

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

AUGUST 2025 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

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FITH AUGUST 2025 LUNCHEON

2nd Wednesday, August 13

Our August luncheon will be held at We Ko Pa Golf Club, 18200 East We Ko Pa Way, Fort McDowell, AZ 85264. **Doors open at 11:00 AM. Lunch served at 11:30 AM.** Your payment of \$32 is your reservation.

AUGUST MENU

Cobb Salad

Rolls

Cookies

\$32 includes tax and gratuity

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

STEPHANIE HARRIS fithprez@gmail.com

805-368-2940

Exciting changes are coming to Friends In The Hills! Starting in September, our luncheons will be taking place at a new Fountain Hills venue AND with a new caterer. Stay tuned for more details in the September bulletin.

You have one last chance to join us for lunch at the We Ko Pa Golf Club! A yummy Cobb Salad will be served!

We are looking for one of our new members to co-chair the Circle of New Friends with Ann van den Heuvel. Please let me know if you are interested—she can't do it alone! We are also still looking for a new leader for our Singles Supper Club.

Elections for next year's Board will be here before you know it. We're looking for ladies interested in being a part of making future decisions for the club. We would love to have new voices on the board to float new and different ideas. Please reach out to me if you are interested and I can share the details.

Stephanie Harris

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

Sue Manning Reservations Coordinator

sgmmanning@gmail.com 480-226-2187

The August luncheon will be held at the We Ko Pa Golf Club. The cost is \$32. All luncheon reservations must be made and paid for NO LATER THAN the **FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON**.

Reservations received after the **August 8** will NOT be accepted.

If you would like to bring a guest, please contact the Luncheon Reservations Chairperson, Sue Manning.

HOW TO PAY

- Go to the website, www.friendsinthehillsaz.org luncheon.
- Mail a check (made out to "Friends in the Hills Welcome Club" or "FITH" and mail to Friends in the Hills, ATTN: Luncheon, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269. The deadline to reserve and pay is August 8th. Cancellations must be made by 5:00 PM on Thursday, August 7th or your money cannot be refunded. We will NOT be doing any carry over to the next luncheon. On-line payments will be credited to your card and checks will be returned. **NOTE:** If you want to pay forward (with cash) for the September luncheon while attending the August luncheon, please have the **exact amount**.

SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT

If you know of any ill member or death in the immediate family of a member of Friends, please inform President Stephanie Harris at [805-368-2940](tel:805-368-2940) or email her at fithprez@gmail.com, or Martha Craner at [480-837-2183](tel:480-837-2183) or email her at marthab911@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Vicki Johnson

Phone: (316) 644-4774

Email: fithmembership@gmail.com

Dues are payable now for 2025. They are \$30 for renewing members. **After March 1, those who have not renewed will be dropped from Friends in the Hills Membership Database.**

Renewing members can pay on the website at:

<https://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org/manage-profile#myaccount> with a credit card or by mailing a check to:

Friends in the Hills Welcome Club

Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

Potential new members can attend a Newcomer's Coffee (see that listing in the Bulletin for the next coffee). Dues are \$30 for 2025. Ladies who are interested in joining our club will be emailed a link to make payment and join. Please email me at fithmembership@gmail.com to request the link to join Friends in the Hills Welcome Club.

The on-line Membership Directory is always up-to-date and the best source to find members.

FITH WEBSITE

Vicki Johnson

316-644-4774

Webmaster address:

fithwebmaster@gmail.com

Friends in the Hills Welcome Club has a YouTube Channel now with videos providing how to do things on the website. The link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/FriendsintheHillsAZ>

The current videos include the following:

1. Request Help from Webmaster
2. Change Password on Friends in the Hills Website
3. Renewing Dues
4. Getting the Bulletin

If you have any questions or need help getting something done on the website, please send me an email or give me a call.

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE

Barbara Cardinal brc39@aol.com 847-987-2211

Nancy Jones jonesnphnx@aol.com

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE IS ON HIATUS FOR THE SUMMER!!!

