



Moon Valley
Women's Club



Newsletter October 2024

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

President's Message

HAPPY OCTOBER, PEEPS!!

We are now in full swing and most of our groups are actively meeting. Thank you to all our fearless group leaders who volunteer their time to make these groups successful. We appreciate you!

I want to address the concern over the luncheon prices that some may have. Due to rising costs, the luncheon prices, unfortunately, are rising with them. Our Events Team is working diligently to locate quality venues that not only have adequate space for us, but also offer great menu selections. I want to thank Gwen Gardner, Kathy Hellan, and Michele Baker, for their dedication to our club in securing these fantastic locations & speakers. Our upcoming November luncheon will be at Seasons 52 and our special guest speaker is AZ State Treasurer, Kimberly Yee. The space is limited to 90 so you'll want to get your payment in early. The cost for this luncheon is \$40 for our members and includes flat bread appetizers, main course options, and their famous mini desserts, in an elegant setting. It's important to note, that most of these venues charge us quite a bit more than the ticket price. There are often service fees and taxes that inflate the price, but the club treasury supplements to keep our member prices as low as possible. We know that it is a concern for some of you and we welcome any suggestions you may have. We are working hard to bring you the best experience possible each month and hope you are finding great value & fellowship through our monthly luncheons.

And because December is especially busy, **WE ARE CHANGING THE DATE OF THE DECEMBER LUNCHEON TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 TH.** We will be at Maggiano's in Scottsdale and it promises to be a wonderful time. More details will come later, but please MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan to attend this special Holiday event!

Thank you to all of you who came to the New Member Moonlight Mixer at Half Moon Grill. Kathy Mofitt and her team put on a fantastic evening of "speed dating" style questions that was truly enjoyed by all.

As the weather cools down, we look forward to seeing you all out and about. Lots of fun activities are forthcoming, so please read through this month's Echo so you don't miss out!

Warmly,

Koni Gould
2024-2025 President



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

Interested in attending?

Contact us at

[moonvalley-
womensclub@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

By being a Member of the Moon Valley Women's Club ("MVWC"), you agree to indemnify and hold harmless MVWC, its Members, Guests and any hosting venues against any and all liability or loss, and against any and all claims, damages, injuries, or any other loss sustained through you or your guest's voluntary participation in any MVWC Event or Activity.



**Deadline for Newsletter
Submission
Is the 8th of each month.**

Send submissions to

Kathy Scott

kaffscott59@gmail.com



**November 14th Luncheon
Seasons 52**

2502 E Camelback Rd, Suite 140
Phoenix, AZ 85016

\$40/ member, \$46/guest

Guest Speaker: Kimberly Yee

**Menu includes Appetizer, choice of
entrée, mini desserts, coffee, tea
& soft drinks.**

Appetizers:

Roasted Tomato & Pesto Chicken and
Fresh Mozzarella Flatbreads.

Entrees:

A) Naked Cheddar Burger— grass-fed
Beef, provolone cheese sauce, organic
greens salad, white balsamic vinaigrette.

**B) Grilled Chicken Breast and Farro
salad**— arugula, grapes, cucumbers, toy-
box tomatoes, watermelon radish, feta,
lemon garlic vinaigrette.

C) Brick-Oven Seasonal Gnocchi—
Blistered marinated tomatoes, pesto, moz-
zarella, herb salad.

**RSVP with payment by Nov. 7th,
include the letter of meal choice.**

**Zelle: MVWCpayment@gmail.com
or mail check by Nov. 2, payable to
MVWC, to:**

**MVWC
13236 N 7th St, suite 4-307
Phoenix, AZ 85022**

**November's Guest Speaker:
Kimberly Yee**



Kimberly Yee is currently serving as
the 45th **Arizona State Treasurer**. She
is the first Asian-American woman
elected to the **Arizona State Legislature**.

She was elected to the **Arizona House
of Representatives** for the 10th legisla-
tive district from 2011 to 2013 and
the **Arizona Senate** for the 20th legisla-
tive district from 2013 until 2019. Yee
was elected to the position of Arizona
State Treasurer on November 6, 2018.

