



Newsletter February 2024

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

President's Message

Happy February!

There are so many exciting things happening in our Club as we head into Spring. One of them is that we have officially expanded our geographical boundaries south of Thunderbird Road! Our neighbors in Gold Key/Heritage Highlands/Moonridge Estates will no longer need a Sponsor to join the Club!

We had a wonderful turnout for our February Luncheon, where we celebrated our Members who are past Club Presidents, and enjoyed an informative and engaging presentation by our very own Dina Taylor and Barb Nicholls!

The enthusiasm and engagement of our Members has been such a great part of my year as President, and we have a great lineup of Luncheons and evening Events planned to close out the year. Please plan to attend the Social at Half Moon on February 21st to help us welcome our newest Members. We had a great time there in October, and have over a dozen more New Members who have joined since then.

In addition to the Classy Cooks Dinner raffle, the Fundraising Committee is hard at work planning a fundraising event in conjunction with the April 11th Luncheon. The money raised with both of these activities will help the Service Project fund the Member-supported Large Grants in the Fall. The Committee needs not only donated items, but enthusiastic buyers/bidders at the Luncheon. Please plan to attend!

It's hard to believe that we're closing in on the end of the Program Year. Next month we'll be rolling out the 2024-2025 Membership Form, as the Club gets ready to celebrate 54 years! It warms my heart to see MVWC absolutely thriving, and all of you are such an important part of that. We're combining the membership and volunteer forms this year to make it easier to sign up to join a Committee or volunteer to support the Club in other ways. We can always use your help, so I hope that you'll consider signing up when you fill out your Form!

Don't forget, my inbox is always open at moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

Warm Regards, Pam Gill



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

Interested in attending?
Contact us at
moonvalleywomensclub@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. Suite 4-307 Phoenix, AZ. 85022

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

> Send submissions to: Kathy Scott kaffscott59@gmail.com

March Luncheon- March 14th

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

March 14th at 11:30



RSVP with \$25 payment by March 7th and include letter of meal choice.

Box lunches from Chop Shop:

- A- Club Sandwich: turkey, bacon, provolone, tomato, onion, house greens, avocado pesto, red wine vinaigrette, multi-grain bread (served with kettle Chips and a cookie)
- **B Veggie and hummus wrap**: red pepper hummus, raw veggie, tomato, feta, cucumber, olive tapenade, whole wheat wrap (Served with Kettle Chips and a cookie)
- C- Teriyaki Chicken Protein Bowl with Brown Rice and Roasted Veggies include roasted broccoli, cauliflower, onion, carrot, and mushroom
- **D- Kale Chicken Caesar Salad-**kale, romaine, grape tomato, corn, raisins, crouton, parmesan, lemon Dijon dressing

Bottled water, bottled iced tea, and (extra) cookies will be provided.

Our guest speaker will be MVWC member Annette McClure, who will present "A Roadmap to Retirement - Mile Marker Conversations To Consider".

March Luncheon's Guest Speaker: Annette McClure

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Annette has over 30 years of banking experience in the wealth management and investment business, and has been a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor since 1998. She worked for Marine Bank for over 17 years, most recently as an Executive Vice President where she oversaw the Wealth Management team. Since June 2023, she has worked for Terril & Company as Executive Vice President of Wealth Management. Terril & Company is a boutique investment firm where Annette helps individuals, families and business owners achieve their financial goals by creating a comprehensive investment, retirement, estate and tax planning strategy.

Annette and her husband Steve fell in love with the desert while visiting Phoenix, and purchased their home here in 2018. They became full-time residents in 2022, which is when Annette joined MVWC. In her free time she enjoys hiking, golf, and cross fit.



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Please make sure you are sending your Zelle payment to the CORRECT ACCOUNT!



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.



Our New Members!

New Members:

Cathryn Echeverria

(name correction)

Linda Green

Clee Johnston

Karen Kinney

(Sponsored by Mary Knutson)

Kristin Lynch

(Sponsored by Morgan Bartlett)

Patty McCarthy
Barbara Meek



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 it is 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

Please be sure you are sending your Zelle payment to the correct account!

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

Please join us for an evening social at Half Moon Sports Grill, 288 E. Greenway Parkway Wednesday, February 21st from 5-7 PM

Come enjoy hosted snacks, help us welcome our newest Members, reconnect with friends, and make some new ones!

We'll be collecting:

-Travel-sized toiletries for the Shoebox Project -Gift cards/ gift certificates for our year-end fundraiser



RSVP here: https://forms.gle/cmiTETb9wsASVuDk9

Exciting news!!

We're pleased to announce that we've expanded our Membership boundaries to include the following area (see map below):

South of Thunderbird including homes in Gold Key, Heritage Highlands, Moonridge Estates (from 7th Street to 13th Lane, and South of W Sweetwater Avenue, east of 19th Avenue).



