

MEMBERSHIP, RESERVATIONS, PROGRAMS, LUNCHEON



MEMBERSHIP

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

Your check for **\$20**, 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, at luncheons

or from Sue Truax

Call 402-320-9225 for more information.

Please PRINT clearly on form.

President's Corner

It takes a long time to grow friends!



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LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS IS 6 PM ON MONDAY PRIOR TO LUNCH

One check per reservation please—No Exceptions!! Cost for members is \$22.

If you are bringing a guest write a separate check for \$25. with guest name on 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. Prepay for the following month at the luncheon or mail your check by WEDNESDAY prior to lunch to make sure we receive it in time.

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

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS CONTACTS

ELEANOR O'BRIEN 584-0987 OR

MYRNA PACKER 734-2725

Social Hour: 11 A.M.—Luncheon—11:30 A.M.

Sunshine



Thinking of you:
Karyn Odella

PROGRAMS

Dec. Deborah Offenhauser, pianist—Holiday music selections.

No games in November or December

If you have a suggestion for a program, contact Barbara Brennan at 602-524-4195

**CONNECTIONS
MONTHLY LUNCHEONS
BRIARWOOD CC**

Dec. 12 Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin with Apple Sage Stuffing; House made potatoes; Parmesan Broccoli; Ice Cream Sundae, Chocolate Sauce and Whipped Cream

**Gluten Free & Vegetarian
Chicken Breast Entrée
Vegetarian Pasta Primavera**

**Jan. 9 Chilled Classic Trio Salad on a bed of mixed greens w/tomato and toast points
Jumbo Cookie**

**Gluten Free & Vegetarian
Vegetable salad with chicken—GF
Vegetable salad—V**

***Cranberry bread** served at all meals unless specified differently. Coffee, Iced Tea and Tea are available at each luncheon.

2019—2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Millie Smith	623-546-8328
Vice President	Barbara Brennan	602-524-4195
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Reservations Dir. Assistant	Eleanor O'Brien Myrna Packer	584-0987 734-2725
Advisor/Historian	Debbi Cornell	602-418-9351
Parliamentary/By Laws Advisor	Jo Boulet	214-2761

2019—2020 STANDING COMMITTEES

Reservations Assistant	Eleanor O'Brien Myrna Packer	584-0987 215-5572
Facilities Assistant	Liz Nagy Kathleen Hale	521-0138 214-7513
Hospitality Chair Assistant	Carolyn Wurts Pauline Maxwell	243-7176 251-5950
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Photographer	Linda Napier	704-996-4590
Programs	Barbara Brennan	602-524-4195
Recruitment	Elizabeth Santero	546-2782
Sunshine Assistant	Merrilee Peterson Rosemarie Read	975-4469 214-9712
Ways & Means Assistants	Jan Vejraska Gerry Zopf Helene Quillin	975-0645 214-8504 584-4085



Connections' Mission:

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

2019—2020 SOCIAL COMMITTEES

Book Lovers Book Lovers Asst.	Sandra Hoffman Karen Hunter	480-747-4015 544-6984
Bridge—Couples	Debbi Cornell Terry Hayes	602-418-9351 323-363-9477
Bridge Ladies Duplicate	Myrna Packer Roberta Keating	215-5572 214-6514
Bridge Ladies Social	Beverly Jenkins	602-738-8469
Couples Hand and Foot H&F Asst.	Eleanor O'Brien Bev Ash	584-0987 518-9883
Evening Mexican Train	Dodie Thill	214-7185
Dine Out Dinner Clubs	Sue Truax	402-320-9225
Dine In Dinner Clubs	Marilyn Sage	515-314-9291
Gal Pals	Sandra Hinkes	523-3626
Golf Chicks With Sticks	Kathy Adams	547-5268
Ladies Hand & Foot	Fran Mills	594-1631
Luncheon Games/Bridge	Barbara Bostrom Linda Rusch	695-2645 503-397-1557
Games At The Heritage Mahjonn	Debbi Cornell Fran Mills	602-418-9351 594-1631
PuPu Parties	Carole Rhodes Judy Strachan	352-408-6545 320-296-6613
Sunday Brunch	Rosemary Dougherty	760-8479
Sunday Brunch Asst.	Judy Hodgins	702-278-1292