Yee was born and raised in Phoenix.
She traces her ancestry to **Taishan,
Guangdong**. Yee attended **Greenway
High School** in Phoenix where she was
a student journalist in the early
1990s. She is a graduate of **Pepperdine
University** where she earned a bache-
lor's degree in political science and a
bachelor's degree in English. She also
holds a master's degree in public ad-
ministration from **Arizona State Univer-
sity's** School of Public Affairs, and was
the recipient of the honored Scholar-
Citizen Award.



New Members!

Our MVWC Service Project Board needs **2 new members-at-large**. Volunteers or suggestions from other MVWC members should email **Sandi Kogan, Chair, MVWC SP Board** at stkphx@cox.net. Applications will be sent out and are **due back by Nov.10th**. **The 2 year term would start in January 2025.**



Book Donations are requested for the Tea and will be sold for \$1 for soft cover, \$2 hard cover. Proceeds will go to the MVWC Service Project.

Additional questions or info:
Jena Ritchie, MVWC Fundraising Chair
904-955-8327

Mary Beans
Hue Chase
(sponsored by Sheila Mehlem)
Kate Dolance
(sponsored by Jena Ritchie)
Sharon Huff
Shannon Kasallis
Carolyn Keagle
Hope Pack
Julie Sandschafer
Betty Silva
(Return +1)
Linda Sovola
Nancy Therien
(sponsored by Jena Ritchie)
Julie Ward

Please Join us for the Moon Valley Women's Club Literary Tea Fundraiser!

Betsy Ingram has graciously offered to host a **Literary* Fundraiser Tea** for The Service Project in the garden of her lovely home, 828 W Moon Valley Drive on Saturday Nov. 23, 2024 at 2 PM. We hope you will consider attending and possibly even bring a friend.



Tickets are going fast with only a total of 60 being sold. **Cost is \$55 per person** paid by zelle to : mwvcserviceproject@gmail.com or mail your check made out to MVWC Service Project to 13236 N 7th St, Suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Catered Menu: Assortment of Teas, Lemonade, Water, Tea Sandwiches, Scones, Desserts, Jam, Clotted Cream & Misc.

You can request a table (but not necessary). Table Captains along with their book titles are listed below.

Gatsby Gals– Jena Ritchie
Downton Abby– Pam Fischer
Edgar Allen Poe– Koni Gould
Bridgerton– Linda Stiles
Death by Chocolate– Margie Simchak & Karen Zanzucchi
Travel Books– Pam Gill



Lessons in Chemistry– Betsy Ingram
The Frog Prince– Kathy Moffitt (FULL)
The Carographer– Patty DeBruhl (FULL)
Mad Hatter– Deb Kovesdy (FULL)

Holiday Family Adoption Project

The MVWC Service Project Board has budgeted partial funding for the Holiday Family Adoption Project. With your help and generosity, we can bring the holidays to 40 families from two local schools– Sunnyslope K-8 and Moon Mountain Elementary. This year, each school family will be assigned to a volunteer shopper. Items will be labeled by family name and number and delivered to the schools on Monday, Dec. 16th or Tuesday, Dec. 17th.

There are three ways to help:

- Adopt one or more families and shop & pay for the requested items at a store of your choice/ at your leisure **as your donation..**
- Adopt one or more families and shop & pay for the requested items at a store of your choice/ at your leisure and **receive partial or full reimbursement from the MVWC Service Project Board.**
- Donate money for this project.**

Each family consists of 1 or 2 parent(s) and 1-5 children. Volunteer shoppers are provided with a list of sizes for clothing, shoes, socks and underwear to buy and a toy or gift request for each child. Also a household gift requested by the parent(s).

To donate money, you can send a donation directly to Moon Valley Service Project via Zelle to mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com.

If you prefer to donate by check, send your **check, as soon as possible, but by 12/1/2024, made payable to MVWC Service Project to**

**Mary Harris, Treasurer, MVWC Service Project Board
418 E. Monte Cristo Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85022**

Please let me know if you are able to volunteer to help with shopping and your preferences as to number of families, number and ages of children, and which school. I will be assigning families as soon as I receive the information from the school's social workers..

If donating money, please let me know how much so I can budget for this project.

