

# THE NEWCOMER NEWS

## WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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<https://www.wwnewcomers.org>

### President



**Sandy Antich**

Is Spring just around the corner? I sure hope so! The Vice-President (Debra Wilson) does an exceptional job of recruiting our speakers each month covering a variety of topics and is always looking for areas of interest for the Members. Do you have any good ideas, speakers or interesting subject matter that could be shared with our group?

Debra Wilson would love to hear from you.

Many members have been taking advantage of and participating in WWN activities. However, we are always looking for suggestions of new places to visit or fun things to do. Any help would be most appreciated. The Club is only as good as the Members and their involvement, sharing and contributions.

This is your Club, let's make the most of it!



Here's Wishing you a pot of gold and all the joy your heart can hold! As everyone knows, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in the month of March. The very first parade was held in New York on March 17, 1762. It started out as a religious holiday, but became an American holiday to celebrate the Irish. Our Irish lady Ann Barham is hosting the WWN St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 17th at the Wild River Brewery where you can feast on either Corn Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Marinara all for only \$15.00. So, wear your green, bring your Irish luck and have a wonderful time!

### Vice President



**Debra Wilson**

Our speaker for February is from the Women's Crisis Support Team. This organization has been in Josephine County since 1977. They help 100's of families each month fleeing domestic violence who request safe shelter, information and resources. Learn more about this great community asset and their services.

I would like to recognize Terry O'Dell for bringing our sound system each month and setting it up. It makes a difference for our speakers and members.

Remember to set your clocks ahead on March 10<sup>th</sup> so you are not late for the St Patrick's Party on March 17. Believe me the St Pat's party is not one you will want to miss!



## WEARING OF THE GREEN

Join in on the fun, games, food & prizes.

On Sunday March 17th 5:00 to 7:00 at Wild River Pub 533 NE F Street

We'll be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Marinara. Including salad, carrots & onions, baby red potatoes & dessert.

Price is \$15 for members & \$28.80 for non members.

**Must sign up & pay before March 8th.**

Contact Ann Barham (541) 450-3225 or [annbar87@charter.net](mailto:annbar87@charter.net)



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

\* MARCH \*

3 Roi Pietrzak, 5 Margee Wheeler, 6 Joan Knecht, 6 Steve Knecht,  
7 Bonnie Kallenberg, 11 Ned Sokol, 16 Lou Sheeler,  
19 Jacque Melancon, 21 Pat Randall, 22 RJ Richard Wilson

\* APRIL \*

1 Sherrill Eads, 4 Carol Connelly, 4 Ed Agricola, 8 Cathy Pallari  
11 Dave Tyson, 11 Anita Johannessen, 11 Linda Lonnquist,  
12 Mike McCartney, 13 Debbie O'Donnell, 17 Darlene O'Dell,  
21 Sharon Kier, 26 Paul Porner

## ***GET TO KNOW***

### **STARR TERRA**



**Birthplace:** I was born in Clinton, South Carolina.

**Career summary and retiree from:** I got to be a stay at home mom until my kids were older. Then I worked as the Department Manager for Hallmark and set up new stores. They had 34 stores at one point and I was then promoted to Trainer. It was my 16 year dream job.

**Lived in Rogue Valley since:** I have lived in the Rogue Valley for 5 years. Our first house was in Williams (2 years) then we decided it was too far out from medical services, so we bought a house in Grants Pass. This house lasted 6 months. It had a steep driveway, so we sold it and moved to Merlin.

**When did you join WWN:** I joined WWN almost 2 years ago.

**What is your favorite WWN activity/event:** My favorite activity is Mexican Train.

**Have you ever served on the WWN Board as Officer or Chairperson, and in what capacity:** I am on the Board right now in the capacity of Bowling and Walking Groups Chair.

**Favorite Book:** My favorite book is The Stand, Stephen King. After reading this book I was hooked on this author. I actually have a signed manuscript from one of his movies.

**Favorite movies:** My favorite movies are Jaws and Jurassic Park.

**Favorite vacation destination:** My favorite vacation was to Hawaii. I am going to Myrtle Beach for 2 weeks in June. I am so excited for this trip because I have tons of family there.