BITS, BAUBLES & BEADS

(formerly Beading Buddies)

Sharron Neyer sharron2001@msn.com 562-833-9447

Jean Peterson onejeanius@gmail.com

916-710-0898

BITS, BAUBLES & BEADS IS ON HIATUS FOR THE SUMMER!

BIRTHDAY BASH

Valerie O'Keefe valeriesellsaz@gmail.com
225-244-1769

Vicki Johnson docvj89@gmail.com

The **3rd Quarter Birthday Bash** (for ladies with birthdays in July, August and September) will be on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, from 1:00—3:00 PM. We know that is late, but we are allowing maximum time for the snowbirds to return. There is a lot going on in September on Fridays with Friends in the Hills, and there is a lot going on with our calendars in September and October. We will have a great party then. For your calendars, 4th Quarter Birthday Bash (for birthdays in October, November and December) will be Friday, December 19.

Sign up and pay on the Friends website under Members Login/Events List. You will be able to register for the October Birthday Bash starting at 3 PM on April 25. The cost is \$5.50 to cover drinks, snacks, paper products, and birthday cake. Please bring a wrapped gift valued around \$10 for our fun white elephant gift exchange.

Attendance is limited to the first 25 ladies who sign up so be sure to register soon! This is a great way to meet new people in a smaller group setting. We can't wait to see you. (Location and gate code will be sent out to attendees before the event.)

BOOK CLUB

(Desert Readers)

Helen Whatmough 480-836-6834 hwhatmough@cox.net

THE BOOK CLUB WILL NOT BE HAVING REGULAR MEETINGS AGAIN UNTIL OCTOBER!

BUNCO

Sue Manning sgmmanning@gmail.com

480-226-2187

BUNCO WILL BE ON HIATUS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

AMERICAN LEGION

16837 E. Parkview Avenue

You should bring \$5 for Bunco, \$5 for the American Legion, and \$3 in one dollar bills for LRC.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Martha Craner marthab911@gmail.com 480-837-2183

AUGUST 11, AT 11:00 AM

PHIL'S FILLING STATION

16852 E. Parkview Avenue

We meet at 11:00 AM for lunch and play at noon. Cost is \$1 per person. This is a friendly game where you can compare your score against the other people who played the same hands. Please contact Martha to make a reservation or to cancel.

PARTY BRIDGE—3RD MONDAY

Sandy Clark WClarkaz@cox.net 480-560-0883

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, AT 11:30 AM

QUE BUENO

13207 N. La Montana Drive

We have room for 3 tables. We play Bridge for 1/2 hour and then order lunch. The owner would like us to pay cash. Everyone is welcome, but you do need to sign up in advance. Contact Sandy Clark by Email: WClarkaz@cox.net or text: 480-560-0883.

EUCHRE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

PHIL'S

16852 E. Parkview Ave.

Come for a snack/lunch at 11:30. Play noon til 2 PM-ish.

Please RSVP to Myra Smith myra3mia@gmail.com
480-881-6198

If you don't play and want to learn, please contact Myra.

CIRCLE OF NEW FRIENDS

Eligibility: Members who joined 2022-2025

WE WILL BE ON HIATUS THROUGH THE SUMMER!

CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRS NEEDED!

PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE HARRIS

IF INTERESTED!

fithprez@gmail.com or 805-368-2940

CIRCLE OF LONG TIME FRIENDS

Eligibility: Members who joined 2010-2014

WE NEED NEW LEADERS FOR THE CIRCLE OF

LONG TIME FRIENDS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT

STEPHANIE HARRIS AT FITHPREZ@GMAIL.COM or 805-368-2940

FITH BOARD FOR 2025

PRESIDENT:	STEPHANIE HARRIS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	SHERI MCCURDY
2ND VICE PRESIDENTS:	BARBARA CARDINAL
	VICKI JOHNSON
SECRETARY:	KARREN BOGLE
CO-TREASURERS:	DIANE MUNDO
	BEV TALL
MEMBERSHIP:	VICKI JOHNSON
INTERNET:	VICKI JOHNSON

A flyer with a light blue background and orange wavy borders. It features stylized green palm fronds and monstera leaves in the corners.