Save the Dates!!

April 11th 11:30 luncheon at Aunt Chilada's (Annual General Meeting)
7330 N Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85020
with guest speaker Phx PD Assistant Chief Charmane Osborn.

May 9th 5:30 Year-end celebration at Bobby Q, 18501 N 27th Ave, Phoenix



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 29, 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 29th, and it is easy to nominate someone through this link: https://bit.ly/MVWCRecogniton2024

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



The following changes to the MVWC Standing Rules were passed by the Board on January 31st:

Membership #1

Previous:

- 1. For the purposes of establishing membership, MVWC defines its community as encompassing the following streets:
- North side of Thunderbird Road
- West side of Seventh Street
- Homes on Paradise Lane and LeMarche Avenue.
- East of and including Moon Mountain and Coral Gables Estates
- South of Greenway including homes in Moonlight Cove, Tamarac and Las Meridas

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Governance #3

Previous:

3. At the end of every fiscal year, but no later than July 30th, the incoming President shall be responsible for an audit of the MVWC's financial records. This audit shall be conducted by committee members who did not serve on the previous year's General Board. The audit shall be completed no later than September 1st.

Updated:

3. At the end of every fiscal year, but no later than July 30th, the incoming President shall be responsible for forming an Audit Committee to perform an audit of the MVWC's financial records. This Committee shall have at least (2) members, neither of whom served on the previous year's General Board. The audit shall be completed no later than September 1st.

Governance #5

Previous:

- 5. The General Board shall consist of the Executive Board and the following Committee Chairs:
- o Events
- o Membership
- o Newsletter Editor
- o Programs
- o Records
- o Webmaster

Updated:

- 5. The General Board shall consist of the Executive Board and may include the following Committee Chairs, who are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the incoming President:
- o Events
- o Membership
- o Newsletter Editor
- o Programs
- o Records
- o Webmaster

Additional Committee Chairs who oversee committees or functions may be added as needed.

RULES 1 2 2

The Service Project Fundraising group is seeking donations of

- -Gift Cards
- -Gift Certificates
- -Tea Cups
- -Silent Auction Items
- -Gift Basket Contents
- -Donations from activity groups within our club offering unique gifts and experiences



Please bring your donations to the upcoming luncheons.

We also appreciate your referrals and suggestions of local businesses that are willing to contribute products and services.





Click here to shop the See's Candy YUM-raiser now through March 15th

It's the sweet way to make a difference!

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 mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com (please indicate "Classy Cooks" in the memo).

Please join us at our April 11th luncheon at Aunt Chilada's as we will be auctioning off baked goods donated by the Classy Cooks and our MVWC Baking Stars with all proceeds going to the Service Project.

We will have lots of homemade sweet treats for you to bid on. We also welcome contributions of homemade baked items from members. If you are willing to bake an item, please contact Kathy Anders at kathleenkanders@gmail.com so she can compile a master list of all our baked goods.

Thank Yous received by MVWC Service Project For Holiday Donations

We received a Poster from Moon Mountain School that read "Thank You MVWC!" and several of the families signed the poster. We also received a poster to thank us for the Thanksgiving Support that read "We are thankful for you Moon Valley Women's Club".

We received thank you cards and pictures from some of the families at Sunnyslope K-8 Elementary School.

We are including pictures of these posters and some of the cards and pictures.

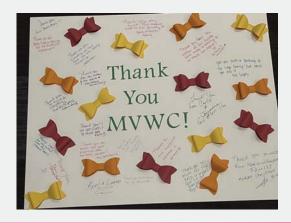
Thanks again to all of our members and friends who helped with the shopping for the Holiday Adoption Project and those who made monetary donations!

Sandi Kogan, Coordinator, Service Project Activity Group









It's time for the 2024 Shoebox Project! Plan on joining the Marys on February 20th and/or March 19th

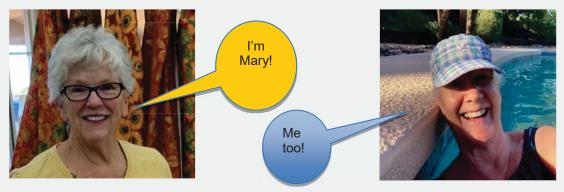
Mary Henigar and Mary Harris, aka the Marys, are again coordinating the Shoebox Project this year and ask for your help in (a) sorting items we already have and, boxing them up for the De Colores Shelter.

The Shoebox Project is a great opportunity to donate your <u>travel-size</u> toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, wash cloths, lotion, soap, razors, shaving cream, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, deodorant, combs and hair-brushes.

This year's project is in three phases and all members are welcome to participate. Call, text or email either of the Marys if you would like to help.

