

THE NEWCOMER NEWS

WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS
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Sandy Antich

President

I am excited to announce the auction was a success with a \$3,820 total - **the most ever!** Our members are so talented and many of you donated such wonderful items. Terry and Darlene, with their helpers, put a lot of work into making this auction a huge winner! Thanks to Nelson for volunteering to be our auctioneer once again...he is always willing to help! The bidding was fast paced and lots of fun. Hopefully, you secured that one item you couldn't live without. Those who wore costumes were so very creative. If there had been a contest, it would have been hard to choose which of you would have been the winner!

Erlin and I were part of the group of 20 who toured the Harry and David facility. I am always amazed at what machines and people can accomplish. Valarie Harlacher organized this trip that ended with lunch at the Cracker Barrel. Take a look at the wonderful video on Facebook of the tour. Thank you so much for all your effort Valarie!!

Guess what? You guessed it, the Holiday Season is upon us, and the Christmas Dinner is almost here (**Friday, December 8th**). I can't wait to see all those ugly sweaters. Don't forget to bring an optional White Elephant gift (I have mine ready to go). I hope everyone feels the Christmas Spirit and participates in a fun exchange of gifts. **The last day to sign up or cancel is November 28th.**

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and wishing you a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season!



Debra Wilson

Vice President

So how was your Thanksgiving? I remember my first Thanksgiving as a married person was steak and lobster in the Maternity Ward!! At least I didn't need to cook or do dishes.

On to important stuff! Our speaker this month is Jennifer Sherman Roberts, a local author with her first book out. Jacque Melancon gave it a thumbs up review at our Book Club this week.

HELP WANTED: Vice President for Welcome Newcomers.

The job starts in June 2024, this is YOUR chance to arrange any speaker you think our group would like! That's really what the job is. Our VP does not automatically become President, although we hope you will want to continue being on the board! If you would like to look at the procedures for the job, I would be happy to send them to you. Watch this space next month for another Help Wanted post!

Mexican Train will be at the ELKS on 11/8 & 11/22. The *big* change in December is Elks has asked us to change our start time to 11:30. In January, we are back at the Bear Hotel on 1/10 & 1/24 @ 12:30.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

* 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, 18 Russ Palmer,
22 Karen Henningsen, 22 Terry O'Dell, 26 Linda Angel,
26 Sandra Antich, 29 Genie Bascom



* JANUARY *

8 Joan Nelson, 13 Launie Myers, 17 Craig McKee-Parks,
20 Dolly Hall, 31 John Cox

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!

We did not have our drawing because of the Auction!

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 are going to make snowmen made with terracotta pots.
This has always been an enjoyable class.
Come and create something that will be cherished for years.
The cost will be \$15. Hope you can attend
and maybe make a new friend.



**** December 6th @ 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



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 by a member.

Doors open at 5 pm for Social Hour and 6 pm 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, Grants Pass

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!!

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, December 11th @ 12:30 pm

Don't forget the \$10 gift exchange!!

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

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 12th @ 11:00 am.

Linda Lonquist 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. Sign up at general meeting! We need to know how many to expect.

We're hoping to carpool, since we already have 18 people signed up so far.

Linda Lonquist linda.lonn@verizon.net

'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

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



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

MEXICAN TRAIN

ALL MEMBERS welcome!

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

We had 28 players last week!

We will be meeting at the Elks Lodge for
November and December.
618 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 @ **11:30 am.**

**December 13th and December 27th (Elk's)
January 10th and January 24th (Bear Hotel)**

We will resume Bear Hotel/January, 2024 @ **12:30 pm.**

Don't forget to bring your quarters, and
bring your Dominoes
if you have them!

Call if you have ANY questions!
Debra Wilson

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 14th and December 28th
January 11th and January 25th**

Practice starts @ 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.

**December 7th and December 21st
January 4th and January 18th**

**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!!



We welcome new member,
Debbi Borks, who is originally
from the Central Valley, CA.
Her interests are walking
and low-impact hiking.

Welcome!

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

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2023 - 2024

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Mark Simonds, Chairman

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- * **HOME**
- * **ACTIVITIES**
- * **MEMBERSHIP**
- * **ABOUT**
- * **FORMS**

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see pictures of recent events.
Thanks to Debra Wilson for posting
current event photos!**



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.

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6/9/24

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