NOTE: Area code is 623 unless specified

Committee Chair Reports

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Renewal and You

Members voted at the November meeting to change Connections' membership year to a calendar year, rather than from spring to spring as it had been. The change means renewal fees are due this month. Renewals for 2020 only will be \$13. (You already paid for January through April in your 2019 dues.) The renewal will return to \$20 in subsequent years.

New members who joined in September or later pay no renewal fee. Their late-year joining fee covers them throughout 2020.

You can mail renewal checks to Connections, P.O. Box 5314, Sun City West, AZ 85376; or you can give them to me at the December luncheon.

If you neglect to pay before Jan. 1, be sure to do so in January. We will charge late fees beginning Feb. 1 and you won't be able to participate in Connection activities until you do pay.

Sue Truax, Membership Director

WAYS & MEANS

The Ways and Means Committee will be selling tickets for a 'HOLIDAY BASKET RAFFLE' at the December luncheon. Remember-----this money goes to benefit our local volunteer organizations, such as Posse and Prides.....so don't forget that extra dollar!

Jan Vejraska, Chair



Committee Chair Report (con't.)

DINE OUT

Dine Out Rolls Along!

Both of our Dine Out options - Regular & Farther Afield - continue with group meals at restaurants. We'll be signing up for the new rotation in January, so watch for the list of restaurants and how to sign up in the new year's first Connections newsletter!

Two separate Regular Dine out groups serendipitously chose the same night for a meal at Dickey's BBQ Pit in Surprise. They sat together to double the fun!

Sue Truax, Dine Out chairman



L-R—Mike Morey and wife Diana Warren, Sue Truax, Marilyn Sage, Cherie Daugherty, Stephanie Rogall, Lois Jones and husband, Lou. Kay & Bill Coffey left before the photo was taken. Glen Truax took the photo!

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)

COUPLES BRIDGE

We have four new couples for this rotation, but we always need subs! If you would like to join us, contact Debbi Cornell. We play the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in member homes.

Debbi Cornell
djzonie@gmail.com
602-418-9351



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Merrilee Peterson and Rosemarie Read are the Sunshine Committee. When a member or close family member is ill please let us know so we can send a card. We also send sympathy cards when there is a death in the family. We can both be reached by email or phone.

Merrilee Peterson - 623-975-4469; map5402@aol.com
Rosemarie Read—623-214-9712; rhr39@outlook.com



DUPLICATE BRIDGE

We continually enjoy our First Friday and first Monday Duplicate Bridge. We have a new member playing with us now on Mondays as Barbara resigned. Barbara, we will miss you. All the subs who have played with us have been Super! Thank you!

Myrna Packer



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)



EVENING MEXICAN TRAIN

Connections Evening Mexican Train begins January 2020. Please call or email Dodi Thill if interested.

You do not need a partner, we will try to "pair you" up!!

Dodi Thill
eddodi@cox.net
623-214-7185

PUPU Parties

PUPU Parties are informal and take place in various homes. Sign up can be done at the monthly luncheons or by calling me. There are three four month sessions per year. I am responsible for placing all participants into groups and advising the members of their group and who will host. Members provide heavy appetizers (PuPu's) and BYOB. The hostess provides plates, silverware (plastic is fine) and napkins. Parties usually start between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

The PuPu parties are a great way to meet new and old friends and enjoy good food in the bargain! Feel free to call with any questions.

Carole Rhodes
cjrhodesaz@gmail.com
602-908-6619



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)

DINE IN

Dine In is held the 3rd Sunday of every month. Hostess provides the entrée, and the other 3 couples provide the balance of the meal, i.e. appetizers, side dish, dessert. The hostess will usually provide guidance based on the entrée she intends to serve. If you like sticking closer to home to enjoy a great meal, this is the activity for you! If you have any questions before signing up, call or send me an email! Thanks.

