



Newsletter January 2024

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

President's Message

Happy 2024, friends!

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to get more involved in MVWC, I have good news for you: There is a lot going on! The Club is bustling with activity, and you'll find a lot of great information in this issue about Activity Groups, the MVWC Service Project, Luncheons, upcoming Fundraisers, and so much more.

It was so much fun to kick off the year with many of you at the January luncheon. Since we don't usually have a luncheon in January, I wasn't sure what the response would be. So, it was wonderful to have such an enthusiastic turnout! And I absolutely loved being able to support the Sunnyslope community, and learn more about what the Historical Society is doing to preserve its very interesting history.

I'm equally excited about the upcoming Past President's Luncheon in February, where we'll acknowledge our current MVWC members who have served as Club President: Patricia Mosby, Sandi Kogan, Janet LaPlante, Joan Cunningham, Barbara Jeter, Susan Crotty, Marilyn Drake, Karin Schardt, Margy Simchak, Mary Henigar, Pat Clegg, Kristin Carkeek, and Betsy Ingram.

I am so excited to go into the new year with 265 members! I certainly feel very fortunate to be part of this friendly group of interesting, accomplished and dynamic women! I think you'll all agree that although Moon Valley is a great neighborhood on its own, joining the MVWC makes it even better. I hope you'll continue to encourage your friends and neighbors to join us in 2024.

Cheers to another great year of friendship!
Warm Regards,
Pam Gill



**Board Meetings are held at
6 PM on the first
Wednesday of the month.**

Interested in attending?

Contact us at

moonvalley-womensclub@gmail.com



**Moon Valley Women's Club
Mission Statement**

*The purpose of MVWC shall be to
promote closer
community spirit and
develop neighborhood bonds through
social and service activities.*



**HOW TO PAY
for MVWC
Charity Events,
Donations or
Service Project**

PAY BY ZELLE

On your online bank site search for Zelle. Set it to pay to: MVWCserviceproject@gmail.com
Remember to describe what your payment is for in the Memo box. (Event name or project)

PAY BY MAIL

Write your check to: **MVWC Service Project**
and mail to:
**MVWC Service Project
13236 N 7th St.
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Phoenix, AZ. 85022**

**Deadline for Newsletter
Submission is the 6th of each
month.**

Send submissions to:
Kathy Scott

kaffscott59@gmail.com

February Luncheon– Feb. 8th

Bottega Ristorante
19420 N. 59th Ave
Glendale, AZ 85308



\$40 payment due by Feb. 1st

***Please Join us for the
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Luncheon and help us
acknowledge the current
MVWC Members who are
Past Presidents!***

Menu
Salad

Vegetarian Pasta al Pomodoro
(tomatoes, onions, basil)
and

Penne Salsiccia
(crumbled Italian Sausage in a light
tomato cream sauce)
served family style

**Gluten free pasta is available*

Cannoli for dessert.

Tropical tea, lemonade, soda included.

MVWC members Dina Taylor and
Barb Nicholls will be our guest
speakers.

February Luncheon's Guest Speakers

For our February luncheon, we are fortunate to have our very own members, Barb Nicholls and Dina Taylor as our featured speakers.

Just in time for those New Year's resolutions you may have, Dina and Barb are sharing their fitness and nutrition expertise. We look forward to learning more from their perspectives and are honored that they are taking the time to speak to our membership.



Save the Date!

Wednesday, Feb. 21st
5-7 PM

Member Social Hour

Half Moon Sports Grill



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Moon Valley Women's Club Past Presidents

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| 1970- Celeste Basehart | 1990-1991– Allison Struble |
| 1971– Barbara Jennings | 1992– 1993– Sandi Kogan* |
| 1972– Maureen Dotterer | 1994– Janet LaPlante* |
| 1973– Mary Thorson | 1995-1996– Joan Cunningham* |
| 1974– Peggy Dillihunt | 1997– Celeste Pettijohn |
| 1975– Nancy Burgess | 1998– 1999– Barbara Jeter* |
| 1976– Sheri Graham | 2000– Gail Haugland |
| 1977– Dolly Burgard | 2001-2002– Bea Vivio |
| 1978– Carolyn Estrada | 2003-2004– Susan Crotty* |
| 1979– Sharron Meyer | 2005-2006– Sandi Kogan* |
| 1980– Joyce King | 2007-2008– Marilyn Drake* |
| 1981– Jane Hotchkiss Hilton | 2009– Mimi Raushelbach |
| 1982– Sharon Thorne-Reay | 2010-2011– Karin Schardt* |
| 1983– Kathleen Donahoe | 2012-2013– Margy Simchak* |
| 1984– Dorothy Mattox | 2014– Mary Henigar* |
| 1985– Nancy Remillard | 2015-2016 Pat Clegg* |
| 1986– Nancy Bledsoe | 2017– Mary Henigar* |
| 1987– Susan Morris | 2018-2019– Bev Carkeek |
| 1988– Patricia Mosby* | 2019– 2021– Kristin Carkeek* |
| 1989– Jane Tatalak | 2021-2023– Betsy Ingram* |
| 1990– Cindy Coleman | |

