

# THE NEWCOMER NEWS

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WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS

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SEEING IS BELIEVING, BUT SOMETIMES THE MOST REAL THINGS IN THE WORLD ARE THE THINGS  
WE CAN'T SEE  
the Polar Express

Starr Terra

President

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I hear the sleigh bells ring! December is around the corner. Time to trim the tree and decorate our homes, and don't forget to dig out those Christmas sweaters.

Our first event is our annual Christmas party on December 8th from 4-6 pm. Sherrill Eads, Sandy Antich and their committee are working hard to make it a fun event.

Another annual event takes place on New Year's Eve. Debra Wilson and Linda Lonquist are planning a luncheon at La Burrita restaurant. Come on out and get your "jingle" on! Sign up at the general meeting and potluck November 26th.

***No General Meeting in December***

**Once you have committed to attend an activity, each chairperson and the venue is counting on your attendance. Please do the polite thing and don't drop out at the last minute without advising the chairperson.**

Launie Myers

Vice President

[launiemyers@gmail.com](mailto:launiemyers@gmail.com)



T'is the season for so much in our lives: lots of activities, busyness of tasks, jobs and family stresses. We have lost some dear members and I am sure some of you have been through losses, illnesses and other stresses. Please reach out and stay in touch with friends and join us at our so many wonderful events that are planned for you. Looking forward to seeing all next week at our monthly meeting. Great idea to have a pot luck brunch. And so many more things coming up - check newsletter for the chair of each or come out to meeting November 26 to sign up for events. It won't be the same without you!

**We have a special November 26th meeting! Since November is about gathering with friends and giving thanks we will be having a POTLUCK BRUNCH with time to socialize  
Please contact Sherrill Eads 623-221-9994**



**CHRISTMAS DINNER AND CELEBRATION**

**Sunday December 8,**

**Wild River Pub**

**533 NE” F” ST, G.P.**

**Doors open at 4 P.M. for social hour 4:30 P.M. for dinner**

**Menu choices**

**Chicken Marilyn \$ 15.00; guest \$30.00**

**Roasted Pork Tenderloin \$15.00; guest \$30.00**

**Served with garlic mashed potatoes, vegetables, green salad,  
baguette bread and dessert**

**Vegetarian on request only**

**(WWN is paying 20% gratuity plus \$13.00 for members)**

***All guest must to be accompanied by a member***

**Bring a Christmas wrapped white elephant gift to participate in a  
fun gift exchange.**

**Nothing used or junk, but can be funny**

**Let’s make it fun.**

**Sign-up sheets will be at Oct. and Nov. general meetings**

**Payment required at time of sign-up, note menu choice on check**

**Last day to cancel, pay or sign up is the Nov. 26th meeting**

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOV. 28TH**

**Make checks payable to WWN and mail to**

**WWN, P.O. BOX 386, G.P. OR 97528**

**Questions contact Sherrill Eads**

**phone 623-221-9994**

**e-mail [sserenatea@yahoo.com](mailto:sserenatea@yahoo.com)**

## **MEXICAN TRAIN**

Come have lunch and play Mexican Train/  
Dominoes!!  
Lots of talk and laughter.  
We had 26 members in November!

**We will meet at Elks Lodge  
618 SE J St  
December 11th  
11:30 for lunch**

We all must pay for our lunch in order to  
use the room to play Mexican Train. Always  
a \$10 item on the menu. cash only  
**Please RSVP**

## **BACK TO THE BEAR HOTEL**

**January 8th & 22nd  
Doors open at 12:30**

**Bring your quarters, dominoes and  
racks!**

**If you'd like to share a snack please  
be sure it is commercially prepared**

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich  
541-218-4015

[sandygoing@hotmail.com](mailto:sandygoing@hotmail.com)

It is with a very sad heart to let our members know that  
Jacque Melancon passed on the morning of 11/16/24 after a  
brief illness.

As our Sunshine chairperson she was just that, full of smiles,  
laughter and great stories  
Our sympathy and love go out to her family and friends.  
You will be missed by so many, Ann Barham

It is not a coincidence that Jacque's memory page is shared  
with Mexican Train! Many of you have a fond memory of  
Jacque having a group over to her home to teach us to play  
this dominoe game we had heard about!

It has lead to many hours of laughter and making friends.  
Here are just a few photos of Jacque, always smiling and  
laughing. Miss and Love you, Debra Wilson





**HAND & FOOT, 5 CROWN,  
KINGS IN THE CORNER  
CARD GAMES**

**Elks Lodge**

618 SE J Street, Grant Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays

We start at 12:00 PM for LUNCH.

