

The Welcome Mat

Message from the President

Yay! One of my favorite club events is the Christmas Charities Raffle and Luncheon on December 18th starting at 10AM. Get there around 930AM with your raffle donations. Stay for the delicious lunch of quiche, salad (catered by Chris Westberg), and cookies made by our members. Lunch is \$9. It is such a fun event! Thank you Carol Whitney and team for making it happen!

Our December board meeting is on the 10th and will be hosted by Gerry Carroll with refreshments by Sharon Roberts. It starts at 10AM, but get there a little early to visit with friends. If you are going to change the date and/or time of an activity, please present your changes to the board for approval so you don't conflict with another activity.

I want to wish all of our members, their friends, and families a Happy Holiday Season.

Freddie Martin, President
Begin each day with a grateful heart.



Bridge

Call Mary Forbes, Bridge Coordinator, at 241.8357 or Leanna McGowan, Co-Coordinator, at 710.3002 if you wish to play.

Pinochle

Call Kathy Gay, Pinochle Coordinator, at 247.1510 if you would like to play.

"I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, 'Go to sleep, darlings, 'til the summer comes again.'" Lewis Carroll



Roster Updates

Please remember to notify our membership chair with any changes to your information.

Lucinda Williams
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Of Note

- *Bingo's Birthday Month
- *National Pear Month
- *National Tie Month
- *Safe Toys & Gifts Month
- *Spiritual Literacy Month
- *Universal Human Rights Month
- *Youngsters on the Air Month

Prospective Member Coffee

10AM

4 DECEMBER

Paris Park Club House
2000 Paris Avenue Redding
Westerly corner of Athens
& Paris avenues

Go through the Paris Park gates
& park in the designated parking
area & on the street

Patti Sauret
will provide refreshments

RSVP only if you are coming
with a prospective new member
Please RSVP to
Diane Silver
at 949.1254
by December 2nd





I Heard a Bird Sing

I heard a bird sing in the dark
of December

A magical thing and sweet
to remember.

“We are nearer to Spring than we
were in September.”

I heard a bird sing in the dark
of December.

Oliver Herford

Under The Welcome Mat

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Christmas Charities 2019

Let the fun begin! On December 18 at 9:30AM please bring your new, unwrapped gift to the Elks Lodge front door. One of our elves will take your gift to be placed on our raffle table. Doors will open at 10AM for our ladies to purchase raffle tickets – 10 tickets/\$5 and 25 tickets/\$10. Then you may choose the gifts you hope to win.

The Christmas Charities lunch will be quiche, salad, roll, and cookies at \$9 per person. We need a headcount by 16 December, so if you plan to stay for lunch, please call Carol Whitney 255.8147 or e-mail caroljwhitney@gmail.com.

You also may bring any last-minute socks, hats, and gloves for the needy to give to Carol or Ruth.

There also will be the beautiful quilt to win, lovingly made by our Quilt 'n' Friends group and the \$100 door prize. At 10:30AM, the FUN begins – good luck to everyone!

Sorry, no checks will be accepted to purchase tickets.

Carol Whitney & Ruth Plato, Chairs



Roster Update

Linda Welch
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“To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake, it is necessary to stand out in the cold.”



Aristotle

Send a Little Sunshine

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The following cards
were sent in November

Sympathy

Marge Floyd's husband Jim passed away after a very lengthy illness. A memorial donation will be made in his name.

Thinking of You

Barbara Timmerman recently made a return visit to Melanoma Clinic at UCSF. Results are all good. The surgery was successful.

Get Well

Dorothy Schafhirt broke her hip; she is in rehab and doing well. Carol Pagni had a recent hospital stay; she is home and doing well. Mary Lou Duncan had a surgery recently and is doing well.

We would like to apologize to member *Noella Pearson*. It was reported in the November newsletter she had a fall and we sent her a card. Fact is, she didn't have a fall and called it to our attention. Her name was inadvertently left off our follow up list, so incorrect info was printed. I spoke to her on the phone, and she graciously accepts our apology.

If you know of a member who could use a little sunshine, let us know. We appreciate your referrals.



Smiles

“My children want a cat for Christmas. I usually cook a turkey, but hey, whatever makes them happy!”
Carol Whitney

“The gardening season officially begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st.” Marie Huston



One Can at a Time



There will not be a collection for the food drive in December. Food collection at the general meetings will resume in January 2020. Thanks for your donations to the September, October, and November collections.

