



Newsletter November 2024

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

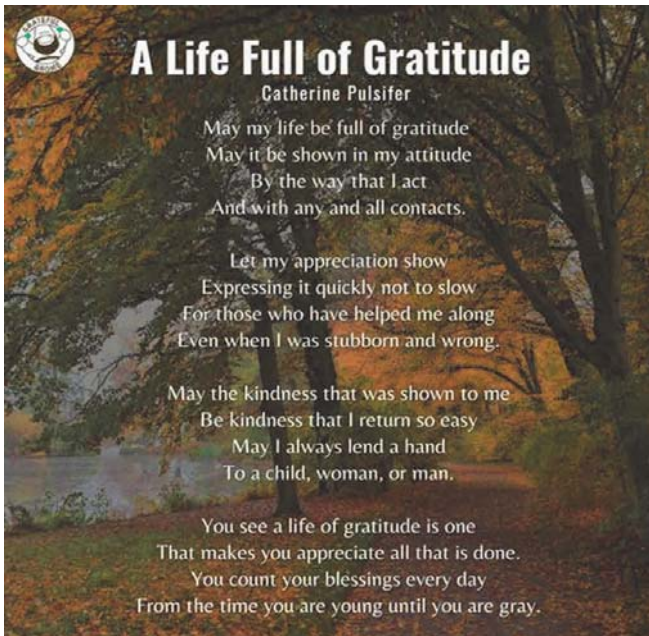
President's Message

Happy November!!

The Fall weather has finally come and I know we're all so happy to be out of that blistering heat. November is the month of GRATITUDE! And I'm SO THANKFUL for all you. This club has been such a blessing to me. The friendships and laughter I've experienced are priceless. If you are not plugged in to an activity group or have not attended one of our fabulous monthly luncheons or Moonlight Mixers, I invite you to get involved and meet the lovely ladies in this community!

We now have 280 members and we continue to grow and thrive. People need People (isn't that a song?) so don't be a stranger! And I hope that as you prepare for this Holiday Season, you're able to focus on what's important and meaningful to you. I am guilty of losing focus of what's important by getting wrapped up in the hustle and bustle of the season. And if you find that you're home by yourself this Thanksgiving, please let us know. No one should be alone during the holidays.

So to celebrate November and friendships, I want to leave you with this meaningful poem.



So ENJOY this month and be filled with Gratitude!

Warmly,

Koni Gould
2024-2025
President

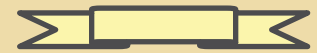


**Board Meetings are held at
6 PM on the first
Tuesday of the month.**

Interested in attending?

Contact us at

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



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



New Date!

December 19th Luncheon

**Maggiano's Little Italy
16404 N Scottsdale Rd
Scottsdale, 85254**

11:30 social, 12:00 Lunch

Cost: \$37/member, \$42/guest

**RSVP with \$ 37 payment by Dec. 12th
through Zelle: MVWCpayment@gmail.com**

**or by check (by Dec.7th)to:
MVWC**

**13236 N.7th St, Suite 4-307
Phoenix, AZ 85022**

Menu (Served Family Style)

Balsamic Tomato Bruschetta

Signature Caesar Salad

Rigatoni with Meat Sauce

Four Cheese Ravioli, Pesto Alfredo Sauce

Chicken Piccata

Warm Apple Crostada

Vera's Lemon Cookies

freshly baked Ciabatta Rolls

Coffee, Tea & Sodas

***If you need vegan or gluten-free, please note
that in the memo line with your payment.**

**Join us as our own Lynn Edwards
leads us in a
holiday sing-a-long,
accompanied by Jill Higgins
on the piano.**



Lynn Timmons Edwards

Lynn is a Member of MVWC and will be performing at our December luncheon, leading us in a non-secular sing-a-long!

Lynn is currently the Arizona correspondent for Cabaret Scenes the magazine/website of the American Songbook Association and has written many articles and reviews for the publication. (www.cabaretszenes.org) She has been writing and performing cabarets for years and is a former artistic member of the Theatre Artists Studio.

