



May, 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](http://scwconnections.com)

at luncheons

or from Eleanor O'Brien

### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS \*\*

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 6 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024**

**DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATIONS IS 6 P.M. ON MONDAY JUNE 10, 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***

***June 13 2024***

***Special Guest Speaker - Jesse Ramirez from the Food Bank in Peoria***

**Cactus Cobb Croissant Sandwich, Chips, Ice Cream Sundae  
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](http://scwconnections.com)**

## 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD

CIRCLE OF  
FRIENDS



President	<b>Kathy Adams</b>	623-547-5268
Vice President	<b>Pat Michel</b>	412-613-0419
Secretary	<b>Charlotte McCorry</b>	556-4338
Treasurer	<b>Marilyn Sage</b>	515-314-9291
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Membership Dir.	<b>Fran DeWell</b>	623-680-1605
Publications Dir.	<b>Mary Monfre</b>	321-537-1577
Reservations Dir.	<b>Eleanor O'Brien</b>	623-584-0987
Assistan		623-680-1605
Advisor/Historian	<b>Kay Coffee</b>	623-505-7697
Parliamentary/By Laws Advisor	<b>Kay Coffee</b>	623-505-7697

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.

## 2024-2025 SOCIAL COMMITTEES

Book Lovers	<b>Nancy Pines</b>	623-734-4137
Bridge—Couples	<b>Myrna Packer</b>	734-2725
Bridge Ladies Duplicate	<b>Myrna Packer</b>	734-2725
Bridge Women's Club	<b>Beverly Jenkins</b>	602-738-8469
	<b>Marilyn Sage</b>	515-314-9291
Hand & Foot—Evenings	<b>Eleanor O'Brien</b>	584-0987
Mexican Train—Evenings	<b>Kay Coffey</b>	505-7697

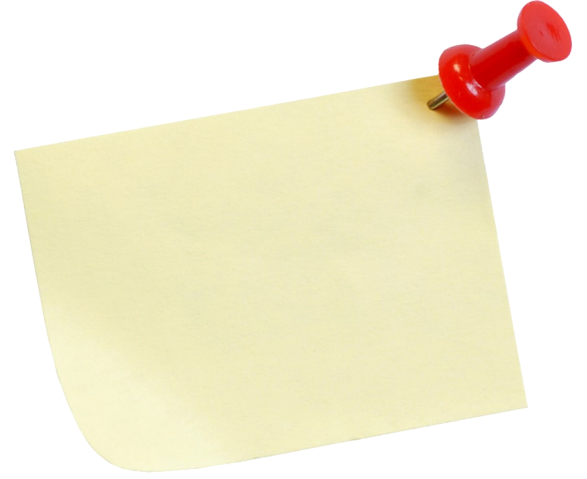
## 2024-2025 STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit	<b>Marilyn Sage</b>	515-314-9291
Facebook	<b>Sandy Lauren</b>	415-813-0886
Hospitality	<b>Carolyn Wurts</b>	243-7176
	<b>Pauline Maxwell</b>	251-5950
Publications/ Website	<b>Mary Monfre</b>	321-537-1577
Photographer	<b>Jackie Britt</b>	602-999-7270
Programs	<b>Pat Michel</b>	412-613-0419
Publicity	<b>Rosemary Dougherty</b>	623-760-8479
		Luncheon Games/Bridge <b>Fran Sandoval</b> 399-6591
		Luncheon Games/H&F <b>Carolyn Daniels</b> 951-214-5618
Sunshine	<b>Rosemary Dougherty</b>	623-760-8479
	<b>Jackie Britt</b>	
Ways & Means	<b>Corrine Povich</b>	623-261-7878
Assistants	<b>Terrie Morrissey</b>	480-522-5083
	<b>Thelma Halloran</b>	847-212-1930
	<b>Stephanie Rogall</b>	544-0735

**NOTE: Area code is 623 unless specified**

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## A Note from our President



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

Ladies,

Thank you so much for your participation in the Friendship Day at Connections. I wanted to get at least 20 more reservations and then realize at least 4 new memberships. Everyone was so cooperative and you all helped so much. I made the goal! I have many people to thank for this, Rosemary Dougherty put the information in the paper. Stephanie Gilmore put it on the radio and posted the information in Grandview Terrace. Barbara Brennen put the information on social media. Everyone got their friends to come and join us for a great lunch and an interesting program. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did and that we will do it again when the snowbirds come back. Probably about January.

I wanted to cover some of the changes that are being made. We will have a Connections time every meeting as follows;

1. We will have an interesting informative program for 7 of our meetings. These will run about 20 minutes.
2. In two of the months we will have entertainment.
3. In three of the months we will play a large group game that will be lots of fun. Then we will always try to have games afterwards.

I find that asking people to sign up for a monthly activity is difficult as we get older. Who knows what will happen to us next month so I am going to change up the Dine In, the Brunches and the pupu parties. Please come next month and find out what is going to happen.

