



Moon Valley  
Women's Club



## Newsletter January 2025

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

### President's Message

Happy New Year, Peeps!

I hope everyone had wonderful Holiday & New Year celebrations with your friends & families! My daughter who lives in Italy was here for two weeks and it was incredibly special to have her home. Sadly, it ended too quickly. But it's time to reboot, get back to reality & kickoff the year with fresh goals & resolutions. And speaking of which, I hope that those of you who came to the January luncheon at Lovecraft enjoyed all the dermatology tips that our own Hope Pack gave us! I was definitely inspired to implement better, healthy habits into my daily routine. Next month's luncheon will also be super special as we have Jody Jackson, commentator for the AZ Diamondbacks, as our guest speaker. And, in celebration of President's Month, we will also be honoring our Past Presidents at this luncheon. So you won't want to miss it!

I would also like to mention that now is the time we start nominating our deserving awards recipients (see the details in the newsletter) and we also start thinking about leadership for next year. If you, or someone you know, would be a stellar addition to our Board and/or Committees, I would love to talk to you. Currently, we have an opening for next year's Fundraising Chair as Jena will step down after two fantastic years. And we may have other spots to fill as well. We are always looking for wonderful volunteers to join our team and bring fresh ideas. So don't be afraid to step up!

It's an honor to be part of such a great organization! I love our members and I hope you are enjoying being part of this wonderful club! My door is always open for suggestions or to just have coffee and get to know you better!

Warmly,  
Koni Gould  
2024-2025  
President



Happy  
New Year

**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](mailto: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



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

Send submissions to:

Kathy Scott

[kaffscott59@gmail.com](mailto:kaffscott59@gmail.com)



**February's  
Guest Speaker:  
Jody Jackson  
Fox Sports  
Commentator**

Jody Jackson is a well-respected sports anchor and reporter for FOX Sports Arizona. She is a 6-time Emmy Award winner and has become "the most visible female sportscaster in Arizona history", according to The Arizona Republic. After 23 years with the regional network serving as host and reporter during Diamondbacks & Coyotes broadcasts, Jackson continues that role as a host and reporter for Dbacks TV MLB).

From 2001-2017 Jackson was the preseason host and reporter for Arizona Cardinals broadcasts on both FOX 10 and ABC 15.

As part of Fox Sports Arizona's coverage of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury, Jackson reported court-side as well as hosting Suns Live from 2006-2012.

She will have some great stories to share with us about her career.



**New Members!**

**Satwant (Satty) Bhowra**

**Deborah Laut**



**February 13th Luncheon  
Come celebrate our Past Presidents\*\*  
and our Baked Goods Auction  
at**

**Bobby Q  
8501 N, 27th Ave  
Phoenix, 85051**

**11:30 social, 12:00 Lunch**

**Cost: \$36/member, \$40/guest**

**Guest Speaker: Jody Jackson**

**RSVP with \$36 payment by February 6th  
through Zelle: [MVWCpayment@gmail.com](mailto:MVWCpayment@gmail.com)  
or by check (by Feb. 2) to: MVWC  
13236 N.7th St, Suite 4-307  
Phoenix, AZ 85022**

**Meal Choices will be made at the restaurant.**

Appetizers for each table to share include Crispy Sweet Onion Block and Spinach Artichoke Queso Dip.

Each entrée includes choice of one side: Mac & Cheese, Ranch Beans, Pecan Coleslaw, Roasted Corn, Mashed Potatoes, or Vegetable of the Day.

Entrée choices: Sliced Beef Brisket Sandwich, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Pulled BBQ Chicken sandwich and Bob's Salad ( Rotisserie chicken, goat cheese, apples, celery, cranberries, and walnuts tossed with homemade Dijon vinaigrette dressing).

Soft drink, tea, or coffee included.