* Current MVWC Member



The 2024-2025 Nominating Committee wants to hear from you!

Each year, the current MVWC Executive Board selects a Nominating Committee whose purpose is to secure Executive Board candidates willing to serve for the following year in these positions:

President (must have served at least 1 year on the General Board)

Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

This vital process ensures that the MVWC will have the necessary leadership to sustain the Club for years to come. The Club can only survive if there are volunteers, so please consider nominating yourself or another Member for a leadership position by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee.

2024-2025 Nominating Committee Members:

Michele Baker 602-558-2233
Joan Davis 623-341-6650
Armida Herrera 602-561-1213
Betsy Ingram (Chair) 602-432-2030
Barb Nicholls 602-882-8153

The Committee will present the Executive Board slate of nominees to the Membership by March 11, 2024. An official ballot will be made available, and the slate of nominees will be included in the March Echo and the MVWC website. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to our April 11, 2024 Annual General Meeting, at which time the election will occur.

Welcome! Our New Members!

New Members:

Carolyn Echeverria

Lynn Edwards



We have a new address!

Moon Valley Postal is locally owned and they will allow our members to drop off mail in person, as long as its in an envelope and addressed to us. No stamp needed!

Our new address is:

MVWC
(or MVWC Service Project)
13236 N. 7th Street
Suite 4-307
Phoenix, AZ 85022



Members are still encouraged to use Zelle when possible to pay for dues and events:
moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

or to make donations to the MVWC Service Project:
mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com

Pre-printed mailing labels will be available at the next several luncheons for the convenience of members who typically mail in checks.

Service Project Activity Group 2023 Christmas Adoption Project

Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Service Project Group Coordinator

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring Christmas to the forty families adopted at Sunnyslope K-8 School and Moon Mountain Elementary. Each Shopper was assigned one or more families to shop for, including clothes, shoes, underwear, socks, and gifts for the children, plus household gifts for the parents.

They then labeled the gifts and delivered them in large gift bags to the Social Worker at Sunnyslope K-8 School or the Health Technician or Social Worker at Moon Mountain Elementary School. The families picked up their gifts at the school. In addition, each family received WinCo gift cards to purchase food and other groceries. These gift cards were restricted so they couldn't be used for cigarettes, alcohol, or lottery tickets.

The shoppers used their own funds and/or funds from our MVWC Service Project budget for their purchases. Thanks to this year's shoppers: Elaine Blake, Kathy Bryant, Gwen Gardner, Judy Gardner, Rita Graves, Susan Hart, Kathy Hellan, Betsy Ingram, Lorraine Keil, Sandi Kogan, Jamie Kunkle, Santhe Louisiana, Terry May, Patty McCarthy, Annette McClure, Holly Moore, Mary Moore, Kate Morgan, Harriet Moser, Barb Nicholls, Noble Grapes Wine Group (organized by Pam Gill), Jackie Norvell, Ricki Pagano, Nancy Palmquist, Jody Rhodes, Jill Rosato, Verlene Ross, Terri Schoen, Kathy Scott, Sue Sherman, Sandy Short, Rosalie Welty, Tracy White, and Kathy Zeblisky (and her 2 sisters).

Thanks to our members and friends who donated money to stretch our funds and supplement our family gifts with gift cards for food and other items – a huge success!

At the December luncheon, Sandi Kogan won \$111 in the 50/50 Raffle and donated ALL of it back to the MVWC Service Project!

Thank you, Sandi!

The 50/50 Raffle is held at most luncheons, with tickets costing \$1 each. Half of the pot goes to the lucky winner whose ticket is drawn, and the other half goes into the Club's budget to offset the cost of Events and Programs, The Raffle would not be possible without our fabulous ticket sellers, **Victoria Cherekos** and **Carol Janoff**. Thank you, ladies!



