

FEBRUARY, 2024

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, scwconnections.com

at luncheons

or from Eleanor O'Brien and Nancy Pines

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS **

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 6 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATIONS IS 6 P.M. ON MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024

One check per reservation please—No Exceptions!! Cost for members and guests is \$33.00.

If you are bringing a guest write a separate check for \$33.00 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

ELEANOR O'BRIEN 623-584-0987 OR 952-270-5325

IF NO ANSWER PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR A RETURN CALL

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

CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Briarwood Country Club

MARCH 14, 2024

Special Guest Speaker

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Bread & Cookie

Coffee (Regular & Decaf) Iced and Hot Tea

Rolls & Butter

The gluten free and vegan option is a Cobb Salad

ABSOLUTELY NO SUBSTITUTIONS

Website: scwconnections.com

2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD

CIRCLE OF
FRIENDS



President	Kay Coffey	505-7697
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Assistant	Fran DeWell	623-680-1605
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Parliamentary/By Laws Advisor	Debbi Cornell	602-418-9351

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.

2021-2022 SOCIAL COMMITTEES

			Book Lovers	Pat Michel	412-613-0419
			Bridge—Couples	Myrna Packer	734-2725
			Bridge Ladies Duplicate	Myrna Packer	734-2725
			Bridge Women's Club	Beverly Jenkins	602-738-8469
				Marilyn Sage	515-314-9291
			Hand & Foot—Evenings	Eleanor O'Brien	584-0987
			Mexican Train—Evenings	Kay Coffey	505-7697

2021-2022 STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit	Marilyn Sage	515-314-9291
Facebook	Sandy Lauren	415-813-0886
Hospitality	Carolyn Wurts	243-7176
	Pauline Maxwell	251-5950
Publications/ Website	Mary Monfre	321-537-1577
Photographer	Jackie Britt	602-999-7270
Programs	Kathy Adams	623-547-5268
Publicity	Rosemary Dougherty	623-760-8479
		Luncheon Games/Bridge
		Luncheon Games/H&F
Sunshine	Rosemary Dougherty	623-760-8479
	Jackie Britt	
Ways & Means	Corrine Povich	623-261-7878
Assistants	Terrie Morrissey	480-522-5083
	Thelma Halloran	847-212-1930
	Stephanie Rogall	544-0735

NOTE: Area code is 623 unless specified

Website: scwconnections.com

**CIRCLE OF
FRIENDS**



“A friend is one of life’s most beautiful gifts.”



Wishing you all warm Valentine’s Day wishes. February always flies by quickly with Valentine’s Day and Presidents Day as well as many other special family days. This year we do get an extra day due to leap year. Let’s all use that extra day to spread some friendship in our community.

A big thank you to Kathy Adams for the great programs she has arranged. I hope you all have learned as much as I have. Another big thank you to Marilyn Kloha for the many trips she has arranged for us to enjoy. And last, but definitely not least, a very big thank you to all of the past Presidents of Connections. Without their dedication and continued contributions of time and effort Connections would not be the great organization that it is.

Looking forward to seeing you all in March for a traditional Irish lunch and the wearing of the green!

KAY

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CONNECTIONS LUNCH RESERVATION REMINDER

I can be reached at 623-584-0987 for any questions or concerns. Please remember to always leave a message if you don't reach me. I always follow up all phone calls. Please make note of date deadlines on the next page!

Send your checks for **\$33.00** to: Connections, PO B0x 5314, Sun City West, AZ 85376

Please respect our request to NOT arrive before 11:00 AM

11:00 to 11:30 Social Time

11:30 Lunch served

12:30 General Meeting and Program for the day

Eleanor O'Brien

Luncheon Reservations Director

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2024 CONNECTIONS RESERVATION AND LUNCH MENU INFORMATION

Cost of luncheon is \$33.00. Reservations are required. One check per reservation please - NO exception! On guest checks, please write "guest/her name" in lower left-hand corner.

Questions may be directed to Luncheon Reservations Director:
Eleanor O'Brien at 623-584-0987 (always leave a message for a return call)

NOTE: For those that are *Gluten free, Vegetarian or Vegan*

A COBB SALAD is the alternate meal

Please indicate on your check if an Alternate meal is required

March 14, 2024 Corned Beef and cabbage, potatoes, bread & Cookie

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, March 6

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, March 11

April 11, 2024 Steak fajita salad, fruit cup, roll & Cookie

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, April 3

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, April 8

May 9, 2024 Turkey Club, House made chips & Cookie

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, May 1

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, May 6

2. Bylaws

The bylaws of a corporation are an important document. You do not want to ignore this important document. You do not want to ignore this important document. You do not want to ignore this important document.

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

Please read the following page very carefully.

We have important issues to discuss and vote upon at our March Luncheon Meeting.

Vote!

There is also a SCW voting issue coming up in March—Marilyn Sage has urged all of us to become familiar with the parking policy currently in effect in SCW and to **vote YES** in March to protect this policy!! Current policy allows the Rec Center to enforce parking restrictions on our streets!!

Please come to the luncheon the second Thursday in March and VOTE. We are going to vote on several things. First of all if you want this club to continue we have to bring in some new members. We need people who will hold office and help with the running of this club. We have the jobs cut down so no job is that difficult. So in order to get some new members I propose we add Corte Bella and allow those women to join our FRIENDSHIP club. At this point I will appoint a liaison to work between the women of Corte Bella and our club. We need some help in getting new people in our club.

So first of all we will vote on whether to allow Corte Bella to join us. At that point we need to vote on the bylaws so that they can be changed to accommodate these new members.

The first vote will be yes or no, will we allow the women of Corte Bella to join Connections?