\*Wine, Beer, Cocktails available for Purchase

\*\*List of Past Presidents is on the next page



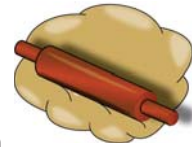
## Moon Valley Women's Club Past Presidents

1970- Celeste Basehart	1992- 1993- Sandi Kogan*
1971- Barbara Jennings	1994- Janet LaPlante*
1972- Maureen Dotterer	1995-1996- Joan Cunningham*
1973- Mary Thorson	1997- Celeste Pettijohn
1974- Peggy Dillihunt	1998- 1999- Barbara Jeter*
1975- Nancy Burgess	2000- Gail Haugland
1976- Sheri Graham	2001-2002- Bea Vivio
1977- Dolly Burgard	2003-2004- Susan Crotty*
1978- Carolyn Estrada	2005-2006- Sandi Kogan*
1979- Sharron Meyer	2007-2008- Marilyn Drake*
1980- Joyce King	2009- Mimi Raushelbach
1981- Jane Hotchkiss Hilton	2010-2011- Karin Schardt*
1982- Sharon Thorne-Reay	2012-2013- Margy Simchak*
1983- Kathleen Donahoe	2014- Mary Henigar*
1984- Dorothy Mattox	2015-2016 Pat Clegg*
1985- Nancy Remillard	2017- Mary Henigar*
1986- Nancy Bledsoe	2018-2019- Bev Carkeek
1987- Susan Morris	2019- 2021- Kristin Carkeek*
1988- Patricia Mosby*	2021-2023- Betsy Ingram*
1989- Jane Tatalak	2023-2024- Pam Gill*
1990- Cindy Coleman	
1990-1991- Allison Struble	

\* Current MVWC Member

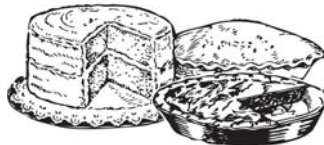
## Calling all Bakers... We're having our annual Baked Goods Auction at the February Luncheon!

Do you love to bake? Want others to see your creations? Want to help a good cause? Please consider making a Baked item for this year's auction at the February Luncheon at Bobby Q's! This has been one of our biggest fundraisers in the past for the Service Project group. You do not need to be in an



organized Baking or Cooking group in order to submit an item for the Auction, anyone can donate! Breads, such as Zucchini bread, Banana Bread, Sour dough also accepted.

**Please text Jena Ritchie 904-955-8327 and let her know what you're submitting.**



The MVWC Service Project is still seeking donations of gift cards for upcoming projects. If you received gift cards during the Holidays, please consider donating some to the Service Project Group.

Contact Jena Ritchie for more information.

## 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**



## Service Project Reports

Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Service Project Chair

### Thanksgiving Project

The Service Project Board Budgeted \$1,000 for Thanksgiving for ten families from Moon Mountain Elementary School. Each family received a turkey gift card to buy a turkey or ham and produce. They also received a WalMart gift card to buy other groceries, paper goods, and toiletries. These gift cards were restricted so the families couldn't buy alcohol, cigarettes, ammunition or lottery tickets.

The families sent thank you cards and a few of their messages are included here:



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## Member Sponsorship Forms for Small Grants are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Chair, MVWC Service Project Board

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

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

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

Be sure to submit by email to [mvwserviceproject@gmail.com](mailto:mvwserviceproject@gmail.com) or mail to:

MVWC Service Project, Small Grant Sponsorship, 13236 N. 7th St, Suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022

## **2024 Holiday Family Adoption Project**

**Submitted by Sandi Kogan, Service Project Group Coordinator**

Many thanks to everyone who helped bring the Holidays to the forty (40) families Adopted at Sunnyslope K-8 School and Moon Mountain Elementary. Each shopper was assigned one or more families to shop for, including clothes, shoes, underwear, socks and gifts for the children, plus household gifts for the parents. Shoppers used their own funds and/or funds from our MVWC Service Project Budget for their purchases. They then labeled the gifts and delivered them in large gift bags to the Social Worker at Sunnyslope K-8 School or the Health Technician and Social Worker at Moon Mountain Elementary School.

The families picked up their gifts at the school. In addition, each family received WinCo gift cards to purchase food and other groceries. These gift cards were restricted so they couldn't be used for cigarettes, alcohol, or lottery tickets.