Lynn resides in both Phoenix and Flagstaff and is a member of the Flagstaff Assistance League where she volunteers in the Cedar Closet Thrift Shop and serves on the Public Relations and Resource Development committees.

In addition to writing and singing, Lynn plays bridge, pickleball and tennis and enjoys traveling with her husband and best friend, Bob. Born in Ohio, Lynn is a graduate of Denison University (BA), Arizona State University (MPA) and has lived in Arizona since 1977. She is retired from the Phoenix City Manager's office.





New Members!

Thank You to the following Members for your service!

Vicky Babb (Air Force)
Armida Herrera (Marines)
Kate Morgan (Navy)
Happy Veteran's Day!



Books will be sold for \$1 for soft cover, \$2 hard cover at the Literary Tea. Proceeds will go to the MVWC Service Project.



Moon Valley Women's Club Literary Tea Fundraiser!

Literary* Fundraiser Tea for The MVWC Service Project will be held at Betsy Ingram's, 828 W Moon Valley Drive on Saturday November 23, 2024 at 2 PM.

We have just a handful of seats still available! Please consider joining us by remitting your \$55 payment as soon as possible. Zelle payment sent to MVWCserviceproject@gmail.com

(Or by check to MVWC 13236 N 7th St, suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022)

At our upcoming Literary Tea Fundraiser, we are having a used book sale to raise additional funds for the MVWC Service Project. The National Charity League Moon Valley Chapter will be assisting with the event, and we are working with them to collect and donate books to the Sunnyslope K-8 School. Please join us in supporting these great causes by cleaning out your extra books.

The Fundraising Committee needs your books, and now is the perfect time to clear your shelves to make room for your 2025 reading list!! We are in need of your new and gently used books in good condition

- Current Adult Paperback and Hardcover books
- Children's and Young Adult books for grades K-8



Book donations are being collected at Moon Valley Chiropractic during regular business hours until November 15th. Additionally, you can contact Jena Ritchie (text), Betsy Ingram or Pam Gill to make donation arrangements.

For more information on the Literary Tea Fundraiser, please visit our website at <https://mvwomensclub.org/save-the-date-for-our-tea-party/> .

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: Linda Stiles



Meet Linda Stiles

Linda has been a member of MVWC for three years. She and her husband raised their children here in Moon Valley in the early 2000's, but just moved back about 5 years ago. Linda says that joining MVWC allowed her to meet the wonderful women in the neighborhood and to forge new friendships.



Linda has been married to Greg Stiles for 35 years. They have three children, two that live here in the Phoenix area, and one in heaven. According to Linda, the blessing of their life is their 6 year old grandson.

Linda works as the Executive Director of the State Employees Charitable Campaign, which is the state's workforce giving program raising money from the state employees to donate to Charity.

For fun, Linda enjoys watching classic movies and anything Christmas!

Linda is part of the Bunco B's Bunco group and the fundraising committee.

She is hosting a table at the Literary Tea. The theme of her table is Bridgerton, so she said members at her table should expect a royal good time!



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

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

In October, the Restaurant Review group tried a new restaurant, **Tesota** at 300 West Camelback Road next to the Changing Hands Book Store. The restaurant had a very unique menu...It was confusing, but with the help of wait staff, we were able to choose from; cheese burgers, salads, pizza, a cat fish sandwich (which got the best reviews), and Japanese and Mexican chorizo pizza . What a mix of tastes! The chef is very creative so if you're looking for something different, give it a try. The ratings for the price and the menu were marked down by a couple of our members' review to three or four stars. The wait staff, however, was excellent even with our large party. We gave them five stars for that! Most of us gave the food five stars. Many of the ladies said they will be back. Next month we plan to go to **Pappadeaux on Thursday, November 21st.**



Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

It was a beautiful fall day for an outing on October 10, when seven Matinee Friends took a short trip up to the PVCC theater to see **"Drop Dead"**. It was a couple of hours of silliness, as a cast of players tried to survive a rehearsal and performance of their show, despite falling lights, the murder of an actor and then the producer (who kept trying to insert his own very inappropriate "improvements" into the script), a very deaf elderly actress, and an English butler who tries very unsuccessfully to be French. All the time the manic stage manager rushes from side to side to back sweeping up broken props, repairing doorknobs, throwing fake snow, pushing the deaf actress onto the stage, and gagging the very unhappy and pushy playwright.