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS "TWEENERS" LUNCH

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Menu:

Black Pepper & Honey Marinated Cantalope with Basil
Summer Corn Salad with Mixed Greens, Shredded Chicken
& Smoked Blue Cheese

Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese Biscuits with Butter

Raspberry Lemon Cake with Lemon Icing

Iced Tea or Water

\$30 includes tax and gratuity

Limited to 20 guests

Full payment required in advance

Register: www.debbiejelder.com

Debbie's Kitchen Studio,
16747 E. Parkview Ave., Suite 9
Fountain Hills

A flyer with a bright pink background and a border of colorful tropical leaves in blue, yellow, and green. The text is in white and black.

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS TWEENER'S LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MENU

Balsamic Glazed Stone Fruit
with Buffalo Mozzarella & Pine Nuts
Creamy Chicken Salad in Boston Lettuce Cups
Noble Bread topped with Zucchini Butter
Strawberry Galette with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
Iced Tea or Lemonade

\$30 (includes tax/gratuity)

Must be paid in advance; Limited Attendance

Register: www.debbiejelder.com/events/

DEBBIE'S KITCHEN STUDIO, 16747 E. PARKVIEW
AVENUE, SUITE 9, FOUNTAIN HILLS

TGIF EVENING SOCIAL—3RD FRIDAY

**WE HAVE NEW LEADERS, MARILYN TEN
HOPE AND PATRICIA ROBINSON. LOOK FOR
OUR NEW TGIF EVENING SOCIAL IN THE
FALL!**



Ladies Night Out

We Ko Pa Grille (Golf Course)

Monday, August 18, 2025

Please join us to for an evening of social time. Enjoy meeting new women, having great conversation, beverages, and food. Make your reservation soon. Guests invited up to 2 times.

When and Where:

Monday, August 18 (deadline is August 11,
Noon) Limit 55 – no refunds- NO CASH

4:00 – 6:00 pm

**Cost \$12/person for food, drinks on your
own.**

Margaritas \$10

**How to sign up and pay with credit card and
check below:**

OR

**All checks to be received by Monday, August
11 - NO CASH** to: Friends in the Hills, P.O.
Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 (include
your e-mail address and guest name)

Susan Slapke and Sheri McCurdy, Chairs

HIKING GROUP—3RD WEDNESDAY

Co-Chairs for Experienced Hike

Grete Carlson gretecmom@gmail.com 253-720-4061

Tricia Day-Ryan pdavryan@gmail.com 602-463-1728

Julie Sampson juliesampson28@comcast.net 224-723-6808

Co-Chairs for Shorter Hike

Joann Martinson jcm002@live.com 608-280-1912

Missy Putnam missy.putnam@icloud.com 414-379-7700

Kathy Helms khelms833@gmail.com 602-509-5879

**EXPERIENCED HIKE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL THIS
FALL**

**THE SHORTER HIKE GROUP WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL
OCTOBER!**

THE FOUNDERS– 1ST WEDNESDAY

Rosemary Bonaguidi rosmary.bonaguidi@cox.net
480-209-8601

Heidi Pearson heidipearsonaz@gmail.com
480-816-1088

Wednesday, August 6, at 11:30 AM

Saguaro Lake Grill

14011 N. Bush Highway

Mesa

Please email Heidi for a reservation!

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

Sally Elam sallyinarizona@gmail.com 480-766-6323

Enjoy a morning out with "Friends" at Euro Pizza. Start your day with coffee, tea and/or a whole delicious breakfast. Top it off afterwards with an optional walk around the park.

DATE: AUGUST 25TH

TIME: 10:30 AM

PLACE: EURO PIZZA

RSVP to sallyinarizona@gmail.com if you can come.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Myra Smith myra3mia@gmail.com 480-881-6198

MAH JONGG PLAY—EVERY THURSDAY

(Beginner / Intermediate)

Gloria Hachikian hshglo@gmail.com 847-420-0876

Sheila Hagan snhagan55@gmail.com 312-206-8730

American Legion Post

We ask players to arrive by 12:15 PM so we can begin play at 12:30 PM.

