



Newsletter February 2025

Monthly source for news and information for MVWC members

President's Message

Happy February!!

February is my favorite month! Pink hearts make me happy and it's the promise of Spring and all things pretty. Plus, it's my birthday month – although I discovered that my REAL birthday is in March and I'm technically two weeks younger. I told my husband I have TWO birthday months to celebrate, hahaha!! I don't know why he doesn't agree.

It's hard to believe we are halfway through our year and I'm so thankful for what a fantastic year it's been so far! If you were at the luncheon, I hope you took advantage of the amazing baked goods that were on display. And what a wonderful time acknowledging all our Past Presidents who have set the foundation for our fantastic club. Next month's luncheon will be at the North Mountain Visitor Center and we have a special theatrical presentation. Plus, if anyone wants to hike beforehand, Becky Colbert will be leading a group. Please let Becky know if you plan to hike before the luncheon by March 11th: (Bcolb41@aol.com). We need at least 6 people to participate.

April will be our yearly basket auction & then our evening May event will close out the year. Thank you to all who have been so supportive of the Board as we work hard to bring you great speakers and luncheon locations. And speaking of which, we have openings next year for our Programs/Daytime Events. This year's committee has been stellar and we already have locations in place for next year. Let me know if you are interested in joining our leadership. We need more wonderful volunteers to continue to make our club great.

Warmly,

Koni Gould

President 2024-2025





Board Meetings are held at 6 PM on the first
Tuesday of the month.
Interested in attending?
Contact us at
moonvalleywomensclub@gmail.com



Moon Valley Women's Club
Mission
Statement

The purpose of MVWC shall be to promote closer community spirit and develop neighborhood bonds through social and service activities.

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



March Luncheon

March 13th, 11:30 AM
North Mountain
Visitor Center
12950 N. 7th St, Phoenix



RSVP with \$25 payment for member; \$30 for guest by March 6th

through Zelle: MVWCpayment @gmail.com

or by check (by March 4th.) to: MVWC, 13236 N.7th St, Suite 4-307 Phoenix. AZ 85022

Food will be provided by Chop Shop
Please indicate the letter of your Food Choice with your RSVP

- **A. The Club Sandwich**: turkey, bacon, provolone, tomato, onion, house greens, avocado pesto, red wine vinaigrette, multi-grain bread (served with Kettle Chips and a cookie).
- **B. Veggie and Hummus Wrap:** red pepper hummus, raw veggie, tomato, feta, cucumber, olive tapenade, whole wheat wrap (Served with Kettle Chips and a cookie).
- **C. Teriyaki Chicken Protein Bowl** with Brown Rice and Roasted Veggies include roasted broccoli, cauliflower, onion, carrot, and mushroom.
- **D. Salad-Citrus Thai with Steak-** House greens, orange segments, roasted red pepper pickled carrot, jicama, cucumber, green onion, peanut, cilantro, sesame seed, Thai Peanut dressing.



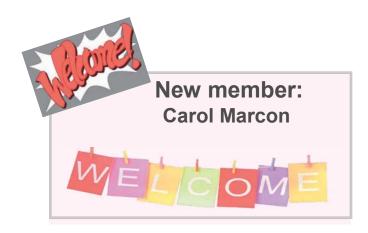
Bottled Water will be provided as well as cookies for dessert.



The Guest Entertainment at the March Luncheon will be from the Theatre Artists Studio.

The Studio is a community of artists, actors, directors, playwrights, producers, singers, dance musicians and designers.

The Studio annually presents a variety of dramas, comedies, musicals and short plays. The Studio also offers an educational program for the general public with workshops in acting, writing, singing, theatre survey courses, summer children's program, play readings and discussions.



MVWC Service Project Board Opening

Our MVWC Service Project Board needs one (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 April 10, 2025.

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.



Thank You **Prudence Lee** for all of your hard work on revising our Standing Rules!

A supplemental Newsletter will be sent out soon including these revisions.



The 2025-2026 Nominating Committee

wants to hear from you!