We enjoyed watching the nephew of Kathy Scott, our newsletter editor, trying to sit on a chair merely painted onto the backdrop (the producer gave only \$35 for set and props!) He did a fine job with one of the male lead roles. In fact, all the cast were very good at pretending to be bad actors, emoting all over the stage. Can the thespians save the show and their careers, solve the mystery, and somehow survive until the curtain falls?

More Activity Group Reports

Painting Group

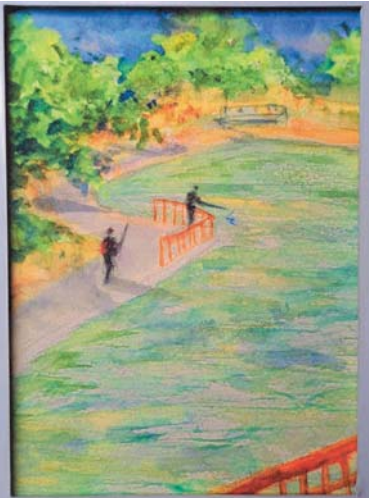
Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The painting group had beautiful weather to finally plan a meeting outside. We went to Roadrunner Park. The duck pond was remodeled so come out and enjoy the park on Cactus.



Next month we will be going to the Botanical Garden if you like to join us.

Harriet's painting



Classy Cooks II

Submitted by Jackie Genter and Sheila Mehlem

The Classy Cooks II group held their first Luncheon on November 9th. The theme and home-cooked meal resembled that of a Mexican Fiesta. The meal consisted of a variety of Appetizers (chips, dips, taco cups, ceviche, and fruit); First Course - Chicken Tortilla Soup; Entree - Relleno Casserole; Sides - Vegetables; Dessert - Creme Brulee with fresh fruit and whipped cream; Beverages included water, soda, orange and apple juice, margaritas, Mexican coffee and iced tea. The atmosphere was very festive with Mexican Folklore playing in the background. Everyone in the group contributed and participated in the preparation of this event. We had a great time and lots of food!



Still More Activity Group Reports

The Bunco Squad

Submitted by Kathy Scott

The Bunco Squad celebrated Halloween a day early during our meeting at The Moon Valley Grill. June brought us all us “Witches” hats to wear and we had to chose what kind of Witch name we wanted on our name tags. We had to share playing space that day with a canasta group that also was meeting there. Victoria (the “Sexy Witch”) was sent to ask the other group if they could move over some so we could get to our tables. They were kind enough to play in the booths along the side wall so we could move about our 3 tables. Mary Kay was the big winner of the day!



Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

The beautiful Tempe Center for the Arts on Tempe Town Lake was the destination for three Matinee Friends on Sunday afternoon, October 27. The play was **"Dial M for Murder"**, an adapted version of the classic revenge thriller. Set in 1952 the play had five characters: The Wife, her Lover (female) and author represented by the jealous money-grabbing Husband, the hired Killer, and the seemingly bumbling but actually perceptive police Detective. All these characters were portrayed by excellent actors. The set was a classy deco London apartment and the costumes were lovely. Although the plays I have seen have rarely (if ever) had background music, this drama was heightened by very effective compositions that intensified the atmosphere of intrigue and danger. The back of the stage was a video screen that showed the hall behind the apt. at times, and at other times acted as a window to the weather. It was particularly effective for the rain and lightning storm; we could actually see rain falling. Comic moments only served to intensify the atmosphere of tension. We very much enjoyed our thrilling afternoon.



