



Newsletter December 2024



Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

President's Message

Happy December, Peeps!

We are so grateful that you are part of this wonderful club! We are now 288 members strong and continue to get inquiries from potential new members each month. Many of you are telling your friends about us and we are thrilled to have so many lovely ladies join us.

If you missed the Literary Tea, you won't want to miss the next one. It was a smashing success! Over 70 ladies dressed up and joined us for a fabulous day of shopping our book sale (with over 1,000 books), enjoying scrumptious sandwiches, scones & desserts whilst (yes, I said "whilst" –you're welcome, Mary Harris) sipping delicious tea & listening to a wonderful storyteller. A HUGE thank you to all who were involved in creating & implementing this awesome event! A special shout out to Betsy Ingram who graciously opened her home to us and Jena Ritchie and her team, who did an amazing job with gift baskets & ensuring that everyone had a wonderful time. A whopping \$2,300 was raised for our Service Project and we couldn't be more pleased.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

For those of you who've signed up for the December luncheon, we look forward to seeing you on the 19th at Maggiano's. Our own Lynn Edwards will be leading us in Holiday songs & carols. And it will be a very festive day!

Upcoming January events are in the newsletter (including info on our Jan. luncheon at Lovecraft) and on our Facebook page. If you've not yet joined us on FB, we encourage you to!

From the entire Board, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and a Healthy New Year!
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



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.



Newsletter Submissions are due by the 8th of each month.

Send submissions to
Kathy Scott
kaffscott59@gmail.com



**January 9th Luncheon
Lovecraft**

**3128 E. Cactus Rd,
Phoenix 85032**

11:30 social, 12:00 Lunch

Cost: \$40/member, \$45/guest

**RSVP with \$ 40 payment by January 2nd
through Zelle: MVWCpayment@gmail.com
or by check (by Dec. 30th) to:**

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

**Buffet Menu includes Chips, Salsa,
Guacamole and Green Chile Queso Dip
(all Gluten Friendly & Vegan)**

Superfood Salad (Gluten friendly & Vegan)

Taco Bar

- Smoked Brisket (Gluten Free)
- Smoked Chicken (Gluten Free)
- Corn Tortillas (Gluten Friendly)
- Cilantro (Gluten Friendly & Vegan)
- Onions (Gluten Friendly & Vegan)
- Cheese (Gluten Friendly)
- Lettuce (Gluten Friendly & Vegan)
- Tomatoes (Gluten Friendly & Vegan)
- Beans (*Gluten Friendly & Vegan)
- Rice (*Gluten Friendly)

Enchilada Casserole

Chocolate Hazelnut Cake for dessert

Iced tea, soda (Sprite, Coke, Diet Coke)

***Wine, Beer, Cocktails available for Purchase**

**Speaker at the
January Luncheon:**

Hope Pack

**“Ditching the Days
of Dry skin and
dark spots!”**



Hope is a Dermatology Nurse Practitioner with an MBA, bringing a unique blend of clinical expertise and business acumen to her practice. With nearly 10 years of combined experience in dermatology and complex wounds, Hope has developed a deep understanding of skin health and patient needs. Throughout her career, Hope noticed a common complaint among patients: a lack of sufficient time and personalized attention from their dermatologists. This observation, coupled with her passion for providing high-quality, patient-centered care, inspired Hope to open her own mobile concierge dermatology practice, bringing your dermatology appointment right to your doorstep.

By establishing this practice, Hope aims to revolutionize the patient experience in dermatology. She is committed to offering flexible scheduling and extended appointment times, ensuring that each patient receives the thorough evaluation and considerate treatment they deserve. Hope's concierge approach allows her to focus on building meaningful relationships with her patients, providing them with the time and attention that is often lacking in the traditional healthcare system. Hope's dedication to excellence and patient satisfaction is the driving force behind her practice, making her a trusted and valued provider in the field of dermatology.

Hope is also a Moon Valley resident of 15 years, and a member of MVWC. She resides here with her husband, Matt, 3 retired/rescued greyhounds, and one cat.

We will be discussing:

Dry Skin and Dark Spots, why we get it, tips and tricks to combat them at home, including products and supplements, and when it's time to see a dermatologist.



New Members!

