



*Twentieth Century Club*  
**CONNECTIONS**  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The members of the cookbook committee had the privilege of writing the Twentieth Century Club's story through its recipes. We felt it was an important story to tell. Everyone has a story within them and they are important to share. Programs Vice President Diane Coons has arranged for a very special luncheon in February, "Your Story Matters" with Denise Gallues to empower us to share our stories and give us hints to getting started.

Last year, we celebrated with our gal pals for "Galentine's Day." Our amazing female friends are there for us 24/7 so don't forget to remember them on February 14th. Better yet, invite them to lunch with the TCC!

I look forward to seeing you at the February luncheon.

Kimberly Elliott

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## THE TCC SPRING BASKET RAFFLE

Mark your calendars! This year we are throwing a party for the TCC's Charter Day luncheon on May 11 with a Spring Basket Raffle. We will have baskets for every interest. In fact, we have two fabulous baskets already donated—one for budding writers and another with the latest bestsellers to tempt readers. The luncheon is just ahead of Mother's Day and Father's Day—so you can pick up the perfect gift. This is a great way to treat your friends to lunch, so consider sponsoring a table and fill it with your besties. To make the event a success we need volunteers to make baskets, donate items for a basket, and to help with raffle ticket sales. The proceeds will benefit our scholarship program. Diane Coons is coordinating the event.

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## MEMBERSHIP—WE ARE GROWING!

Current Membership is at 68. We have one new member, Susan Cesarini. Susan, a.k.a Feline Rescue, joins us via our online portal. Susan attended the January lunch. She has a very interesting background, and we look forward to introducing her at the February lunch.

I received a call from Mary Ann O'Donnell's husband, Dan. Mary Ann's phone number is incorrect in the roster. The correct phone number is 817-854-0586. Please make a note of the correct number.

*(Turn to page 2 for the rest of Peggy's article.)*



## THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

*"Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on."*—Louis L'Amour

*"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."*—Maya Angelou

*"Every secret of a writer's soul, every experience of his life, every quality of his mind, is written large in his works."*—Virginia Woolf

## FEBRUARY 9 | TCC’S LUNCH & LEARN

Everyone has a story. We start with memories, poignant events, laughter shared around the dinner table—writing them down lets us transform them into stories celebrating life and unifying generations. Join us and Denise Gallues on February 9th to start your story.



**Everyone has a story.**

Native Nevadan Denise Gallues earned her degrees in English, History and Educational Leadership from the University of Nevada. Upon graduating, she interned with the U.S. Senate in Washington, DC; however, her passion has always been teaching. She taught English at Wooster, Reed and Washoe high schools. She is proud to have been an original staff member at Reed High School, which developed engaging instruction by offering students English elective courses and cross-curricular learning opportunities. Gallues also served as the Director of the Northern Nevada Writing Project. After 30 years, she retired from the Washoe County School District to start a business providing coaching, teacher training, program assessment, and proposal development. In June 2021, she retired for a second (and final?) time. Her interests include reading, cooking, sports, travel, and crafts. ■



### **FEBRUARY LUNCHEON BENEFICIARY** **FOOD BANK OF NORTHERN NEVADA**

The faces of hunger may surprise you. They may be a co-worker, your child’s friend, or the grandparent living next door. Each month, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada provides assistance to more than 130,000 people through their network of more than 150 partner agencies and direct service programs. Almost half of the

clients we serve are children and seniors. In fact, one in every five children in Nevada is considered food insecure.

The Food Bank goes beyond food. Their innovative programs and services attack hunger from all angles, working to move Nevadans from a place of hopelessness to health.

The Food Bank grew from a



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small pantry to a regional distribution center. It incorporated in 1983 and has operated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization for 40 years. A donation of \$100 can provide 300 meals. Last fiscal year, they provided more than 20 million meals for neighbors who faced hunger.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT-CONTINUED**

Several attendees of the Cookbook launch on December 3, at Sundance Books took information about our organization, including Membership Applications.

I want to make a special call out to Sue Moore-Fry. Not only did she give a wonderful presentation, *If Streets Could Talk*, but she invited three guests to the lunch. Rumor has it they have been friends since High School!

Keep the Cookbook in mind for upcoming special event gifts: Valentines Day, St. Paddy’s Day, Easter Baskets, Birthdays. . .

*Peggy Slattery, Membership Chair*

## TCC BOARD ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The TCC Officers and Directors meet monthly from August through May. The August meeting is the planning meeting for the coming year. Below are highlights from the meetings. Minutes from the meetings are available upon request.

### TCC Receives Greenlight from Gaming Control Board

The board submitted its 2023 application to the Nevada Gaming Control Board to host charitable lotteries or raffles. The State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 462 requires that all charities provide proof of their nonprofit status—and the total amount of prizes distributed—annually. Enforcement Agent Stacy Cohen approved the Club’s application on January 11th.