Thanks to this year's shoppers: Michele Baker, Kathy Bryant, Cathy Byram, Leslie Cadby, Katie Caris, Gwen Gardner, Judy Gardner, Judy Geske, Koni Gould, Grape Expectations Wine Group, Rita Graves, Susan Hart, Kathy Hellan, Therese Hoffman, Shannon Kasallis, Lorraine Keil, Karen Kinney, Sandi Kogan, Jamie Kunkle, Terry May, Patty McCarthy, Kathy Moffitt, Holly Moore, Mary Moore, Harriet Moser, Barb Nicholls, Jackie Norvell, Ricki Pagano, Nancy Palmquist, Jody Rhodes, Jill Rosato, Moj Saberi, Kathy Scott, Sandy Short, Julie Vanderway, Julie Ward, Rosalie Welty, Tracy White, and Kathy Zeblisky (with her 2 sisters).

Thanks to our members and friends who donated over \$11,000 to stretch our funds – A HUGE SUCCESS!



## Nominate a LEADER and a VOLUNTEER for Recognition by the Moon Valley Women's Club

We are excited to announce the opportunity for you to recognize the exceptional women who demonstrate outstanding Leadership and also have a commitment to Volunteerism within the Moon Valley Women's Club. As members of our vibrant group of women, you have the opportunity to highlight those whose contributions have made an impact this past year. **Deadline for nominations is February 28, 2025.**

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to inspire others, that leads with integrity and dedicates their time and talents to making a difference in the MVWC? Now is the the time to shine a spotlight on their efforts. Nominate one person for Leadership, one person for Volunteerism or the same person for both.

\* **LEADERSHIP** - Someone who leads with vision, inspires others and makes a positive impact on the women of the MVWC

\* **VOLUNTEERISM** - Someone who selflessly gives their time, energy and skills to support the initiatives and ideals of the MVWC

Please consider nominating an individual honoring their hard work which also encourages others to follow in their footsteps in strengthening our organization.

### How to Nominate by 2/28/2025:

\* Submit your nomination by going online to Moon Valley Women's Club website at <https://www.mvwomensclub.org/recognition-program/>

\* Please provide a brief description of how the nominee exemplifies Leadership or Volunteerism along with specific examples of their contributions.

\* The Recognition Committee evaluates all submissions by March 31 and honorees are recognized at the April 2025 MVWC luncheon.

### Past Honorees are:

#### LEADERSHIP

2023-2024 Kristin Carkeek

2022-2023 Betsy Ingram

2021-2022 Sandi Kogan

2020-2021 Lin Felix



#### VOLUNTEERISM

Michele Workman

Rosalie Welty

Karen Zanzucchi

Debbie Kovesdy

## Classy Cooks 2025 Raffle

We are so excited to announce that we will be holding our annual fundraising raffle to attend the Classy Cooks year-end dinner, “**The Great Gatsby Gala**”. There will be two winners drawn, and each winner can bring a guest (spouse, friend, family member, etc.) to this roaring 20’s evening of drinks, appetizers, dinner and dessert with the swinging ladies of the Classy Cooks!

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

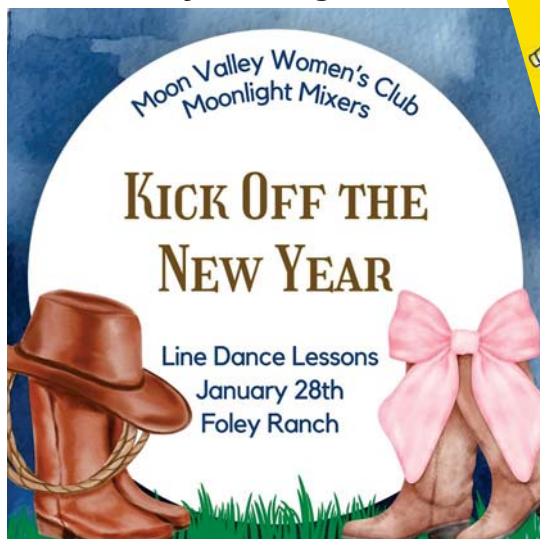
“**The Great Gatsby Ball**” will be held **Saturday, April 5 th at 6:00 pm at the Speakeasy of Lin & Armando Felix.**

The drawing will be held at the March 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 luncheons, or any time via Zelle at [mvcwserviceproject@gmail.com](mailto:mvcwserviceproject@gmail.com) (please indicate “Classy Cooks” in the memo). You only have two months to get your tickets instead of three due to the early date of the dinner, so go get your ticket as this will be the “Bees Knees”!!!