Call, text, or email me if you have any questions or to volunteer.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Sandi Kogan, MVWC Service Project Group Coordinator
Cell phone for calls or texts 602-814-2255
email: stkphx@cox.net



Member Spotlight: Camille West



Meet Camille LaBry West

Camille is a newer member of MVWC who joined in March 2022. She had just moved here from LA and was missing her friendships that she had cultivated there for the last 20 years. She saw our ad in the Tattler and knew immediately this club was for her. She loves the MVWC community, "It's nice to have a lot of ladies nearby, getting to know and spending time with them. I'm from Austin, TX originally, and being part of a community was always an important aspect of my life. I'm so glad to be a part of this one!"



Camille has been married to her wonderful husband, Blake, since 2013 and they have one lovely daughter, Lilette, who turned 9 in August (and she's always looking for playdates for her daughter). Camille works primarily in branded content/commercials as a producer, writer & editor. She has produced eight feature-length films and dozens of segments for Sesame Street. She also loves yoga and reading.

Since she and her husband both work, and their daughter is involved in Club Soccer, she has to choose her activities carefully. But she is enjoying playing cards in the Euchre group (she LOVES cards!) and has just recently helped organize the September Moonlight Mixer. And when her schedule permits, she tries to attend as many luncheons as possible.

Thank you, Camille, for jumping into our club activities. We are so glad you're here!



Love Lunches

"Love Lunches" is a new committee established this year, headed up by Abby Irish. 🍀 The object is to help those in need of a ride to and from the monthly luncheons.

If you are in need of a ride for any reason (no questions asked), then please call or text Abby Irish, at least 5 days in advance. She will coordinate your transportation. No fee is involved (unless you want to bring her chocolate). 😊

She is also looking for volunteer drivers who are willing to pick up and bring home our ladies who need rides. Please contact her if you can help be an Uber lady for the day! Thank you, Abby, for stepping up and filling a need in our group! We appreciate you!

Abby Irish 602-332-1686

Activity Group Reports

Restaurant Review

The Restaurant Review group recently traveled to **Volanti** at Scottsdale Airport. We had a marvelous view of the runway and planes while we caught up with each other and enjoyed our meals.

We tried six different items on their lunch menu including the BLTA (Bacon, lettuce, tomato and Avocado), The Cuban (which was pulled pork), The Roasted Bird (Turkey sandwich), Cheese Burger, Asian Salad and the Ahi Tuna Bowl.

We all agreed that the food was really good and deserved 4– 5 stars. Five stars for the service and the ambiance! Kathy B. liked the fact that they boxed up her leftovers for her! Additionally, the bathrooms were nice and clean! Our only complaint was that the music was too loud to converse easily. We would recommend this place!



Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

On Sunday, Sept 15, several Matinee Friends spent a delightful afternoon at the Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria. First was a delicious lunch;



most had the very tasty salmon dish. We had a wonderful, very helpful server, too. Then came the musical "**Clue**", based on the familiar board game most of us played at home with our families. The six suspects were all costumed in the requisite colors, forming a lovely rainbow when all were together. The audience was invited to solve the mystery of who killed Mrs. Boddy, in what room, and with what weapon? The suspects were all great singers and portrayed their character traits perfectly. Our favorite was the dissatisfied cook, Mrs.

White, played by a very funny man. While no one at our table solved the case correctly, we were well entertained for a few hours on a hot, still-summer, day.



More Activity Group Reports

Red Hot Rollers Bunco

Submitted by Kathy Scott

The Red Hot Rollers Bunco group met up in September for their first games of the season at Armida's house. During a break between games, we ran outside to see the partial eclipse that occurred that night. The picture doesn't do it justice, though, only a small slice of shadow was visible on the moon's surface.



Museum & Special Events Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner & Rosalie Welty

The Museum and Special Events group conducted a docent guided tour of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel. It was an amazing experience. The Biltmore's architectural structure has a strong Frank Lloyd Wright influence with special patented block design and gold ceilings. We toured the amazing grounds, the beautiful Gardens, special rooms, that had been occupied by big stars, banquet facilities, lounge, pools, bridges, and beautiful views from a variety of different areas around the hotel. A note on some of the history of this iconic hotel, as follows. On February 23, 1929, the Arizona Biltmore opened in grand fashion. There were over 600 invitations sent out, with the thought that only a few hundred would be in attendance. However, it seemed no one wanted to be left out. The one-day planned Grand Opening event turned into three days of grand opening celebrations, in order to accommodate all the people requesting to attend. From that day forward, the Arizona Biltmore has been a private retreat for some very influential people, such as US Presidents, Dignitaries, Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Stevie Nicks, socialites, sport teams, etc. This was an exceptional outing, along with legendary history.



