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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Debra Wilson

I want to begin my message by acknowledging the loss of a very active member, Sandra Wagner. She passed away suddenly at home on June 25th. Many of us had the chance to laugh and enjoy Sandy’s company earlier in the day at our meeting. Sandy joined WWN in 2005 and was our current membership chair, a job she had done before. She was also great at arranging parties for us! Sandy was a member I knew I could always count on for a smile and encouraging words. I will miss her dearly.

Next month our WWN group will be keeping busy. There is the RV’ers trip to Gold Beach, Mexican Train dominos, Bowling, dinner at Red Lobster, Men’s Breakfast and ending with a fun day at Harry & David’s! Come join us. If you’re new I can guarantee coming to just one event will have you hooked on the WWN group. We do like to laugh and have fun!

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tom Wilson

We have a great speaker for you in July! Her name is Stephanie Dubois-Polk. She is excited to talk to us about foster care alternative and heaven knows we need some alternatives to foster care. Hope you will come to hear her on Tuesday July 30th.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Jiggy Bem has decided to change things up and will be our new Membership chair! Thank you Jiggy for all the years of keeping our lunch orders straight.

But, this leaves us with an opening in the board! We need a new lunch reservation coordinator. This person will send out emails to all members (our database person, Diane Lewis, will set you up with a current email list). Then make a note of all orders and give Wild River the count. The day of the General Meeting you will greet members and verify the order and pass them off to finance person to pay! If you would be interested in learning more PLEASE give me a call!!! This is a great way for a new member to get to know others in the club.

WWN LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Program is at 11 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.
**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 Evans. Magnets for your club badge are available at the check-in table at every luncheon.

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**2019-2020 Board**

President                  Debra Wilson        541-660-7040  
Vice President             Tom Wilson           541-660-7040  
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Treasurer                  Shireen Hartman      541-226-9550  
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Parliamentarian            Mary McGar           503-939-9718  

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**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

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***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.

**REMARKER**: wear your badge to all activities and meetings.
**Let’s Eat Out**

Chair: Ann Barham 541-450-3225

Fri, Aug 16th 5PM
Red Lobster
2200 Crater Lake Hwy, Medford (Exit 30)

Let’s enjoy delicious crab and other seafood!

We can carpool from Wal-Mart parking lot near Big Five at 4:15 pm or meet there at 5. Sign up at July meeting or contact Ann Barham (541) 450-3225 to be added to the list.

If you are interested in hosting a LEO at somewhere you love, let me know what month you are planning.

Hope to see you there!

*If you don’t have your itinerary see Terry at July meeting.*

**ANNUAL EVERY OTHER YEAR RV CAMP OUT**

TURTLE ROCK RV PARK, GOLD BEACH, OR

Arrive Aug 4th Depart Aug 8th

Jet Boat rides, Pot Lucks, LEOs, Beach Combing, Card Bingo, Cards, Games fun for all. For Res. call Turtle Rock RV 541-247-9203.

Host: The O’Dells, 541-291-2207
Co-hosts: The Lonnquists 805-990-0557

**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

Chair: Jiggy Bem (starting August) 541-955-1794

**SOCIALLY SINGLE**

Chair: Trish Bell 541-476-0466
tb_euhs@yahoo.com

WHERE: The Haul
ADDRESS: 121 SW ‘H’ St, Grants Pass
DATE: August 14, 2019
TIME: 11:30 AM
MENU: A big variety to choose from, which means you will find something that will make you say” I’ll have that”.

Melt in your mouth Churros
SIGN-UP AT GENERAL MEETING OR CALL
541-218-4018 if you would like to attend.

Sandy Antich hosting for Trish Bell

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Tom Wilson, Barbara Cryer, Ellen McKee-Parks, Ronald Smith, DyAnne Petre, Tess Walker, Bob Ray, Judith Easter, Les Dougherty, George Cervenka, Anne Kaun

Happy Birthday Everyone!
**ACTIVITIES**

EVENT – 16TH ANNUAL TASTE OF HARRY AND DAVID – Saturday August 31st at 1 PM (or carpool from outer Walmart parking lot at 12:30 PM)-event includes tasting of over 20 local wines, microbrews, and famous gourmet food items fixed in mouth watering recipes as well as a special desert lounge to enjoy. Entertainment and complimentary wine or beer glass are also provided- This special event is held in the tents outside of the HD store at 1314 Center Drive Medford. Cost is $20 per person payable at the event entrance (or special discount for Rogue Credit Union members $10 or $15 if bringing 5 cans of non perishable food). August meeting is deadline to sign up.

EVENT- ROGUE MUSIC THEATER SEPTEMBER 8TH (Sunday matinee) – meet at lobby of GP High School Performing Arts Center AT 1:30 PM - Classic musical of Fiddler on the Roof- The music scores are well known and beloved by all. This is a touching musical set in Czarist Russia of 1905 where Tevye must decide between village traditions versus the happiness of his daughter in marriage. Group ticket prices are a special $10 and must be reserved and paid by the July meeting -Pay cash or checks written to WWN.