Remember this month's Luncheon is on Dec. 19th at Maggiano's 16404 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, 85254



Mary Bennett

(Sponsored by Kay Ames)

Judy Burley

(Sponsored by Nancy Lynch)

Cathy Byram (return +1)

Carolyn Kelly

(Sponsored by Cheryl Lisker)

Debbie Laut

Natalya Ratan

Catherine Rothschild

Julie Vanderway



Charlene Tatz 1940-2024



Charlene was a former longtime member of MVWC. She passed away on November 27, 2024. Charlene was active in many groups, including Dirty Dozen Bunco group, Card games and a couple of different Book Clubs. Before she became ill, she enjoyed selling raffle tickets at our luncheons. She is survived by her 2 daughters, their spouses, and a son, as well as 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 2 sister-in laws. Her services were held on December 8th.

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

LARGE GRANTS AWARDED & NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Thanks to the fundraising efforts by MVWC members, the Service Project Board was able to award a total of \$ 10,000 to five local organizations this year. These large grants were given to organizations that were sponsored by a MVWC member. We are delighted to share the following Large Grant details:

\$2,000 - About Care, Inc. - A program for independent, low-income, and homebound seniors, many who are food insecure. With these funds they would purchase \$50 gift cards to popular grocery stores to distribute to clients in need. Their goal is to reach 40 clients over the next year. Their volunteers would take clients to the grocery store or shop for the client and drop off groceries.

\$ 500 - Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli-AZ - for purchasing traditional costumes for the Yucatecan dances, sourced directly from artisans. The student recipients will receive instruction in traditional Mexican dance. Their program is inclusive and welcoming to anyone interested in learning folkloric dance.

\$2,500 - GenTech Foundation - to provide high-quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education to students in low-income schools in Maricopa County. This project will support the implementation of hands-on, real-world tech programs in underserved schools, ensuring that students who might not otherwise have access to these resources can learn essential skills to be successful in the future workforce. STEM education is often unavailable in their schools. Moon Mountain, Shaw Butte and Sunnyslope Elementary Schools are all Title 1 schools and would qualify for this opportunity.

\$2,500 - Homeless ID Project - for helping to empower individuals and families to end their homelessness and rebuild their lives by helping them obtain their U.S. birth certificate and an Arizona picture I D. AZ I.D. costs \$12. The cost of an Arizona birth certificate is \$20. The cost of a birth certificate from the other 49 states varies from zero to nearly \$100.

\$2,500 - The Undie Chest - Everyone Deserves Underwear (E.D.U.) This program addresses the challenges of students, especially those who are facing homelessness and the lack of essential resources due to foreseen or unforeseen circumstances in their households. The E.D.U. program aims to collaborate with school administrators and nurses to supply underwear. This will help boost students' self-esteem and confidence, allowing them to focus on building their futures rather than worrying about their wardrobe.

We are pleased to announce that Ricki Pagano and Kathy Zeblisky are joining our Board in January.

Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Chair
MVWC Service Project Board

It's not too late to make a 2024 donation for the holiday adoption project!

You may make your donation directly to Moon Valley Service Project via Zelle to:

mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com

To donate by check, make check payable to MVWC Service Project, mail to Mary Harris, Treasurer, MVWC Service Project Board, 418 E. Monte Cristo Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85022 by 12/20/2024.



Thank you in advance for your help!

The First Annual Literary Tea was a ROARING success!!!

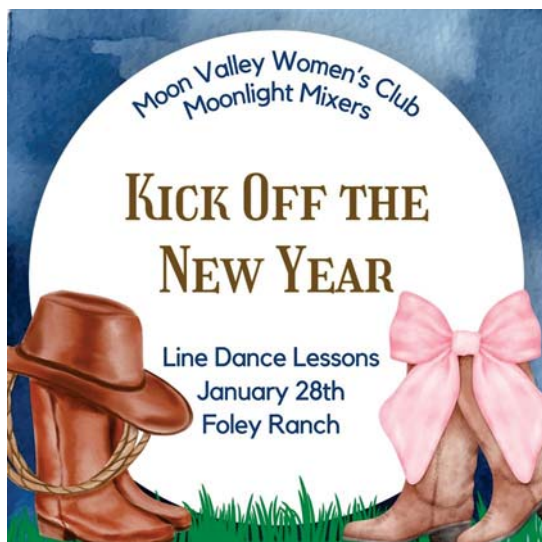
We made \$2300 dollars for the Service Project! Almost 80 ladies attended this extravaganza in Betsy Ingram's backyard and it was a BEAUTIFUL day! Aside from delicious tea, sandwiches, scones, and yummy desserts, we had an amazing storyteller and a fabulous book sale with over 1,000 books!!

A HUGE thank you to Betsy and John for allowing us to descend on their property for two solid days. Thank you to the **National Charity League** for volunteering to serve us! They were absolutely remarkable. And thank you to all of the table leaders who created WONDERFUL table settings around their creative themes.

