

# FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

## NOVEMBER 2025 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

Website: [friendsinthehillsaz.org](http://friendsinthehillsaz.org)

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### NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is a time for giving thanks. For me, I am thankful for my family and all the friends I have made through Friends in the Hills. I hope you all are having the same experience in the club.

For those of you who missed October's luncheon, you missed a fascinating duo of speakers who gave us the update on our Dark Sky observatory and how important dark sky communities are to our wildlife and ourselves. Be sure to join us for this month's luncheon where you will be treated to an amazing fashion show put on by our former president Gina Waldo with fashions modeled by our members. We will also be voting in our board for next year:

President Stephanie Harris

First Vice President Debbie Wollenberg

Second Vice Presidents Barbara Cardinal and Nancy Jones

Treasurer Vicki Johnson—we are still looking for a treasurer; however, our webmaster Vicki Johnson has volunteered to handle the job in the interim.

Secretary Karen Bogle

Hope to see you all at various events during the month. Please come up and say hello!

Stephanie Harris

### 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](mailto:fithprez@gmail.com), or Martha Craner at [480-837-2183](tel:480-837-2183) or email her at [marthab911@gmail.com](mailto:marthab911@gmail.com).

### NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

#### **2n Wednesday, November 12**

Our November Luncheon will be held at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 13001 N Fountain Hills Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ. 85268. **Doors open at 11:30 AM. Lunch served at 12:00 PM.** Your payment of \$30 is your reservation.

### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

Sue Manning Reservations Coordinator

[sgmmanning@gmail.com](mailto:sgmmanning@gmail.com) 480-226-2187

The November luncheon will be held at the **Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall**. The cost is \$30. All luncheon reservations must be made and paid for NO LATER THAN the **WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON**.

Reservations received after **November 5** 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](http://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 **November 5**. **Cancellations must be made by 5:00 PM on Thursday, November 6** 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 December luncheon while attending the November luncheon, please have the **exact amount**.

## **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MENU**

Catered by Phil from Phil's Filling Station

Oven Roasted Turkey  
Stuffing  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Turkey Gravy  
Small Salad with Ranch Dressing  
Rolls and Butter  
Pumpkin Pie

## **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM**

Gina Waldo will present a fall Cabi fashion show using FITH members as models. Cabi doesn't chase trends, they reimagine them. Trends aren't rules. They're invitations to play, a chance to explore the world through what you wear. Whether bold or subtle, it's all about staying true to yourself.

### **NEEDED!!!**

A new raffle ticket gal to replace Colleen. She will be happy to show you the ropes but will be passing the torch after the December luncheon. She finds herself spread too thin with other commitments. Please contact Stephanie Harris if interested in this new opportunity. As a side note, when Colleen joined Friends In The Hills in 2018, she volunteered for this position because she knew it would be a wonderful way to meet the ladies and make new friends, which it did!

## **OFF TO THE SHOW!**

### **HI-FI HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Hale Centre Theater | 50 W Page Avenue | Gilbert

**Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 PM**

*If interested, email Laura Moccia at  
[lbmoccia@gmail.com](mailto:lbmoccia@gmail.com)*

Please submit payment prior to November 30  
(cash, mail check or Venmo)

Cell 913-370-2237

15 tickets have been reserved

Ticket price is \$60

### **NEWCOMER'S COFFEE**

Nancy Jones [jonesnphnx@aol.com](mailto:jonesnphnx@aol.com) 602-770-9829

Barbara Cardinal [brc39@aol.com](mailto:brc39@aol.com) 847-987-2211

We are pleased to invite you to our Friends in the Hills Newcomer's Coffee. Come and share a cup of coffee and a snack with us while we introduce you to all the activities FITH has to offer. You will also be able to join our club that morning if you wish. Also, if you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested, bring her along.

DATE: **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

TIME: **10:00 AM**

PLACE: 16450 East Avenue of the Fountains, Unit 2, Fountain Hills

Please RSVP to Nancy Jones [jonesnphnx@aol.com](mailto:jonesnphnx@aol.com) 602-770-9829.

## **FITH WEBSITE**

Vicki Johnson

Phone: 316-644-4774

Email: [fithwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:fithwebmaster@gmail.com)

Friends in the Hills website is <https://www.friendsinthehillsaz.org>. Currently you can register for the monthly luncheon, Ladies Night Out, the special event social (Oct 31 is full), and Birthday Bash on the website. You can also get the current and last month's Bulletin 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 the 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.

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Vicki Johnson

Phone: (316) 644-4774

Email: [fithmembership@gmail.com](mailto:fithmembership@gmail.com)

All members should know that the Friends in the Hills Board voted to increase dues to **\$35 per year** (from \$30 per year) starting with renewals for 2026. Membership is still a great bargain. The first renewal notices will go out the beginning of November. I encourage you to renew early so that you will not receive additional notices asking you to renew. If you have not renewed by the end of March, your membership profile will be deleted.