### January Moonlight Mixer



Tuesday, January 28th

Cost \$20

(\$5 of which goes to the Service Project)

Foley Ranch (at Desert Ridge)  
21001 N Tatum Blvd, # 93, Phoenix, AZ

5:30 for appetizers

7:00 co-ed dance lessons

Zelle payment to

[MVWCpayment@gmail.com](mailto: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.





## Activity Group Reports

### Matinee Friend

Submitted by Carol Janoff

On Saturday afternoon, December 14, five Matinee Friends took a very short trip to All Saints Lutheran Church on 7th St. to see ProMusica Arizona's Christmas concert. ProMusica is the valley's only chorale with orchestra and we are so lucky that one of their performance venues is so close to us. For the first number a handbell choir joined the fun. We were invited to sing along with a few of the familiar carols. The second half of the program included a couple of unfamiliar and very fun numbers. The "Countdown to Christmas" about this hectic time of year was performed to the tune of "Babes in Toyland" and had us laughing. The finale was a "Musicological Journey through The Twelve Days of Christmas", by Craig Courtney, in which each of the Days was sung in the style of a different musical period. My favorite was day 8 to Wagner's "The Ride of the Valkyries". If you are a music lover I urge you to look this up on YouTube.



This concert was a lovely way to celebrate the season! We plan to attend more concerts by this wonderful and very talented group.



### Easy Hiking Group (December)

Submitted by Julie Pek

Hikers took to Trail 100 in the Shaw Butte area on December 11th. It was a cool start to the day but after a mile everyone warmed up. The hikers then gathered at Bear and The Honey for some hot coffee and yummy treats. Everyone enjoyed getting exercise and catching up with each other before the busy holidays.

Pictured (left to right)

(Front): Paula Cullison, Kathleen Carlson, Yolanda Haggerty

(Back) Becky Colbert, Lynn Edwards, Susan Bryner, Julie Pek, Julie Moore



## More Activity Group Reports

### Restaurant Review

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

Hey everyone!

So, we went to Salt and Lime Modern Mexican Cantina, and wow, it was decked out for Christmas! Seriously, they go all out – the whole place is transformed in November. Think twinkling lights everywhere, gold-wrapped walls, huge bows on the chairs... It's super festive and perfect for Christmas photos! They even have a sleigh, a Grinch, and Santa – great for some fun holiday pics.

The food was amazing! But fair warning: their green chile is seriously spicy, and even the green salad has a kick! Honestly, their mole was even better than my go-to place in Cave Creek – high praise! The staff was super accommodating too; they happily customized dishes for us – turning a mole taco into enchiladas for one friend, and adding shrimp to a chili relleno for another. I'm already planning my next visit to try that shrimp relleno!

The only minor downside? You have to order chips separately. And if you're going in December, reservations are a MUST. They also have a 10-person limit per table, so we had to snag two. But honestly, it was totally worth it! Thank you Heather for your suggestion, great place for Christmas worth the drive to Scottsdale.





## Still More Activity Group Reports



### Red Hot Rollers Bunco Group

The Red Hot Rollers Bunco group met at Wendy's house in December. Melissa made a wonderful festive spread for us and we enjoyed great food, great company and sometimes great rolls of the dice. Armida was the big winner for the second month in a row!



### Daytime Bunco Squad

The Bunco Squad celebrated the holidays with games at the Moon Valley Grill in December. June decided we were all Christmas Angels and made us angel nametags.

We are thankful to our faithful subs who are willing to play when our regulars are unavailable!



### Bunco Bees

Submitted by Koni Gould

In December, the Bunco Bees had their annual white elephant gift exchange and potluck. Lots of silliness ensued and we celebrated a birthday! Too much fun <3 Audrey was the big winner at Left, Right, Center. I think she won \$18, LOL. Sorry we couldn't get all of the pics in!



## Activity Group Reports continued

### Moon Valley Women's Garden Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

On December 16, 2024, the Moon Valley Women's Garden Group attended a presentation at Berridge Nursery located at 40th Street and Camelback. The presentation included information on types of plants to plant during the winter months, timetable for watering plants, soil preparation, along with responding to questions and answers from our group. Additionally, we visited the beautiful Berridge Christmas display and store. This was a wonderful event and certainly put us all in the Christmas spirit.