**Favorite local restaurant:** My favorite restaurants are Taprock and Laughing Clam.

**Do you have a hobby:** My hobby is counted cross stitch. I have made about 100 pictures and won ribbons for 2 that I entered in the Angels Camp, CA fair. I also love gardening. In good weather, I spend 2 to 4 hours a day in my yard.

**Do you have a pet:** I have 2 dogs. A very mellow Rottweiler named Sweet Pea and a little Chiweenie named Bonnie. We are thinking about getting a rabbit hutch and raising a couple of bunnies.

**What is your favorite music genre/musician/artist:** I love music from the 50's and 60's best but also love blues. I really love all types of music.

**Is there something that you have done that would surprise members:** Just recently, I enjoyed going go-kart racing with my grandchildren. I didn't know until I got there that these were big karts that go

## WWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2023 – 2024

### OFFICERS

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	Darlene O'Dell	541-291-2207

### WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMER'S WEBSITE

Mark Simonds Chairman

There are four categories with drop down lists:

**\*HOME**

**\*ACTIVITIES**

Newsletter  
Calendar  
Events

**\*MEMBERSHIP**

**\*ABOUT**

Constitution  
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Officers  
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Share this link [Western Welcome Newcomers](http://www.westernwelcome.com) with anyone who wants to learn everything about the group's activities and so much more!!



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

**View WWN on Facebook**  
**(WWN newcomers) 'Like' the page to**  
**see pictures of recent events.**  
**Thanks to Debra Wilson for posting**  
**current event photos!**



~ LUNCH BUNCH ~



**March 9th @ 1:00 pm**

**DEPOT EATERY**  
577 NE F Street, Grants Pass

**RSVP REQUIRED**

Trish Bell [tb\\_euhs@yahoo.com](mailto:tb_euhs@yahoo.com)

~ LET'S EAT OUT ~



**March 23rd @ 4:00 pm**

**TAMALES CON ALMA**  
202 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass

**RSVP REQUIRED!!**

Cancellations 48 hours

Linda Lonnquist  
805-990-0558 [lindalonn@verizon.net](mailto:lindalonn@verizon.net)



**MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

Our newest member is

**Marcy Kappner**

She has renewed her membership.

Welcome Back!!!

We look forward to getting to know you.

**Chair: Helen Toth 818-687-9028**  
[helen\\_toth48@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_toth48@yahoo.com)



**Book Lovers Unite!**

The Book Club will be meeting 2nd Monday,

**March 11th @ 12:30 pm**  
**April 8th 8th**

**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](mailto:terrylynnm8@gmail.com)





## **CRAFTS @ CONNIE'S HOUSE!!**

We will be making a form of a Dream Maker!  
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.

**March 20th, 2024**

**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](mailto:ConnieHager@rocketmail.com)

### **NEWCOMERS WALKING GROUP**

If you want to get out and stretch your legs,  
sign up at the monthly meeting or call Starr.

As the weather gets better we will be walking  
different trails around Grants Pass.

Starr Terra **541-450-3784**

[Starrterra4@gmail.com](mailto:Starrterra4@gmail.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 play Mexican Train/Dominoes!!  
Lots of talk and laughter.

**March 13th and March 27th**  
**April 3rd and April 24th**

**Doors open at 12:30**

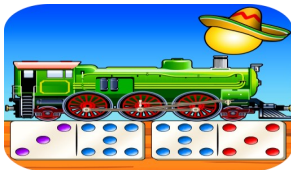
**Please RSVP**

*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](mailto: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

**March 14th and March 28th**  
**April 11th and 25th**

**Practice starts @ 12:45 pm**

**Please RSVP**

Any questions? Call or email Starr Terra  
[starrterra4@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**March 7th and March 21st**  
**April 4th and April 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](mailto:ConnieHager@rocketmail.com)



3rd Monday of the month  
Location to be Announced

Call Terry 503-812-0381

**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!

**Congratulations!!**

**Terry Miller \$25 and Gail Reitz \$22**

**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**


### **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](mailto:KristiMishell@gmail.com) to place your ad.

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