

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

AUGUST 2026 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

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AUGUST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is staying cool—or as cool as possible! Even you snowbirds couldn't avoid the heat this summer! Only another month (or two) before our wonderful fall weather commences!

If you're in town for August, consider joining us for lunch at Phil's Filling Station here in town! Three menu items to choose from, an intimate group of ladies to socialize with AND an opportunity to win the raffle.

Hope to see you around!

Stephanie Harris

FITH President

AUGUST 12TH

PHIL'S FILLING STATION

16852 E Parkway Avenue

Fountain Hills

We will be at Phil's Filling Station for our luncheon on August 12th. When you arrive, you will be seated and presented with a limited menu to choose from—Hamburger, Strawberry Salmon Salad, and Pesto Chicken Pasta. The price of \$30 will include a drink plus tax and tip. Please sign up ahead of time for the luncheon and pay on the website as usual.

We will not have a program presented in August, giving us lots of time to socialize, and of course we will continue with our raffle. Please plan on arriving at 11:30 AM.

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 or email her at fith prez@gmail.com, or Martha Craner at 480-837-2183 or email her at marthab911@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Vicki Johnson

Phone: (316) 644-4774

Email: fithmembership@gmail.com

Membership dues for 2026 through October are **\$20**. Membership dues will drop to **\$0** on November 1 for the remainder of 2026 but we request that new members pay the **\$35** dues for 2027 when they join. Friends in the Hills membership is still a great bargain.

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 for the link. There will not be a Newcomers Coffee until September, so we welcome new members without attending a coffee. However, we do recommend that all members eventually attend the Newcomers Coffee to learn about the club.

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

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

Sue Manning Reservations Coordinator

sgmmanning@gmail.com 480-226-2187

The August luncheon will be held at Phil's Filling Station. The cost is \$30. All luncheon reservations must be made and paid for NO LATER THAN the **FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON**.

Reservations received after **August 7** 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 7. Cancellations must be made by 5 PM on Friday, 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**.

NEWCOMER'S COFFEE

Nancy Jones jonesnphnx@aol.com 602-770-9829

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

WE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER!

FITH WEBSITE

Vicki Johnson

Phone: 316-644-4774

Email: fithwebmaster@gmail.com

Friends in the Hills website is: <https://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org>. You can register online for some of our events and get the current and previous Bulletins on the website.

We have a YouTube Channel with videos providing how to do things on the website. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/FriendsintheHillsAZ>

The current help 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

We also have handouts on how to accomplish the following things on the website:

1. How to Reset or Change Your Password
2. How to Register for Ladies Night Out
3. How to Renew Your Membership Dues
4. Managing Registrations in Membership Works (for activity chairs)

If you're having trouble opening the Bulletin, you can download Adobe Acrobat Reader for free at:

<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

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

THE FOUNDERS– 1ST WEDNESDAY

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

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

Wednesday, August 5TH, at 11:30 AM

ARRIVEDERCI

Fountainside Plaza
12645 N. Saguaro Blvd
Please email Heidi for a reservation!

SINGLES SUPPER CLUB

August 21 2026, at 5:30 PM

The Tavern Grille

8880 East Via Linda
Scottsdale, AZ

Please respond by August 17th, 2026.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TEA

AUGUST 19, 2026

3:00 PM

Join us for "Afternoon Tea!" Coffee and more!
Bring home a dinner item or two as well.

PLACE: **Euro Café**

12625 N Saguaro Blvd

RSVP to Sally Elam if you can come.

sallyinarizona@gmail.com

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE

AUGUST 31, 2026

10:30 AM

Join us for a morning out with "friends."

Have some coffee, tea, or a whole good breakfast.

PLACE: **Phil's Filling Station**

16852 E. Parkview Avenue

RSVP to Sally Elam if you can come.

sallyinarizona@gmail.com

OFF TO THE SHOW!

OUT TO LUNCH!

**WE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL OCTOBER.
THANKS TO ALL THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED.**

SEE YOU IN THE FALL!

WE WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL THE FALL!

SAGUARO BOOK CLUB

The club continues to be full. If you wish to be on a wait list, please email

hwhatmough@cox.net

Please RSVP to Myra3mia@gmail.com
[480-881-6198](tel:480-881-6198)

BIRTHDAY BASH

Margarete Ripps msripps@yahoo.com

Gina Waldo ginawaldo@gmail.com

Get ready for cake, presents, and plenty of FUN! Come celebrate your birthday with Friends in the Hills! Each year we host four special birthday celebrations. Join us on **September 30th from 4:00—6:00 PM** as we celebrate everyone with birthdays in **July, August, and September**—now at a new Happy Hour time!

Sign up and pay through the Friends website under Members Login/Events. Your \$5.50 ticket includes delicious appetizers, beverages, and of course, birthday cake! To add a little extra excitement, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift and take part in our always-fun gift exchange.

Come laugh, celebrate, and enjoy a festive Happy Hour with friends—we can't wait to celebrate YOU!

BUNCO

Sue Manning sgmmanning@gmail.com

480-226-2187

AMERICAN LEGION

16837 E. Parkview Avenue

**BUNCO WILL BE ON HIATUS UNTIL
SEPTEMBER!!**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Martha Craner marthab911@gmail.com

-837-2183

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AUGUST 10, 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 people who played the same hands. Please contact Martha to make a reservation or to cancel.

PARTY BRIDGE—3RD MONDAY

Sally Gibbs sallygibbs@cox.net 480-734-3482

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 Sally Gibbs if you are interested in playing.

