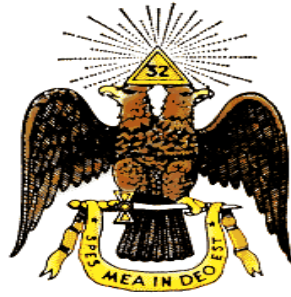


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Joint Installation of Officers  
January 22, 2009  
Dinner ~ 6:30pm Installation ~ 7:30pm  
Everyone Welcome*

## Rite Words

### Valley of Tucson - Orient of Arizona

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## Personal Rep's Comments

By J. Michael Atchley, 33°

**Welcome to 2009!** I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday season and each of you received the gifts you were dreaming of.

With the start of the New Year there is plenty to be done. As many of you have noticed, the City of Tucson is remodeling Scott Avenue. Their intent is to make the street more pedestrian friendly and beautiful. This remodeling project will also enhance our Cathedral. The City will be extending the sidewalks on both sides of the street by 6-feet, planting trees and shrubs and installing new street lights and park benches. The City also agreed to move the entrance to the parking lot on the north side of the Cathedral to Ochoa Street at no charge to Scottish Rite. By moving the parking lot entrance, we will be able to park an additional four vehicles. This project is expected to be completed by the end of March.

The Tuesday Crew has put in many hours making improvements to our Cathedral. They have painted, remodeled, repaired and installed new lights in both parking lots and refinished many of the nooks and crannies inside our Cathedral. The crew is small in numbers, but oh, so dedicated!

The Calendar has been set for 2009 and appears on page 9. Please cut it out and mark your calendars.

We will be having two full-day Reunions this year - May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. We need all our members to come and participate. Our goal is to exemplify more degrees this year. To accomplish this, we need the help of everyone.

Our Scottish Rite Study Group is up and running. Led by Bro. John W. George, 32°, KCCH, meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Cathedral. All are encouraged to attend.

January 22, 2009 will be the Joint Installation of Officers of all four bodies within Scottish Rite. Let's turnout in record numbers to show support to these officers in their new assignments.

If anyone has ideas or projects you think we should undertake, please call me at 622-8364 or 730-8303. I want to hear your suggestions and ideas.

New Scottish Rite Office Hours

Monday — Thursday

9:00am - 1:00pm



We extend a very special **Thank You** to the following people who have generously donated to help with the cost of printing and mailing the *Rite Words*.

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A **Thank You** is also given to Sahuaro High Twelve Club #523 for donating a total of \$564.24 for the year ending 2008.

**To everyone who donated this past year, no matter how large or small, we Thank You.**



*Bro. Donald B. and  
Anna A. Schauer:*

*We extend to you a very heartfelt  
Thank You  
for your extremely generous  
donation  
to the  
Scottish Rite Cathedral Foundation.*

*Thank You !*



*To the Members of Scottish Rite and  
All the Bodies Regarding the  
Recent Passing of Roy:*

*My family and I are deeply grateful for  
the many expressions of love and support  
that we have received.*

*The beautiful cards and generous  
contributions to the Child Language Center  
in the memory of Roy are truly a tribute.*

*The Masonic Service was his request and  
I thank you again for honoring Roy with  
your attendance and participation.*

*Jane Taylor*



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*III. Bro. Roy Taylor, 33°, PM*

*And*

*III. Bro. Verne D. Hegge, 33°, PGM*

*By George B. Timmons*



## They Do It All and Have A Ball !



← The Tuesday Crew



The Rummage Room Crew →

Pictured in front row from left to right:  
**Bob Langmead, Ed McClead, Hunk Nasta,  
and Dennis Loss.**

Pictured in back row from left to right:  
**Wendell Richins, Bob Meisenheimer,  
Sam Snodgrass, and Richard Miller.**

Missing from photo is:  
**Chief Crewman Billy Hall.**

These volunteers brighten up our Cathedral with their skills and hard work every Tuesday.

Both the **Tuesday Crew** and the **Rummage Room Crew** could use additional helping hands.

Join us at 8:00am on January 6<sup>th</sup> for coffee and donuts. Lunch is served at 11:30am.