Still More Activity Group Reports

The Bunco Squad

The Wednesday daytime Bunco Squad met at the Moon Valley Grill on September 25th to kick off our season. The Grill is under new management and has made a few changes, but still tolerate us. We meet at noon, enjoy a nice lunch together and start play at 1:00.



The people at the Grill allow us to move tables around and let us laugh and be rowdy for a few hours. They even bring us cookies while we play. They do sometimes get confused by our bell— thinking it's the kitchen signaling them that an order is up!

Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff



"Ragtime: the Musical" was the Fountain Hills destination for three Matinee Friends on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29. Though we expected a frothy song and dance with ragtime music, we were treated to a serious and important look at turn-of-the-century New York (with great music too). We saw a volatile melting pot with three stories woven together--an upper class White

mother, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring Black musician---and their families. "They confront history's contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America." We were amazed at the precision of the choreography, especially when all 32 cast members were dancing on the relatively small stage at the same time. The story was very powerful and moving; the acting was professional, and the singing was amazing! We were especially impressed with The Mother (whose costumes and singing were equally beautiful) and Coalhouse (the Black character who was first footloose and care-free, then happy in love, then turned into a terrorist after encountering prejudice and the murder of his wife). He moved all of us with his impressive singing of the two powerful anthems most will remember from this show (Wheels of a Dream, and Make Them Hear You). We were so very glad we made the trip to see this excellent production.

Even More Activity Group Reports

Shanghai Rummy Group

Submitted by Vicky Babb

The Shanghai Rummy Group started off the new season of fun and games with a rousing evening of card play, food and drink. Our hostess, Marlene, spoiled us with a wonderful homemade meal followed by two different ice cream pies for dessert! The Group also welcomed several new members this year, so we had two game tables for the evening. Lots of fun and laughter ensued.



September Moonlight Mixer Recap: Mingle Magic New Member Welcome

Our **Mingle Magic: Speed Dating Edition** was a fantastic success! With over **40 attendees** including **14 fabulous new members**, the energy was high, and friendships were made in a flash!

A big thank you to **Santhe Louisiana** for choosing **Half Moon Sports Grill** as the perfect venue, **Cheryl Lisker** for stepping up last minute to keep everything running smoothly, and our new member **Mehgan Bertchie** for providing the amazing door prizes. Special shoutout to our hostess, **Camille West**, for making the night fun and lively!



Stay tuned for more exciting Moonlight Mixer events coming soon!



Activity Group Reports Continued

MVWC Painting Group

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The MVWC Painters first meet this year at Z' Tejas Restaurant on Hayden in Scottsdale. The food was delicious and the restaurant decor was inspirational with Arizona and Texas murals. They are located with a lake view with a fountain from their patio. It's not far away and was worth the 30 minutes drive.



MVWC Baking Stars Group

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The Baking Stars Group first meeting this year was small but very nice. We had pumpkin chiffon gingerbread cake, popcorn balls, vampire cookies, pumpkin cinnamon rolls, a peanut butter chocolate candy and Doubletree chocolate chip cookies. Next month we will be making and tasting soups, breads and crackers. We will meet of the second Tuesday of the month. If interested contact Maripat.



Save the Date!

Get ready for a creative evening at the **November Moonlight Mixer** hosted by **Terry May** on **November 13th** from **6:30-8:30 PM** at **SOAP DES JOUR**. Unleash your creativity and make a personalized gift for yourself or someone special—just in time for the holidays! More details to come—mark your calendars!



October Moonlight Mixer
Boo-tiful Costumes & Goody Bag Gala!
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 6:30– 8:30 PM
Barrio Brewing Co.
702 W Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Calling all Boo-tiful Babes, Spooky Sweethearts, & Halloween Hotties

Embrace the Halloween spirit and come dressed in your most boo-tiful costume! Let's face it, as adults, we don't always get the chance (or the excuse!) to dress up, so here's your opportunity for some ghoulish giggles, delicious bites, and a chance to spread a little magic as we create goody bags for kindergartners at Moon Mountain Elementary!