EUCHRE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, AT 11:30 AM

NEW LOCATION!!

CAFÉ BLISS

16425 E PALISADES BLVD, STE 101,

FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ

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

Please RSVP so I get a count of who will play.

Myra Smith myra3mia@gmail.com

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

CIRCLE OF NEW FRIENDS

August 28, 3:00 PM

Eligibility: 2022-2026



What better time to come in from the heat and raise a cold glass with new friends than August at Needle Rock Kitchen, and Tap? This private club setting offers incredible views of the Mazatzal Mountains and Four Peaks, but is open to the public for dining. Just tell the gate guard you are there for the restaurant.

Please RSVP to Ann at annvan@gmx.com by August 21. See you there!

FOUNTAIN READERS

We are currently full at this time.

For any questions regarding wait list, please contact Sally Kelly at satkelly7@gmail.com.

BOOKS IN THE HILLS

The Books in the Hills is on hiatus for the summer, and will resume on Wednesday, September 16th. The book club is full, but if you'd like to be put on a wait list, please email Kelly Echard:

kjechard@att.net

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 will be on Hiatus for the months of July and August.

Regular play will resume on September 10th.

Please contact one another to play at your pleasure in your homes over the summer and we will enjoy seeing everyone in the Fall.

Happy Summer

Sheila and Gloria

POKER CLUB—1ST THURSDAY

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

THE POKER CLUB WILL BE ON HIATUS FOR AUGUST BUT WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER!

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

WE NEED HELP!

We are in need of a member to volunteer to post photos from FITH activities onto our website, under "Photo Gallery". Here's what is required:

You will receive photos from activities and/or events, and you insert them into the website. Simple as that! An easy to follow, step-by-step guide has been created to help you through the process each time.

If interested, please contact Stephanie Harris. We need you for this fun job!

Stephanie Harris

fithprez@gmail.com

PAPER CRAFTING—LAST TUESDAY

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

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

August 25, 2026 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. NOTE NEW PRICE is \$15 per session. The fee 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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

PARKVIEW TAPHOUSE

16828 E. Parkview Ave.
Fountain Hills



\$ 8

(Lemon Drop, Regular and Cosmos)

Monday, August 24th, 2026

Please join us to for an evening to gather with friends, meet new people and great conversation, beverages, and food. Bring a friend. *If we have a large crowd we may do some line dancing.*

When and Where:

Monday, August 24th (deadline is August 17th,
Noon) NO REFUNDS

**Cost \$12/person for food, drinks on your own,
\$8 Martinis**

Various Heavy Appetizers

And as always....Mingle, Mingle...Mingle

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

www.friendsinthehillsaz.org

Login (go to 3 bars on top)
go to **Events** page (scroll down)
Problems with sign up?
Contact Vicki Johnson (webmaster)
fithwebmaster@gmail.com
316-644-4774

OR

All checks to received by Monday, August 17th to:
Friends in the Hills, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills,
AZ 85269 (include your e-mail address and guest
name)

Susan Slapke and Sheri McCurdy, Chairs

SIP & SWIRL WINE—2ND TUESDAY

Linda Tornabene

Judy Crosby judy.crosby@gmail.com

480-225-6927



AUGUST 11, 4:00—6:00 PM

Grapeables Fine Wines

12645 Saguaro Boulevard

(Fountainside Plaza)

Your Sip & Swirl hosts, Linda and Judy, are unable to join you this month, but suggest those needing a drink to head over to Grapeables to meet up with friends. No need to sign up this month. See you in September!

EVENING SIGNATURE SOCIALS

We are excited to announce our 26-27 Signature Social schedule. Save the dates and be on the lookout for registration information in the bulletin as we get closer to each event.

Halloween on Saturday, October 31st, 6:00—8:30

Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 6th, 6:00-8:30

The Oscar's on Sunday, March 14th, 5:00-7:30

As always, members may bring 1 guest of their choice!

Cheers!

Marilyn ten Hope 480-457-9277

mtenhope@msn.com

Patricia Robinson 202-489-3615

patriciacarrollrobinson@gmail.com



SHORT HIKE

We are seeking new leaders for the short hikes. If you are interested in leading this rewarding activity, please contact the club president, Stephanie Harris at fithprez@gmail.com. The hikes have usually been on the third Wednesday of the month from October through March. Feel free to contact Kathy Helms at khelms833@gmail.com for a list and description of the hikes she has been co-leading for the past seven years. They are generally three miles long with little elevation gain.



SAVE THE DATE FOR A

Friends in the Hills Joyful Holiday Party Celebration

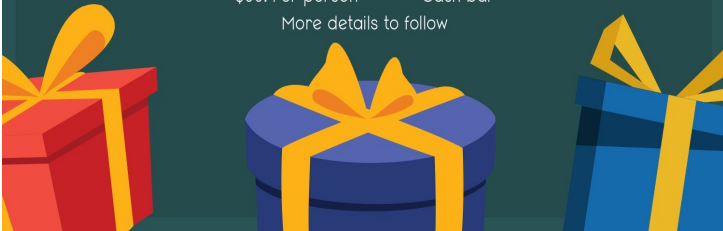
DECEMBER 12, 2026 5:00 PM

Eagle Mountain Golf Resort

We warmly invite you to mark your calendars and grab your date for a festive evening filled with joy, laughter, and holiday cheer. Celebrate the season with us as we gather to share love, good food, drink, music and wonderful memories.

\$55. Per person Cash bar

More details to follow



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 course 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.