EVENT -BELLE FIORE WINERY ASHLAND – October 2nd – Wednesday 5 pm – (carpool at 4 PM from outer Walmart parking lot) – Enjoy live music and elegant foods and wines in the upper Pavilion dining patio- Surround yourself with old world charm with an “Italian Tuscany flavor” overlooking stunning views of the valley vineyards and mountains. The opulent Italian estate sets on the vineyard grounds along with an impressive two story wine pavilion. Please note that winery will only issue a single tab for any tables seating of 6 or more and will automatically add 20% gratuity – Suggest that we bring sufficient cash to cover the food/wine cost plus gratuity – (they are not licensed as a restaurant but agricultural). The winery is located off the second Ashland exit on 100 Belle Fiore Lane(formerly Dead Indian Memorial) – September meeting is the deadline to sign up.

EVENT- DINNER AND PLAY- October 17th – Thursday -Barnstormers Theater is presenting the musical QUILTERS- This is a story of a pioneer woman and her six daughters- A rich mosaic of scenes capturing the terror, the joy, the harsh challenges and abiding rewards of frontier life – Illuminating stories are intertwined with music and dance – This is a special preview night with tickets priced at only $5 each (regular price is $22) – All tickets must be reserved in advance NLT September meeting by paying $5 cash or check to WWN. There are no reserved seating for this performance – For those who would like to eat dinner prior to the performance we have reservations at the Train Depot Restaurant at 5:45 PM and we will return to the theater by 7 PM to get our preferred seats- Please remember to sign up for the dinner and show separately so reservation numbers can be confirmed in advance. September meeting is the deadline to sign up.

**MEXICAN TRAIN**

Wed’s, 1-5 PM
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.

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

Men's Breakfast
3rd Monday of the month.
Interested?
Call Terry 503-812-0381
**BOWLING**

1st & 3rd 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

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**ANNUAL AUCTION**

It is time to begin planning for the annual WWN auction! Please start thinking of items you may like to bake, craft or make a fun gift basket!

This year’s auction will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting October 29th.

Jim Connelly 951-235-2654

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**WIN CASH 50/50**

Jim & Carol Connelly

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, 3 for $2, 5 for $3, and 10 for $5

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

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**Remembering....**

**Sandra Wagner**

1/28/42 - 6/25/19

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**CRAFTS**

Chair: Connie Hager 541-218-2804

**Aug 21st at 10:00**

Paint a Birdhouse
Connie's home: 1255 SW Ironwood Dr.
$15

Choose your style & colors. Will have samples at July's meeting or call to sign up. Come have some fun.

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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
This article interviews both long time and newer members called ‘Get to Know…’. Some members you may not see regularly at meetings or events and it’s nice to put a face to a name and learn something about them. The questions are the same month to month; I hope if I call on you to be featured that you might participate. Thanks Karen for willing to be interviewed!

Get to Know…Karen Stoner
Birthplace: Compton, CA
Career summary and retiree from: Office Supervisor at Arrowhead
Lived in Rogue Valley since: July 2004
When did you join WWN: 2017
What was your favorite WWN activity/event: Any activity that highlights historical Rogue Valley, So OR area
Have you ever served on the Board (Officer or Chairperson), in what capacity: Currently, lunch tables
Favorite Book: Any Scarpetta novels by Patricia Cornwell
Favorite movie or play: Arsenic and Old Lace
Favorite vacation destination: Kaanapali Beach, Maui
Favorite local restaurant: River’s Edge
Do you have a hobby: Tending my vegetable garden & roses, RV camping & enjoying outdoors in OR
Do you have a pet: Abbie, our golden retriever
What is your favorite music genre/musician/artist: Classic Rock, the Eagles
Is there something that you have done that would surprise members: not really
What would you like to see the WWN Club improve on or suggestions for activities: how do we prevent congestion at the front door?

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)
OR
Corrine Zovolta 714-931-3505

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
WWN CLASSIFIED ADS: Ads are accepted only for member items or services.

Ads are $3.00 (prepaid) for up to 25 words ($5 for up to 50 words). Deadline is 10 days before the monthly Newcomers Luncheon (last Tues of each month). Ads may/may not require your name, phone number, address, description of the items for sale or wanted, price, condition of item or date of event.

E-mail Gwen Hammer (gmhammer51@gmail.com) to place your ad. Neither WWN nor Newcomer News are responsible for the condition of products or services offered. Check the date at the end of your ad. Your ad runs through the month in (parentheses). NOTE: Please make all checks out to WWN (include ‘Ad payment’ on the bottom of check and mail to: WWN, PO Box 386, Grants Pass, OR 97528.

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‘Thank you’ to Jess & Roi Pietrzak for continuing to donate a storage unit to house equipment for the club!

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!

(7/’20)