Pictured from left to right:  
**Jane Taylor, Don Schauer and  
Anna Schauer.**

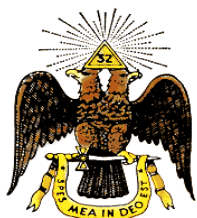
Missing from photo is:  
**Dorothy Biggie and Karen Zakerwski.**

Here are a few of the improvements the Tuesday Crew has made to the Cathedral during the past year:

Painted and installed lighting in the hallways, painted the lobby and hallways, refinished furniture, replaced and repaired leaky water pipes, installed new lighting in the parking lots, repaired old light fixtures, and made new props. High on the list of projects for the new year, is the demolition of the apartment building.

The delightful and hardworking Rummage Room Crew, come to the Cathedral every Tuesday to accept, sort, price and sell to the general public our treasures.

As of the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, their hard work brought in **\$8,582.30** for 2008. Of that amount, \$4,291.15 goes to the Child Language Center and \$4,291.15 goes to the Cathedral Foundation.



### Scottish Rite Discussion Group

*By John W. George, 32°, KCCH*

Brethren, the Scottish Rite Discussion Group is off to a good start. We have held two meetings and the number of attendees is increasing. For those of you just tuning in, the Valley of Tucson is hosting a new Scottish Rite Discussion Group, led by Yours Truly.

Currently, we are studying the Degrees of the Lodge of Perfection. The format is somewhat free-form; with the emphasis on the new Master Craftsman Program, using the new *Monitor* by Ill. Bro. Arturo DeHoyos, 33°, with such supplemental material as may seem relevant. Other material used is *A Bridge to Light*, *Coil's Encyclopedia*, etc. The overall pattern is to work through the test and questions as a group, with such discussion as may be germane.

The discussions can, and in my opinion, should (within reason) digress; since the Scottish Rite Degrees are meant to be a lesson on life, then any topic relevant to life is potentially on-topic. At our December meeting, for example, there was talk of Tolkien and the Masonic lessons, even if he had not known them as such, in *The Lord of the Rings*.

I encourage all Brethren who would like to expand on the knowledge they received in the Reunions they have attended or assisted with, to join us and share in the light. If you have not purchased your Master Craftsman Correspondence Course, the Course is available at the Cathedral for \$42.00, which includes the cost of shipping.

**Our first meeting of the New Year will be held Thursday, February 5th at 7:00pm at the Cathedral.**

For further information on the Discussion Group, please leave a message for me at the Scottish Rite Office, 622-8364.

## STATED MEETING DINNERS

*By J. Michael Atchley, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G.*

Beginning with our January 22nd Stated Meeting, our dinners will be prepared by Ms. Fran Venet. Fran is a professional chef and caterer with many years of experience in the food industry.

As many members know, the key provision of the dinners is **RESERVATIONS**. You must make your reservations with the Scottish Rite office by the end of the day on the Monday before each Stated Meeting. The cost for each reservation will remain **\$10.00**. The Tucson Scottish Rite will be subsidizing these dinners, therefore, no reservation, no dinner. If you have an unpaid reservation and are unable to attend and do not cancel your reservation, you will be billed for the number of reservations you made. You can pay in advance or at the door.



### PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED

September 19, 2008, we began charging the public \$5.00 per vehicle for using the parking lot on the south side of the Cathedral during special events held downtown and for performances held at the Tucson Temple of Music and Art.

Here is a breakdown of our earnings:

**9/19—10/4: 240 cars = \$1,200.00**

**10/18—11/8: 145 cars = \$725.00**  
(9 events we had no volunteers)

**11/29—12/23: 624 cars = \$3,120.00**  
(5 events we had no volunteers)

### TOTAL EARNINGS TO DATE:

**\$5,045.00**

Without the help of the following volunteers, earning this much money would not have been possible:

**Richard and Karen Lindsay**  
**Randy and Lynn Jager and their children,**  
**Randilyn and Travis Jager**  
**Danny Lopez**  
**Chris Kraft**  
**Brian Pilz**  
**Jeff Horton**  
**Philip and Sharon Shulsky**  
**Timothy Davies**  
**Michael and Peggy Atchley**

We need the help of additional volunteers. **Won't you call the Scottish Rite office and volunteer for just one evening in January? It only takes two hours of your time.** Performances begin January 10<sup>th</sup> and run through January 31<sup>st</sup>. There are no Monday performances.