The Dine out will remain the same but in January I am going to add a group and change some of the numbers. The groups run themselves and most of them even meet during the summer. After the groups are formed they just go by themselves and next year you can pick your own restaurants.

I am trying to make the group more fun by changing things up and adding some things. I hope everyone likes the changes.

So I will end this letter with a joke.

" I came home from Walmart complaining to my husband about the cashier who checked me out for being such a royal nasty witch of a woman. He then asked me if she was at the self checkout. And this is how the fight started. I will update you on his condition as soon as he gets out of the hospital."

Kathy Adams

# Committee Chair Reports

## A CORRECTION REGARDING THE LUNCHEON DIRECTOR REPORT IN THE MAY 9, 2024 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

I will be out of town from the middle of May until June 9<sup>th</sup>. Any questions regarding reservations for the luncheon meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup> should be directed to Mary Monfre during that time. I will be available the week of the luncheon for returning calls and preparing for our June 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon as usual.

The menu for June 13<sup>th</sup> will be a Cactus Cobb Croissant Sandwich (basically a chicken salad sandwich)

Our alternate menu item is always a Cobb Salad

When sending a check to the PO Box or leaving it on the table the month before: Please indicate on the memo line of your check if you need the alternate meal

Please also indicate on the memo line or an enclosed note if you would like to be seated with a friend

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Eleanor O'Brien  
Luncheon Reservation Director

**PS—Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item to the luncheon for donation to the Food Bank!**

**2024 – 2025 CONNECTIONS  
RESERVATION AND LUNCH MENU INFORMATION**

**Cost of luncheon (for member and/or guest) is \$33.00. Reservations are required. One check per reservation please – NO exception! On guest checks, please write “guest/her first and last 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)**

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**NOTE: For those that are Gluten free, Vegetarian or Vegan  
A Chicken COBB SALAD is the alternate meal**  
Please indicate on the memo line of your check if an Alternate meal is required

**\*June 13, 2024** Cactus Cobb Croissant Sandwich, Chips, Ice Cream  
Sundae

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, June 5

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, June 10

**NOTE:** My answering machine will be turned OFF from May 22 to June 9  
Please call Mary Monfre during that time with any questions or concerns  
I will be available again on June 10

**July 11, 2024** LET’S ENJOY A SUMMER PICNIC  
BBQ Ribs & Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn Muffin & Dessert

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, July 4

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, July 8

**August 8, 2024** Fried Chicken Salad, Rolls & Butter  
Strawberry Shortcake

RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Wednesday, August 1

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: 6 PM Monday, August 5

**PS—Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item to the luncheon for donation to the Food Bank!**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> showing of the day.

Tickets are 30% off on the 1<sup>st</sup> showing and sometimes 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Lunch at Nick's either before or after the movie! SEE YA AT THE MOVIES!!! 🍿. This group continues throughout the summer if there is anything worthwhile to see!!!

Sandy Hinkes  
Barbara Brennan

### **DINE OUT**

Dine out will continue throughout the summer if an individual group so desires. You will pick your own date and restaurant! Have fun!!

Kathy Adams

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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! Bunco will start up again in the fall!

Kay Coffee

kaycoffee2@aol.com

### **BOOK CLUB**

Many of us are off on Holiday but I thought I would give a suggestion on a book I just read;

***When the Jessamine Grow; by Donna Everhart***

From the author of *The Saints of Swallow Hill*, an evocative, morally complex novel set in rural 19th century North Carolina, as one woman fights to keep her family united, her farm running, and her convictions whole during the most devastating and divisive period in American history, perfect for readers of *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier and *Enemy Women* by Paulette Jiles

Some may have read it already. Let me know if you would like me to post a good book you have just read. This will be the last newsletter our WebMaster puts out until the fall. Since we will not meet during the summer I will try to send something out each month as a news flash for those members that have signed up. If you'd like to be included send me your name and email address to: **[npinesscw@gmail.com](mailto:npinesscw@gmail.com)** .

***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS from; pinesdesk@cox.net***

Need your input for our upcoming fall get-together that is currently set up for the third Tuesday of the month. Might change our meeting date and time so let me know what you think - which day, which week & what time of the month works better for you?

Have a wonderful Summer with safe travels and many Blessings

***Book Club - May News 2024***  
***Nancy Pines Chair***

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### PROGRAMS

The program for our June luncheon is by Jesse Ramirez representing The Food Bank of Peoria. **Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item to the luncheon for donation to the Food Bank!**

### Upcoming events:

July - Hawaiian Dancers and we will have a luau. .

August will be a bingo game instead of a program.  
We will give back all the money we collect for the sale of the cards.  
We will also play three truths and a lie for that month.  
There will be prizes given out for the winners.

September we will have an informative 15 minute program from Helping hands.

Pat Michel  
Vice President

### 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





Shannon Cheever  
Cathie Conway

Peggy Peters



For complete member information, please go to the website [scwconnections.com](http://scwconnections.com) .

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