

all things seem  
possible in  
*May!*

May, 2026

## MEMBERSHIP, RESERVATIONS

### MEMBERSHIP

You must be a Connections member to participate in any of the Connections activities.

Your check for **\$25**, along with a Membership Form\*, should be mailed to

**CONNECTIONS: PO BOX 5314, SUN CITY WEST, AZ 85376.**

**Make checks  
payable to CONNECTIONS!**

Forms are available on our website, [scwconnections.com](http://scwconnections.com)

at luncheons

or from Debora Braun-Gangler

\*Membership Form is for New Members Only

### **NEW\*\*\*\*\*LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS +++++ NEW**

**DEADLINES FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS ARE NOW THE SAME**

**DEADLINE FOR JUNE IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026**

**One check per reservation please—No Exceptions!! Cost for members and guests is \$30.00.**

**If you are bringing a guest write a separate check for \$30.00 with guest name on the memo line. Use the memo line on your check to indicate: Month luncheon (i.e. MAY lunch); if you want to sit with someone; or if you need a vegetarian or gluten-free meal. No carry-out orders allowed**

**Send to: Connections, P.O. Box 5314, Sun City West, AZ 85376**

### **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS CONTACT**

**DENA BARNES 503-720-7258**

**IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR A RETURN CALL**

Please respect our request to **NOT** arrive before 11 AM

Lunch is served at 11:40 a.m.



**Connections' Mission:**

**The purpose of this club is to provide a format for Sun City West and Corte Bella women to meet other local women, get acquainted, form enduring friendships, and support worthy causes within the community.**

**CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON**

***I & J Fountain Restaurant***

***JUNE 11, 2026***

***Ham Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Dessert***

**Coffee (Regular & Decaf) Iced and Hot Tea  
Rolls & Butter**

**The gluten free and vegan option is a Cobb Salad-NO CHICKEN**

***ABSOLUTELY NO SUBSTITUTIONS***

## **NEW RULES FOR MAKING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS:**

The rules will remain the same for our luncheons at the new location of I & J Fountain Restaurant

12221 W. Bell Road—Southeast corner of Bell Rd & El Mirage, behind the Chevron Station

Going forward, our FINAL number of participants for our Connections Luncheon has to be called in and finalized ONE WEEK before the luncheon. No changes to our numbers can be made after that date.

Our **DEADLINE** for reservations AND CANCELLATIONS going forward will be at **NOON ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month.

Due to our slow/unpredictable service from the Post Office in receiving checks at our PO Box we request that your check is in the mail 10 days before the first Wednesday deadline. If you are mailing it 10 days ahead, it would be appreciated that you give Luncheon Reservation Director Dena Barnes a call (503-720-7258) to let her know your check is in the mail so she can have you on the attendance list and will watch for your check to arrive. PLEASE ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR A CALL BACK FROM DENA.

Checks arriving after the first Wednesday without a call to Dena to expect it will not be honored for that month's luncheon. You will be notified you did not meet the required deadline and you can either ask for it to be moved to the next month, shred or returned to you.

WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR THESE NEW RULES THAT NEED TO BE FOLLOWED. IF WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE THAN WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR THERE WILL BE EXTRA CHARGES ADDED TO OUR FINAL BILL BEYOND THE \$30.00 YOU ARE ALREADY PAYING.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## 2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Pat Michel	412-613-0419
Vice President/President Elect	Cathy Templin	630-917-8494
Secretary	Penny Duncan	602-758-5199
Treasurer	Marilyn Sage	515-314-9291
Luncheon Director	Dena Barnes	503-720-7258
Facility Director	Georgia Christensen	402-968-9095
Luncheon Asst.	Carolyn Daniels	951-214-5618
Membership Director	Debora Braun-Gangler	847-287-7328
Publications Director	Mary Monfre	321-537-1577
Historian/Advisor*	Kathy Adams	623-547-5268
Parliamentary/Bylaws Advisor*	Kathy Adams	623-547-5268

\* Non Voting Member

## 2026-2027 STANDING COMMITTEES

Auditors	Linda Weatbrook	928-830-8309
Face Book Page	Barbara Brennan	602-524-4195
Photographer	Jackie Britt	602-999-7270
Programs	Cathy Templin	630-917-8494
Publicity		
Sunshine	Jackie Britt	602-999-7270
Ways & Means Chair	Susan Sagahon	480-371-9962
Ways & Means Asst.	Kathy Bloechl	623-633-5582
Website	Mary Monfre	321-537-1577