Joann Roskoski & Cindy Cady

December’s flowers may be very different from each other, one being a bulb and the other an evergreen, but they both symbolize hope.



December’s birth flowers are the narcissus and holly. The NARCISSUS is symbolic of good wishes, hope and wealth. Narcissus is actually a genus of flowers, and daffodil is the common name for any of the plants that fall into this genus. Narcissus flowers are known for their trumpet-like center.

HOLLY is a convenient birth plant for December, since it is so popular around the holidays. It symbolizes

protection and defense. Instead of a traditional bouquet, gift a

wreath to help the recipient celebrate her birthday all month long!



December Birthdays

Hewitt	Beryl	1
Shaffer	Marilyn	1
Thomas	Robin	3
Glass	Sandy	4
Niswander	Peggy	4
Bratton	Wilma	5
Harvey	Kit	7
Butler	Aloma	9
Harnden	Donna	9
Martin	Freddie	9
White	Merrilyn	9
Whitney	Carol	15
Rehn	Sharon	17
Ball	Betty	18
Roug	Karen	20
Ageno	Theresa	21
Gertz	Carmen	22
Seibel	Kathleen	23
Alfaro	Maile	24
Lythgoe	Mabel	24
DaVilla	Penny	27
Foss	Karen	27
Perry	Marjorie	27
Biren	Millie	28
Poling	Gail	28
Fyten	Karen	29
Hempling	Barbara	29
Wilson	Louise	30

Welcome New Member

Jaelyn Ledino ♦ 2125 Chestnut Street Redding ♦ 925.348.0907 ♦ jledino@hotmail.com ♦ Birthday: May 28 ♦ From Walnut Creek ♦ Biking, theater, lunch, & wine tasting ♦ Special Talent: Yoga ♦ Referred by a prior member

December is known around the world as a family time of celebration honoring cultures, religions, and traditions that have been with humanity for hundreds of years. This a mix of the weird and wonderful facts about this magical month.

- ✧ An almanac prediction states if snow falls on Christmas Day, Easter will be warm, green, and sunny.
- ✧ The term “Yuletide” comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice. This was to last through 12 days – later known as the “12 Days of Christmas.”
- ✧ December 12th is Poinsettia Day.
- ✧ Saint Nicholas, who would eventually be called Santa Claus, was originally the patron saint of children, thieves, and pawnbrokers.
- ✧ December 28th is considered by some to be the unluckiest day of the year.
- ✧ The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany, fashioned out of goose feathers dyed green.
- ✧ Spiders and spider webs are considered good luck on Christmas.
- ✧ *Jingle Bells* was composed in 1857 and not for Christmas. It was meant to be a Thanksgiving song.
- ✧ An ancient legend states forest animals can speak in human language on Christmas Eve.



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<p>Sun</p>	<p>2 12PM Bunco DARK Mah Jongg</p>	<p>3 11AM Mexican Train</p>	<p>4 10AM Prospective Member Coffee</p>	<p>5 TBD Matinee & Critique 1230PM Round Robin (P)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Sat </p>
<p>Winter Wonderland Pinner/Pance</p>	<p>9 10AM Kitchen Kapers 12PM Bunco 1230PM Ladies Bridge</p>	<p>10 10AM Board Mtg 1230PM Double Deck Pass (P)</p>	<p>11 10AM Redd Thumb 1230PM Charmers (B) DARK Ladies-Only Dine Out</p>	<p>12 1130AM Open Bridge 1PM Hand & Foot DARK Why Cook Tonight? WM Submissions for January</p>	<p>13 10AM Quilt 'n' Friends</p>	
	<p>16 12PM Bunco DARK Mah Jongg 1PM Writers Group</p>	<p>17 1130AM Luncheon Party 1230PM Ladies Open Pinoche</p>	<p>18 10am christmas charities DARK Needlenuts 11AM Hand & Foot</p>	<p>19 DARK Creative You</p>	<p>20 10AM Trumpettes (P) 10AM Outdoor Adventures</p>	<p>Winter Solstice 819PM </p>
	<p>23 12PM Bunco 1230PM Ladies Bridge</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 DARK Charmers (B) </p>	<p>26 1130AM Open Bridge DARK Lucky Ladies (P) DARK Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine</p>	<p>27 DARK Out-to- Lunch Bunch</p>	
	<p>29 12PM Bunco</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>			

activities

2 Bunco 12PM A bit of addition, & that's all there is to it! ♦ We meet at the Round Table Pizza (New Location) ♦ Shasta Mall 900 Dana Drive Redding for lunch (required) ♦ Play begins at 12:45PM w Cost to play \$3 & lunch is usually under \$10 ♦ RSVP (space is limited) Ruth Plato 246.2473 ♦ Call as soon as possible to cancel