But the biggest THANK YOU goes to Jena, our fundraising chairperson, who created this FABULOUS event and executed it with her committee in grand fashion.

Not all tables are shown, sorry!





**Kick off the New Year with Boot
Scootin' Boogies!**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 28th, at Foley Ranch for co-ed beginner line dancing lessons! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 PM, followed by dance lessons at 7:00 PM. A big thanks to Terry May and Sandi Powelson for making this happen!



January Moonlight Mixer

Line Dance Class & Social

January 28th

Cost \$20

Foley Ranch

at Desert Ridge

21001 N Tatum Blvd, # 93

Phoenix, AZ

5:30 for appetizers

7:00 dance lessons

Zelle payment to

MVWCpayment@gmail.com

referencing January Moonlight Mixer

by January 24th

Or mail or drop off check to:

Moon Valley Women's Club

13236 N &th St, Suite 4-307

Phoenix, AZ 85022

by January 21st.



*The November Moonlight Mixer
was held at Soap Des Jour
where several ladies enjoyed
some potluck
appetizers along
with candle and
soap making.*



Activity Group Reports

Restaurant Review

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

Wow, our **Pappadeaux** get-together in December was a blast! Making reservations was super easy this time – they finally take them! Our waiter was amazing, really adding to the fun. The food? Mixed bag, honestly! Some people were totally blown away by their meals – "terrific!" was the word of the day for a few. Others felt their dishes weren't quite as good as they remembered, especially the lobster bisque and crab cakes.

We all agreed the desserts and drinks were incredible – seriously, top-notch! And those Po'boys? Holy moly, they were HUGE! Easily enough for two!



Our next meeting will be at Salt and Lime!



Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, five Matinee Friends visited the Scottsdale Desert Stages Theatre to see the teen version of "Footloose". The theater is inside Scottsdale Fashion Square and can be difficult to find if one has never been there (behind the escalator at one end of the food court). And parking in the right place can be a challenge. But it was all worth it as we all greatly enjoyed this show. We remembered the movie, but I kept being surprised to realize that song after familiar song actually came from this show! Also, at the beginning I was thinking "oh where is Kevin Bacon??!"; this guy is NOT him. But by the second act especially the teen playing Ren was so relaxed and easy in his dancing and singing and throwing his whole body into the moves that I was "who needs Kevin Bacon??"

All the leads were great. The female star was beautiful and had a lovely voice and could kick her leg up past her nose! All the kids were totally invested in their roles. The choreography was really good, especially when all the kids, at least 25 of them, were dancing on the relatively small stage at once. It was obvious that they had worked very hard to prepare for this show. Once again, we were very impressed by Teen actors!

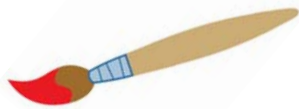


More Activity Group Reports

Painting Group

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The painting group met in early December at the Desert Botanical Gardens. When we visited the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens they were all decorated for the holidays. The star of show (I really should say Christmas tree) was made out of succulents, very creative! Several painters made Christmas cards. We welcomed a new member Rhonda to our paint group, thanks for joining us. Next month the painting group will meet on the second Thursday, January 9 and visit the Sahuaro Farm to paint some peacocks. Interested in joining us? Contact Maripat.



Grape Expectations Wine Group

Submitted by Kathy Moffitt



Cheers to Nancy Lynch and Maripat Kudray-Flores for planning a fantastic Grape Expectations event at GenuWine Wine Bar! From self-serve wines to delicious charcuterie, it was an unforgettable evening filled with great sips & even better company.



Still More Activity Group Reports

Daytime MahJongg Group

In December the daytime MahJongg group played at Becky Colbert's home. Playing were Cheryl Lisker, Janice Parker, Kathleen Carlson, Becky, Julie Moore, Lynn Edwards, Susan Bryner and Carol Wilson. (Photo taken by Carol Wilson)



Moderate Hiking Group

Submitted by Koni Gould



The Moderate Hiking Group hiked Dreamy Draw November 20th and enjoyed brunch at 32 Shea afterwards.

Easy Hiking Group

Submitted by Becky Colbert

The Easy Hiking Group enjoyed a beautiful, cool morning on November 14th, hiking on Lookout Mountain. Thank you to Susan Bryner for leading the hike!



Museum & Special Events Group (December)

Submitted by Rosalie Welty

In December, our group went to breakfast at First Watch followed by a visit to the Swedish Christmas Market in Scottsdale. Everyone enjoyed a great breakfast, visiting with each other, and browsing through the charming Scandinavian Christmas decorations & decor.



