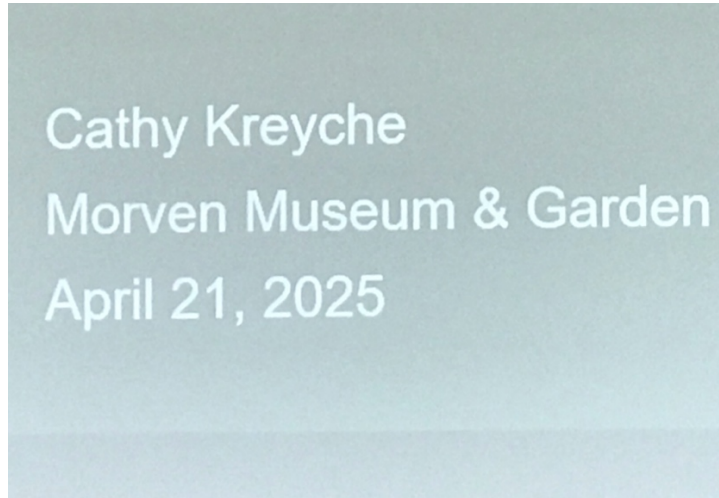


April 21, 2025: General Meeting

"24 Hours for Africa: Women Baseball Benefit Game in 2003" Speaker: Cathy Kreyche, an independent editor and writer who specializes in memoirs and organizational histories. [Poster](#). Photos by Patricia Shalestik.



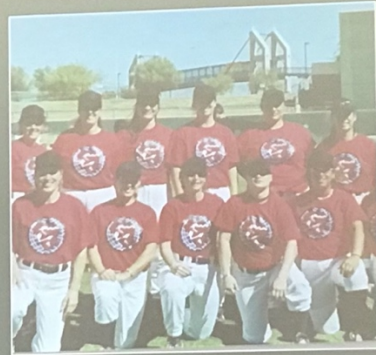
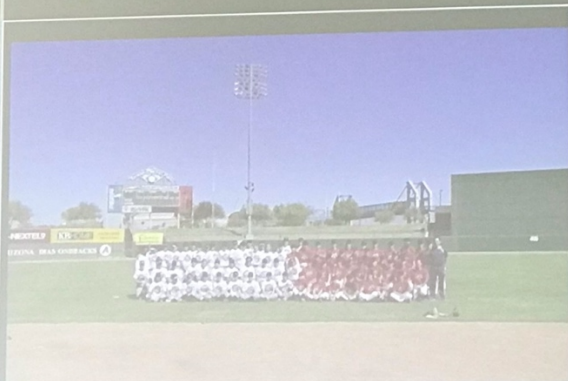
Live the Dream Athletics Two-Day Training Camp



John Denny, Cy Young
Award Winning Pitcher



The 24-Hour Game



- 72 players from 18 states, 3 countries
- Player Ages: 12– 67
- Game Start
12:06 pm, Oct 18



In 2002, the HIV/AIDs epidemic had claimed 2.4 million lives in Africa, more than 70% of the 3.1 million deaths worldwide. Over the weekend of October 18–19, 2003, 75 women baseball players from Japan, the US, and Australia came together in Tucson, Arizona, to play baseball for 24 hours, 65-inning and raised more than \$60,000 to

support the organization U.S. Doctors for Africa. The 24-hour all-women game highlighted the love of playing baseball shared across generations, geography, and gender. This presentation provides a snapshot of this 2003 game and shows its impact on the players, including the presenter, who was one of the women fortunate to be a part of this unique community and to participate in this once-in-a lifetime event.

U.S. Doctors for Africa (USDFA) is a humanitarian organization committed to increasing access to medical care for diseases affecting areas of Africa.

Cathy Kreyche is an independent editor, writer, and researcher who helps individuals and organizations capture and publish their histories. Her recent work includes editing and contributing to the History of the Princeton University League and collaborating with local tennis legend Marty Devlin (also a former professional baseball player) on his memoir. She has participated in Major League Baseball's Take the Field program and has presented at conferences including the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Cathy has served on the executive board of Rutgers University Writers Conference and develops programs for the Hopewell Public Library.