

THE NEWCOMER NEWS

WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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Sandy Antich

President

As I go to WWN events, it's so inspiring to hear members discussing what they will bring to the auction. We have so much talent among our group that I am left wondering *what special item will I bring home?* Perhaps a basket, maybe a dessert or a bird house; *I can hardly wait!* Since the auction falls on Halloween, you are encouraged to dress up for this event making it even more entertaining. Remember, a \$3.00 meeting fee will be waived.

At the last outing, members visited Sanctuary One animal shelter, which provides a refuge for domestic animals that are in need of assistance. This 55- acre facility is a great place to visit and view the animals and gardens managed by the many volunteers. A special thanks goes to Linda Ray for organizing this tour.

A tour of Harry and David will be our next outing. This tour is very popular and filled up fast. There will be a waiting list as some people sign up and then find out they are unable to attend. Contact Valerie Harlacher at (309) 445-1023 if interested.

We are pleased to see our Club growing and our member support and participation in the events.

Sandy



Debra Wilson

Vice President

Wow, that month went fast! Are you ready for the auction on October 31st? Do you have your costume ready?

As the year is closing fast I just want to give you a look ahead at our speakers, some location changes and a new activity group starting.

November & December the dominoes group will be at the Elks Lodge (info in newsletter) November 28th speaker will be Jennifer Sherman Roberts. Her new book, *The Village Healer's Book of Cures*, is featured on Amazon Kindle first read! Excited to hear about the book and her journey to being published.

No meeting in December, just a wonderful Christmas Party 12/8. A new group is forming, Newcomers Walking Group! Look for contact info in the newsletter. See you all soon, with umbrellas I hope!

Debra Wilson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

* NOVEMBER *

3 Carmen Cowan, 6 Debra Wilson, 6 Denise Newlove,
10 Paul Lonnquist, 16 Betty Simpson, 16 Cecil Smith,
20 Greg Stewart, 23 Cheri Klusman, 24 Sandra Birkedal,
24 Sandy Driscoll, 25 Sue Shuryan, 28 Betty Hart



* DECEMBER *

1 Lynne Slager, 1 Mary Reische, 1 Sue Exley, 1 Susan Jaeger, 3 Beth Fox, 3
Dennis O'Donnell, 5 Carolyn Simonds, 7 Ann Kerr, 8 Nina Drake,
10 Connie Hager, 10 Marilyn Rodgers, 11 Linda Ray, 14 Jiggy Bem,
16 Don Davies, 17 Patricia Kellam, 18 Bruce Bochman, 8 Russ Palmer,
22 Karen Henningsen, 22 Terry O'Dell, 26 Linda Angel,
26 Sandra Antich, 29 Genie Bascom

50/50 FUN!!



\$\$ WIN SOME CASH \$\$

Buy your tickets and go home with a little bonus.
Tickets are drawn at the meeting and you could go home a winner!

Terry Miller - \$36 Jacque Melancon - \$30

CONGRATULATIONS!

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 the winners.

Terry and Darlene O'Dell Chairmen

CRAFTS @ CONNIE'S HOUSE!!



We will be making 2 Christmas trees!
This has always been an enjoyable class.
Come and create something that will be cherished for years.
The cost will be \$15. Thanks, hope you can attend,
and maybe make a new friend.

November 15th @ 10:30 am

Connie's House
1255 SW Ironwood Drive
By the All Sports Park turn R on
Webster, L on Ironwood

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



WWN OCTOBER 31ST AUCTION!!

This is a major fundraiser for our Club and the second time we've been able to do it since Covid.

Please start thinking of items you would like to bake, craft and/or make a fun gift basket!

This year's auction will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 31st.

Please arrive at 9:30 AM. The Auction starts at 10:30 AM.

REMEMBER : No recycled (garage sale) type items accepted.

**Contact Terry and Darlene O'Dell
503-812-0381
whvajo85@gmail.com**





CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CELEBRATION

Friday December 8, 2023

Wild River Pub
533 NE F Street, Grants Pass

Menu choice of

Chicken Marilyn \$23.00 guest \$28.00
Sliced Roast Tri- Tip \$30.00 guest \$35.00

Served with baby red potatoes, vegetables, green salad, baguette bread and dessert.

Vegetarian on request only.

WWN pays 20% gratuity.

All guests must to be accompanied with a member.

Doors open at 5 P.M. for social hour and 6 P.M. for dinner.

**Wear a Christmas Sweater (optional). The prize will be awarded
to the winner of the Ugly Sweater contest.**

**Bring a Christmas wrapped white elephant gift
and receive a white elephant gift. It's a chance to unload
that gift you received that you just could not use.
Nothing used or junk, but can be funny.**

Let's make it fun!

**Sign-up sheets will be at October and November general meetings.
Payment required at time of sign-up.**

Last day to sign up or to cancel is November 28th

**Mailed checks *must* be received by November 28th.
Make checks to WWN and mail to WWN, P.O. BOX 386 G.P. Ore.**

Questions contact Sandy Antich 541-218-4015



~ **LUNCH BUNCH** ~



Sunday, December 3rd @ 5:00 pm

We will be going to dinner after the
Nutcrackers A Christmas Musical Play.

TAPROCK
971 SE 6th Street

RSVP REQUIRED!!
There will be a signup sheet at
Tuesday's meeting.
Cancellations 48 hours

Trish Bell tb_euhs@yahoo.com

~ **LET'S EAT OUT** ~



Saturday, November 25th @ 4:00 PM

LAUGHING CLAM
121 SW G St, Grants Pass

RSVP REQUIRED!!
There will be a signup sheet at
Tuesday's meeting
Cancellations 48 hours

Linda Lonnquist
805-990-0558 lindalonn@verizon.net



3rd Monday of the month
Location to be Announced

Call Terry 503-812-0381



Book Lovers Unite!