Mary Henigar: call/text 603.363.0955, or email maryhenigar@cox.net

Mary Harris: call/text 623.216.4309, or email mjaharris@icloud.com



Phase ONE – DROP-OFF Starting NOW you can drop off items at Mary Henigar's house at 410 E Monte Cristo Ave. Use the box in her front porch. Or, bring items to the March luncheon.

Phase TWO – SORTING Join the Marys on FEBRUARY 20th from 2-4 PM for a fun-filled and worthwhile afternoon sorting and inventorying all the items collected.

Phase THREE – BOXING AND BAGGING Join the Marys on MARCH 19th from 2-4 PM for another worthwhile afternoon boxing and bagging the toiletries.

The De Colores shelter, located in south central Phoenix, opened its doors in 1986 out of a community-identified need for a domestic violence shelter. The shelter provides housing and meals for survivors and their children. Over the years the shelter has grown and now provides a safe and secure environment for 500-600 survivors of sexual and domestic

MVWC is still growing! We now have 272 Members!

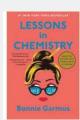
See our new expanded boundaries in this issue.

Activity Group Reports

Chapter Sisters Book Club

Submitted by Linda Jensen

We met at the home of Kay Ames to discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. We all thoroughly enjoyed this book. Apparently there's a reason it's been turned into a TV show. This month (Feb.) we will be meeting at the home of Patricia King to discuss "The Lioness" by Chris Bohjalian.



Mah Jongg

Submitted by Carol Wilson



Susan Bryner graciously hosted the February 2nd Mah Jongg group.
Great snacks and lots of fun!

Good Vibrations Bunco

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters & Wendy Caporaso

The first picture is the Good Vibrations group from our December Holiday Potluck.



The Good Vibrations Bunco Team was missing a player on Tuesday night (1/16), but our Ghost,



Patrick Swayze, stepped in. He even rolled a Bunco and was therefore entitled to wear the crown! Thanks to Peg for being a gracious hostess and providing delicious food and drinks! What fun!

Activity Group Reports- Continued

Thursday Night Mexican Train Group

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters

The Thursday Night Mexican Train group met on January 25th, but half of the group was derailed by COVID exposures, so we played with a skeleton crew. We didn't send a picture because so many members were missing... COVID strikes again, ugh!



Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

The light rain on Sunday afternoon, **January 21** did not deter four Matinee Friends from driving to Peoria for the Spotlight Youth Theatre presentation of **"Anastasia: the Musical".** Inspired by the Disney film, it was the story of a brave young Russian woman in her quest to discover who she is. The story takes her to Paris in the 1920s, accompanied by a dashing conman and a lovable exaristocrat. The story begins in truth, with the murder of the Tsar and his family and becomes a fairy tale search with a happy ending. The teen actors were extremely talented,, especially the young lady playing Anya/Anastasia who also had a beautiful singing voice. It was impressive what these players did with a small stage and limited scenery. Scene changes were smoothly choreographed as well. We were even treated to a brief ballet. This was a lovely musical about discovering who you are and who you're meant to be.

Six Matinee Friends went "On the Town" Saturday afternoon, **Feb. 3.** Our destination was the Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria where we enjoyed a delicious lunch with very attentive service and the **musical "On the Town".** New York, New York; it's a helluva town! We traveled back to The City in 1994 with three curious US Navy sailors in search of landmarks, fun

and girls. With Big Apple, Ozzie found well as interesting mance. The cast reography gororiginal work of the music wonsongs written by the musical were



only 24 hours to hit the Gabey, Chip, and points of interest as ladies for rowas fantastic, the chogeous (inspired by the Jerome Robbins), and derful. Most of the Leonard Bernstein for omitted from the mov-

ie; we were glad to hear the show as written. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Easy Hiking Group

Submitted by Barb Nicholls

Nine ladies braved the cold January weather to hike the first portion of the 40th Shea Long trail which loops down to Dreamy Draw Park and back. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch at the Chop House.



More Activity Group Reports

Moderate Hiking Group

Submitted by Koni Gould

The moderate hiking group took on South Mountain and prevailed! It was an absolutely beautiful day to climb to the top of the Mormon trail and see the beautiful city views. We enjoyed lunch at the farm at South Mountain afterwards. It was a gorgeous day. We would love to have you join us on the next one!