Dues for new members for the rest of 2025 are free beginning in November, but we ask that new members pay \$35 to renew. Beginning in November dues are free, we ask that new members pay **\$35** to renew their membership for 2026.

## **BIRTHDAY BASH**

Hostesses:

Valerie O'Keefe [valeriesellsaz@gmail.com](mailto:valeriesellsaz@gmail.com)  
225-244-176

Vickie Johnson [docvj89@gmail.com](mailto:docvj89@gmail.com) 316-644-4774

The **4th Quarter Birthday Bash** (for ladies with birthdays in October, November and December) will be on **Friday, December 19, 2025**, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Sign up and pay to attend the 4th Quarter Birthday Bash on the Friends website under [Members Login/Events List](#) once the 3rd Quarter Bash is over on October 31. 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 exchange.

Attendance is limited to the first 25 ladies who sign up so be sure to register early! 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.)

## **TWO NEW BOOK CLUBS!!**

### **FOUNTAIN READERS BOOK CLUB**

We have started still another book club, and the inaugural meeting will be **Thursday, November 13**, starting at 3:30 PM. We will discuss *Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano, a touching story about the messy yet strong bonds of family and sisterhood.....in essence, a modern tribute to Louisa May Alcott's classic *Little Women*.

Our group is able to take a couple more women. If interested, please contact me, Sally Kelly, at [Satkelly7@gmail.com](mailto:Satkelly7@gmail.com).

### **BOOKS IN THE HILLS**

This new book club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm.

All genres welcome and selected books should be between 300-400 pages.

Club will rotate monthly at a hostess home.

Due to large amount of interest, this book club is full at this time.



# FIFTH TWEENERS LUNCH

November 5, 2025

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

## MENU

Smoky Eggplant & Tomato Galette  
Mixed Greens with Pear & Sugared Walnuts  
Apple Cider Spice Muffins  
Pumpkin Cookies with Brown Sugar Frosting

\$30 (includes tax/gratuity)

Must be paid in advance; Limited Attendance



Register: [www.debbiejelder.com/events/](http://www.debbiejelder.com/events/)

Debbie's Kitchen Studio

16747 E. Parkview Avenue, Suite 9 Fountain Hills

480 236 2118



# FIFTH Tweeners' Lunch

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## MENU

Creamy Tuscan Salmon with Sun-dried Tomatoes & Basil  
Buttery Polenta  
Italian Green Salad with Italian Dressing  
Rustic Bread with EVOO & Balsamic  
Pomegranate-Glazed Shortbread Wedge Cookies



Register (click QR code) or [www.debbiejelder.com/events](http://www.debbiejelder.com/events)

Debbie's Kitchen Studio

16747 E. Parkview Ave., Suite #9, Fountain Hills

### **BUNCO**

NOVEMBER 26TH, AT 12:30 PM  
Sue Manning [sgmmanning@gmail.com](mailto:sgmmanning@gmail.com)  
480-226-2187

### **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.Christmas

### **BITS, BAUBLES & BEADS**

(formerly Beading Buddies)

Sharron Neyer [sharron2001@msn.com](mailto:sharron2001@msn.com)  
562-833-9447

Jean Peterson [onejeanius@gmail.com](mailto:onejeanius@gmail.com)  
916-710-0898

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Time: 1:00.

Cost: \$15.00. (all supplies included)

: 14814 E. Crested Crown

Last class for this year we will be doing a Christmas necklace. Kits will be assembled for you and no experience is necessary!

The necklace will incorporate gold beads with fire polished green beads and Christmas charms in the middle.



### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Martha Craner [marthab911@gmail.com](mailto:marthab911@gmail.com)  
480-837-2183

**NOVEMBER 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**

Sandy Clark [WClarkaz@cox.net](mailto:WClarkaz@cox.net) or 480-560-0883

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, ATT 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](mailto:WClarkaz@cox.net) or text: 480-560-0883

### **CIRCLE OF NEW FRIENDS, 4TH FRIDAY**

Eligibility: Members who joined 2022—2025

Ann Van Den Heuvel [annvan@gmx.com](mailto:annvan@gmx.com)  
480-299-6951

Alveretta Petta [alveratta\\_petta@yahoo.com](mailto:alveratta_petta@yahoo.com)  
480-510-0304

**OCTOBER 24, 11:30 AM**

### **WICKED 6 BAR AND GRILL**

Sunridge Canyon Gold Course

13100 Sunridge Drive

Fountain Hills, AZ 8526

Please RSVP to Ann Van Den Heuvel by 10/17 at: [Annvan@gmx.com](mailto:Annvan@gmx.com).

