PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

SEASON'S GREETINGS!!!! What a busy time with decorating, buying gifts, wrapping gifts, sending cards, baking, planning menus, etc. Hopefully, most people who do these things are almost finished so they can relax and truly enjoy the spirit of the holidays. I especially miss my family during this month but am staying here again this year. To those of you lucky enough to have families nearby or visiting from other places I hope your family gatherings are heartwarming. To those of you traveling to see others I wish you have safe journeys. The rest of us will enjoy fun times with dear friends. There are many people signed up for the Christmas Party on the 19th so I hope to see you there. Have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! Mary McGar

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The Holidays are here and I hope you are signed up for the Christmas Party! I promised my wife that I will be on my best behavior even with all the goodies to eat. You see I am prone to indulge too much during the holidays. But I can try to be good! On New Years Eve I am going to toast the WWN Club and all the friends I’ve made this year and work towards a even better New Year. Get involved this next year and meet new friends. Merry Christmas,

Tom Wilson
**WWN ACTIVITIES**

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**UPCOMING NEWCOMERS EVENTS PLANNED**

**NEWSIES**

Broadway’s Smash Hit Musical

Set in New York City at the turn of the century and based on a true story, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of teenaged ‘newsies,’ who dreams only of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsboys’ expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies ...

**GET YOUR TICKETS!** For March 31, 2019 2:00 pm at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center. Seniors $10 pp. Sign up by January 29 meeting. Call Diana White for more information 951-813-6266

**SOCially singles**

**Christmas Dinner** If you would like to have Christmas dinner with friends at Elmer’s Restaurant on Christmas Day let Trish Bell know. We meet there at 3 p.m. Please let Trish Bell know, by noon Christmas day, if you would like to join the group. The contact info is 541-476-0466 or tb_euhs@yahoo.com. This is a time change from what was on the sign-up sheet.

**A New Year’s Eve Invite** If you don’t have any plans for an early New Year’s Eve dinner then come and join us at 3 p.m. at Taqueria Mexico, 137 SE "H" Street, Grants Pass. I need to make reservations for this so please let me know if you would like to join us by noon December 28th. Trish Bell at 541-476-0466 or tb_euhs@yahoo.com. This is a time change from what was on the sign-up sheet.

**Tuesday January 8th** the Socially Singles will be going to the Laughing Clam to celebrate the New Year and talk about the holidays. We will meet there at 11:30. I know the sign-up sheet said a different time but the reservations are for 11:30 a.m. If you want to join us, call Trish Bell at 541-218-2119 and leave a message or call 541-476-0466.

**CRAFTS**

Connie Hagar, Craftmaster
1255 SW. Ironwood, Dr.
Grants Pass 97526
541-218-2804

**Jan. 16th Craft** is a book made with lunch bags. Can be a scrapbook with pictures, a collection of favorite recipes, inspirational messages. Starts at 10:00AM at 1255 SW Ironwood Dr. GP 97526 Connie Hagers house. All materials are provided. Cost is $12.

There is room for more people, if you would like to come.

Call Connie 541-218-2804. Merry Christmas

**LEO (let’s eat out)**

**December**- No LEO. Happy Holidays

**January 18, 9:30 AM** Breakfast at The Train Depot
Must signup at Nov meeting (since there is no meeting in Dec.).
If unable to attend Nov meeting confirm attendance to: gmhammer51@gmail.com
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

BOWLING

We bowl the first and third Thurs of each month.

Usually the guys bowl on two lanes and the girls are on a different two lanes. Quite a few of us are beginners and just want to have a good time and get a bit of exercise and laugh.

Chair: Debra Wilson
antiquetd@msn.com
541-660-7040

>> 12/6/18
>> Men:
>> Craig McKee-Parks 159
>> Craig McKee-Parks 179
>> Craig McKee-Parks 150
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>> Women:
>> Sue Exley 126
>> Sue Exley 127
>> Sue Exley 131

>> 12/20/18
>> Men:
>> To be posted in the next Newsletter

>> Women:
>> To be posted in the next Newsletter

Just so people know, we are open to any bowlers!! My three scores were: 82, 120 & 78! Come see if you can beat my score! :-)

>> We are a non-competitive Group open to bowlers of any skill! Never bowled?! Come learn! Only $6 includes three games, shoes and ball.

>> We’ll be Bowling December 20th, and January 3rd & 17th! Practice starts at 12:45 and we begin scoring at 1pm at Caveman Bowl on Rogue River Hwy.

