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September 2021

Announcing our October Evening Event

What: Girls' Night Out Trivia - a fun night hosted by local comedian Anwar Newton

Where: Linger Longer Lounge, 6522 N. 16th St. #6

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021

Time: 5:30 PM (trivia starts at 6:00 PM)

Program information: Come enjoy some craft cocktails, food, and fun with MVWC this October. This is a great chance to see old friends and get to know new people. Brush up on your trivia and win some fun prizes! We are so excited about our first evening event! If you have trouble getting to the daytime luncheons, this is your chance to come meet up with the members of the MVWC and have some fun! Linger Longer serves locally made Schreiner's Fine Sausages and pretzel buns from Scratch Bakery. There are vegetarian, gluten-free, and pork-free options as well.

Cost: No upfront cost as this event is no-host; order what you'd like when you are there. If you're not interested in dinner, please still join us for drinks and trivia!

Reservations: Please RSVP to Karen Zanzucchi at Azgal247@gmail.com by October 9.

Note: for members who don't drive at night and are interested in carpooling, let Karen know!

September Birthdays

Please wish the following members a very happy birthday this month!

2 – Mary Kankaras	13 – Rita Hicks, Pamela Jackson	23 – Melissa Saenz
3 – Joan Davis	14 – Kathy Anders, Debbie Erbstoesser, Joyce Lee, Connie Pastoor	26 – Marj Knutson
4 – Jo Lucarz	15 – Jodi Kogan, Lora Simonsgaard, Judy Trasente	30 – Kathleen Carlson, Diane Murray
7 – Kristi Henigar, Marjorie Smith	16 – Becky Cairo	
10 – Armida Herrera	18 – Joan Kinneberg	<u>∽</u> 22 €2
12 – Jodi Jerich, Sally Lawrence	19 – Faith Weese	▶Σ

President's Message – The Next 50 Years

"I think we'll take a moment to celebrate our age...the ending of an era... the turning of a page...Now it's time to focus in on where we go from here...Lord have mercy on our next 50 years" – paraphrased from Tim McGraw's song, "My Next Thirty Years"

We are excited to celebrate our last 50 years by keeping with our time-honored traditions: valuing friendships and fellowship, supporting our local community through volunteerism and grants, supporting our members through tough times and happy times, and enjoying our programs and activity groups. These will remain the fabric of our club.

As we begin our journey for the next 50 years we will start some new traditions, try some new programs and engage our members in new ways. We would love for someone to take charge of our social media or someone to help update our marketing brochure for example. Do you know someone that can do that? Please let me know – you can reach me at 602-432-2030.

Your 2021-22 Board is awesome! They have been working tirelessly throughout the summer to help make our future bright and sustainable. To do that we have made some significant improvements over that last year that will carry us into the next 50 Years. Here is what is happening with some of your Board Members:

- Beverly McManus and Moj Saberi are leading a group of volunteers to call every member who hasn't rejoined and are asking them to do so. They are reminding people that they can sponsor a friend or family member to join and asking them what programs they would like to see moving forward. So far, we have at least 10 new sponsored members.
- Karen Zanzucchi and Mary Brierly (Programs Team) and Peg Guichard-Watters and Karin Schardt (Event Venues) are working together to come up with some fun-filled luncheon/evening events for us.
- Sandi Kogan and Michele Workman are doing a fantastic job keeping our records up to date and maintaining our website. Those jobs are on-going throughout the year, so thank you for your dedication.
- Jodi Kogan has taken over the beautiful newsletter you have been seeing every month, so kudos to her as she has never done this before.
- Vicky Babb and her team are planning our 50th Anniversary Celebration and she would love your input. Please send her any old photos or anecdotes that you can share.

Next month, I will report what the rest of the board is doing for you. We have so much going on that it is hard to fit it into one article.

Lastly, please be sure to thank your Board for all their hard work. They deserve it.

Warm Regards,

Betsy Ingram

MVWC President, 2021-2022

August Fun Trivia Get-Together

In late August, a group of MVWC women (and one brave husband) met at the Moon Valley Country Club to "practice" for our upcoming Trivia night. We had a great time and are up to the challenge for our October event (so watch out, everyone else)! We answered questions on various topics and even got a good majority correct. We may have made a few errors, and our dedicated answer taker, Betsy, wasn't always quick enough to beat the clock, but we placed a respectable 4th beating out Team Bradley Cooper. We hope you all will come out for a fun evening of trivia and friendship at October's trivia event!