### Meet Fran Venet Who Is Fran You Ask . . .



I grew up in a large family on a farm in northern Michigan. We raised almost everything we ate and rarely ate without someone else's kids at our table. My mother was a fantastic cook and I was always the one helping in the kitchen because I loved to cook. Holiday dinners for 50 were commonplace at our table. With all that experience, my mother and I opened a dinner restaurant called Green Acres.

After I married, we moved to Tucson where I purchased the Blue Willow Restaurant. We offered a full breakfast, lunch, dinner and after-theater menu. Everything we served was made from scratch so the servers could tell the customer exactly what was in every dish we served. We developed a large group of customers who came to us because of special dietary needs. People with food allergies, vegetarians, vegans and people who just wanted to avoid any "additives and chemicals" in their food.

I attempted to retire in 1999, but found I wasn't very good at it. Many of my former customers would call me to do parties for them, so I began doing catering. I love to cook and organize events—and I still like to make everything from scratch—especially desserts.

I look forward to preparing the meals for your Stated Meetings and saying hello to everyone.

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New Masters of the Royal Secret ~ Fall Reunion, 2008



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Daniel J. Viljac, 32°



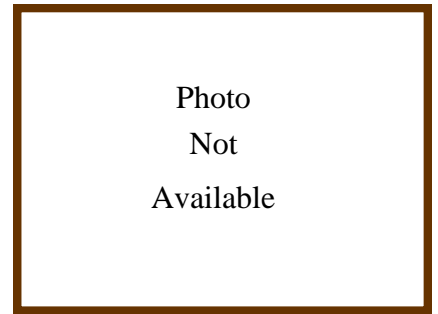
Jason P. Viljac-Faucett, 32°



Phillip R. Shulsky, 32°  
and his Lady, Sharon




Duane R. McClaren, 32°  
and his Lady, Shelly



Trevor J. Gillespie, 32°

2009 Spring Reunion ~ Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd

2009 Fall Reunion ~ Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th



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Robert L. Hicks, 32°, KCCH  
Venerable Master, Elect  
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After spending 32 years working for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, I retired in 1996 and moved from Dallas to Tucson to get away from the allergens. It didn't work!

I was raised a Master Mason in 1998 in Temple Lodge #51 and joined Scottish Rite in 1999. Currently, my responsibilities include being Commander of Arizona Commandery #1, Knights Templar, member of the Shrine, Past High Priest, Tucson Chapter #3, R.A.M. and, Past Illustrious Master, Roskruge Council #6, Cryptic Masons of the Tucson York Rite and served as Master of Temple Lodge #51 in 2002.

Through all of this, I have been encouraged and strongly supported by my lovely wife of 49 years, Carol. We have two sons, Greg and Jon, two grandsons and two granddaughters.

William E. Lofquist, 33°  
Commander, Elect  
Tucson Council of Kadosh



I was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota in (well, we'll talk about that later). After high school, I continued the family tradition and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. While in the Navy, I attended Engineering school and continued in that profession during my professional career.

After a successful career with the 3M Company, I retired in 1996. The highlights of my career with 3M, included two foreign tours of duty in Africa and India building, equipping and training production workers to run tape production and other products.

I was raised a Master Mason in 1961 at Garnet Lodge #166 in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and joined the Tucson Scottish Rite in 1987 while still residing in Minnesota but, knowing we would retire here. I became a member of Epes Randolph Lodge #32 in 1990 and served as it's Master in 2003.

I have three children, two sons and a daughter and a beautiful wife, LouAnn. I stay busy with the Masonic groups and my 59-year old hobby of building ship models.

Jerry J. Foard, 33°  
Wise Master, Elect  
Tucson Chapter Rose Croix



I was born on my grandmothers' farm in Baltimore County, Maryland in 1932. After graduating from high school, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1950. While stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, I met and married Carol Haase. We had four children (David, Marie, Michael and Diane). Carol passed on in 2003.