## **OUT TO LUNCH**

Myra Smith [myra3mia@gmail.com](mailto:myra3mia@gmail.com) 480-881-6198

This will be a special Out to Lunch in November! We will be going to the **Arizona Culinary Institute Tuesday, November 18th for an 11:30 AM seating.**

If you have never been this is a wonderful culinary experience. 4 course meal, \$25-30, white linen, excellent service and food by the culinary students.

LIMIT IS 10 so get your rsvp in to me quickly to reserve your spot.

Address is 10585 N. 114th St, Ste #401, Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Please RSVP by email to Myra Smith, [myra3mia@gmail.com](mailto:myra3mia@gmail.com), 480-881-6198

**ALSO** another special treat for December previewing now as reservations/payments need to be made by 12/10. Limit 20.

Our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 16th at noon at Debbie's Kitchen Studio.

The 3 course meal details are in the attached file as well as this link to make direct payment and reserve your spot.

Website link: [www.debbiejelder.com/events](http://www.debbiejelder.com/events)

Details will come out again in the December bulletin, but wanted you to be aware of what was coming and deadline for RSVP.

Any questions, please contact Myra at [myra3mia@gmail.com](mailto:myra3mia@gmail.com)

## **SINGLE SUPPER CLUB**

**NOVEMBER 20, AT 5 PM**

### **WICKED SIX**

Sunridge Canyon Golf Club

I have made reservations for 16 people. Please send me your response before 11/15, as I need to give the restaurant a final count at that time. We will be on the patio.

Elaine Jellock [elainejellock@hotmail.com](mailto:elainejellock@hotmail.com) or  
[570-430-1472](tel:570-430-1472)



## **SAGUARO BOOK CLUB**

Helen Whatmough [hwhatmough@cox.net](mailto:hwhatmough@cox.net)  
480-836-6834

The Saguaro Book Club is full and only accepting waitlist applicants. If you are interested in being on the waitlist, please email [hwhatmough@cox.net](mailto:hwhatmough@cox.net).

### **EVENING SIGNATURE SOCIALS**

Our Halloween Signature Social has sold out in record time! We are pleased to see the enthusiasm for the change we've made this year. The committee recently held our first planning meeting and we are all working hard to make this Halloween one for the books! The next social event will be the Holiday Gala on December 19. Note that this will replace the traditional Gala FITH has hosted in the past. Save the date now and stay tuned for details in the December bulletin! Remember, the events are always open to members plus 1.

### **THE FOUNDERS- 1ST WEDNESDAY**

Rosemary Bonaguidi [rosmary.bonaguidi@cox.net](mailto:rosmary.bonaguidi@cox.net)  
480-209-8601

Heidi Pearson [heidipearsonaz@gmail.com](mailto:heidipearsonaz@gmail.com)  
480-816-1088

Wednesday, November 5th, at 11:30 AM

Please email Heidi for a reservation!

### **NORDSTROM'S MARKETPLACE RESTAURANT**

Scottsdale Fashion Square

Please E-mail Heidi for a reservation!

### **MAH JONGG PLAY—EVERY THURSDAY**

(Beginner / Intermediate)

Gloria Hachikian [hshglo@gmail.com](mailto:hshglo@gmail.com) 847-420-0876

Sheila Hagan [snhagan55@gmail.com](mailto: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.

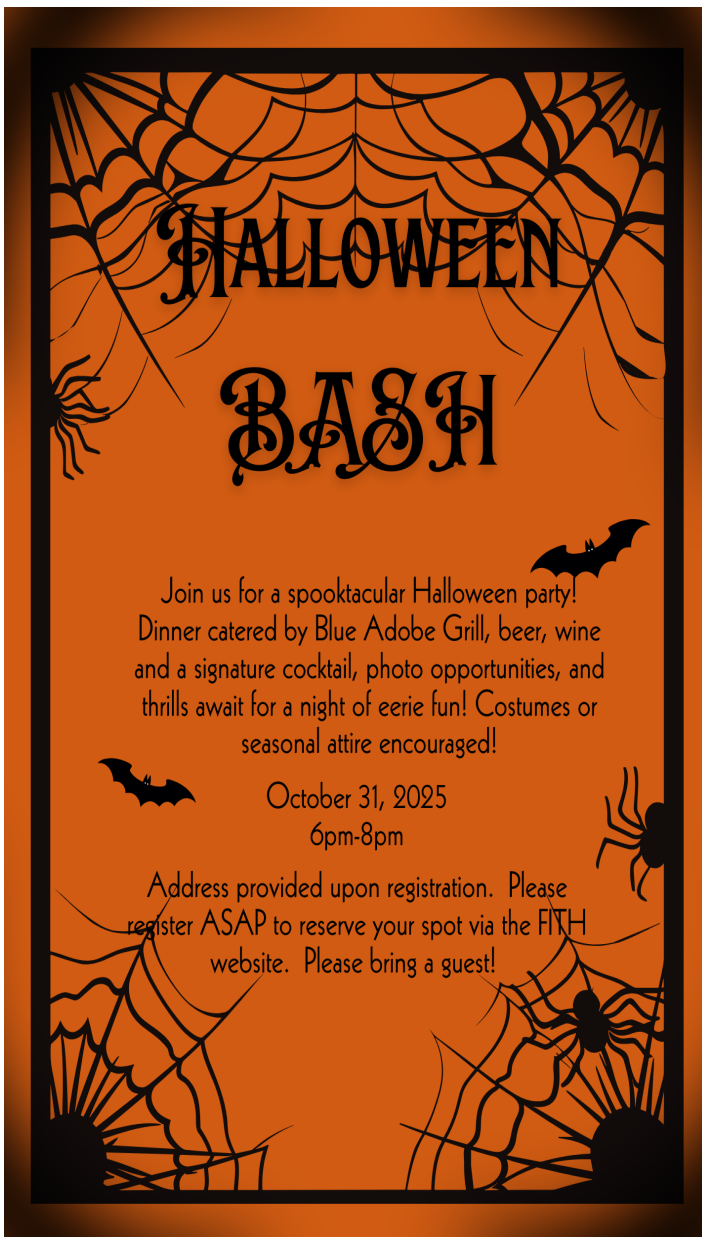
This group is oversubscribed at this time and shall remain closed until further notice.

