# THE NEWCOMER NEWS



#### WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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## December 2024

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SEEING IS BELIEVING, BUT SOMETIMES THE MOST REAL THINGS IN THE WORLD ARE THE THINGS WE CAN'T SEE

the Polar Express



Starr Terra
President
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I hear the sleigh bells ring! December is around the corner. Time to trim the tree and decorate our homes, and don't forget to dig out those Christmas sweaters.

Our first event is our annual Christmas party on December 8th from 4-6 pm. Sherrill Eads, Sandy Antich and their committee are working hard to make it a fun event.

Another annual event takes place on New Year's Eve. Debra Wilson and Linda Lonnquist are planning a luncheon at La Burrita restaurant. Come on out and get your "jingle" on! Sign up at the general meeting and potluck November 26th.

No General Meeting in December

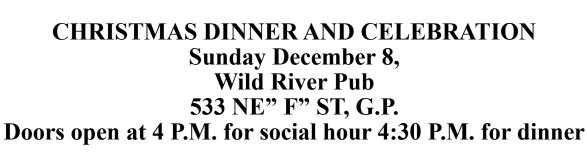
Once you have committed to attend an activity, each chairperson and the venue is counting on your attendance.

Please do the polite thing and don't drop out at the last minute without advising the chairperson.

Launie Myers Vice President launiemyers@gmail.com

T'is the season for so much in our lives: lots of activities, busyness of tasks, jobs and family stresses. We have lost some dear members and I am sure some of you have been through losses, illnesses and other stresses. Please reach out and stay in touch with friends and join us at our so many wonderful events that are planned for you. Looking forward to seeing all next week at our monthly meeting. Great idea to have a pot luck brunch. And so many more things coming up - check newsletter for the chair of each or come out to meeting November 26 to sign up for events. It won't be the same without you!

We have a special November 26th meeting! Since November is about gathering with friends and giving thanks we will be having a POTLUCK BRUNCH with time to socialize Please contact Sherrill Eads 623-221-9994



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Menu choices
Chicken Marilyn \$ 15.00; guest \$30.00
Roasted Pork Tenderloin \$15.00; guest \$30.00
Served with garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, green salad, baguette bread and dessert
Vegetarian on request only
(WWN is paying 20% gratuity plus \$13.00 for members)
All guest must to be accompanied by a member

Bring a Christmas wrapped white elephant gift to participate in a fun gift exchange.

Nothing used or junk, but can be funny

Let's make it fun.

Sign-up sheets will be at Oct. and Nov. general meetings

Payment required at time of sign-up, note menu choice on check

Last day to cancel, pay or sign up is the Nov. 26th meeting

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOV. 28TH

Make checks payable to WWN and mail to WWN, P.O. BOX 386, G.P. OR 97528

Questions contact Sherrill Eads phone 623-221-9994 e-mail sserenatea@yahoo.com

#### **MEXICAN TRAIN**

Come have lunch and play Mexican Train/
Dominoes!!

Lots of talk and laughter.

We had 26 members in November!

We will meet at Elks Lodge 618 SE J St December 11th 11:30 for lunch

We all must pay for our lunch in order to use the room to play Mexican Train. Always a \$10 item on the menu. cash only Please RSVP

## **BACK TO THE BEAR HOTEL**

January 8th & 22nd
Doors open at 12:30
Bring your quarters, dominoes and
racks!
If you'd like to share a snack please

be sure it is commercially prepared

Questions & RSVP Sandy Antich 541-218-4015 sandygoing@hotmail.com

It is with a very sad heart to let our members know that Jacque Melancon passed on the morning of 11/16/24 after a brief illness.

As our Sunshine chairperson she was just that, full of smiles, laughter and great stories

Our sympathy and love go out to her family and friends. You will be missed by so many, Ann Barham

It is not a coincidence that Jacque's memory page is shared with Mexican Train! Many of you have a fond memory of Jacque having a group over to her home to teach us to play this dominoe game we had heard about!

It has lead to many hours of laughter and making friends. Here are just a few photos of Jacque, always smiling and laughing. Miss and Love you, Debra Wilson





# HAND & FOOT, 5 CROWN, KINGS IN THE CORNER CARD GAMES

**Elks Lodge** 618 SE J Street, Grant Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays
We start at 12:00 PM for LUNCH.
We all must pay for our lunch in order to
use the room to play cards. No pay—no
play. Menu has many \$10 items
Cash only

December 5th & 19tth January 2nd & 16th

If you don't know how to play we'll teach you. It's FUN! Come join us!