After retiring from the Air Force, I spent most of my professional career with IBM. I was introduced into the Masonic Fraternity by a co-worker, Parker Ganow. On October 9, 1974 I was initiated into Builders Lodge #60 and was raised to a Master Mason on January 29, 1975 and became Master of the Lodge in 1983 and again in 1996.

I joined Scottish Rite in 1983 and became a life member of the Tucson Valley in 1992.

I currently reside in Pima with my lovely wife, Norma.

Michael T. Bishop, 33°  
Master of Kadosh, Elect  
Tucson Consistory



Born in Findlay, Ohio in 1947, I studied civil engineering at the University of Arkansas and graduated in 1970 with a BSCE then earned my Masters Degree in 1972.

I entered military service as a Second Lieutenant in Army Intelligence in June 1972. Upon completion of active duty in November 1975, I accepted an engineering position with the Army Communications Command and relocated to Fort Huachuca in May 1976.

I was raised a Master Mason in Bentonville, Arkansas Lodge #56 in 1970 where both my father and grandfather served as Masters of that Lodge. I joined the Tucson Scottish Rite in November 1989.

I have two sons, Steve and Mark, born in 1980 and 1983. I also coached youth baseball and soccer in Sierra Vista from 1987 until 1994. I am a member of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church and have served on the Board of Trustees and as Chairman of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.



## Knightly Update

By Randy Jager, 32°, KSA

The Fall 2008 Reunion was certainly successful. Not only was it another successful union of the Tucson and Phoenix Valleys, it was also very successful in spreading the word about the newly forming Tucson Chapter of the Knights of St. Andrew (KSA). Both existing and newly initiated Black Hat Scottish Rite Masons responded well to the news of the organization. As a result, the number of applicants for the Tucson KSA increased 5-fold. While the process of identifying new members will always continue, this quick expansion of the list of potential charter members was truly exciting.

Initial organizational efforts for the Tucson KSA continued in December with the:

**development of organizational documents and forms**

**selection of a tartan for the group**

**planning for the first knighting ceremony**

**development of the Tucson KSA logo**

**first meeting of charter members**

And this is still just the beginning!

The Tucson Knights of St. Andrew is an organization open to all active Black Hat Scottish Rite Masons of the Tucson Valley. For further information or an application, contact me at 520-405-6098.

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## Tucson York Rite Bodies

By Steve Powlesland, 32°, KYCH

The good news is—our York Rite dues did NOT increase for 2009 and we are now meeting once a month on the third Thursdays. The not-so-good news—your attendance is necessary, one could say required, to assist the officers in the opening in due form.

**January 15, 2009 — 7:00pm**

Arizona Commandery will open with a “10-man opening” - Eminent Commander Robert L. Hicks, followed by full ritualistic opening of Roskruge Council - Illustrious Master Don Moyer. On the agenda is our Spring or Fall Festival plans. We need your input and commitment to make these events successful.

You should have received a business card in your 2009 dues notice. The first body listed opens at 7:00pm on the third Thursday and closes, the second body listed opens, labor suspended, and opens a Unified meeting, then closes in due form.

Jan—Cmdr/Coun	Feb—Coun/Chap
Mar—Chap/Cmdr	Apr—Cmdr/Coun
May—Coun/Chap	Jun—Chap/Cmdr
Jul—Dark	Aug—Dark
Sept—Chap/Cmdr	Oct—Cmdr/Coun
Nov—Coun/Chap	Dec—Chap/Cmdr

Chap = Tucson Chapter #3

Coun = Roskruge Council #6

Cmdr = Arizona Commandery #1

I am pleased to report that over 60% of our 2009 dues cards have been issued. We look forward to receiving your check or money order for the remaining 2009 dues by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you did not receive one of the business cards or your dues notice, please be sure to speak with me at the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Friends are Angels  
who lift us to our feet  
when our wings have trouble  
remembering how to fly.



# The Rite Ladies

By Peggy Atchley

The Holidays have come and gone and what a busy time it was.