2 Mah Jongg DARK

3 Mexican Train 11AM New Time/New Location 1099 Hilltop Drive Redding ♦ Please note the early time due to having to order, eat, & then play ♦ Please call either Lori Hicks 605.1201 or Claire Morris 241.2654 to sign up or to cancel ♦ Now that we have more room, we are accepting new members ♦ Come & join!

4 Prospective Member Coffee 10AM Details on Page 1

5 Matinee & Critique TBD Hope you will join us for a movie at Cinema 14 on Old Alturas ♦ After we will meet at the Round Table in the Mt Shasta Mall ♦ Movie choice is mass-emailed prior to Thursday ♦ For information & RSVP to Arlene Hascall 222.0348 or arlene.hascall@gmail.com or Joyce Nanson 246.1224

5 Round Robin (P) 1230PM

8 Winter Wonderland Dinner/Dance 530PM Gaia Hotel & Spa Anderson

9 Kitchen Kapers 10AM DAY CHANGE Home of Judy Mader ♦ 1571 Gold Hills Drive ♦ This is our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange ♦ We will feature three soups to share & sample breads ♦ For the cookies you will need three dozen to share all around ♦ Please bring a cookie tin so you can take home your collection of cookies ♦ Please RSVP to Judy Mader at 242.6465 or Adda Gripp 242.1033 ♦ We will need a head count ♦ If unable to attend, we wish you a Merry Christmas ♦ See you in January at the Air Fryer demonstration

9 Bunco 12PM See the 2nd

9 Ladies Bridge 1230PM

10 Board Meeting 10AM Home of Gerry Carroll ♦ 2842 Aspen Glow Drive Redding ♦ Please RSVP to 243.5527 ♦ Sharon Roberts is providing refreshments

10 Double Deck Pass (P) 1230PM

11 Redd Thumb Garden Club 10AM Please join us at Rhonda Hodgson's home ♦ 7077 Riata Drive Redding ♦ This is our holiday brunch & gift exchange ♦ Bring a wrapped garden-related gift valued at \$15 if you would like to participate in the gift exchange ♦ Please RSVP to Rhonda Hodgson at 949.842.0311 or rhonda.hodgson@gmail.com

11 Charmers (B) 1230PM

11 Ladies-Only Dine Out DARK

12 Open Bridge 1130AM Mercy Oaks ♦ 100 Mercy Oaks Drive Redding ♦ 1130 for their free lunch ♦ They would appreciate a donation of \$3 or \$4 ♦ We start playing as soon as we're finished eating ♦ Call Kathie Silva 241.9350 if interested in playing

12 Hand & Foot 1PM At the home of Susan Sechrist ♦ 2882 Aspen Glow Lane Redding ♦ Please RSVP to 241.8579 ♦ Come have some fun

