

## September 2025 Verbená – President's Message



Welcome Back Beautiful Ladies!!

I'm so pleased to have seen so many of our members and friends participate in our extra-curricular activities this summer. It seems the happy hours are popular and well attended. We had 3 Happy Hours... June - Cowboy Cantina, July - Enzo's, and August - Indian Wells Resort Hotel. In addition, we had 2 outings... one at the Living Desert and the other at Eisenhower Hospital's SIMs (Robotics lab).

You may have read in an earlier Alert update that we have had two (2) board members step down due to health reasons. (Send healing thoughts to Shelley Salinas and Dora Armstrong.) Fortunately, we had great success in finding some wonderful last-minute replacements. Please refer to a prior Alert or our website to see our new 2025-26 Board of Directors ([www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org](http://www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org)).

But now it's back to work... and by that I mean fundraising and socializing! Time to meet and make new friends, and to show your love to our wonderful Coachella Valley.

We made our \$1M goal last season so you can all be very proud of yourselves and your hard work. I would love to see our goal this year increase our membership and funding as we march towards \$2M in half the time. We are so fortunate to be living here and able to support our mission to "Advancement & Education of the Youth in our Community". Our youth IS our future!

We cannot achieve anything without your help and participation! Make it a goal to meet a new friend or friends this year! Make it a goal to join a Committee this year! Make it a goal to bring in one (1) new member this year!

Dovetailing to that ask, our first speaker in September will be Holli Kenley, MA, LFT, Author, and (yes, another) winner of the Ms. Senior California pageant representing Rancho Mirage. Her very apt presentation will be: The Courage to Grow!

Once again, we will be enjoying our lunch at the Chapparal Country Club on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 1:30pm.

Please pay your Member Dues if you haven't yet done so – payment info is attached.

And...our Gala will be on Friday March 20, 2026 at the Ritz-Carlton. Mark your calendars now for this very fun event. It will be another "Out of This World" 1<sup>st</sup> VP Shannon Shea production!

Please check out our **website: [www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org](http://www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org)**, Facebook and Instagram pages – lots of great info and fun photos!!

Looking forward to seeing you on the 25th!!

Faye van Boxel

# WELCOME BACK LUNCHEON

***SPEAKER: Holli Kenley, MA, LMFT,***

***Author: THE COURAGE TO GROW***

***Thursday, September 25, 2025***

***Chaparral Country Club***

***100 Chaparral Drive (entrance off Portola)***

***Palm Desert, CA 92260***

***11:00am Social***

***12:00pm Luncheon & Meeting***

\$49.00 charge, check or cash – (preferred pymt is via PayPal on our website)

(please let Brenda Johnson know via text/email if you have paid via PayPal)

***[www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org](http://www.ranchoiragewomansclub.org)***

## ***MENU***

Mango Tango Salad w/ Grilled Chicken, Boston Bibb, Candied Pecans, Sundried Cranberries,

Gorgonzola nuggets, crispy Fried Onion Rings, Honey-Lime Vinaigrette

## ***Alternate Meal***

Same salad with no chicken, additional avocados, edamame

## ***Dessert***

Lemon bar w/raspberry sauce

***RSVP TO Brenda Johnson (emails/texts only – no phone calls, please)***

***[Brenda18oak@yahoo.com](mailto:Brenda18oak@yahoo.com) or (310) 713-5827***

***let Brenda know if you need the Alternate Meal***

***RSVP DEADLINE IS MONDAY 9/22 AT NOON***

**Remember --- “A Reservation Made, is a Reservation Paid”**

**Beverly Licata - 1st VP**

***PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBER DUES*** (if you haven't already done so)!

Pay via PayPal on our website or contact:

**Gail Miller -- 3rd VP – Membership (209) 612-7323**

to pay via credit card over the phone –

**(Gail will also be collecting dues at our Sept luncheon)**

### ***CHAMBER OF COMMERCE***

Please visit the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce website

[www.rancho Miragechamber.org](http://www.rancho Miragechamber.org) for current events

### ***SUNSHINE***

If you are aware of anyone that needs some sunshine, please let

Pam Silver know – [pamag4781@gmail.com](mailto:pamag4781@gmail.com)

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF OUR SEPTEMBER LADIES!!***



Please visit our website at [www.rancho Mirage womansclub.org](http://www.rancho Mirage womansclub.org) and our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest photos of our Summer Happy Hours and Outings