## 2026-2027 SOCIAL COMMITTEES

Bridge - Couples/Ladies Duplicate	Candace Hodson	925-548-5624
Social Bridge - Women's Club	Bev Jenkins	602-738-8469
Chicks with Sticks	Gerry Zopf	623-680-4140
Dine Out Dinners	Various	
Connections at the Movies	Barbara Brennan	602-524-4195
Luncheon Games - Bridge	Marilyn Sage	515-314-9291
Luncheon Games - Hand & Foot/MJ	Carolyn Daniels	951-214-5618
Book Lovers	Nancy Pines	623-734-4137
Hand & Foot - couples evenings	Eleanor O'Brien	952-270-5352
Mexican Train - couples	Kay Coffey*	623-505-7697

## Greetings from our President



Ladies

As most of you know, due to various factors and increased pricing, we needed to leave the Briarwood and find another location for our luncheon meetings.

After an extensive and laborious search by our board members, I & J Fountain Restaurant was the venue best able to meet our needs and costs.

Moving forward, our June luncheon and meeting will take place at I & J Fountain Restaurant on Thursday, June 11th.

Hopefully, many of you will plan on attending our first gathering of Connections at our new venue!

Looking forward to seeing you as we connect with one another on the 11th.

Your President

Pat Michel

# Monthly Meeting Attendance

## **Attendance Concerns**

There has been a significant decline in attendance at our monthly meetings, reaching levels that are cause for concern. To sustain our activities and ensure the success of each gathering, it is essential that at least 55 members attend every month. Recently, achieving this number has proven challenging.

## **Member Participation**

We kindly ask each member to make an effort to attend at least two or three meetings per year. Your participation is vital to the ongoing vibrancy and effectiveness of our organization.

## **Menu Information**

To help members plan ahead, we publish the menu for each meeting in the newsletter one month prior. The menu options vary, ranging from simple sandwiches to a complete meal. These choices are designed to help manage costs while providing variety and enjoyment for everyone.

# Committee Chair Reports

June 11, 2026 LUNCHEON REMINDER

JUNE 11, 2026 LUNCHEON REMINDER

This month we are meeting at our new location.

I & J Fountain Restaurant, 12221 W. Bell Road, Southeast corner of Bell Rd & El Mirage, behind the Chevron Station

As a reminder, the cost for members and guests is \$30.

The DEADLINE for RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS for our JUNE 11, 2026 Luncheon is: NOON, Wednesday, JUNE 3rd. NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE.

Dena Barnes (503-720-7258) will stop taking lunch reservation requests by NOON, Wednesday, June 3rd. (PLEASE ALWAYS LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SHE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.) Our FINAL number of participants for our Luncheon is due to I & J Restaurant ONE WEEK before the luncheon.

Be sure to get your checks in the mail at least a week ahead of the deadline. If you are unsure if your check will arrive on time, please give Dena a call to make sure your name is on the list and she will watch for your check or discuss other options. Don't forget to write on your check if you need an alternate meal.

Menu: Ham Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable and Dessert

Alternate Meal: Chef Salad

Cards / games to be played after the luncheon

Dena Barnes, Luncheon Reservations Director

Georgia Christensen, Facilities Director

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON MEETING IN JULY! IF YOU NORMALLY BRING YOUR CHECK FOR LUNCH THE FOLLOWING MONTH, PLEASE BE AWARE IT WILL BE USED FOR AUGUST!!**

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## **BOOK CLUB**

**Nancy Pines Chair**

**Book Club meets the Third Tuesday of the Month at 10:30 a.m.  
We will be taking a break over the summer, so see you in October!!**

**For more information who will Host  
or to get on our Book Club list drop me a note at:  
[scwCNXbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:scwCNXbookclub@gmail.com)**

**Happy Reading  
Nancy**



## HELP WANTED

Still no volunteers



Ladies, we need help! Clubs in SCW do not exist without the volunteer brigades. Ladies in several positions within Connections have been on the job much longer than they should have to! Please consider signing on as an assistant to these positions:

Publications Director

Contact Pat Michel

[pmichel21@comcast.net](mailto:pmichel21@comcast.net)



# Committee Chair Reports

## NEW BUSINESS

Installation of our 2026-2027 officers took place at our May Luncheon.

**President—Pat Michel**

**Vice President—Cathy Templin**

**Secretary—Penny Duncan**

**Treasurer—Marilyn Sage**