The Book Club will be meeting on the
2nd Monday, November 13th @ 12:30 pm

Elmer's Restaurant
175 N Agness, Grants Pass

Come share your latest binge read with others
and find your next must read!

Happy reading/listening!

For RSVP please email or call

Terry Miller
657-363-2145 terrylynnm8@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS WALKING GROUP

Now forming,
contact us if interested.
Sign up at meeting

Debra Wilson antiquetd@msn.com
Starr Terra Starrterra4@gmail.com

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

For New Year's Eve the Lunch Bunch will be going to La Burrita at 2:30 pm to ring in the New Year. La Burrita is located at 1501 NE 'F' Street, Grants Pass.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings or contact Trish Bell at tb_euhs@yahoo.com

NUNCRACKERS A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

by Dan Groggin
Directed by Denise Baker
On Stage Dec 1st - Dec 30th, 2023

The Western Welcome Newcomers are going to this play on Sunday, December 3rd. It starts at 2 p.m. Anyone who wants to attend must purchase their own tickets.

Tickets are \$20 per person. They can be purchased by going to the website www.barnstormersgp.com or call 541-479-3557.

Tickets are going fast so make your reservations early.

We will go out to dinner at Taprock after the play

For additional information please contact Trish Bell at tb_euhs@yahoo.com

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 12th @ 11:00 am.

Linda Lonnquist will be hosting our exchange again this year. 354 Country Air Drive, Grants Pass

Bring two dozen cookies to exchange. We will have light refreshments and you can also bring a little holiday nibble to share. More info in December newsletter. Sign up at general meeting! We need to know how many to expect.

Debra Wilson antiquetd@msn.com
Linda Lonnquist linda.lonn@verizon.net

Activity Sign Ups

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

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

Payment should be made out to WWN.

REMINDER: Wear your badge to all activities and meetings

HARRY AND DAVID TOUR

November 7th

We will meet at Grants Pass Walmart parking lot near Taco Bell for those who would like to carpool. We will leave promptly at 9:45, so please arrive by 9:30 at the latest to decide driver/passenger arrangements. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The facility is easily reached from I-5 @ exit 27, or take Hwy 99 to Stewart Avenue.

Arrive at 1314 Center Dr. - Medford @ 10:15am. Tour starts at 10:30, we will be split on 2 buses at the facility if more than 10 people go Planning for 20 people.

Afterwards, we will be going to lunch at Cracker Barrel, 1445 Center Dr., Medford They do not take reservations, but they are aware of our group coming and will attempt to make arrangements so our wait will be minimal.

Valerie Harlacher 6657Vh@gmail.com

MEXICAN TRAIN

ALL MEMBERS welcome!

Come to play Mexican Train/Dominoes!!
Lots of talk and laughter.

We will be meeting at the Elks Lodge for
November and December.
755 SE J Street, Grants Pass

The Elks Lodge request we have a minimum 15
people for lunch/dominoes to use the room.

RSVP is requested

We will be having lunch at 12:30 pm.

**November 8th and November 22nd
December 13th and December 27th**

We will resume Bear Hotel in January, 2024.

Bring your Dominoes
if you have them!

Call if you have ANY questions!

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

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!

We had 14 Bowlers last month!

Caveman Bowl

1230 Rogue River Highway

**November 9th
December 14th and December 28th**

Practice starts at 12:45 pm

Please RSVP

Any questions? Call or email Starr Terra
**starrterra4@gmail.com
541-450-3784**



HAND & FOOT or 5 CROWN CARDS

Elks Lodge
618 SE J Street, Grants Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays
We start at 12:00 PM for LUNCH.
Paying for lunch helps us have the room
to play cards for free.

**November 2nd and November 16th
December 7th and December 21st**

**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**
ConnieHager@rocketmail.com

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our newest Members!!



**Anita Johannessen
Debbie Borks**

Welcome!

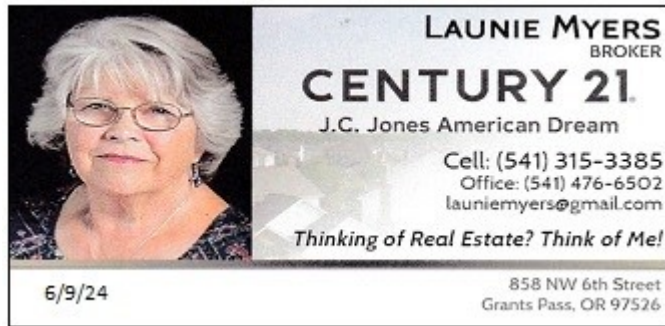
Chair: Helen Toth 818-687-9028
helen_toth48@yahoo.com

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 Kristi Mishell KristiMishell@gmail.com to place your ad.



PROFITABLE COLLECTIBLES

I have sold 1,200+ eBay projects in over 25 years.

Also on Craigslist, 20+ Redwood Marketplaces and so many more Internet sites.

I research the cost of your item (s), design and place the advertising and negotiate payments.

Send me an email and I will send you the list of what is considered Collectible.

Kristi Mishell

KristiMishell@gmail.com

541-761-1810 (leave message)

10/25/23



Send some sunshine

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 Newcomers Club.

Ms. Sunshine: Jacque Melancon **925-597-0177**