PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello again. I hope you all are enjoying the sunshine and warmer weather. We had a great turnout for the St. Pat's party. Debra Wilson, Diane Lewis and Shireen Hartman did a terrific job planning the event and decorating the room. The meal and service were superb and those of us who attended had lots of fun. There were also many prizes awarded. Shireen donated 6 bottles of Schmidt wine that were among those prizes! Thank you, Shireen, for your generosity. On another note, many of us have been enjoying playing Mexican train at the Bear Hotel. The game is easy to learn and it is another opportunity to get together for a good time. Don't forget to check the calendar for all the upcoming and exciting activities. Mary McGar

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our next meeting on March 26th we will have Anne Southcomb give a power point presentation titled “Kinship with Animals”. She will talk about her life raising gorillas and other wonderful endeavors. Helping teach the gorilla KoKo sign language sounds fascinating to me.

In April we will have Tyler Avery give us his insights on becoming Firewise!

See you soon, Tom Wilson
UPCOMING NEWCOMERS’ EVENTS PLANNED

Wild Life Safari
April 26th

Winston, OR. Cost is $15 for Senior/Group. Depart Grants Pass @ 9:00 am to carpool from Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Arrive at the Park at 10:15 am. Drive thru Safari (1.5 hour) tour. Then walk thru smaller animal’s exhibit. Depart at 12:00 noon. Eat lunch at the Historic Wolf Creek Inn on the way back to Grants Pass.

Car Run Friday May 17, 2019

ROGUE CREAMERY DAIRY AND FARM STAND 10:30 AM

Located at 6531 Lower River Road outside of Grants Pass- Will meet at 10:30 AM for a guided tour of the dairy to learn how they use robotics for their milking operations on this organic farm- These cows provide the milk for those special cheeses that the Rogue Creamery is famous for. We will meet for lunch back in Grants Pass-Sign-up sheets will be available at the March general meeting.

SOCIALLY SINGLES

Spring is in the air.

Tuesday April 16th at Noon. The Socially Singles are going to Pongsi’s Thai Cuisine Restaurant on Tuesday April 16th at Noon. Pongsi’s is located at 323 NE “E” Street, the corner of “E” and 9th Street in Grants Pass. This restaurant is Thai, Asian and vegetarian friendly. There will be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting or you can call Trish at 541-218-2119 (cell) or 541-476-0466 (home).

● If you would like to host a Socially Singles lunch or have a suggestion where to go please let Trish know.

CRAFTS

Connie Hagar, Craft Master
1255 SW, Ironwood, Dr.
Grants Pass 97526

Pottery, Canvas & Stone.

April 17th at 10:00 AM. Held at 130 NE F St. GP 97526. (Across from Bank), between 6th & 7th. Pick a piece of pottery, while visiting with each other, You paint it, they fire it, then it's yours to treasure. Prices vary from $4-$20, average. More expensive pieces are available too. I will have a sign-up sheet & sample, at the March meeting. Any questions please call Connie Hager 541-218-2804. Looking forward to having Fun! Sign up or call Connie (541) 218-2804.

BRIDGE – I am unable to have bridge games at my home. Folks may call me at 503-860-1574 or email me at foxtrotLes@aol.com if they want to learn to play bridge or wish to play. I can direct them to other opportunities in the community. I’ll resume games at my house when I am able. Thanks, Leslie Coster

WWN ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES SIGN-UP TABLE When attending the monthly luncheons, visit the table containing the sign up folders for the coming activities. Once you have decided to participate in a particular activity, make out a check if there is a charge for attending; if you must pay with cash, please give it directly to the person in charge. Checks should be made out to WWN with an indication on the bottom as to the activity involved. Once you have committed to attend an activity, the chairperson is counting on your attendance. If for any reason you are unable to continue with this commitment, please contact the chairman so they can make necessary adjustments. Plans are made for a certain number of people. Please do the polite thing and don’t drop out at the last minute without advising the chairperson.
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 541-660-7040 antiquetd@msn.com

MEXICAN TRAIN

A new group has formed to play *Mexican Train* at the Bear Hotel, two times a month. Please check the calendar for date and times. They may change.

Everyone is welcome. Beginners or experienced. There is room for up to 60 players and we will switch it up so you get to play with different people. Schedule so far is:

- April 10 1:00-5:00 Wed
- May 15 1:00-5:00 Wed
- April 24 1:00-5:00 Wed
- May 29 1:00-5:00 Wed

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

BOOK CLUB

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

Host: Trish Bell 541-218-2119

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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. The winners for the January raffle winners were:

- Jiggy Bem - $7.00
- Connie Hager - $16.00
- Don Roberts - $23.00

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

March Birthdays

Wishing you a birthday filled with sweet moments and wonderful memories to cherish always. Happy Birthday!

Georgia McAninch
Roi Pietrzak
Connie Hughes
Sheila Huber
Gwen Wilcox
Ned Sokol
Fred Secco
Bernice Franklin

Terry Hughes
Jacque Melancon
Louis Butti
Pat Randall
Karen Stoner
Cathy Hamilton
Jeanie Johnston
Candy Kaiser
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)

Now view WWN on Facebook (WWN newcomers)! ‘Like’ the page to see pictures of recent events. Thanks to Janice Evans for creating the page and posting current event photos!

MEMBERSHIP
We had an outstanding meeting in February – an informative talk from Joan Momsen with our Historical Society. If you missed it, you won’t want to miss next month!
Welcome to lots of new members that signed up in February: Marsha Emerson, Genie and Bill Bascom, Jeanne Smith, Janice Wyatt, and Ann Kerr. Wow! And one new member since that meeting.
We will welcome them at next meeting – be sure and come out, and wear your name badges, invite your friends to join us.

Attention all new members in last 3 months: we have your name badges, please come out to meeting on March 26 to receive them. Don’t forget to RSVP. Call me with any questions Launie Myers, Membership 541.315.3385

We always have informative speakers! See you there. Launie Myers, Membership Chair.

EVENT PHOTOS
Go to: Shutterfly.com When the site opens, Click on “Sign In” (upper right corner of page)
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

BREAKFAST Fri, 4/12 9:00 AM
Sweet Tea Express (Grants Pass!)
1330 Redwood Ave (former location of Royal Barge Noodle House)
Sign up at Feb or Mar meeting or, call
Gwen Hammer 916.257.4371

Mon, May 6th 2PM
Happy Hour at Schmidt Family Vineyard
Gwen will get there early to group tables outdoors Besides great wine they offer ice tea, bottled beverages and:

Food to Share–
*Olive Mix – $5
*Fresh bread with olive oil and balsamic vinegar – $7
*Cheesy Bread – $7
*Cheese & Fruit Platter – $15
*Antipasto Platter – $1
~ Salad of the Day ~ $10
~ Turkey Pesto Sandwich ~ $12
~ Wood-Fired Calzones~ $15
Sign up no later than Apr meeting (4/30)
Gwen Hammer 916.257.4371

“LEO” Let’s Eat Out Join us for a new dining experience each month.
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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 Évans. Magnets for your club badge are available at the check-in table at every luncheon.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES** We have had members request to have separate phone numbers and emails listed in the directory. Our current set up for this will require two separate listings in the directory. Please let Diane Lewis, database, know if you would like two listings in the upcoming directory. Her email is diane@lewismailbox.com Thank you, Debra Wilson, Secretary

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