

THE NEWCOMER NEWS

WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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Sandy Antich

President

We had 57 attend the Christmas Dinner, it was a fun gathering. Hope you received a white elephant gift you could use. What about all those ugly sweaters, the judges after much deliberation came upon the big winner of the ugliest sweater which was Ken Bartunek.

Thanks to all of you who helped make it a success!

I want to know where has this year gone. We have had many fun activities this year. Our membership has grown and we are looking forward to a great 2024.

STAY SAFE AND ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL



Debra Wilson

Vice President

The end of the year is coming up pretty quickly! Did you make your New Year's Resolution to become more involved in Newcomers? You are in luck! We are looking for new board members and chairpersons right now! The new board takes over in June, so get your resume ready. We need your help!

In other business: I am compiling the addendum to our current directory. Send corrections to antiquetd@msn.com. This includes new address, new email, typo you saw in directory, etc. The absolute deadline is JANUARY 23, 2024.

Let's Paint!

Pottery Canvas and Stone
130 NE F Street, Grants Pass
February 20th, 2024 @ 2:30 pm

This activity is so much fun! Lots of pottery pieces to choose from.
Each item is priced to include paint and firing.

Starr Terra StarrTerra4@gmail.com

GET TO KNOW

Margee Wheeler



Birthplace: St. Louis, MO

Career summary and retiree from: Professional singer, music teacher, choir director, private voice studio for 35 years. Also worked for Apple, Intel, and was a trainer and account rep for the Covey Leadership Center (taught 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, Principle-Centered Leadership, and trained trainers). Retired in 2016

Lived in Rogue Valley: March 2023

When did you join WWN: March 2023

What was your favorite WWN activity/event: Touring Harry and David

Have you ever served on the WWN Board (Officer or Chairperson), in what capacity: Nope

Favorite Book: Siddhartha by Herman Hesse

Favorite movie or play: Pride and Prejudice series with Colin Firth

Favorite vacation destination: Yosemite

Favorite local restaurant: 115 Broiler

Do you have a hobby: Square dancing, Round dancing, reading, painting and visual arts.

Do you have a pet: 18-year-old Terrier mix named Joey; twin Siamese boys, Fred and George Weasley Wheeler

What is your favorite music genre/musician/artist: I love serious music (Beethoven, Mozart, Richard Strauss). My favorite singer is soprano Renee Fleming. My favorite painter is Kandinsky

Is there something that you have done that would surprise members: I had our daughter, Natalee, at home with a midwife, 3 friends, and my husband Lee in attendance.

What would you like to see the WWN Club improve on or suggestions for activities: Nothing so far.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

* JANUARY *

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



* FEBRUARY *

7 Joyce Harrison, 14 Edgar Eads, 19 Peter Spurr,
22 Candy Highley, 22 Parke Kallenberg



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!

Margee Wheeler \$29 Trish Bell \$15

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'll be decorating a large wooden Heart that hangs on a wall. It could be used to hang a jacket or extra keys. Decorate it just to have a pretty hanging. Valentine's Day is in February, so it's a perfect time to do this craft. Come and join us and make new friends! The cost will be \$15.

January 17th @ 10:30 / February 21st @ 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

~ LUNCH BUNCH ~



January 12th @ 1:00 pm

HERB'S LA CASITA

515 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass

RSVP REQUIRED!!

Since we will not be meeting in December,
please confirm by email.

Trish Bell tb_euhs@yahoo.com

~ LET'S EAT OUT ~



Saturday, January 20th @ 4:00 pm

RED ROBIN

1561 Allen Creek Rd , Grants Pass

RSVP REQUIRED!!

Since we will not be meeting in December,
please confirm by email.

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, **January 8th @ 12:30 pm**

Elmer's Restaurant

175 N Agness, Grants Pass

Look forward to seeing everyone at Elmer's for
fun, laughter and great food.

If you are unable to make the meeting please, let
me know, so I can provide a proper head count and
make sure a server is available for us.

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!!!

December 31st @ 2:30 pm

Come join us and celebrate the arrival of 2024!

**The Lunch Bunch will be going to
La Burrita to ring in the New Year.**

La Burrita is located at 1501 NE 'F' Street, Grants Pass.

Trish Bell at tb_euhs@yahoo.com



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**

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**

MEXICAN TRAIN

ALL MEMBERS welcome!

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

We had 28 players last week!

NO MEXICAN TRAIN 12/27

We will be back at the Bear Hotel on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

January 10th and 24th, February 14th and 28th
Doors open at 12:30.

Please RSVP

The Bear Hotel has asked that we only bring food that is commercially prepackaged.

Please bring quarters, domino sets
and racks if you have them.

Evergreen Bear Hotel
2101 NE Spalding Ave

Contact Debra Wilson for more information
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!

Caveman Bowl

1230 Rogue River Highway

January 11th and January 25th
February 8th and February 22nd

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.

January 4th and January 18th
February 1st and February 15th

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



**We don't have any new
members to report.**

Happy New Year!!

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

WWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023 - 2024

OFFICERS

President	Sandy Antich	541-218-4015
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CHAIRPERSONS

Activities	Sandy Antich	541-218-4015
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WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMER'S WEBSITE

Mark Simonds, Chairman

There are five categories with drop down lists:

- * **HOME**
- * **ACTIVITIES**
- * **MEMBERSHIP**
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(WWN Newcomers) 'Like' the page to
see pictures of recent events.
Thanks to Debra Wilson for posting
current event photos!

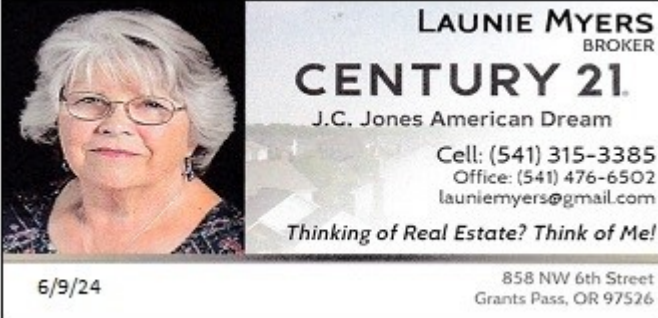


WWN CLASSIFIED ADS

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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Thinking of Real Estate? Think of Me!

6/9/24

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