home of Ruby Vineyard

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Happy Holidays Sisters!

I hope you all had an amazing Thanksgiving. I have a confession, this is my absolute favorite time of year. I truly, truly can't think of a better time. I want to give you a few updates as we begin looking toward the spring.

First, unfortunately we are all so incredibly busy that we are unable to offer the caroling activity we had hoped for in the month of December. I have some other projects up my sleeve as a way to provide services to our community, so hang tight for those!

Second, there is be a Phoenix Alumnae Executive Board meeting at the end of the month. The location is to be determined, but if you are not on the board but would like to attend, let me know, we would love to see you!

Finally, we have so many sisters performing this month. I for one am playing both in the East Valley and in Sun City, but I know I am not alone in the performances. Since we are not gathering as an entire sisterhood, I want to leave you with a challenge. I challenge you to support a sister and see her perform.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all in January!

Love & Roses,
Marcella Columbus



Who is this Sister?

Can you guess who this sister is? Here are a few clues:

- 1) The title of her autobiography would be “The Woman Who Couldn’t Say No, and Still Survived”
- 2) The three apps she would keep on her phone if she could only keep three are Guitar Tuna, Diggy’s Adventure, Amazon
- 3) Her favorite mythological animals are the hippogriff and the thestral.
- 4) If she could be part of any fictional family it would be either the Addams Family or the Munsters.
- 5) Her favorite Disney heroine is Jazmine (strong, not afraid to speak her mind), but she wouldn’t want to trade places.

FrEd Said...



⇒ NATIONAL OBJECTIVE For DECEMBER:

Honor the founders through respect for our ritual.

⇒ **Activity:** Review the pledge and information shared as an introduction in our master ritual books (Explanation of our Ritual)

⇒ **Activity:** Review the symbolic meaning of our symbols and letters

You ought a be in pictures



Marcella Columbus—
Viola



Moria Bogardus—Cello



Enjoying the Musicale!

News and Special Announcements

Betsy Clark is requesting pictures and items to add to the chapter scrapbook.

Yearbooks have all been delivered (either in person or by mail). Thank you to those who took a few to deliver.



Friday & Saturday, February 1-2: SAI and PMA will be sharing a booth at the AZMEA conference in Mesa. We will need people to woman the booth on Friday (8ish-5ish) and Saturday (8ish to noon-ish). If you are interested in meeting and greeting SAI's from across the state, please let the board know so we can work out the schedules.

Upcoming Concerts and Events

Dr. Heather Hernandez, organist.—

December 3, 2018 at 7pm, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, 2312 E. Campbell Ave, Phoenix. St. Thomas the Apostle and Corona Del Sol choirs combine for a concert featuring Vivaldi's Gloria.



Marcella with ProMusica Arizona—

Dec 7, 7:30 performance @ American Lutheran Church, 17200 N Del Webb, Sun City
 Dec 8, 4:00 performance @ Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 39808 N Gavilan Peak Parkway, Anthem
 Dec 9, 4:00 performance @ All Saints Lutheran Church 15649 N 7th St, Phoenix.

Sandy Henriquez —

December 1 at 6:30 pm with South Mountain College presents Handel's Messiah
 December 9th at 4 pm with Scottsdale Philharmonic is presenting a holiday concert at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts.

Katelyn MacIntyre with Monday Morning Musicale—

December 3 at 10:00 am: Singing American Favorites and a Christmas piece

Sarah Mason and Ellie Tapscott with the West Valley Chorale and Symphony—

December 16, 3:00PM at the Valley Vista Performing Arts Center.

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Holiday Puzzler

Can you guess the Christmas Carol?

The following words are alternate titles for several well-known Christmas Carols. If you get 100% correct, you will be assured a full Christmas stocking! Have fun!!

1. Quadruped with crimson proboscis
2. 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. without noise
3. Miniscule hamlet in the far east
4. Ancient benevolent despot
5. Adorn the vestibule
6. Exuberance directed to the planet
7. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
8. Monarchial trio
9. Yonder in the haystack
10. Assemble, everyone who believes
11. Hallowed post meridian
12. Fantasies of a colorless December 25th
13. Tin tintinnabulum
14. A dozen 24-hour yule periods
15. Befell during the transparent bewitching hour
16. Homo sapien of crystallized vapor
17. I merely desire a pair of incisors
18. I spied my maternal parent osculating a fat man in red
19. Perambulating through a December solstice fantasy
20. Aloft on the acme of the abode

Results:

- 15 – 20 Correct — You don't need any Yuletide spirit!
10 – 14 Correct — You could use something in your stocking!
5 – 9 Correct — Are you sure you have the right holiday?
1 – 4 Correct — Surely you jest!?