The happy team, from left to right: Betsy Ingram, Jim Solinsky, Renée Solinsky, Victoria Cherekos, Debra Burruel, Pam Schall and Moj Saberi

Save the date – November event!	<i>When:</i> November 11, 2021, 11:30 AM <i>Where:</i> on the patio of Gen Tech, 402 E. Greenway #21 <i>What:</i> Luncheon with program. Debbie Kovesdy, CEO and her staff will be there to work with us and answer individual questions on computer operation, cell phones and cybersecurity.
Sending sunshine!	Get well cards were sent in August to Nancy Sippe and Michele Workman. Welcome e-cards were sent to our newest members: Val Dawson, Flora Tromelin, Marjorie Smith, Kathy Hellan, Melissa Saenz, Renée Solinsky, Julie Daniels, Sylvia Forry, Teresa Darling, Jackie Gentner, Kathy Scott, Diana Fihn, Cheryl Waldo, Jill Rosato, Judy Stratford, Michele Baker, Paula Schminsky, and Karen Braswell-Winkle!
	Welcome back cards were also sent to former members who are now returning to MVWC: Debra Burruel, Dina Taylor, Shirley Shadegg, Cindy Coleman, Susan Crotty, Serenity Stewart, Eileen Walker, Abbey Dade, Cynthia Dade, Tracy Giang, Debbie Schaub, and Lane Crofford.

New Activity Groups Proposed for 2021-2022

For more information about any of these activities, or to join, contact Records Chair, Sandi Kogan at style.org, contact Records Chair, Sandi Kogan at style.org, contact Records Chair, style.org, contact Records Chair, style.org</

- Hand & Foot Evening Group (after 4pm start)
- MVWC Chorus/Caroling
- Travel (day trips and possibly overnight trips)
- Trivia Nights
- Sunset Hikes (when it cools down brisk 2-3 miles)
- Bible Study
- Tech Club
- Vegetable & Herb Garden in Low Desert
- Bunco players & subs for Daytime Wednesday, Evening Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

COVID-19 Precautions

Your Moon Valley Board of Directors would like you to know that your health and safety are a priority to us. Here are a few guidelines we encourage you to follow:

- While we are planning events for this membership year, we want you to know that we will continue to watch the CDC recommendations and reserve the right to cancel an event. Your payment will be held until the day before the event in case of event cancellation.
- Masks are encouraged at events but are not required (of course, this is subject to change following CDC recommendations and/or local ordinance).
- We will abide by the rules of the venue where we are holding an event as to whether they require masks.
- We ask that you do not attend an event if you have tested positive for COVID, have recently been around someone who has tested positive or if you have any flu-like symptoms.
- We recommend that you do not attend an event if you are immune compromised or uncomfortable in a crowd.
- Trust your instincts and only attend an event if you are comfortable doing so. Your instincts are always right.

Stay healthy and stay safe.

Updates and Reminders



MVWC Board meetings

Our next Board meeting will be Monday, September 27 at 6:30 PM (via Zoom). Board meetings are open to all members (reach out to Betsy Ingram at 602-432-2030 for more information).

Membership directory updates

Member contact information is updated on a regular basis. We report these updates in the newsletter as necessary, but the online directory for new phone numbers, addresses, and/or information on new members is the best source! Your updates can be sent to Sandi Kogan, Records Chair, stkphx@cox.net or call 602-375-1433.

If you would like to add or update a picture in our directory, please send your photo to Michele Workman at workman5@aol.com (any photo you like of yourself will do, so if it's a group photo, she can make sure only your lovely face makes it into the directory with your information).

Ask your friends and neighbors to join us!

Remember, our members are the club's best advocates, so we rely on YOU to spread the word. If you have neighbors or friends who are interested in joining MVWC, please share a membership form with them (you can also sponsor a new member who lives outside of our boundaries). If you need to have a membership form sent to a prospective member by email or US mail, notify Membership Chair, Beverly McManus, at 602-980-6338 or azhope20@gmail.com.

Did you renew your membership?

Our lives can be very chaotic, especially at the end of summer and the start of the school year. There are many of you who have not returned your membership renewal. *Is that you?* If so, this is a friendly reminder to please get it in ASAP. On October 1st, we will remove all members who have not submitted their membership renewal from the membership directory. If you haven't already and want to continue to be a part of MVWC, please download, print, and return your Membership Form right away.

Newsletter items

We encourage activity group leaders and members to submit article about your groups to the *Echo*. We all want to hear about the fun you are having!

Articles for inclusion in the October *Echo* (available October 12) should be sent to Jodi Kogan at jodijodijodi@gmail.com no later than **Monday**, **October 4**. If you have any questions, please email Jodi.

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