Member Sponsorship Forms for Small Grants are due by February 15th.

Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Chair, MVWC Service Project Board

MVWC Service Project Small Supporting Grants are awarded in the Spring to Member Sponsored nonprofit organizations that are improving the quality of life in our community.

All Moon Valley Women's Club Members are eligible to sponsor a nonprofit to receive a Small Grant. Small grants are usually between \$250 to \$1000, and can only be awarded for tangible goods, printing, supplies, postage and small equipment. Salaries, construction, disposable goods, paying off debt and applications from political or religious organizations are not eligible for funding.

The Guidelines and the Sponsorship Form can be found on our website at <https://mvwomensclub.org/service-project/>

Be sure to submit by email to mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com

or mail to: Moon Valley Women's Club Service Project
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Pointsettia winners!

A big thank you to Karen Zanzucchi for securing the GORGEOUS poinsettia plants that were used as door prizes at the December luncheon, a much-loved MVWC tradition! Since many stores are often sold out of poinsettias by the second week of December, Karen went out of her way to ensure that the tradition could continue. Thank you, Karen! Congratulations to the winners: Laura Seitz, Michele Workman, Morgan Bartlett, and Ricki Pagano!



MVWC Recognition Committee Nominations

The Mission of the MVWC Recognition Program is "To recognize individuals who have contributed to the success of the MVWC community. To encourage engagement in support of the community from which we all benefit."

The MVWC Recognition Committee is currently seeking nominations with submissions due for this program year by February 28, 2024.

Our club is run by and for the many outstanding women, so please take a moment to recognize someone that you feel has made a difference this year. There are many members who work behind the scenes that make everything function and flow better for all of us. The honorees will be recognized at the April 11th luncheon.

Through this program we recognize individuals who have helped contribute to the success of the MVWC community in these two categories:

LEADERSHIP

- Initiates / Leads a project benefitting MVWC & its members
- Serves as a member of the MVWC Board
- Leads/ Serves on a committee
- Provides initiative/ Organization/ Inspiration to club's efforts

VOLUNTEERISM

- Eagerness to participate in club efforts
- Selfless involvement to further the club's goals
- Goes above and beyond what is asked/ expected
- Consistently available to work for the benefit of the MVWC



Nominations are due by February 28th, and it is easy to nominate someone through the link on our website at <https://mvwomensclub.org/recognition-program/>

Recognition Committee members: Lin Felix (linfelix1050@gmail.com), Betsy Ingram (jbetsgroup@aol.com) and Karen Zanzucchi, Chair (azgal247@gmail.com).

HAPPY New Year from our Moon Valley Women's Club Fundraising Committee!

Just popping in here to share a few of our WISH LIST items! We're open to your ideas too, and if you'd like to join our group, we welcome your enthusiasm and involvement! We have various and ongoing FUNdraising opportunities coming up. Please look over our Wish List here for some easy ways you can help us with our year-end Fundraiser to support the MVWC Service Project!

We are currently seeking donations of:

- Gift Cards
 - Gift Certificates
 - Gift Basket Contents
 - Donations from Activity Groups offering unique gifts and experiences (The Classy Cooks have already generously offered a raffle for 2 couples to attend their April Dinner. See more information below! Last year, this raffle raised \$785.)
- Please contact Fundraising Chair Jena Ritchie at 904-955-8327 if you have items to donate!

You can learn more about how to support the MVWC Service Project on our website at <https://mvwomensclub.org/mvwc-service-project-2/>



One of our most popular auction items is back!



We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a fundraising raffle to attend the Classy Cooks year-end dinner, "Let the Good Times Roll"- Back to the 50's.

There will be two winners drawn, and each winner can bring a guest (friend, family member, spouse, etc.) to this FUN evening of drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert with the wonderful ladies of Classy Cooks.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$25, and all funds raised will go directly to our MVWC Service Project.

"Let the Good Times Roll"- Back to the 50's will be held on Saturday, April 20th at 6:00PM at the home of Margy & Frank Simchak.

The drawing will be held at the April luncheon, and you don't need to be present to win but you do need to save the date.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the February, March and April luncheons, or any time via Zelle at mvwcsvserviceproject@gmail.com (please indicate "Classy Cooks" in the memo).