Each year, the current MVWC Executive Board selects a Nominating Committee whose purpose is to secure Executive Board candidates willing to serve for the following year in these positions:

President (must have served at least 1 year on the General Board)

Vice President Treasurer Secretary



This vital process ensures that the MVWC will have the necessary leadership to sustain the Club for years to come. The Club can only survive if there are volunteers, so please consider nominating yourself or another Member for a leadership position by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee.

2025-2026 Nominating Committee Members:

Becky Colbert Bcolb41@aol.com

Nancy Lynch momsterinphx@gmail.com

Nancy Palmquist n_palmquist@yahoo.com

Thank you Ladies for volunteering for this important committee!

The Committee will present the Executive Board slate of nominees to the Membership. An official ballot will be made available, and the slate of nominees will be included in the March Echo and the MVWC website. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to our April 10, 2025 Annual General Meeting, at which time the election will occur.

Moon Valley Women's Club Recognition Program

Mission: To recognize individuals who have contributed to the success of the MVWC communities. To encourage engagement in support of the community from which we all benefit.

You have the opportunity to recognize the exceptional women who demonstrate outstanding **Leadership** and also have a commitment to **Volunteerism** within the Moon Valley Women's Club.

Do you know someone who shows these characteristics? Consider nominating them!



- Initiates or leads a project benefitting MVWC and its members
- Leads or serves on a committee or an Activity group
- Provides initiative, organization and inspiration to MVWC efforts



- Eagerness to participate in Club efforts
- Selfless involvement to further the Club's goals
- Goes above and beyond what is asked/ expected
- Consistently available to work for the benefit of the MVWC



Use the online form to nominate MVWC members in one of the two categories. Deadline for nominations has been extended to March 20, 2025.

The MVWC wishes to honor those who make our Club the supportive and vibrant community we enjoy. The recognition will be peer-to-peer. Any member is allowed to submit nominations.

How to Nominate by 3/20/2025:

- * 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 and honorees will be recognized at the April 10, 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



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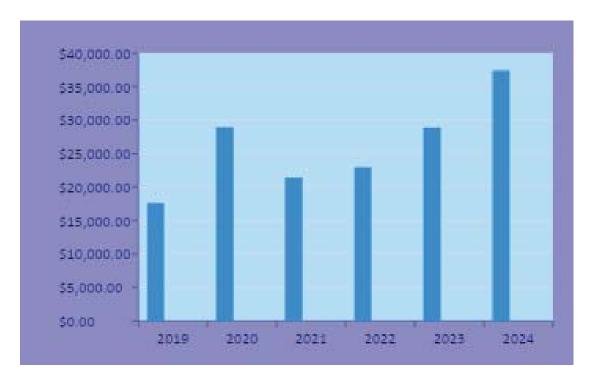
Thank you donors to the MVWC Service Project.

YOU ARE AMAZING!

Since its inception in November 2018 the Service Project has disbursed **OVER \$150,000** in grants and goods to our local community **AND the trend is UPWARDS** (see bar graph below). Your generosity through donations and fundraisers makes this possible.

THANK YOU ALL!!

To read about all of the Grants provided by the Service Project, go to the Moon Valley Women's Club website, click on the Service Project tab, then scroll down to where it says "Click here to read about all of the grants we have provided for 2019– Present".



Value of Grants and Goods disbursed 2019 - Present

Data supplied by Mary Harris, 2023-2025 Treasurer, MVWC Service Project mvwcserviceproject@gmail.com

Together we can do great things!!

Service Project Reports

Holiday Adoption Project

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

We are including pictures of some of these cards, pictures and messages.

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

Sandi Kogan, Coordinator, Service Project Activity Group







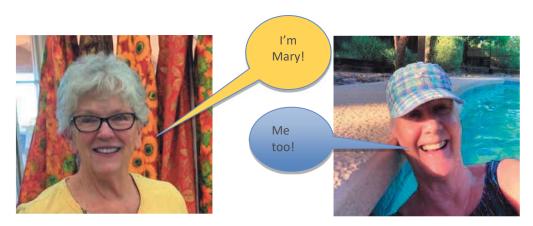








Shoebox Project time is here! Plan on joining the Marys on March 5th and/or March 19th



The Shoebox Project is a great opportunity to donate your <u>travel-size</u> toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash, face wipes/makeup remover pads, lotion, soap, razors, shaving cream, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shower caps, combs and hairbrushes. We also need mechanical pencils and small notebooks.