If that vote passes then we will vote on the following amendments to our by laws

CURRENT VERBIAGE

ARTICLE I

Section A - NAME

The name of the organization shall be Connections. A Sun City West Women's Friendship Club. (Hereafter referred to as the Club)

PROPOSED VERBIAGE

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section A - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Connections, A sun City West Women and Corte Bella Women's Friendship Club. (Hereafter, referred to as the Club)

CURRENT VERIBAGE

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A- Membership shall be open to all Women residing within the boundaries of Sun City West Arizona, without discrimination.

PROPOSED VERBIAGE

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A-Membership shall be open to all women residing within the boundaries of Sun City West and Corte Bella, Arizona, without discrimination.

CURRENT VERBIAGE

ARTICLE II

Section B- A member who has been in the club more than five (5) years will be eligible to be deemed "an Emeritus Member" should she move from Sun city West to another Arizona city . As an Emeritus Member, upon paying dues, she will have the same rights and responsibility as an Active Member, excluding officer ship in the organization.

PROPOSED VERBIAGE

ARTICLEII

Section B- A Member who has been in the Club more than five(5) years will be eligible to be deemed "an Emeritus Member" should she move from Sun City West or Corte Bella to another Arizona City. As an Emeritus Member, upon paying dues she will have the same rights and responsibility as an Active Member , excluding officership in the organization.

IF we hold the vote in March we can allow the Corte Bella ladies to join in April. I thank you for you patience and understanding. We need new members. If you vote against Corte Bella I can see no future for our club. We are down to so few members and we have to do something to bring new people in.

Kathy Adams,
Vice President

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CONNECTIONS GOES TO THE MOVIES

AMC Surprise Pointe 14
13649 N. Litchfield Rd, Surprise, AZ

The movie group usually goes on a Monday or a Tuesday for the 1st showing of the day.

Tickets are 30% off on the 1st showing and sometimes 2nd showing. If you become a STUBS Member you get additional % off.

Depending on show time, we meet for brunch/lunch either before or after the movie at Nick's, which is in the adjoining parking lot w/the theatre or at a nearby restaurant. We buy our tickets online and sit in Row C. You can sit anywhere you like, but most of us prefer Row C.

Barbara Brennan will post the date and time of movie on Connections Face Book page and ask Mary Monfre to send out an email to the members announcing date and time.

No movie on the horizon at the moment!

DINE OUT

Restaurant this month is Bubba's. Enjoy!!

Kathy Adams

tweetyaz2014@gmail.com

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BUNCO

We are looking for more members to sign up for Bunco! We play on the 4th Monday of each month at 10 a.m. Hosting is at different member homes. Please contact me if you are interested in playing full time or going on the sub list!

Kay Coffee

kaycoffee2@aol.com

BOOK CLUB

Pat Michel and Nancy Pines are the chairs of this group. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. with each meeting hosted by a different member.

Due to having to cancel our meeting last month for book club, we have re-scheduled our January selection, "Barbed Wire and Daisies" by Carol Strazer. We are pleased to have Carol joining us as we discuss her book. Feel free to join us on Tuesday, February 20 at 1pm. Call Pat Michel 412-613-0419 if interested.

Pat Michel

Nancy Pines

PROGRAMS

Over the next two months we are going to cover the following programs at the Connections luncheon, we will have someone speak to us about drugs-covering Fentanyl and Narcan. We will also have a program on dementia.

Kathy Adams

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DINE IN

The dine-in group started the season with a picnic. After much discussion, it was decided that we would start in January. If anyone is interested in joining the dine-in group, please let me know. ASAP. It will be scheduled the 4th Sunday of each month.

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

SUNSHINE

Ladies, if you hear of anyone we should be sending a card to, please notify me. Thank you!

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

MISC!

There will be an Easter Basket raffle at the March Luncheon meeting. Tickets will be \$2. for 1 or \$5. for 3 tickets, so be sure to bring some extra dollars!!



Kathy Sandness
Marlene Dittell

For complete member information, please go to the website scwconnections.com .
Members Only password is member.



**DOLLY STEAMBOAT & LUNCH
CANYON LAKE & TORTILLA FLAT
FEBRUARY 28, 2024
\$165 pp**

We will meet the bus at:
Ford Travel in Sun City West at 14593 W. Camino Del Sol.

Please be ready to board the bus there at least 15 minutes prior to the departure time of **9:00 am**.

Please **DO NOT WEAR PERFUME OR LOTION** since someone on the trip is very sensitive to these smells! We don't want anyone to get sick because of this.

**Marilyn Kloha
20606 N 142nd Ave.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-546-1692
Cell: 586-260-5234**

BARLEENS REAL COUNTRY SHOW



Real Country 2023-2024

\$65. PP

If you like country music, this is the show for you! The Barleens gang performs hand-clappin', foot stompin', pickin' and grinning' country favorites!

Date: Saturday, February 24

Deadline is February 17th to sign up and pay!

No refunds after the 17th!

Still have some seats available, so if interested, please contact Marilyn

Kloha mkmiaz@live.com or 586-260-5234.





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GIRLS!



PAST PRESIDENTS RECOGNIZED AT FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

DonnaLu Diestler, Kathy Adams, Thelma Halloran, Judy Amen, Gerry Zopf

Dodi Thill and Marilyn Sage



JOHN RICHTER AND RILEY

Our guest speaker in February was Mr. John Richter and his Therapy Dog Riley who is a 5 year old 85 lb. Golden Doodle. They visit hospitals, hospice and assisted living facilities to bring smiles and happiness to residents. School children are also helped to overcome their shyness and fears.

