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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month I begin my term as President of Western Welcome Newcomers. Tom and I moved to Grants Pass in 1990 but didn't join Newcomers until 2016 when we retired from our jobs. We thought we knew Grants Pass but being a part of Newcomers has opened up a whole new opportunity to know Grants Pass and others that moved here like us.

Newcomers has so many opportunities to socialize and just have fun. This month we had a Let's Eat Out at 115 Broiler and a Socially Single at Texas Roadhouse! By the way, you don't need to be single for Socially Single events, just look for the sign-up sheet at the general meeting and come join us! Another group I personally enjoy is the Book Club. This is not the usual book group where we all read the same book and discuss it. Newcomers Book Club meets the second Monday of each month at Elmer's, 1PM, and we talk about the current book we are each reading.

Another opportunity to socialize are all the great activities Ed Agricola plans each month, my goodness that man can fill a calendar and we are lucky to have him!

You notice I say "socialize" and "opportunity" a lot and use exclamation marks! My core message is, grab the opportunities the club offers and you will be addicted to the fun and having your calendar filled with exclamation marks! So let's get this party started!

See you at the general meeting Tuesday, June 25th!



## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our guest speaker this month will be Rikki Perrin. She is with the Josephine County Emergency Services Dept. She is going to talk about personal preparedness. After her talk we are all going to be prepared for anything so, 'prepare' to come to our meeting June 25<sup>th</sup>!

Tom Wilson

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to so many that have renewed this last month. Our year ends May 31 and we are quickly nearing deadline for printing our membership directory. If you have not renewed, please do so immediately to ensure we have you on our list!

Reminder: \$15 per person, Jun 1-May 31, 2020.

Mail to: P O Box 386 Grants Pass 97528 (do not mail cash)

Not sure if you paid? Call me – happy to check our records.

We welcomed two new members last month: Patricia Wade and Mona Hartman. Come out and meet and greet at next meeting – remember to wear your name badge.

I have lots of badges for recent new members that have not been given out. We present at the luncheon. Hope you can make it.

Launie Myers  
Membership Chair  
541.315.3385



### ***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***

Wishing you a birthday filled with sweet moments and wonderful memories to cherish.

Karen Rosas, Anita Butti, Janice Evans, Mary McGar,  
Nelson Maler, Steve Williams, Mary Thorsen,  
Joan Dougherty, Jess Pietrzak, Joan Potts, Lulu Pagnini,  
Mariann Chavez

## ACTIVITIES

GALICE RESORT- July 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11744 Galice Road, Merlin – meet at outer parking lot of Walmart (closest to Big 5 Sporting Goods) for those who would like to car pool -depart 4:30 PM – car run along Rogue River with stop at the overlook at Hellgate Canyon and Robertson Bridge. The drive time is approx. 30 minutes from Grants Pass. Join your friends, from WWN on the deck overlooking the fabulous Rogue River below, for dinner and entertainment at 5:30 PM. Diners are treated to home cooked meals, refreshing sodas or teas or your favorite OR wines or microbrews. ‘Mercy Duo’ blues acoustic band will perform soul, blues, pop and rock favorites, Lynda delivers powerful vocals and percussion and Dave’s guitar work adds passion and soul.

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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF- September 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday matinee, meet at 1:30 PM for ticket distribution and grabbing seats at the Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center – produced by the Rogue Music Theatre- must pay and reserve tickets by the July meeting date- group ticket price is \$10 pp. The music scores are well known and beloved by all. This touching musical is set in Tzarist Russia in 1905. The story line revolves around Tevye (poor milkman) who must weigh in his family’s happiness against traditions of his village for centuries. His eldest daughter wants to marry for true love and not be matched with a suitor as tradition dictates. The story is a classic which will delight all audiences.

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16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF HARRY AND DAVID- Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> (Labor Day weekend) This is an annual celebration of the beginning of the harvest season in the valley.– We will car pool from Walmart outer parking lot (closest to Big 5 Sporting Goods) at 12:30 PM – drive to Harry and David’s Country Village Store 1314 Center Drive, Medford ( second Medford exit off I-5 SOUTH) -Cost for this event is \$20 pp (or discounted to \$10 for Rogue Credit Union members/guests or \$15 for those bringing 5 cans of non-perishable food or who are only sampling food) Event includes live music, samples of the famous Harry and David gourmet food items fixed in mouth-watering recipes. A commemorative wine or beer glass is provided to each person sampling. Over 20 local wineries and microbrew and cider breweries will be sampling; these represent the best that the Rogue Valley has to offer. To culminate your experience, you will be treated to a spectacular desert lounge (last year there was a chocolate fountain to dip luscious strawberries) – Sign up deadline is July meeting – Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the event.

All of the above events are being hosted by Ed Agricola- please call him at 541-441-6572 if you have any questions or need to sign up or cancel for any reason. If any member would like to host a future activity event or has a suggestion that they would like to make, please let Ed know. New venues are most welcomed. Ed’s objective is to have a good variety of events that everyone can enjoy.

**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.



## BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> & 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



## CRAFTS

Connie Hagar, Craft Master  
541-218-2804

Cement Garden Stepping Stone

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM

1255 SW Ironwood Dr (by All Sports Park)

\$15

. Different shapes & decorations to use your creativity to design.

Come have some fun!

There will be a sample at the June meeting.

Looking forward to our get together!



## ANNUAL EVERY OTHER YEAR RV CAMP OUT

### TURTLE ROCK RV PARK, GOLD BEACH, OR

Arrive Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Depart Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

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

Mention WWN.

Want to ride the Jet Boats. Reserve now, call Jerry's Jet boats, 1-800-451-3645. Book under WWN for Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Tue, \$50 ea. Arrive 9:00 AM at the boat dock. Lunch on your own or purchase at Agness.

Host: The O'Dells, 541-291-2207

Co-hosts: The Lonnquists 805-990-0557



## SOCIALLY SINGLES

If you would like to host a Socially Singles lunch or have a suggestion where to go please let Trish know 541-218-2119 (cell) or 541-476-0466 (home)



## 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



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.



**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.

**May Winners:** Debra Wilson \$9, Bill Bascom \$16, Sandy Driscoll \$23



**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



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!**



*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)

**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.

**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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