BRIDGE CLUB

We play bridge after lunch on the 1st & 3rd Thurs of each month at 12:30 PM at the home of our Host.

Drinks and snacks provided. If you’ve not already signed up to play with the group and would like to join in, or you’d like to take beginning bridge lessons call:

Host: Leslie Coster,
911 Mystic Dr, Grants Pass
503-860-1574

BOOK CLUB

Book Lovers Unite! Come share your latest binge read with others. Find your next must read. Join us for lunch the second Tuesday each month. Elmer’s Restaurant @ 1:00 PM.

Host: Trish Bell
541-218-2119

MEMBERSHIP

Looks like we should have an amazing turnout for the Christmas Party and dinner on the 19th. I look forward to seeing everyone. This is really a special event and the food is always fantastic.

We have had several requests to have newsletters mailed, but understand if you do, its an additional $15 charge to your membership.

Launie Myers, Membership Chair.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hope you’ve been doubly good this year…for your sake.

Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas! Wishing you day filled with love, joy, cake, balloons, candy canes, and snowmen! Happy December Birthday!

Sue Exley
Nina Drake
Leslie Coster
Connie Hager
Linda Ray
Ken Franklin
Jiggy Bem
Russ Palmer
Joe McManus
Terry O'Dell
Marilyn Secco
Anna Manley
Sandra Antich
Jack Potts
Barbara Forbes
Kathie Hillier
Rita LeBlanc
Bob Boen
Peggy Della Maggiora
Dennis O’Donnell
Bernice Manardo
Jean Lambert-Coht
Marlyn Rodgers
Bruce Bochman
Carolyn Simonds
Dianne Wohler
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**ACTIVITIES SIGN-UP TABLE**

Send some Sunshine to someone in need

Are you aware of our Sunshine Feature? If there’s a member who’s ill, lost a loved one, is recuperating or needs a boost... just let me know. I’ll send them a ray of sunshine in the form of a greeting card from the Newcomer Club.

Ms. Sunshine: Ellen McKee-Parks 541-295-9175 (call or text)

**WIN CASH 50/50 Drawing**

Buy your tickets and go home with a little bonus. Tickets are drawn during the meeting and you could be the next to win.

**TICKETS**

Purchase your tickets at the registration area. Ticket prices are 1 for $1.00, 3 for $2.00, 5 for $3.00, 10 for $5.00

**Winners**

The total collected is divided 50% to the club and the other 50% goes to winners.

Thanks,
Jim & Carol Connelly

**EVENT PHOTOS**

Go to: Shutterfly.com
When the site opens, Click on "Sign In" (upper right corner of pg)

Sign in with: westwelcome2@gmail.com Password: newcomers No capital letters! Scroll down and click on "all albums". A list of the events with photos will show on the left hand side. Highlight the one you’d like to see then click slideshow. Slideshow should start in about 2 seconds. Or if you prefer you can click on one picture at a time. Any questions please contact: Janice Evans

**WWW LUNCHEON INFORMATION**

Program is at 11:00 AM Luncheon follows. Come early to reserve your seat, socialize, and sign up for activities. Lunch entree is $13, Salad Bar only $9. Program only (with or without beverage) is $2.00. You will need to reserve a seat by Noon on the Sunday before the luncheon. Purchase your luncheon ticket at the meeting with cash or check then give it to the ticket takers at the time of the lunch. If you are a “no show”, you will be billed as we have to give an accurate count to the Wild River Pub Restaurant. Emergencies are an exception. If you have to cancel, please give Jiggy a call as soon as possible at 541.955.1794.

**IMPORTANT! Wear your badge**

**ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM MARY:** Please check in for the General Meeting by 10:45 so you can pay and find a seat. The people at the front table taking the luncheon money need to give WRP an accurate head count and reconcile their figures by 11:00 so that they, too, can enjoy the meeting. When people arrive late all the tally sheets have to be redone during the first part of the meeting. Thank you so much.
If your e-mail address has recently changed, please contact Diane Lewis so we can update the club’s information.

Attention all picture takers: If any of you have taken pictures of WWN activities and would like to share them for the picture album, please contact Janice Evans. Magnets for your club badge are available at the check-in table at every luncheon.

Join the Josephine County Historical Society. Primary events each year: Graveyard Tour, Victorian Christmas Open House, and a Pie and Ice Cream Social.

Call the Society at 541-479-7827 or call Cindy English at 541-476-8712 (h) or 541-660-5587 (c).

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