This group is oversubscribed at this time and shall remain closed until further notice.

We would love to encourage anyone interested in forming a second group of beginners/intermediates to please do so.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH IS ON HIATUS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA

Take a mid-week mid-afternoon break with "friends" to have a drink together, chat, catch up, and even bring home a dinner item or two. Start it off before with an optional walk in the Local Market at 2:00 PM.

Come early at 2:00 PM for an optional walk around the fountain.

DATE: Wednesday, August 16th

TIME: 3:00 pm (2:00 PM for the walk)

PLACE: Euro Pizza

RSVP to Sally Elam sallyinarizona@gmail.com if you can come.

MAH JONGG PLAY—EVERY THURSDAY

(Advanced)

Kay Speake speakekaz@yahoo.com 480-684-4675

1:00—4:00 PM

Fountain Hills Community Center

1300 N. La Montana Dr.

YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

To join this group, we ask that you have at least one year of playing experience. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Kay for details. Don't forget to bring your 2025 card and your Mah Jongg set/mat (if you have one).

OFF TO THE SHOW!

OFF TO THE SHOW WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL OCTOBER!

PAPER CRAFTING—LAST TUESDAY

Honi Hershey honi_h2000@yahoo.com 480-628-0680

August 26, at 2:00 PM

We are a small group with varying levels of experience from beginners to advanced who enjoy getting together each month to make greeting cards. We use stamps, ink, and paper to complete at least three projects each time. There is a \$10 per session fee that covers the project and supplies. Each session usually meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 2:00 PM. Space is sometimes limited. You may call or email Honi if you are interested in participating, to get more information, or to be placed on their email list.

POKER CLUB—1ST THURSDAY

Kathleen Sauser kschireb@cox.net 480-836-1293

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2:00 TO 4:00 PM

This group meets monthly at the home of Kathleen Sauser, 17345 E. Baca Drive. Please call Kathleen if you are interested in attending.

TENNIS

Marianne Fenn azaware@msn.com 480-276-8738

Saturday, 7:30 AM

Boy's and Girl's Center

N. Del Cambre

We have a fun group that meets on Saturday morning at 7:30 am at the Boy's and Girl's Center for tennis. All levels welcome. Great way to get back into the sport if you haven't played in a while.

If interested please contact Marianne Fenn
[480-276-8738](tel:480-276-8738).

SIP & SWIRL WINE—2ND TUESDAY

Linda Tornabene

Judy Crosby judy.crosby@gmail.com 480-225-6927

AUGUST 12, 2025, 4:00—6:00 PM

Grapeables Fine Wines

12645 Saguaro Boulevard

(Fountainside Plaza)

NOTE: Sign-up begins with the receipt of the newsletter. Attendance is still being limited to 30, so book ASAP to be on the list. If you do not contact **JUDY** and receive confirmation—you should not attend.

We know that plans change, but please let us know if you are not going to be able to make it once you've been signed up and/or confirmed. No-shows wanting to attend the next month will be put on the waitlist.

SINGLES SUPPER CLUB—3RD THURSDAY

WE HAVE A NEW LEADER FOR SINGLES SUPPER CLUB

Elaine Jellock elainejellock@hotmail.com
570-430-1472

MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH

18 HOLES OR SCRAMBLE GOLF

EVERY MONDAY

Cass Ritchey fithgolf@gmail.com 480-580-7992

Starfire Golf Club, Scottsdale

Every Monday, 7:50 AM

We will golf every Monday at 7:50 AM at Starfire Golf Club. The 18-hole was designed by Arnold Palmer and offers golfers a fun round! All levels are welcome, but you must be able to keep up with the pace of play.

Please use our golf email: fithgolf@gmail.com to be placed on our email list, or if you have any questions. Additional information can be found on our website.