We all must pay for our lunch in order to use the room to play cards. No pay—no play. Menu has many \$10 items  
Cash only

**December 5th & 19th  
January 2nd & 16th**

**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**



This will always be a *Trish Bell* event for me and many others. Please come celebrate New Years Eve with us

**Bring on  
the  
NEW YEAR!**

La Burrita  
1501 NE F St  
December 31st  
2pm

Must sign up or RSVP by  
12/26

Debra Wilson  
541-660-7040  
Linda Lonnquist  
805-990-0558

**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 12th only  
January 9th & 23rd**

Practice starts @ 12:45 pm

**Please RSVP**

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke  
[cherlynnb123@gmail.com](mailto:cherlynnb123@gmail.com)  
541-244-8645



### January Birthdays

- Day Name  
 8 Joan Nelson  
 9 Gena Hall  
 13 Launie Myers  
 14 Rick Mahan  
 17 Craig McKee-Parks  
 20 Catherine Healy

### December Birthdays

- Day Name  
 1 Patricia Flippen  
 1 Sue Exley  
 1 Susan Jaeger  
 3 Beth Fox  
 5 Carolyn Simonds  
 7 Ann Kerr  
 8 Nina Drake  
 9 Jesse Gilliam  
 10 Connie Hager  
 11 Linda Ray  
 13 Jim Thorpe  
 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  
 29 Rita LeBlanc



### HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Does it get any better than getting together to exchange cookies while laughing and enjoying friends

Linda Lonnquist has once again agreed to open her beautiful home to host our cookie exchange

**Saturday, December 14, 11am**

Bring 2 dozen cookies  
 Light snack provided  
 354 Country Aire Dr  
 RSVP

Linda Lonnquist **805-990-0558**

[Lindalonn@verizon.net](mailto:Lindalonn@verizon.net)



3rd Monday of each month  
 Location is kept secret to avoid having woman crash the party  
 Contact Terry O'Dell for the monthly location  
 503-812-0381

## CRAFTS WITH CONNIE



On Wed Dec 18th at 10:30 come to a craft class to learn how to color glass or plastic globes, making beautiful Christmas ornaments. Sign up at our general meeting, call or text Connie Hager 541)218-2804. Location is 1255 SW Ironwood Dr.

Have some fun, make a new friend, learn something new. Let me know. Thanks, Connie

**You can sign up at the general meeting or give me a call and let me know you want to come.**

Connie Hager 541-218-2804  
[ConnieHager@rocketmail.com](mailto:ConnieHager@rocketmail.com)

**50/50**



**\$\$ WIN SOME**

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

**DRAWING NOT HELD DUE TO AUCTION**  
Next drawing 11/26

### 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



One of our newest members, Olieta Sanford (L) enjoying dominoes with Karen Oman (R)

**Do you need a new directory  
or magnet for badge?  
Stop by and see Helen at  
Membership**



We have four new members.

**Oleita Sanford** is a Grants Pass native who enjoys gardening, crafts and sewing.

**Mary Dimock** heard about us through a friend.

**Greg Hoffman** is a true outdoorsman. After 40 years as a back country Ranger he maintains his interest in everything outdoors - kayaking, hiking, exploring public lands, trail rides etc. he also enjoys reading, board games, computers, guitar and ham radio.

**Gayle Welsh** is a former member re-joining us. Her interests are crafts and lunches.

Welcome to each of you, we look forward to meeting you.



Each xmas  
Jacque  
Melacon  
would make  
each book club  
member a  
crochet gift



**NO "LET'S EAT OUT" FOR NOVEMBER  
AND  
DECEMBER  
PLEASE ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
WITH FAMIY AND FRIENDS.**

**JANUARY 24TH  
TAPROCK EVERGREEN ROOM**

## **Book Lovers Unite!**

The Book Club meets 2nd Monday of each month for lunch and discussion of books we've read or listened to

**December 9th @ 12:30**

**Lunch and \$10 gift exchange**

**The gift exchange is fun each year to see what interesting treasures our members can find!**

**January 13th 12:30 regular lunch and discussion**

**Elmer's Restaurant**

175 N Agness, Grants Pass

**Come share what you're reading! We don't all read the same book in this book club. It's fun to hear about new authors.**

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

Happy reading/listening!

**Please RSVP to**

**Beth Lenz**

**[bethlenz02@gmail.com](mailto:bethlenz02@gmail.com)**

**541-218-5938**

**Thank you Beth for**



Beth Lenz



Jacque Melancom 3/19/43—11/16/24  
Always laughing and helping  
wherever we needed her

**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 Debra Wilson [debrawilsonwwn@gmail.com](mailto:debrawilsonwwn@gmail.com) to place your ad.



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**CENTURY 21**

J.C. Jones American Dream

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