Marilyn Sage
mared1252@msn.com
515-314-9291



COUPLES HAND & FOOT

We play starting at 6:30 pm the 1st Friday of each month November through April. We are looking for subs - either couples or singles. If you are interested, please call Eleanor O'Brien at 623-584-0987. Please leave a message and I will return your call.

Eleanor O'Brien
franandemn@hotmail.com
584-0987

Bev Ash
ashbev3@gmail.com
518-9883



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)

GAL PALS

Up next –The English Rose Tea Room in Carefree on Tuesday, December 10th! Suggestions are always welcome! Come and join the fun....

Sandy Hinkes
sandyhinkes9@gmail.com
546-7725



FACEBOOK

Connections Facebook is up and alive!

I have been posting the activities, however, it would be very helpful if the Chair ladies and membership would post.

If you need help to find it or how to use our page Call me! Thanks!

Sandie Lauren
sg99@yahoo.com
415-813-0886



SUNDAY BRUNCHES

Like a brunch with a variety of food and great conversation – join the Sunday Brunch Bunch!

Sunday January 5th 11AM at the home of Carole Rhodes. To sign up call Carole at 546-0656 and join the fun. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage of choice. Table service will be provided.

Rosemary Dougherty
rosemaryd4@cox.net
623-760-8479

Judy Hodgins
jhodgin@yahoo.com
702-278-1292



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)



TOURS

Barleens Trip - "Home for the Holidays" Saturday, December 7th TOUR REMINDER

DEPART: 10:00 A.M. SHARP!

MEET AT SCW RH JOHNSON REC CENTER parking lot, aisles 8,9 (CASINO
BUSSES ALSO MEET HERE)

PLEASE: ARRIVE AT LEAST 20 MINUTES EARLIER TO CHECK IN WITH ME! WEAR A
NAME TAG IF YOU HAVE ONE!

BUS: Look for the VIA TRAILWAYS BUS

Questions: Call Marilyn Kloha - 546-1692 (h) 586-260-5234 (c)



NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Michel	17826 N. Conquistador Dr	412-613-0419	pmichel21@comcast.net
Ruth Maerhofer	19303 N. New Tradition Rd. Apt. 120	623-337-5894 623-824-3764	ruthiemay@cox.net
Cheryl Worth	18835 N. Spanish Garden Dr.	513-907-1254	clw45050@gmail.com
Pat Schultz	18419 N. 137th Dr.	612-799-6110	lakelover102@gmail.com

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)



CHICKS WITH STICKS

The January golf tournament is moving along with lightening speed. We have changed it to a scramble where we will play best ball. That way we can play 18 but it will go fast and it will seem like we only played nine. We will have happy hour on the patio afterwards.

I am told I have to go through the lottery but groups get top priority. I will request Stardust and I think it will be there but anything can happen. We will have the groups with both good and bad players in them so it evens out. It should be a lot of fun to do it as a group.

I have collected the registration money from everyone who is playing and I have to say it is a non refundable deposit. We turn all the money into the treasurer of Connections and then I will get the prize money out before the tournament and turn in receipts for the wine , soda and nibbles afterwards. You all know how I hate doing money and Bev Ash has been wonderful to help me out. Many of you know more about golf than I do so I will be asking for help from everyone. Hope you are all doing well and plan to attend. Let us know if you cannot make it as I will be turning in a list of all the players by the second week in January.