Costumes encouraged but not required—if dressing up isn't your thing, we still want you there to enjoy the fun!

What to Expect:

- **Light Appetizers:** Included in the \$25 cost, with wickedly good drinks available for purchase
- **Goody Bag Creation:** Join us for some Ghoulie Bag Magic! We'll be crafting 60 goody bags for the kindergartners, filled with sweet treats and essentials like toothbrushes, toothpaste, and basic school supplies.
- **Giving Back:** Cash, credit card, and Zelle donations will be accepted at the door to help cover the cost of the goody bags and spread a little extra spooky spirit

Prizes for the Best Costume: Get ready to conjure up your most Boo-tiful, creative, or downright spooky outfit! There will be prizes for the best costumes, so bring your Halloween spirit!

Cost: \$25 per person (covers light appetizers) Please Zelle to mvwcpayment@gmail.com or mail to MVWC 13236 N 7th St, Suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022

Please don't ghost us—**RSVP no later than Friday, October 25th**, and we'll see you for a hauntingly good time! We can't wait to see your creative costumes!

The Boo Crew

Abby Irish and Darlene Billings 602-332-1686

P.S. Payments via check must be mailed no later than Tuesday **10-15-2024**. Payments via Zelle will be accepted until **Friday, 10-25-2024**. Payments can also be dropped off to Koni Gould.





Angela Panador-Pujol
Michele Baker
Libby Banks
Heather Bohannan
Debra Burruel
Rhonda Cain
Brandi Crowe
Sylvia Forry
Gwen Gardner
Rita Graves
Susan Hart
Mary Ann Johnson
Sue Kewin
Marlene Olsen
Julie Pek
Helen Purcell
Jody Rhodes
Julie sandschafer
Linda Stiles
Julie Ward
Rosalie Welty
Tracy White
Susan Wilk
Karen Zanzucchi



**FUN
FACTS**

**ABOUT
OUR MEMBERS**

Diana Fihn once wore 2 different shoes to work! She worked in the Buying Office of Montgomery Wards in Chicago. It was only after taking the L train, subway and bus to work that she realized her shoes didn't



match. She was mortified and tried to stay at her desk all day and hide her feet.

**Leslie
Cadby** can
drive a
Backhoe!



Maureen Rosetti
ziplined on her
80th Birthday!



*Ladies, I'm almost out of Fun
Facts to report!
Help!*



If you enjoy reading these **fun facts** and want this feature to continue in our newsletters, **I need help finding fun facts to report!**

If you hear something interesting or funny about a member, jot it down and email it to me (with the member's permission, of course!)

Kathy Scott kaffscott59@gmail.com



HOW TO PAY for MVWC Dues, Lunches Special Events

PAY BY ZELLE

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

PAY BY MAIL

Make your check payable to: **MVWC** and mail to:

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

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Now through 12/6/2024

MVWC Service Project Storefront
Help us turn candy into cash

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/mvwmsp_winter58/Katkaf3877/candy



Save the Date!

December Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 19th
(changed from normal luncheon date!)

Maggiano's



Got Merch?

Don't forget to visit our merch shop, where a portion of every sale goes directly to our Service Project! Sweatshirts and long-sleeved t-shirts are now available!

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/moon-valley-womens-club/>



Interested in starting a new activity group? Contact us at moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com

There is an excellent Activity Group Leader Handbook available on our Website, under "Member pages" to guide you.

**Good News! MVWC is on Facebook!
If you haven't yet, please join us!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2801364973516934/>



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2024-2025 MVWC Executive Board	



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Sunshine Report



Get Well cards were sent to Nancy Palmquist and Sandi Kogan after surgery.

Welcome e-cards were sent to new members.

A \$50 donation was made to the Apollo High School Choir in the name of Marj Knutson

If you or another member could use a Sunshine card, please email your request to moonvalley-womensclub@gmail.com and a card will be sent out. If you would prefer to NOT to be included in the Report in The Echo, please let us know!