### Nevada Sales/Use Tax Exemption Renewed

Last submitted by Jessie Scott, TCC’s treasurer in 2007, the Club’s tax-exempt status expired in December 2022. Pursuant to NRS 372, charitable organizations must apply to the Nevada Department of Taxation for exemption from sales/use taxes. The board submitted a renewal application and supporting documents to the state agency in October 2022. Direct purchases or sales of tangible personal property made by or to the Twentieth Century Club are exempt from sales/use tax through 2027.

### Mid-Year Budget Review

The board conducted a mid-year budget review in January. Assigned to the committee were: Barbara Korosa, Jane Chapman, Annette Luckow, Roni Nicora, and Barbara Oppio. They found a few items to be overbudget—such as marketing and mailings—and have developed recommendations for actions going forward to be presented to the board in February.

### New Social Activity Club

We are listening to you and reading your luncheon surveys. In February, the board will consider adding a new social activity to its current offerings—bridge, mahjong, and book club. Diane Coons will be presenting a recommendation to the board for a craft club. Article 10 of the Club’s bylaws allow new activity groups to be formed with the approval of the president and the board.

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## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Those born in February are no shrinking violets. They are original and progressive thinkers with strong humanitarian instincts. They sound like TCC women!

Celebrating birthdays this month are:

Frances Smith, Pat Gough, Isabelle Pearce, LaVonne Duhon,  
Cynthia Harris, and Diane Coons



### **2022-2023 OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT  
KIMBERLY ELLIOTT

1ST VP-PROGRAMS  
DIANE COONS

2ND VP-PHILANTHROPY  
TATJANA VUKOVIC

3RD VP-MEMBERSHIP  
PEGGY SLATTERY

SECRETARY  
SUE MOORE-FRY

TREASURER  
JANE CHAPMAN

### **DIRECTORS**

EDIE FERGUSON  
(2021-2023)

BARBARA KOROSA  
(2021-2023)

JAN BROWNE  
(2022-2024)

RONI NICORA  
(2022-2024)



## TCC'S CRAFTERS CLUB

Looking for a little crafting inspiration? Are you stuck in a rut or just need advice on a step in your latest project? The new club is intended to provide a forum for TCC's many talented crafters and inspire new crafters. Diane Coons is heading up the TCC's Crafters Club. More details to follow. ■



## TCC BOOK CLUB—A NEW YEAR OF GREAT READS

In December, we had a great end of year meeting. Lynda Knepper led our discussion of John Grisham's "The Summons". Judge Atlee has died and his sons have found a "whole lotta cash" hidden in his house. But neither knows where the cash came from, nor that both are aware of this unexpected windfall. Paranoia deceit and distrust haunts both as each struggles to decide his path.

Edie Ferguson has chosen Donna Leon's "Blood from a Stone"—a Guido Brunetti mystery. In Venice, an illegal immigrant from Senegal is murdered. And Guido sees more in

the crime than just a simple clash of cultures. As he pursues certain clues, an engrossing and complex portrait of corruption and greed emerges.

Roni Nicora has decided to lead a discussion in February on "The Vig" which takes place in 1990's San Francisco and features Dismas Hardy and Abe Glitsky--two of LesCroarts favorite crime-solvers. Many shady characters; convoluted relationships; and dark motives move us through a very fast-paced read! Have fun with this one!

And I will lead a discussion on "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A Good Moring America Book Club Pick; a Best Book by NPR; and A Notable Book of the Year by the Washington Post this novel tells the story of Belle da Costa Greene J.P. Morgan's personal librarian. She is an extraordinary woman—intelligent, stylish, witty and (secretly) African-American. And she rises in a male-dominated, chauvinistic, and intolerant society to become one of the premier authorities in her field.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Barnes & Noble. Please join us for any of our discussions or just come to listen and visit!! *Barbara Oppio, Book Club Chair* ■

## BRIDGE CLUB—PLAYERS ARE BROWN BAGGING IT

TCC's bridge players are brown bagging it at the home of Jan Browne—4025 Bitter Creek Court, Reno, Nevada. There are restaurants nearby, if you prefer to pick something up. Jan will provide coffee. All players must be vaccinated, but masks are optional. Cost: \$1 for prize money. Bridge Co-Chairs: Joan Brick, Roberta Gerber and Jane Chapman.

The TCC Bridge Club meets on the 1st Friday morning of each month. Play begins at 10:00 and ends at 2:30 in the afternoon. ■

## THE MAHJONG CLUB—TCC'S "QUINT"-ESSENTIAL WOMEN

Mahjong is a game of skill, strategy, and luck. The game is played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols. Base hands are called "quints" or five of a kind. To win a game, a player must be both offensive and defensive – the aim is to complete the best hand as quickly as possible, while not discarding tiles that will be of advantage to other players. The group meets at Swill Coffee & Wine Café on Mondays —9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The address is 3366 Lakeside Circle. Linda Felices is chair. ■

## LUNCHEON MEETINGS

The Twentieth Century Club meets September through May on the second Thursday of each month. Check-in and socializing begins at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon service and program starting at noon. The meetings are held at the Atlantis Casino Resort which is conveniently located at 3800 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada.

For more information about the Club's activities and upcoming programs, please visit the website at [twentiethcenturyclub.org](http://twentiethcenturyclub.org).