Kathy Adams
547-5268
tweetyaz2014@gmail.com

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)

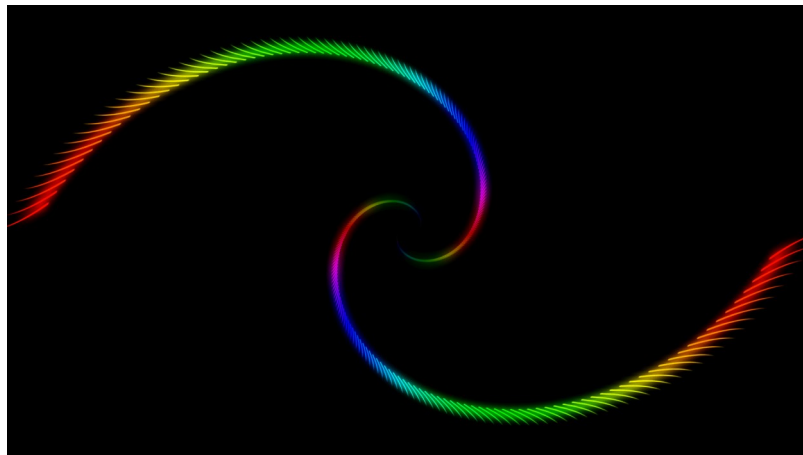
****CONNECTIONS GAME DAY****

NEW DAY, TIME AND LOCATION

1st TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ MUTUAL BANK OF OMAHA 19432 N R H Johnson Blvd Connections has found a new home for Game Day!!! Starting Tuesday January 7, 2020 we will be playing at the Mutual Bank of Omaha on RH Johnson Blvd from 12:00 – 3:00. In addition to playing Bridge, Hand & Foot and Mahjongg, we will also be offering to teach Mahjongg and possibly Hand & Foot to those interested. Barbara Brennan has offered to teach two (2) tables of Mahjongg to those interested in learning. If you decide to join us, the bank only has two requests of us.....do not park in their parking lot, since it is reserved for bank customers and we cannot use their kitchen. Parking is available on the side street so please utilize that for parking.

Please bring your own supplies for whatever game you plan on playing. Barbara will provide the Mahjongg set and cards for those wanting to learn Mahjongg.

Looking forward to seeing all of you gamers in the coming New Year!!



COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS (cont.)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE HUNGRY DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.
THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED.
PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA FISH & CANNED CHICKEN ARE NEEDED.
A BOX WILL BE AT MY DOOR UNTIL DEC. 30TH.
MY ADDRESS : 14505 W PARADA DR. S.C.W.

OR

You can bring your donation to the December Connections Luncheon. Tubs will be available at the check in desks!

THANK YOU

Filling hungry stomachs for 50 years!

A hungry, young mother. A man with a mission. And a new goal.

These were the beginnings of the world's first food bank. John van Hengel founded St. Mary's Food Bank in 1967. He had been volunteering at a local soup kitchen, serving dinner to those in need when a young mother told him that she depended on soup kitchens and food from grocery store dumpsters to feed her children. Van Hengel's heart was broken. His conversation with the young woman ignited a desire to help hungry families like hers, so he came up with the idea of a "Food Bank," where individuals and companies with excess food could "deposit" it, and those in need could "withdraw" it.

His local parish, St. Mary's Basilica in downtown Phoenix, gave him \$3,000 and an abandoned building where he was able to turn his dream into reality, and in gratitude, he named his food bank "St. Mary's." He then went on to become the founder of several other food banks across the country and even founded the national organization America's Second Harvest (known today as Feeding America). Years later, van Hengel also founded the Global Food Banking network. John van Hengel is rightly referred to as "the father of food banking" with it starting right here at St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix, Arizona.

Today, St. Mary's Food Bank is one of the largest food banks in the United States, and proud of the impact it has had on Arizona — and the world.

Elizabeth Santero
connect5314@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBERS - NOVEMBER, 2019



L-R Bayla Wynot, Lois Jones, Darlene Koele, Patricia Michel, Di-
anne Jurgens, Kathy Michaels, Pat Schultz

RING CEREMONY!



Fun entertainment in November was provided by The Ellen Zacko Band!



LR—Ellen Zacko, Violin; Don Mace, Bass; Jody Yeomans, Guitar and Vocals

THE BAND