### Classy Cooks II

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

On December 11, the MVWC Classy Cooks II, prepared a luncheon with Vietnamese influence. The host selected the theme and provided each of the group members with a recipe to make a dish for our luncheon. It was fantastic! We had a great lunch, lots of mingling, and a whole lot of fun.

Our menu included the following:

**Beverages:** Water, Herbal tea, and soft drinks.

**Appetizers:** Fried Vietnamese Bread Sticks, Cashew Cheese with Banh Phong Tom Crackers, Vietnamese Garlic Shrimp.

**Entrée:** Vietnamese Pho

**Dessert:** Coconut Ice Cream w/Toasted Coconut Flakes, Pineapple Whipped Ice Cream.



### Easy Hiking Group (January)

Submitted by Julie Pek

Starting off the new year on a chilly morning, the group took a 3-mile hike on Trail 100, starting at the 40 th Street & Shea location. Twelve-strong and in great spirits we all got to catch up with each other as we enjoyed the desert. Then we had coffee and breakfast at Over Easy.



From left to right: Michele, Yolanda, Kathleen, Ricki, Cheryl, Nancy, Lynn, Connie, Becky, Paula, Julie M. and Julie P.



## Last of Activity Group Reports

### Guys, Gals and Games

pictures submitted by Lynn Edwards

#### Festive Game Night in December



If you'd like to see your group's activities featured, please have someone submit a few sentences about your activity and a picture (if possible) to Kathy Scott **by the 8th of the month!**

We know there is so much more going on within our club!

[kaffscott59@gmail.com](mailto:kaffscott59@gmail.com)

## December Luncheon at Maggiano's

We had a wonderful turnout for our December Luncheon at Maggiano's in Scottsdale. While enjoying delicious food and great fellowship, we were entertained by our own Lynn Timmons Edwards accompanied by Jill Higgins on the piano. Some of our members were lucky enough to win the drawing for the Poinsettias. What a nice way to kick off the Holiday Season!







# FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

## January Birthdays

- Patty Baird
- Roseanne Boyle
- Katie Caris
- Hue Chase
- Becky Colbert
- Cindy Dade
- Teresa Darling
- Linda Figg
- Judith Gangi
- Gail Hobrock
- Carole Hyde
- Carolyn Keagle
- Lorraine Keil
- Janet LaPlante
- Barbara Leffler
- Parveen Ranjan
- Kathy Rose
- Amy San Roman
- Joan Scott
- Michele Workman

**Lin Felix** taught Charm School for 3 years for Montgomery Wards!



**Pam Fischer** was a Magician's Assistant!

**Lorraine Keil** traveled on the Orient Express!



*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:MVWCserviceproject@gmail.com)  
Remember to describe what your payment is for in the Memo box. (Event name or project)

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## Save the Date for our next Moonlight Mixer!

**Kocktails & Karaoke: Let's Sing, Sip, & Celebrate!**



Join us for a night of fun at **Lynn Edwards' home** on **March 1st!** Whether you're a karaoke star or prefer to cheer from the sidelines, this event is for you!

**We can accommodate up to 42 people, so bring a guest and make it a night to remember!**



For those who prefer a cue stick over a mic, **billiards** will be available!



This may be the **February Moonlight Mixer, just a day late**—because who doesn't need an extra day to perfect those karaoke skills?



**\$5 donation** and a potluck dish to share—come ready to sing, snack, and mingle with fabulous friends. Don't miss out on the fun!



Save March 13th for the March Luncheon at the  
North Mountain Visitor Center!

## 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](mailto: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/>



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

**Happy New Year  
from your MVWC  
Board!**



**General Board**

<b>Primary Programs &amp; Venues</b>	<b>Gwen Gardner, Michele Baker, Kathy Hellan</b>
<b>Evening Programs &amp; Venues</b>	<b>Kathy Moffitt</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Mary Brierly</b>
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**Newsletter Editor: Kathy Scott**  
Send your newsletter submissions to: [kaffscott59@gmail.com](mailto:kaffscott59@gmail.com)

## Sunshine Report



If you or another member could use a Sunshine card, please email your request to [moonvalley-womensclub@gmail.com](mailto: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!

A **Get Well** card was sent to **Wendy Caporaso**.

A **Sympathy** card was sent to **Laurie Dietz** for the loss of her mother.

**Welcome e-cards** were sent to **new members**.

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