

Meet the M.R.W.A. McCormick Ranch Women's Association

Ladies with an equal interest in social and philanthropic results of fun!

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The "M" stands for a mountain range and "W" is the reflection of the many man made water filled lakes on the Ranch, while the "R" stands for the range of "A" the activities and amenities that can be enjoyed both on the ranch and with the association.

The McCormick Ranch Women's Association is an organization "which leaves a positive and humanitarian 'brand' on social and civic activities." It's logo was designed by Mary Kay Singer in 1983.

Monthly Activities, Luncheons and Programs

The following activities are available to M.R.W.A. members: Book Discussion, Bridge, Bunco, Out to Lunch, Stitch Group, Antiquing, and Out & About. Activities like these, along with monthly luncheon educational and entertaining programs held in some of Scottsdale's finest restaurants put the "extra" and the memorable in what would otherwise be just an ordinary month of 30/31 days.

Luncheon Reservations: Luncheons occur the third Thursday of a month. Early reservations are appreciated. If you leave a message on the answering machine, you will receive a confirmation call. If you send an email, you will receive a confirmation email. Reservations can be made by contacting Carol, 480-688-0403; dbellamy11@cox.net / Rosellen, 480-215-2882; rosellensb@gmail.com / Fran Riggs; 480-621-8276 / gmafran24@cox.net

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BOUNDARY INFORMATION

Dues: The dues to join the M.R.W.A. are \$40.00 — Dues are payable June 1st and must be received on or before the October luncheon for a member to be included in the association's directory. **Membership Boundaries:** Membership is open to all women residing within the area of Shea Boulevard to the north; Indian Bend Road to the south; Scottsdale Road to the west; Pima Road to the east; as well as those within the Community Core bounded by Pima Road, Shea Boulevard, 96th Street and the northern boundary of the Salt River Indian Reservation; and those neighborhoods contiguous to McCormick Ranch immediately to the south of Indian Bend between Pima Road and Scottsdale Road. For those residing outside the above areas, new members must be sponsored by a current member.

President's Message:

McCormick Ranch Women's Association promotes spirited friendships and an atmosphere for sharing ideas with persons with diverse interests. Opportunities and surroundings for social and intellectual interests abound within the association. Our activities are both pleasurable and informative and they form a framework for our ongoing success.

More importantly, MRWA represents the beautiful land on which we live – McCormick Ranch and the women who form the fabric of the neighborhood.

—Phyllis Thompson
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Early History of the Association...



In 1976 Judy Fussell, in charge of community relations for Kaiser-Aetna, began holding meetings for the women on the Ranch to help them become acquainted with each other. By 1978 there were enough residents to establish a permanent club. The new organization held its first activity, a "Meet Your Neighbor" luncheon, on April 4, 1978, at the McCormick Ranch golf clubhouse at the cost of \$4.50. That same month members attended a taping of Erma Bombeck at the KTVK TV studio, followed by lunch at the clubhouse. The taped segment was shown later on Good Morning America. The Association nominated its first slate of officers at the May luncheon and also set dues at \$6. a year. Bylaws were established and a Statement of Purpose was written as follows: "The purpose shall be to foster community spirit, activities and projects to further the common interests of members."

Early days of the M.R.W.A.

1978 - Children's Holiday Parade

1980 - Funded first BBQ grill and water fountain at Mt. View Park

1983 - MRWA members selected to staff information booths for the building fund of Scottsdale Memorial North, now Scottsdale Healthcare Shea.

1984 - Established the Volunteer Network, placing 100's of volunteers with organizations that needed their help on and off the Ranch.

1986 - Began the Pot-of-Gold collection at luncheons, which today still provides dollar donations to local charities.

1987 - Created member cookbooks and held member holiday boutiques selling items at a profit to augment Pot-of-Gold donation dollars.

1993 - President Judy Anderson worked with city engineers to have turn lights and marked pedestrian walkways installed at Hayden and McCormick Parkway.

1998 - Speaker Sheriff Joe Arpaio's appearance at a luncheon initiates the occasional attendance of husbands at monthly luncheons.

Meet our namesake, Mrs. Anne McCormick

In 1943 Anne and Fowler McCormick were searching for a large acreage where they could raise horses and ride. They had spent several winters in Arizona and found that the dry weather helped Mrs. McCormick's arthritis. These newcomers were a far cry from the usual desert settlers who scratched out bare livings from their lonely acres. Fowler McCormick's grandfathers were Cyrus H. McCormick, inventor of the mechanical reaper, and John D. Rockefeller, one of the country's wealthiest men. The McCormicks' horses were the main attraction on their ranch, beautiful Arabians, including stallions imported from Poland and England, that took blue ribbons in horse shows all over the country. In the early years, Mrs. McCormick left during the summer months, but she grew to love her desert ranch and later remained year round. She was an active participant in managing her land, spending hours studying the bloodlines of her livestock, especially the horses. Although Fowler McCormick came whenever he could, the ranch was hers to run. Mrs. McCormick died In 1969. Fowler McCormick passed away in 1973.