Connie Hager (call or text) 541-218-2804



This will always be a *Trish Bell* event for me and many others. Please come celebrate

New Years Eve with us



La Burrita
1501 NE F St
December 31st
2pm
Must sign up or RSVP by
12/26
Debra Wilson
541-660-7040
Linda Lonnquist
805-990-0558

### **BOWLING**

**Good News from the Alley Cats!!** 

We gather at the tables in the area of lanes 4-8.

Only \$2.50 a game and that includes shoes and ball!

Caveman Bowl

1230 Rogue River Highway

December 12th only January 9th & 23rd

Practice starts @ 12:45 pm

**Please RSVP** 

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke cherlynnb123@gmail
541-244-8645



# **January Birthdays**

Day Name

8 Joan Nelson

9 Gena Hall

13 Launie Myers

14 Rick Mahan

17 Craig McKee-Parks

20 Catherine Healy

## **December Birthdays**

Day Name

1 Patricia Flippen

1 Sue Exley

1 Susan Jaeger

3 Beth Fox

5 Carolyn Simonds

7 Ann Kerr

8 Nina Drake

9 Jesse Gilliam

10 Connie Hager

11 Linda Ray

13 Jim Thorpe

14 Jiggy Bem

16 Don Davies

17 Patricia Kellam

18 Bruce Bochman

18 Russ Palmer

22 Karen Henningsen

22 Terry O'Dell

26 Linda Angel

26 Sandra Antich

29 Genie Bascom

29 Rita LeBlanc



friends
Linda Lonnquist has once again agreed to open her beautiful home to host our cookie exchange

# Saturday, December 14, 11am

Bring 2 dozen cookies Light snack provided 354 Country Aire Dr RSVP

Linda Lonnquist 805-990-0558

Lindalonn@verizon.net



3rd Monday of each month
Location is kept secret to avoid having
woman crash the party
Contact Terry O'Dell for the monthly
location
503-812-0381





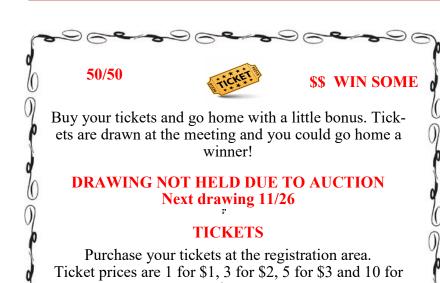
#### **CRAFTS WITH CONNIE**

On Wed Dec 18th at 10:30 come to a craft class to learn how to color glass or plastic globes, making beautiful Christmas ornaments. Sign up at our general meeting, call or text Connie Hager 541)218-2804. Location is 1255 SW Ironwood Dr.

Have some fun, make a new friend, learn something new. Let me know. Thanks, Connie

You can sign up at the general meeting or give me a call and let me know you want to come.

Connie Hager 541-218-2804
Connie Hager @rocketmail.com



The total collected is divided 50% to the club and the

One of our newest members, Olieta Sanford (L) enjoying dominoes with Karen Oman (R)

Do you need a new directory or magnet for badge?
Stop by and see Helen at
Membership

New Members!

We have four new members.

**Oleita Sanford** is a Grants Pass native who enjoys gardening, crafts and sewing. **Mary Dimock** heard about us through a friend.

**Greg Hoffman** is a true outdoorsman. After 40 years as a back country Ranger he maintains his interest in everything outdoors - kayaking, hiking, exploring public lands, trail rides etc. he also enjoys reading, board games, computers, guitar and ham radio.

Gayle Welsh is a former member re-joining us. Her interests are crafts and luncheons.

Welcome to each of you, we look forward to meeting you.



Each xmas
Jacque
Melacon
would make
each book club
member a
crochet gift



NO "LET'S EAT OUT" FOR NOVEMBER
AND
DECEMBER
PLEASE ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH FAMIY AND FRIENDS.

JANUARY 24TH TAPROCK EVERGREEN ROOM





Jacque Melancom 3/19/43—11/16/24 Always laughing and helping wherever we needed her

# **Book Lovers Unite!**

The Book Club meets 2nd Monday of each month for lunch and discussion of books we've read or listened to

December 9th @ 12:30 Lunch and \$10 gift exchange The gift exchange is fun each year to see what interesting treasures our members can find!

January 13th 12:30 regular lunch and discussion

Elmer's Restaurant

175 N Agness, Grants Pass

Come share what you're reading! We don't all read the same book in this book club. It's fun to hear about new authors.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please let know so she can provide a proper head count and make sure a server is available for us. Happy reading/listening!

### Please RSVP to

Beth Lenz bethlenz02@gmail.com 541-218-5938 Thank you Beth for





#### 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 Meeting (last Tuesday 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.

Email Debra Wilson debrawilsonwwn@gmail.com to place your ad.



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