



## President's Corner

### I'm A Protector program kicks off

POTS Board of Directors Sherri Grotheer, Sandy Creteau, and Dawn Reynoso worked hard to apply for and now implement this new "neighborhood watch" type program for the Monument. Come to one of the informational meetings to pick up your magnets and stickers so that we can show the community that we are watching out for our Monument.

Also, we have a new NPS Interim Superintendent, Curt Deuser. Roxanne's short time is over and Curt will be at the helm until the hiring freeze is over at the end of April when the process can continue to find a permanent Superintendent for TUSK.

## May 23 Membership Meeting

We have a full schedule for our May meeting from 6-7:30 pm at the Sun City Aliante clubhouse, 7390 Aliante Parkway North Las Vegas.

1. NPS Interim Superintendent Curt Deuser will be giving us the most recent updates regarding the new Tufa Trail, Monument fencing and the planning document process.
2. Nick Saines will be presenting "Glaciers in Las Vegas!?" Nick has then offered to lead a hike on May 27th up to Mary Jane Falls to witness the evidence of glaciers he will be talking about. Email Nick at [greatunc@aol.com](mailto:greatunc@aol.com) to sign up for hike. This is a strenuous 2 mile round trip hike due to the altitude. Nick has arranged a meeting spot to car-pool.

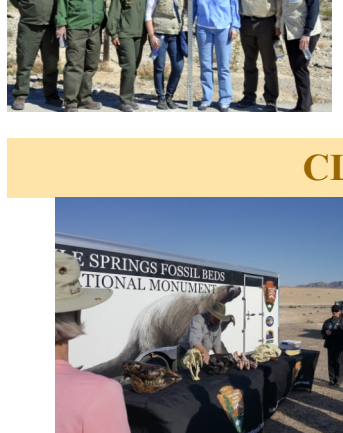
**The Mission of the Protectors of Tule Springs is to increase public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, through aid to the National Park Service and support of programs for the interpretation and protection of Monument resources.**

### Upcoming Events

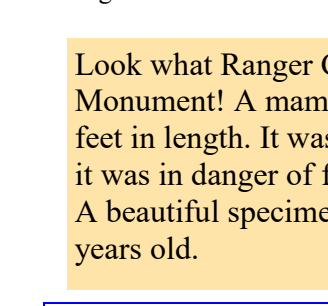
- \*\*April 22, 2017 9-4pm Boy Scout Jamboree at Floyd Lamb Park.
- \*\*April 24, 2017 6-7pm I'm A Protector meeting Sun City Aliante Clubhouse 7390 Aliante Parkway.
- \*\*May 5, 2017 10-5pm Science Festival at Cashman
- \*\*May 23, 2017 6-7:30pm Meeting Sun City Aliante

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## SKYE CANYON 5K RUN EVENT



We tabled with NPS Ranger James Grof at this inaugural event. Skye Canyon will eventually have over 9,000 homes. A great opportunity for us to partner with them to get the word out about TUSK.



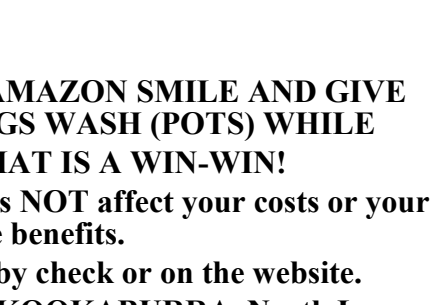
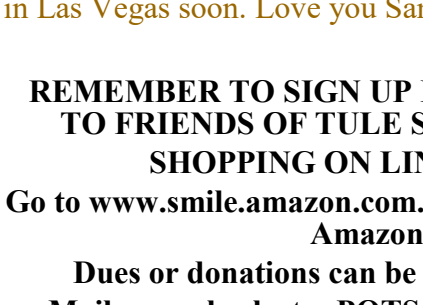
## I'M A PROTECTOR KICK-OFF



On Wednesday April 12th POTS kicked off the I'm A Protector program at the Centennial Hills YMCA. 60 people were in attendance for an overview of the Monument and then a presentation by Adam Kelsey, Chief Law Enforcement Ranger at Lake Mead. He went thru the dos and don'ts of helping NPS by reporting problems on TUSK. Free handouts include a refrigerator magnet and wallet card with call in information, a window sticker (easily removable) for your car to increase awareness that we are watching, and a newly designed POTS brochure. Come to the next gathering on April 24th from 6-7pm at the Sun City Aliante Clubhouse to sign up to be the eyes and ears of TUSK and get your free handouts.

(left) Senator Catherine Cortez Masto tours TUSK on a 40 mile an hour wind day. What a trooper.

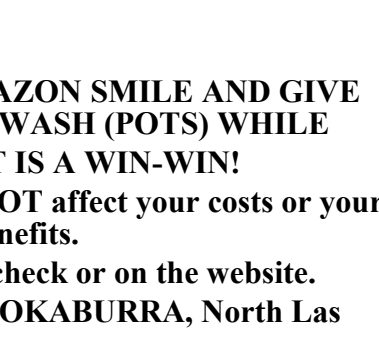
## CLEANUP TIME AT TUSK



On April 8th, 30 brave members conducted a TUSK cleanup on another windy day in Las Vegas. Ranger Curt Deuser showed off the fossil replicas that NPS has been gathering for educational purposes and even some real fossils just excavated off the Monument. We filled another 8 ton dumpster bringing the total weight of trash removed during the last 18 months to close to 400 TONS! An amazing feat and still much more to do.

Hey, how about those pics on the trailer??? The trailer to carry cleanup equipment and the picture "wraps" on all sides of the trailer were paid for with funds collected by students of the Clark County School District during the 2016 Mammoth Penny Push. It is a sight to see this trailer coming up beside you on the road!

Look what Ranger Curt found on the Monument! A mammoth foot about 2 feet in length. It was excavated because it was in danger of falling down a hill. A beautiful specimen about 13,000 years old.



Our prayers are with our Treasurer Sandy Valley as she recovers from three surgeries in Arizona. She is making progress and hopes to be back in Las Vegas soon. Love you Sandy!!

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR AMAZON SMILE AND GIVE TO FRIENDS OF TULE SPRINGS WASH (POTS) WHILE SHOPPING ON LINE. THAT IS A WIN-WIN!**  
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