Are you looking to get more involved in the Club this year? Check out our website to see which Activity Groups currently have openings: <https://mvwomensclub.org/activity-group-information/>

Due to our Club's booming membership numbers, some of our Groups are full or have wait lists. Are you interested in starting a new Group? Check out this great handbook that Club VP Morgan Bartlett created: https://mvwomensclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Moon-Valley-Womens-Club-Activity-Group-Leader-Handbook_PDF.pdf

A big THANK YOU to our current Activity Group leaders. We appreciate everything that you do to keep our 45 Activity Groups going! Some of these ladies lead multiple Groups! Abbey Curry, Armida Herrera, Audrey Sangerman, Barb Nicholls, Betsy Froderman, Betty Dowd, Carol Janoff, Carol Wilson, Debbie Kovesdy, Elaine Evers, Elaine Fleischmann, Harriet Moser, Jackie Gentner, Jan Bree, Jena Ritchie, Jo Anne Garcia, Jo Lucarz, Joan Davis, Joan Kinneberg, Julie Moore, Kathy Anders, Laurie Deitz, Lin Felix, Linda Jensen, Maripat Kudray-Flores, Mary Harris, Morgan Bartlett, Nancy Palmquist, Nora Hart, Norma Mesa, Pam Gill, Peg Guichard - Watters, Rosalie Welty, Sandi Kogan, Shelly Barnes, Vicky Babb, and Wendy Caporaso

The Moonlight Mixers... A New Activity Group

In response to enthusiastic community suggestions, we're delighted to unveil our latest activity group- The Moonlight Mixers!

Every meeting of the group will include an opportunity to connect with other members while enjoying yummy nibbles and delicious drinks AND a Superstar Speaker! The speaker will give a short presentation on a timely topic and will encourage an exchange of ideas and informal discussions.



The meetings will typically take place after 5 PM on the last Monday of most months, and may even include a Saturday, occasionally.

Pricing of each event varies according to the activity and what goodies are included, but will cover nibbles, beverages such as iced tea or water, the venue and the speaker. (Alcoholic beverages are not included in the price.) Also, a portion of the event's proceeds will go directly to supporting our MVWC charitable foundation.

Come explore, engage and elevate yourself at our Moonlight Mixers where a delightful blend of knowledge and community awaits!

If you have questions, contact Kathy Moffitt at 602 825-3773 or by email: MVWCMoonlightMixers@gmail.com

First event is January 29th 5:30-7:30 at Vegan & Vine. Click here for invitation.
<https://bit.ly/JanMoonlightMixer> **RSVP by Jan.24th.**

Activity Group Reports

Market Movers Investment Club

Submitted by Norma Mesa

The Market Movers Investment Club met in December. Our group was started in 1995, meeting in the evening so working gals can participate too! We meet on the second Wednesday each month. We are members of Better Investing as well!



Leading Ladies Bunco

The Leading Ladies Bunco group celebrated the Holidays on December 18th with a lovely dinner, fun game of Bunco and a lively gift exchange at the beautiful home of Jan Lippert. Jan is well known for having many “themed” Christmas trees and members enjoyed viewing all of her intricate ornaments on several trees as they moved from table to table and room to room.



Good Vibrations Bunco

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters

Good Vibrations Bunco met in December at Vicky Babb's for their annual holiday Potluck. Apparently it takes a village and lots of laughs to make good holiday appetizers!



Activity Group Reports– Continued

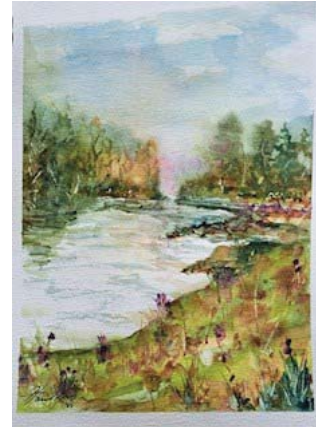
Moon Valley Women's Painting Group

Submitted by Maripat Koudray-Flores

Hello from the painting group. We meet the first Thursday of each month. In January we met at OHSO at Paradise Valley. We painted on the patio with heaters since it was too cold to meet at Roadrunner park. The Food was delicious.

Here is Harriet Moser's painting... beautiful!!

We will try Roadrunner Park again next month. Please come and join us.



The Noble Grapes

Submitted by Pam Gill

The Noble Grapes gathered in December at the home of Debbie and Gary Erbstoesser at a fun and festive event co-hosted by Gwen and George Garner. The theme was "Bring your Favorite", and we all enjoyed sampling one another's favorite wines and kicking off the holiday season together. After a few too many "favorites", a few of us raided Debbie's extensive hat collection, where she hand-selected the perfect chapeau for each of us.