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

Mary Henigar: call/text 602.363.0955, or email maryhenigar@cox.net Mary Harris: call/text 623.216.4309, or email mjaharris@icloud.com Shoebox Project time is here!

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

<u>Phase TWO – SORTING</u> Join the Marys on MARCH 5th from 1-3 PM for a fun-filled and worthwhile afternoon sorting and inventorying all the items collected.

<u>Phase THREE – BOXING AND BAGGING</u> Join the Marys on MARCH 19th from 1-3 PM for another worthwhile afternoon boxing and bagging the toiletries.

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

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 5th 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 March luncheon, or any time via Zelle at 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"!!!

Karaoke, Kocktails, Konversation & Kickin' Pool- March 1st at 6:30 PM

Join us for an unforgettable evening of singing, sipping, and socializing! The **Moonlight Mixer** is the perfect way to kick back, enjoy great company, and have some fun with karaoke, delicious

drinks, lively conversation, and a friendly pool game or two. Husbands, boyfriends, and guests are all welcome to join in the fun!

Please bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice. Space is limited to only 42, so don't wait—RSVP and pay today to secure your spot.

We expect this event to be completely beaked. Your reservations

We expect this event to be completely booked. Your reservations will be taken in the order received and must be paid to get priority on the list. Our hosts, Lynn and Bob Edwards are generously opening their home for this event. The address will be provided, and the gate code will be sent upon receipt of RSVP and payment.

How to Pay: Payment: \$5 for one person\$10 for two people

Mail Checks: by Friday, February 14th to Moon Valley Women's Club, 13236 N 7th St, Suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022 Drop off Checks: by Thursday, February 20th at Moon Valley Women's Club, 13236 N 7th St, Suite 4-307, Phoenix, AZ 85022

Zelle: by Friday, February 21st to MVWCpayment@gmail.com, referencing "Moonlight Mixer"

Need Alternative Payment Arrangements? Reach out to Koni Gould for assistance!

Get ready for K-razy evening full of laughs, tunes, and plenty of memorable moments!

Activity Group Reports

Matinee Friends

Submitted by Carol Janoff

Well, color us amazed! The seven Matinee Friends who attended the Spotlight Youth Theatre presentation of "Hadestown" on Sunday, Jan. 19 were very impressed with every facet of the production. The direction was perfect, the choreography was advanced and perfectly executed, the costumes were beautifully made and enhanced the characterizations, the set was appropriately grimy and dark and atmospheric, and the teen musicians provided support for the sung-through show. The tall young man playing Hades had the most piercing eyes and the deepest voice we had ever heard; he was very spooky and made a perfect Hades. We were stunned to learn all the actors were 19 or younger; they

would be accepted on any stage in the valley! "Hadestown" was nominated for 14 Tony awards in 2019, and won eight, including Best Musical. The musical combines two classic Greek myths of love and heartbreak: Orpheus and Eurydice, and Hades and Persephone. It reimagines them in a gritty, industrial setting scored with jazz and folk music. "Hadestown" was presented at Gammage in 2022 and I was very disappointed to miss it there. But It is hard for me to believe that the traveling Broadway version could have been much better than this one we so enjoyed at the little storefront theater in Peoria!

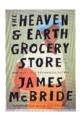


Chapter Sisters Book Club

Submitted by Kathy Zeblisky The Chapter Sisters Book Club members have been busy reading and discussing some great books. We have finished the first four books, and look forward to the rest:

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store, The Briar Club, Yellowface, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, The Lost Bookshop, Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way, Miss Morgan's Book Brigade, The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto

The club meets the second Monday of the month from October through May, from 1-3 pm. We currently have a wait list for the club.

