

THE NEWCOMER NEWS

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Condensed Newsletter due to Pandemic and Club activities postponement.



Debra Wilson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope this message finds you well rested and at home! I know I sure miss seeing everyone each month and getting caught up with the local news. I just miss the SOCIALIZING!! This week I finally took my WWN calendar off the fridge, it just kept reminding me of all our good times together.

Looking down the road I do not expect to have a meeting until possibly July, if then. Might be able to get some activities in June, but no large gatherings is what I've been hearing. I know some members have told me they will not be participating until September.

Whenever life gets back on track our Newcomers group will return and pick up where we left off! May is when we usually work on our membership renewals, look for that info below.

We will not be putting out a calendar with this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

REMINDER: Yearly dues (\$15/person) are payable by May 31st. Due to the meeting uncertainty please mail checks only to: WWN, PO Box 386, Grants Pass, OR 97528

Thank you!

ANNOUNCING!

An election was conducted by email for the election of four of next year's officers.

The new Officers-Elect are:

President, Leslie Miller

Vice President, Anna Manley

Secretary, Marilyn Rodgers

Treasurer, Shireen Hartmann

Copies of related correspondence and votes have been placed in the Parliamentarian's Manual.

The remainder of the new Board will be announced in May.

Mary McGar, Parliamentarian





WWN NEEDS YOU!!

Keep this a *great* organization by participating as a Board Member.

We STILL have 3 Board positions to fill:

1. **Parliamentarian:** responsible for maintaining order at Board meetings, planning In/Out Dinner for next year, ordering new badges, getting the Traveling plaque engraved and organizing Past Presidents' luncheon, and chairs the Nominating Committee.
2. **Activities Chairperson:** forms committee to plan and oversee all aspects of an activity for each month, including signup sheets and, at times, collecting money.
3. **Policy and Procedures Chairperson:** responsible for placing any change to Constitution and/or By-laws in "current" folder and transferring the other to the 'history' folder, sending an update to the President, pertinent Board member and

Get to Know...Leslie Miller



I'm a California native-born in Burbank, CA however grew up in Santa Clara, when it was small, quiet, full of orchards and agriculture. I spent most of my mobile years in Santa Cruz at the beach moving to live there full time as soon as I was able. I moved to Grants Pass in 2016 upon my retirement.

My career has been in program management in both defense and education fields. While in this capacity I participated in mentoring sponsorships to further employee career paths and supported multiple women's charities. I have only been a member of WWN for a short time....and look forward to getting to know members and participating in future events.

While here in Grants Pass I have been a member of a PEO chapter supporting women's education opportunities for 4 years, the last 2 on the executive board as treasurer, having just released that position to the incoming board members.

My favorite book is The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett, I don't think I have a favorite movie or play, I enjoy smart story lines, that keep my mind guessing.

If I could live in Italy for the rest of my life....I'd have not a hesitation. I've spent enough time there to be completely in love...

I enjoy restaurants in Grants Pass and find Rivers Edge, with a table along the river in the summer, my favorite. However, I suspect I'll find dinner at Diane Lewis' home, on her deck in about the same location, my favorite very soon!

I spend my time gardening and a member of JoCo Master Gardeners through OSU, live music is my passion- Rod Stewart, Peter Frampton, Marc Anthony are among my favorite artists.

Those that know me well know I love cars, these days "vintage" cars....and track racing of any kind -I've raced on tracks in both Napa Valley and Monterey, CA where I also volunteered as a track worker for all event types.

I'm looking forward to being a part of WWN this year hoping we will be able to continue org events in the near future.



*** APRIL BIRTHDAYS ***

Ed English, Ed Agricola, Carol Connelly, Judy Karr, Linda Lonquist,
Mike McCartney, JoEllen Smazenka, Carol Blake, Linda Dean,
Debbie O'Donnell, Darlene O'Dell, Tom McGar, Lois McManus, Chuck Sweet,
Andie Gilmore, Bob Walden, Gail Travers, Paul Porner, Ron Williams, Gretchen Giacobazzi,
Steve Schoen



*** MAY BIRTHDAYS ***

Sherry Bullock, Bonnie Williams, Wiktor Michalski, Sandy Munoz, Claire Hackendahl, Angie Sokol,
Kathy Ross, Nancy Redfern, Teri Martin, Celeste Moulders, Mike Merrill, Helen Toth, Richard Thorsen,
Les Schoeck, Jim Stoner, Sharon Porner, Irvin Vodovoz



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IN MEMORIAM



Georgia Newman-McAninch, PhD passed away on March 29th while on vacation in Washington state with her good friend Helen Toth. She had just celebrated her 80th Birthday on March 2nd. Many of us knew her from the activities with WWN, playing Mexican Train and the monthly book club. She greeted everyone with her warm smile. She will be missed by many groups in Grants Pass and also by the education community in Glendale, CA where she was the Director of the Glendale School District.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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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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call Cindy English at 541-476-8712 (H)
541-660-5587 (C)

www.jocohistorical.org

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

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