Activity Group Reports continued

Museum & Special Events Group (November)

Submitted by Rosalie Welty and Jackie Gentner

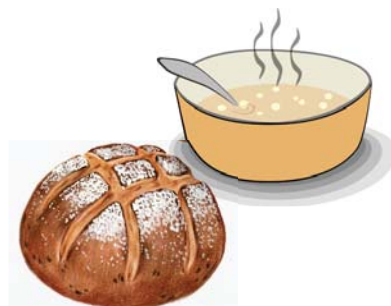
In November the Museum & Special Events group went to "Hidden in the Hills" which is an opportunity to visit artists in their home studios in Carefree & Cave Creek. This is the 28th year the Sonoran Art League has offered this event, & thanks to Marcia Balestrino, our 8th year of attending. Marcia, our member, who lives in Cave Creek kindly sets up our restaurant for breakfast, gets our maps, & establishes a route for us to drive to a few of these various studios including the school for young artists. We had a great time viewing the wide variety of art.



MVWC Star Bakers

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The Star Bakers branched out to cooking soup and bread to celebrate this month's colder weather. We had Czechoslovakia cabbage soup, lentil, green chile chicken soup with Texas spicy corn bread and Vichyssoise. For dessert we all enjoyed gooey chocolate date cake topped with walnuts and chocolate chips. We had two new members this time! Chrissy Hempelman and Linda Green, thank you for joining us.



Last of Activity Group Reports

Bunco Squad

Submitted by Kathy Scott

The Bunco Squad met November 20th at Moon Valley Grill for lunch and games. A few of us had met the day before at Maria's house to learn how to knit with our thumbs. I can say that I wasn't very successful, as Maria kept my attempt in order to fix it... but she showed up on Wednesday with the repaired scarves and we thought it warranted a picture.



Mary Kay and Gail were the most coordinated of us and produced beautiful scarves!



Good thing (for me, anyway) that there's not much skill required for Bunco!

The Star Bakers held their Cookie Exchange on December 10th.

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The Star Bakers turned out in full force this month with 12 ladies joining us at Linda Green's beautiful home. We had Christmas cookies in all shapes and flavors and had a kitchen tool gift exchange. We only had 2 duplicates with pineapple cutters and flat metal scrapers. I guess we'll be seeing more pineapple recipes! Next month, we'll be using fruit and meeting on January 21st at Sheila Mehlem's. If you are interested in sharing your favorite recipe, text Maripat.





FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

December Birthdays

- Claudia Clair
- Diana Fihn
- Jean Galan
- Patti Garrity
- Jackie Gentner
- Pam Gill
- Susan Hertel
- Betsy Ingram
- Clee Johnston
- Mary Joy Kenderdine
- Patricia King
- Karen Kinney
- Nancy Kornfield
- Vicki Lamb
- Cheryl Lisker
- Santhe Louisiana
- Mary Lynott
- Ginger McDonnell
- Sherry Nankin
- Jackie Norvell
- Natalya Ratan
- Moj Saberi
- Audrey Sangerman
- Sue Sherman
- Connie Vogt



Morgan Bartlett raced go-karts as a kid and young adult!



Bonnie Trepak Is a certified scuba diver!

Helen Purcell was a basketball player in high school!



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

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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Our MVWC Service Project Board needs 1 new member-at-large. Volunteers or suggestions from other MVWC members should be emailed to Sandi Kogan, Chair MVWC SP Board.

stkphx@cox.net

Applications will be sent out and will be due back by January 10th.

Save the date!

Feb. 13th is our Past Presidents' luncheon at Bobby Q

Our Speaker will be Fox Sports Commentator Jody Jackson



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/>



President	Koni Gould
Vice President	Annette McClure
Treasurer	Julie Moore
Secretary	Carol Wilson
2024-2025 MVWC Executive Board	

**Happy Holidays
form your MVWC
Board!**



General Board

Primary Programs & Venues	Gwen Gardner, Michele Baker, Kathy Hellan
Evening Programs & Venues	Kathy Moffitt
Membership	Mary Brierly
Newsletter Editor	Kathy Scott
Records	Pepper Starobin
Webmaster	Michele Workman

Newsletter Editor: Kathy Scott

Send your newsletter submissions to: kaffscott59@gmail.com

Sunshine Report



A Sympathy card was sent to the family of Charlene Tatz.

A Get Well card was sent to Prudence Lee.

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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