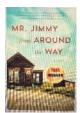




















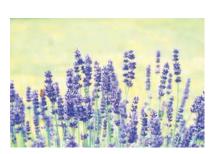


More Activity Group Reports

Museum & Special Events Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

The Museum and Special Events Group toured the Lavender Farm and Historic Mansion at Chateau de Vie in Chandler, AZ on Friday, January 10th. We had a large number of attendees (25 attendees) for this event. We actually split the group up for lunch at two different restaurants, because no one had accommodations for such a large group. The Chateau de Vie is a luxury estate of timeless elegance and charm. The Chateau was dreamed and constructed in 1984 by Phil and Billy Lee Erickson. The family made their money and living through their framing contracting business, which is still in business today. The estate features elegant stained glass, ornate wood carvings, and stunning murals. The mansion is approximately 15,000 square ft on 10 1/2 acres. The never ending and ongoing maintenance brought the owners to part with mansion in 2002. By 2010, the property had fallen into disrepair. Shelly and Nick Goodman rescued the property and brought it out of foreclosure in 2010. The Goodmans have made numerous restoration efforts to bring the mansion to its original beautiful and exquisite showplace. This was an awesome experience and everyone was pleased with tour and history.





Painting Group Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores



The painting and drawing group held their first get -together for the new year at **OHSO** (due to late cold weather). The food was good. Their long tables were great to work on and there was a friendly, laid back vibe, so no need to rush. This makes the Tatum and Shea location a favorite place to meet. Try their white sangria it was delicious, it's light and fruit but not too sweet. We will try to go to Saguaro Farm next time. Starting in February, we will go back to meeting the first Thursday of the month.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Maripat.

Even More Activity Group Reports

Daytime Bunco Squad

The Bunco Squad celebrated an early Valentine's Day with games at the Moon Valley Grill in January. June decorated the tables so nicely and had little surprises to give away during the fun. Chrissy was our big winner with the most Buncos (AGAIN!!)



Mah Jongg Submitted by Carol Wilson

Susan Bryner (left) came in first and Lynn Edwards came in second at the Mah Jongg tournament held in Scottsdale at the end of January!!! There were 80-90 participants!





Boot Scootin' Midnight Mixer Submitted by Kathy Moffitt

Thank you to all our amazing members (& somewhat reluctant guests who secretly had a blast) who joined us for a FANTASTIC Line Dancing event at **Foley Ranch!** We had an incredible time, filled with fun, laughter, and some incredible dance moves.

Activity Group Reports continued

Moon Valley Women's Garden Group

Submitted by Jackie Gentner

The MVWC Garden Group visited Moon Valley Nursery on January 30th. We had a

guided tour of the nursery by Brandon, who was very welcoming and knowledgeable of the many varieties of plants, trees, shrubs and services that Moon Valley Nursery provides. During our tour Brandon also answered many questions from our group members on gardening such as types of plants that will grow well in our Arizona climate, watering instructions, soil, plant nutrients, and of course their very own Moon Juice, that is a miracle for helping any plant grow and keep healthy. It was really nice to visit this



nursery, as it is located right in our Moon Valley neighborhood. After our visit we went to lunch at Bear and the Honey, which was fantastic. Great service and scrumptious food.

Classy Cooks

Submitted by Karen Zanzucchi

Classy Cooks had a delicious, colorful brunch on February 5, 2025 hosted by Betsy Ingram and Margy Simcheck at Margie's lovely home overlooking beautiful Moon Valley. It was a colorful brunch where good food met great cooking. Between sips of mimosas and bites of vibrant, eye-catching dishes that looked as good as they tasted with French toast casserole, egg dishes, muffins, and a fruit compote to name a few.

Brunch is one of those magical moments where time seems to slow down...its not



just about the food; it was definitely a celebration of creativity, friendship, conversations, laughter and the shared joy of creating something special together.

The joy of cooking and sharing food is timeless—and, of course, a little bit of color never hurts.