The Bunco Bees

The Bunco Bees had a hilarious white elephant gift exchange that truly yielded some crazy gifts including an actual white elephant!



More Activity Group Reports

Hiking Groups

Submitted by Barb Nicholls, Morgan Bartlett, Koni Gould

For December, due to the Holidays, the moderate hiking group joined the easy hiking group during their scheduled hike. Together, 16 hikers ventured out on a combination of trails totaling 2.5 miles. It was a beautiful day and it was the perfect balance between easy and moderate. After the hike, the group enjoyed Brunch and lunch at Luci's. Thank you to everyone that joined us!



Monday Morning Walking Group

Submitted by Koni Gould and Morgan Bartlett

The Monday Morning Walking Group did our usual two mile walk and then enjoyed a wonderful holiday brunch at the home of Janet LaPlante during December.



Last of the Activity Group Reports

Hardcover Girls Book Club

Submitted by Koni Gould

On December 18th, the Hardcover Book Club met at the home of Koni Gould to discuss the book **Mr. Dickens and His Carol** by Samantha Silva. While discussing the book, we enjoyed a fabulous brunch complete with Mimosas!



Classy Cooks

Submitted by Joan Davis

The Classy Cooks celebrated Christmas with a luncheon and gift exchange. Each member brought an appetizer or dessert to share with the group. Our gift exchange was an item that each member made, either food or craft. Everyone had a great time, and it put us in a festive mood for the holiday season.



Restaurant Review

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The restaurant review group had wonderful Christmas lunch at Lon's in Hermosa Inn at Paradise Valley. We had picture perfect weather and sat on the patio. The place scored 5 stars for almost every thing- Everything was excellent except the fish and chips. The churros dessert was heavenly served on a stand with three dipping sauces.



January Birthdays

Patty Baird

Val Berg

Roseanne Boyle

Becky Colbert

Cindy Dade

Teresa Darling

Judith Gangi

Gail Hobrock

Carole Hyde

Lorraine Keil

Janet LaPlante

Barbara Leffler

Beverly McManus

Parveen Ranjan

Kathy Rose

Joan Scott

Dede Turken

Michele Workman



**FUN
FACTS**

**ABOUT
OUR MEMBERS**

Kim Boardman
volunteers at Paw
Placement Animal
Rescue



Kate Phalen
loves to
Vegetable garden

Kathy Scott once used soup can
races to teach Physics concepts of
acceleration to 8th
graders.



Do you have a fun fact to share about a
member? Please send it to
Kathy Scott at kaffscott59@gmail.com

Save the Date for the March 14th luncheon!

North Mountain Visitor Center, in the
Education Room 12950 N. 7th St.,
Phoenix, AZ 85022

MVWC Member Annette McClure will
be our guest speaker.

Look for more details in next month's
Echo!



Did you know you can use your Fry's card to benefit MVWC?

What is Fry's Community Rewards?

The Kroger Family of Companies is committed to community engagement, positive social impact and charitable giving at the national and local levels. Every community is unique, but our common goal is to partner with the neighborhoods we serve and help the people there live healthier lives.

One of the ways in which we do this is through our Fry's Community Rewards program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Fry's and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Fry's Community Rewards benefits the Moon Valley Women's Club at no additional cost to you! Once enrolled, you can shop and forget about it while the contributions add up!

You can learn more about Fry's Community Rewards and review how to enroll by going to our website. Detailed instruction can be found on the MVWC website under the Service Project Tab.

Have you forgotten your password? Contact Audrey at moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

Link to member directory <https://mvwomensclub.org/directory-2022/>

If you have an updated photo, email it to us at moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

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| President | Pam Gill |
| Vice President | Morgan Bartlett |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Strang-Grogan |
| Secretary | Wendy Caporaso |
| 2023-2024 MVWC Executive Board | |

Newsletter Editor: Kathy Scott

Send your newsletter submissions to: kaffscott59@gmail.com

Sunshine Report

Prudence Lee is our Sunshine Chair. If you know of a member who has experienced a loss, has an illness, had surgery, or another issue where they could use some support, please let her know.



Get Well cards were sent to Prudence Lee, Janet LaPlante, and Beverly McManus.

Welcome E-cards were sent to new members.

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