Daytime Mah Jongg Group

Submitted by Carol Wilson

The Daytime Mah Jongg group met at the home of Kathleen Carlson the for their second meeting of the season. This group describes themselves as “Confident Intermediates”. If you are interested in learning the game, lessons take time and practice, but are available at the City of Phoenix Senior/Community Centers over 6 weeks. Margie Simchak is also willing to give lessons if a MVWC member organizes a learning group.

Classy Cooks

Submitted by Kathy Anders

November 6th Classy Cooks welcomed fall (FINALLY!) with a luncheon at Karen Zanzucchi's home. The menu included: turkey chili, butternut squash soup, corn bread, tea sandwiches, chilled apple raspberry salad with pumpkin muffins and mini cheesecakes for dessert. To shift our focus from news of the day to our principal issue – cooking, we started our lunch with mulled cider, a brie walnut appetizer and a quiz. Lin Felix was able to identify the most international dishes from photos and won the title (and oven mitt) for being the “Classiest Cook.”



MVWC Garden Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner & Nancy Lynch

On October 23, the MVWC Garden Group attended a Kokedama Workshop/Class at Wright in the Garden. Kokedama is a Japanese art of growing plants in a ball of soil with moss, on which an ornamental plant grows. The original idea came from Japan years ago where they use bonsai and kusamono planting styles. This method is very popular today, especially in Arizona's Japanese gardens. We all thoroughly enjoyed this class and came away with a huge amount of information, along with our very own Kokedama plant.



Crazy Train Dominoes

Submitted by Peg Guichard-Watters

For its October gathering, the Crazy Train dominoes group met at the home of Krystyna Bethell. Friends, food, and fun - what more could you ask for?! How nice it was for our hostess to have the low score and win most of the money. Renée Solinsky received her \$5 back by acquiring the high score. Don't spend all that money at once, ladies!

October Moonlight Mixer

Submitted by Koni Gould

The Moonlight Mixer held at Barrio Brewing Co. at the Deer Valley Airport was the bomb! Twenty Five ladies decorated 60 bags filled with candy, treats and other things like glue sticks and scissors and toothbrushes for kindergartners at Moon Mountain Elementary School. The teacher who oversees the program was beyond thrilled. Everyone had such a great time and the food was delicious. But the costumes were absolutely priceless and made the night! Thank you Abby Irish and Darlene Billings for organizing this! And also, thank you Kathy Moffitt for overseeing these events. (There will be no Moonlight Mixer in December.)





November Birthdays

- Robin Adrihan
- Julie Boney
- Mary Brierly
- Rose Carlson
- Lane Crofford
- Char Elbert
- Rebecca Ellner
- Betsy Froderman
- Kristin Gilger
- Susan Gilliland
- Mary Harris
- Barbara Jeter
- Bette Ladd
- Carol McDermott
- Julie Moore
- Michele Murphy
- Karen Pelatt
- Kate Phalen
- Debbie Schaub
- Marta Smith
- Mardelle Steward
- Flor Tromelin
- Patty Veleta



FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Suzu Howell has been a regular blood donor since 1974, including once in Malaysia (where they only draw half the amount of blood as in America since Malaysians are so much smaller than Americans).



Karen Larsen can still do handstands and cartwheels!

Marypat Kudray-Flores' husband fell in love with her at first site when she was dressed head to toe as a unicorn at a Halloween Party!



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)

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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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2024 Yum-Raising Event
Now through 12/6/2024

MVWC Service Project Storefront
Help us turn candy into cash

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/mvwcspring_winter58/Katkaf3877/candy



January Moonlight Mixer: Boot Scootin' Boogie Line Dancing

More info coming soon!



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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Sunshine Report



A Sympathy card was sent to Verlene Ross after the loss of her mother.

Welcome e-cards were sent to new members.

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!

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