Still More Activity Group Reports

Moderate Hiking Group

Submitted by Becky Colbert

The moderate Hiking Group did a fun, but challenging hike at South Mountain in



January. We started off with some chilly weather, but it warmed up enough to enjoy an outdoor lunch at the Farm at South Mountain



Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores



Restaurant Review

The restaurant review group meet at Bear and Honey for brunch. Everyone had a good time. Our only complaint was the menu was small and didn't have everything listed. I wished I had seen the special chalkboard at the beginning. I would have ordered differently. I will have to go back to try green chile. The coffee and pastries were the highlights. They gave us cinnamon rolls to taste for dessert. The crescent was the best I have ever tasted. Most of us had egg dishes where you can add protein. The steak and egg burrito is another dish I need to go back and try. The chorizo was good, it had nice favor and was not salty. Dishes are served on fajita cast iron plates. It's nice having a small home town restaurant nearby. They have happy

hour too.



Go check out it's much better, new location next to the dollar store.



Last of Activity Group Reports

Baking Stars

Submitted by Maripat Kudray-Flores

The baking group meet recently at Sheila's house. She decorated her table with African linens from one of her exciting trips. It was a small group, several members were sick. We all baked with fruit and everything was delicious. We had peach pie, strawberry champagne angel food cake and blueberry bread. We will be baking for the

luncheon fundraiser at our next meeting. All great bakers are welcome!







The Noble Grapes

The Noble Grapes met in January at the home of Shelly Barnes. Lots of laughter was had! Such a fun group!



Painting Group Meeting at Sahuaro Farm Park



We all had fun painting Peacocks! Our next meeting will be March 6th at the Farm at South Mountain.





If you are interested in joining us, contact Maripat.



Member Highlights

Kate Morgan submitted a felted wool quilt she made in the AQG (Arizona Quilt

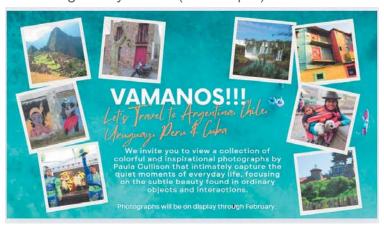
Guild) Show "Sew Whimsical" in Mesa



from January 16-18. She is in the Night Owls chapter that meets at St. Paul's Church on Coral Gables and 3rd Ave.



Paula Cullison has an international photography exhibit, **Vamanos!** - *my* photography of South America and Cuba, now showing at **Desert Foothills Library** on 38443 N. Schoolhouse Road in Cave Creek. It's a **free** exhibit and open to the Public during library hours (9 am-5 pm) for the month of February.





Kathy Moffitt and her husband Michael are heading to Guatemala in July with a group to deliver eyeglasses to folks who don't have access to eye exams or glasses. She will happily collect any old pairs you have lying around! She'll be collecting them through May 31st. Clear out those drawers and give your old glasses a whole new life! Contact Kathy Moffitt at (480) 452-5580





FUN ABOUT FACTS OUR MEMBERS

February Birthdays

Susan Altieri **Mary Bennett Cindy Bushnell Barbara Garrity** Jean Georgianni Koni Gould Marcia Haarer Jo Haran **Ryanne Henigar Nancy Hjelmstad Susann Hornbeck Cindy Lenihan Dawn Long** Nancy Lynch **Barb Nicholls Verlene Ross** Jaki Smith **Maureen Taylor Judy Terry Judy Tometich**







PJ Jasso is restoring the family home where she was born in Flagstaff, AZ

Patty McCarthy does genealogy.

After reading the book The Frozen River, she researched that area of Maine and found out that she is related to the true midwife character (Martha) in the book!



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





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Save the Date for our next Moonlight Mixer!



Pack your bags and get ready for an adventure!



Join us for a **Moonlight Mixer** on **Tuesday, March 25th** at **Bear and the Honey**, hosted by **Ricki Pagano**!



It's a Ladies-Only event where we'll explore Current Travel Trends:

Planning Your Next Great Escape with speaker

Chelsea Guffy!



Save the date! April 10th for the Luncheon and Auction at Aunt Chilada'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/

| President | Koni Gould |
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| Vice President | Annette McClure |
| Treasurer | Julie Moore |
| Secretary | Carol Wilson |

2024-2025 MVWC Executive 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

Moon Valley Women's Club

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!

Sunshine Report



A **Sympathy** card was sent to **Betsy Ingram** for the loss of her mother.

A **Get Well** card was sent to **Laurie Dietz.**

Welcome e-cards were sent to new members.

Moon Valley Women's Club

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