Thanks to the crafty skills of Bobby Lou Edwards, we enjoyed making Holiday ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the Dining Room. I need to stop here and say **Thank You** to the following people: the Rummage Room Crew for donating the Christmas tree and the manger scene; to Hunk Nasta for donating the beautiful stand for the tree; and to Kathleen Amling for taking home the bells to clean, and replacing the cords and bows. **Thank You** to Bill and LouAnn Lofquist for donating the Christmas tree for the upstairs lobby.

The highlight of our December meeting was a cookie exchange. What a fun time! This was enjoyed so much by everyone that we will probably make it an annual event.

We will not hold a January meeting. Instead, we will be joining the men in the Red Room as they present their annual awards and to observe their Joint Installation of Officers. This is always a very enjoyable evening. We hope you will come and join us.

*"We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But-we are hiding our light under a bushel basket! Recently I attended a modest dinner for a friend and ran across a Brother who identified himself in a hushed voice. I asked why he spoke in a whisper when talking about Masonry, and suddenly I realized he wasn't the only one that had ever done that. I speak out loud about Masonry to everyone! I'm proud of the fact that I belong to an organization that made me a better American, Christian, husband and neighbor; and, all it took was a little self-determination by going foot to foot, knee to knee, and mouth to ear!"*

By Ernest Borgnine, 33°, G.C.

## Tucson Scottish Rite 2009 Schedule of Events

Please cut on the dotted lines and place this Schedule of Events in your calendar.

## Tucson Scottish Rite 2009 Schedule of Events

- 1/22 Joint Installation of Officers
- 2/26 Open
- 3/26 Lodge of Sorrow
- 4/23 Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal
- 5/1-2 Spring Reunion
- 5/28 Birthday Celebration
- 9/24 Past Venerable Masters' Night
- 10/4-6 Biennial Session, Supreme Council,  
Washington, D.C.
- 10/11 Honors Brunch,  
Tanque Verde Guest Ranch
- 10/22 Feast of Tishri  
(Heads of GYR Bodies)
- 10/25 Masonic Family Picnic and Fair
- 11/6-7 Fall Reunion
- 11/12 Thanksgiving Celebration
- 11/14 Honors Investiture
- 12/10 Christmas Celebration and Elections

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## DEGREE TEAM NEWS

By Sidney J. Leluan, III, 32°, KCCH

Brethren, indeed how good and pleasant the Fall Reunion was this past month! Knowing we have so many capable men performing every little task to make it all look so easy is truly a credit to our Valley.

While Tucson, Sierra Vista and Flagstaff came through brilliantly with their work during our combined Tucson/Phoenix Valley Reunion, each department of the Tucson Valley came through with flying colors, too! How lucky we are to have such dedicated brethren performing the tasks that, behind the scenes, often get taken for granted. We would be remiss not mentioning these departments by name. They are—Sound, Stage, Make-up, Office, Wardrobe and the Kitchen Crew. Without the behind-the-scenes effort of these fine and dedicated Masons, there could not be the remote possibility of the success such as we had at this past Fall Reunion.

Our Degree Directors had an easy road this Reunion but this is to change 180 degrees very shortly. Since Tucson and Phoenix Valleys will likely have no more combined Reunions, we will have to step back up to the plate and prepare our own Degree Teams for the Spring Reunion where the Tucson Valley will be on our own again.

I am excited to announce that several Lodges have combined their talent resources and have volunteered to take on a Degree by utilizing their own members to perform the work. What a fantastic idea! This has to make it easier on the Degree Directors as well as the actors. Thanks to Tucson Lodge #4 and Marion McDaniel Lodge #56 for being among the first to utilize the Lodge casting method. These Degree Teams may not be able to perform at every Reunion, but it is hoped and expected that this can and will happen every two to three years for the non-obligatory degrees.

Watch your *Rite Words* for more information and updates regarding the Spring Reunion. For the new members, now is the time to find your niche in the Scottish Rite. Looking forward to seeing you at our Stated Meetings.

## Spring Training Baseball Is Here !

It's that time of the year again. This year, the Tucson Scottish Rite will be operating two concession stands at Tucson Electric Park during Spring Training.