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

### **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

Sally Elam [sallyinarizona@gmail.com](mailto:sallyinarizona@gmail.com)  
480-766-6323

### **CANCELLED DUE TO THANKSGIVING!**



## **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

### **VICINOS LOCAL ITALIAN**

10999 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

**Monday, November 24, 2025, 4:00– 6:00 PM**

### **Martini Mondays, \$8 Martini's**

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

(Deadline is November 17th, **Noon**) **Limit 40—No Refunds-NO CASH**

**Cost \$12.00 per person for food, drinks on your own.**

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

[www.friendsinthehillsaz.org](http://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 be received by **Monday, November 17th, NO CASH** to Friends in the Hills, P.O. Box 17358, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 (include your E-mail address)

Susan Slapke and Sheri McCurdy, Chairs

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

## **SHORTER HIKE**

Co-Chairs for the Shorter Hike

Joann Martinson [jcm002@live.com](mailto:jcm002@live.com) 608-280-1912

Missy Putnam [missy.putnam@icloud.com](mailto:missy.putnam@icloud.com) 414-379-7700

Kathy Helms [khelms833@gmail.com](mailto:khelms833@gmail.com) 602-509-5879

### **Shorter Hike**

Wednesday, November 19

### **Brown's Ranch Interpretive Trail**

This is an easy 3-mile out and back hike on the Brown's Ranch Road trail, which is sandy and flat. The highlight is the 0.3-mile interpretive loop on the Brown's Ranch property. Learn the story of the Northern Headquarters of the historic Brown Family Ranch through a series of interpretive panels that detail the history of Scottsdale, the technologies of the time, life on a ranch, and the peoples and events of the ranch.

We will meet at 8:15 am at the NW corner of the Safeway parking lot and carpool to the trailhead in North Scottsdale. Lunch afterward will be at the Dynamite Grille at Troon North Golf Club near Brown's Ranch. Please email Kathy Helms at [khelms833@gmail.com](mailto:khelms833@gmail.com) to sign up for the hike and lunch.

## **EUCHRE**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, AT 11:30 AM**

**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](mailto:myra3mia@gmail.com) 480-881-6198

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

### **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.

DATE: Wednesday, November 19th

TIME: 3:00 pm

PLACE: **Euro Café (new location)**

Yes same area just next building

12625 N Saguaro Blvd 101

480-836-0207 (restaurant number)

RSVP to Sally Elam sallyinarizona@gmail.com

if you can come.

### **PAPER CRAFTING—LAST TUESDAY**

Honi Hershey honi\_h2000@yahoo.com  
480-628-0680

November 25, 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, November 6th, 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.

### **CIRCLE OF LONG TIME FRIENDS**

Eligibility: Members who joined 2010-2014

**WE NEED NEW LEADERS FOR THE CIRCLE OF**

**LONG TIME FRIENDS.**

**IF YOU A. RE INTERESTED, CONTACT**

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

### **SIP & SWIRL WINE—2ND TUESDAY**

Linda Tornabene

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

**NOVEMBER 11, 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.

### **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.

### **BEGINNING MAH JONGG CLASS**

Good morning and welcome to beginners Mah Jongg. Anyone interested in our class or advancing their skills please give me a call!

Mary Monroe

Phone #262-424-5380

Our playing time will be on Fridays at 1:00 pm, starting October 17th. For more information or questions, just give me a call. Thank you!