Museum & Special Events Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

The MVWC Museum and Special Events Group visited the Martin Auto Museum on January 16. We were pleased to have docents from the museum that were very knowledgeable and well versed in the history of the museum and the vehicles. The Martin Auto Museum was created in 2005 by the owner and founder Mel Martin. Mr. Martin saw a need to share a collection of vehicles that represent significant periods of automotive history. The museum features classic cars, hot rods, custom vehicles, imports, auto memorabilia, antique gas pumps, signage and more. We had the opportunity to see vehicles that were owned and driven by well-known people such as Al Capone, Red Skeleton, and others. The facility is immaculate and you can see staff continuously polishing vehicles, putting air in tires, etc. It must take an abundance of time and great effort to maintain all those vehicles. Our group greatly enjoyed this outing and would highly recommend anyone interested the history of vehicles visit this muse-

um. It was very staff is friendly and we went to lunch Chinese restaujoyed that as well. accommodating. It



interesting and the kind. After our tour at the Abacus Inn rant. Everyone en-Good food and very was a great day!

More Activity Group Reports

Hardcover Girls Book Club

Submitted by Mary Harris, Kathy Scott & Koni Gould

The Hardcover Girls Book Club met on Jan.22nd at the home of Debbie Schaub to discuss the book American Woman by Susan Choi. Though many of us didn't like the book, Kristin led us in a lively discussion about Patty





Hearst and the turbulent times of the 70's in the United States.

Mary Harris, who grew up in the UK, said she learned a lot about that period of time in this country while reading the book.

MVWC Garden Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

Did you know that we have a waterfall right here in the middle of town? **Arizona Falls** is located at Indian School Road between 56th and 58th Street, adjacent to the G.R.

Herberger Park. This is a little gem that Phoenicians have been enjoying for years and years. Arizona Falls is the first hydro- electric power plant in Phoenix; has a 20-foot drop waterfall that generates renewable energy for power and feeds into the Arizona Canal for distribution to provide water to nourish agriculture, water gardens and landscapes. After our visit to Arizona Falls, we went to lunch at Chelsea's Kitchen. Good food and great service. We had a very enjoyable day!



Moonlight Mixer



The Moonlight Mixer inaugural event was a massive success! Huge congratulations to **Sue Wilk** who won the \$300 organizational package from **Organizing by Bridges**.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for an unforgettable evening.

PM Kathy Moffitt to be invited to the March 21st event at GenTech Support!

Last of the Activity Group Reports

Gals, Guys and Games Group!



December was a Mexican Fiesta Theme with a big, magnifico Mexican food Feast! Plenty of cerveza playing Mexican Train Dominos all topped off with churros and margarita cake!

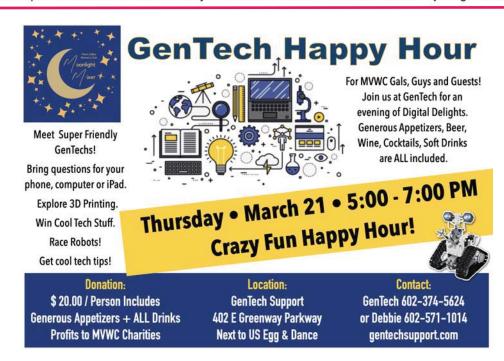
This group is an absolute blast! Open to MVWC Gals and their guys or guests! Each month the host selects a game and theme and then the crazy fun begins!







We had a January Wild West Wingding with a lot of rowdy quick draw action and Chuck Wagon food fare. Horses and boots were optional. We meet the second Friday of the month. Contact Debbie if interested in joining! 602-571-1014



GenTech Happy Hour RSVP AND PAY HERE: https://bit.ly/mvwcgt



February Birthdays

Susan Altieri **Cindy Bushnell** Jo Colley **Barbara Garrity** Jean Georgianni Koni Gould Marcia Haarer Jo Haran Ryanne Hennigar **Nancy Hjelmstad Susann Hornbeck Cindy Lenihan** Barbara Loffman **Dawn Long Nancy Lynch Barb Nicholls Verlene Ross Maureen Taylor Judy Terry**





Nancy Narofsky was a pixie at Santa's Village in 1959 In Carpentersville, Illinois.



Jackie Norvell is a second generation member and is a snowbird from Homer,



Alaska which is known as the Halibut Capital of the World!

Connie Vogt once circumnavigated the globe in a crazy week long trip: SLC to Paris to Singapore to Tokyo to Seattle and back to SLC!

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

Thank you to Jill Runyon!

She won \$133.50 in the 50/50 raffle at the January luncheon and donated all of it back to the Service Project! Thank you, Jill!

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First Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon Pictures

8 Past Presidents were in attendance!

Pat Clegg, Joan Cunningham, Mary Henigar, Betsy Ingram, Sandi Kogan, Janet La Plante, Margy Simchak and Karin Schardt.





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

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 Beth Curlee and Connie Pastoor.

Congratulations Cards were sent to Erin Flothmeier (new job out of state) and Kristin Carkeek (first grandchild).

Welcome E-cards were sent to new members.

Moon Valley Women's Club

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