Operating the concession stands gives us the opportunity to earn a great deal of money for our Cathedral. Last year, Epes Randolph Lodge #32, along with volunteers from other Masonic groups, operated one concession stand for 30 days and netted \$17,151.02 plus \$534.44 in tips. This year there are only 18 games, however by operating two stands we are looking to earn around the same amount of money.

The dates for this year are: 2/27; 2/28; 3/1; 3/4; 3/6; 3/7; 3/9; 3/13; 3/15; 3/16; 3/18; 3/21; 3/24; 3/27; 3/28; 3/29; 3/31; and 4/2. All games begin at 1:00pm. The work hours for volunteers are 11:00am to approximately 4:00pm. Exact work hours depend on the length of the game.

We need our Scottish Rite Brothers and their ladies, to step forward and volunteer to help. Positions available are cashiers, cooks and wrappers. All who volunteered last year said this was a fun fundraising event.

If Blue Lodges are interested in participating they too may volunteer. Please call the Scottish Rite office for additional details—622-8364. We must finalize the work schedule the first week of February.

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**Altan Kol Grotto**

*By William L. Sneyd,  
Outgoing Monarch*

As the outgoing Monarch, I would like to thank the officers for their participation this past year. Our move to Marion McDaniel Lodge #56 has made it possible for us to resume the pot luck dinners and increase the participation of our ladies.

We held a few social activities, and incoming Monarch Tom Dingwall has scheduled a busy year for 2009. We look forward to seeing more of our current members and the recruiting of new members.

I would like to wish Tom great success in his year as Monarch and encourage all members to support him.

**Why Join Grotto?**

*By Tom Dingwall, Monarch Elect*

The question is often put to Grotto members and the answer is not easily expressed. Grotto is a place to relax and enjoy old friendships and make new friends. Grotto is a place where you can get to know your Brothers' family at a pot luck dinner or a social evening out with people who share the same moral beliefs as you. It can be at a drama presentation, a concert, a visit to a farmers market or a winery. Informal, casual dress, and inclusion of your non-Masonic neighbors and friends are a regular part of the Grotto experience. Members are free from the pressures of learning new ritual work every year as they advance up the officer's line.

Grotto is a place to interact with the public while engaged in community programs such as Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, working with school children to encourage development of reading skills and much more. Grotto membership is an experience with the relaxed, informal and fun side of Masonry.

Grotto seeks to assist those children who are less fortunate and have difficulties that many children never experience. Through our dentistry program for children with special needs, Grotto literally puts smiles on the faces of many children.

If you would like to know more about Grotto, please visit our website at [www.scgrotto.com](http://www.scgrotto.com), or come to one of our pot luck dinners on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at Marion McDaniel Lodge #56, 3959 E. Mable Street, Tucson.

Please feel free to call me at 520-458-6527, or send an e-mail to: [tom\\_dingwall3@cox.net](mailto:tom_dingwall3@cox.net).

**Doctor of Smiles**

*By Paul A. Nix, PM, Chairman*



I shared some information with you about Grottoe's dentistry program for children with special needs in a prior issue. Perhaps you are wondering who we refer to as children with special needs.

This program helps bring "Special Smiles" to children with special needs by providing much-needed dental care for them. The program helps cover the costs of dental treatment, including hospital and anesthesia costs when needed, for children with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy (and related neuromuscular disorders), Organ Transplant recipients or those with Mental Retardation.

Please call me at 520-722-5932 to obtain an application for dental care.

**2009 Dues**

*By Rich Kessler, P.M., Secretary*

Dues cards for 2009 are in. Dues are currently \$29.00 or \$28.00 if you have an Enchanted Lantern. The Enchanted Lantern helps children with special needs and can be purchased for \$50.00.

**Calendar of Events**

- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm  
Guest Speaker: Jean-Claude Malterre
- Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Tour Flandrau Observatory — 6:30pm
- Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> CANGA Ladies Night  
Lake Havasu Quality Inn & Suites
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm
- Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm
- Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> Special Drama — "Leading Ladies"  
U of A Theatre — 7:30pm
- Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> Gas Light Theatre — "The Ballad of Two Gun McGraw or, Just Horsing Around" — 3:00pm

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