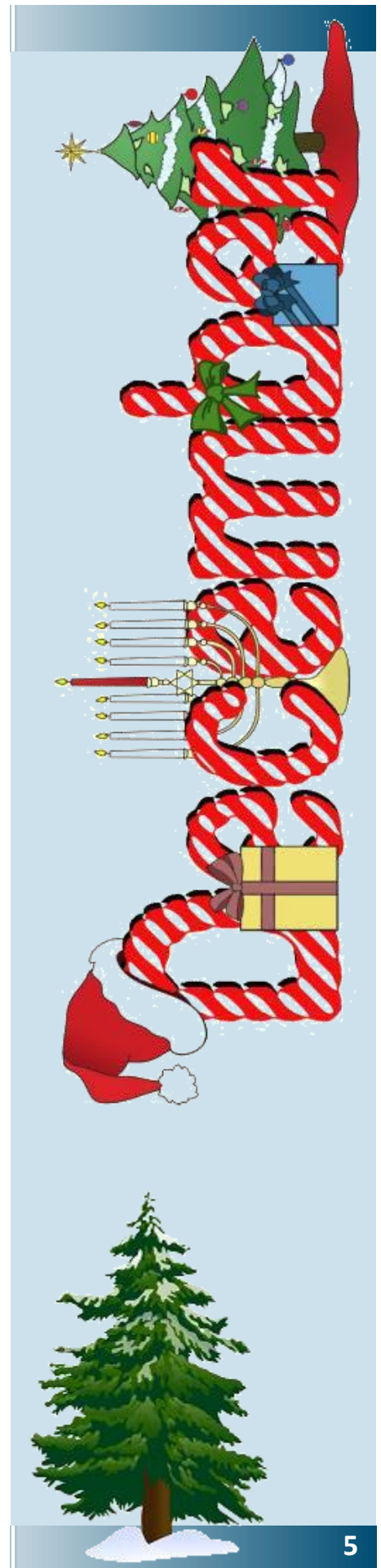
12 Why Cook Tonight DARK

12 WM Submissions for Jan

13 Quilt 'n' Friends 10AM Different Location Please join us for our Christmas Potluck ♦ Home of Linda Cottengim ♦ 5870 Diamond Ridge Drive Redding ♦ Please call 227.4087 to let her know you will be coming ♦ Bring a dish to share, a \$10 gift to exchange, & a fat quarter for a game we play ♦ Any questions call Linda or Kathy Jensen at 229.1021 ♦ Hope to see you all there

16 Bunco 12PM See the 2nd

16 Mah Jongg DARK





Solstitium

In pre-Christian Scandinavia, the Feast of Juul, or Yule, lasted for 12 days celebrating the rebirth of the sun and giving rise to the custom of burning a Yule log. In ancient Rome, the winter solstice was celebrated at the Feast of Saturnalia, to honor Saturn, the god of agricultural bounty.

Most people count the whole day as the December Solstice. However, the Solstice is actually at a specific moment - when the Sun is exactly overhead the Tropic of Capricorn.

In 2019, the December Solstice is on December 22, at 04:19 UTC. Due to the Time Zone difference, some locations will have their solstice on a different date.

The term solstice comes from the Latin word *solstitium*, meaning "the Sun stands still." This is because on this day, the Sun reaches its southernmost position as seen from the Earth. The Sun seems to stand still at the Tropic of Capricorn and then reverses its direction. It's also common to call it "The day the Sun turns around."



16 Writers Group IPM Home of Sylvia Pritchard ♦ 678 Collyer Dr Redding ♦ Suggested Topic: How I Celebrated Christmas as a Child ♦ Relive the day & come to share ♦ RSVP to Jeanne Crownover 255.-8428 by December 10th

17 Luncheon Party DAY CHG 1130AM Social time Noon Lunch Our Christmas Luncheon Party hostess will be Gerri Smith ♦ 11579 Fox Estates Court ♦ Cooks will be Adda Gripp, Sharon Chesnut, & Sherry Varga ♦ RSVP to Patti Sauret on December 1 between 8AM & Noon by text 515.1549 or call 246.2493 ♦ If you can't attend, please call Patti or Penny Colbert 410.0363, as we always have a cancellation list ♦ You will get results of the lottery within five days

17 Ladies Open Pinochle 1230PM Mercy Oaks ♦ 100 Mercy Oaks Drive Redding ♦ Please RSVP if you have not signed up already ♦ Please call new chair Barbara Timmerman to sign up or if you have any questions ♦ RSVP 244.2411

18 Needlenuts DARK

18 Christmas Charities 10AM Details on Page 2

18 Hand & Foot 11AM Meet at Country Kitchen off Hilltop ♦ Order & eat, then play ♦ Enjoy friends - new & old ♦ Call Catherine Storme 547.1142 to sign up ♦ If you cannot be there, CALL to Cancel

19 Creative You DARK We have some great activities planned for 2020! ♦ Hope to see you in January

20 Trumpettes (P) 10AM

20 Outdoor Adventures 10AM Please join us for a few hours in Red Bluff exploring town shops & experiencing the Christmas spirit & lunch ♦ Heavy rain will cancel ♦ RSVP to Shirley Martin by email at marigold fun21@gmail.com

23 Bunco 12PM See the 2nd

23 Ladies Bridge 1230PM

25 Charmers (B) DARK

26 Open Bridge 1130AM See the 12th

26 Book Review DARK

26 Lucky Ladies (P) DARK

26 Pick of the Vine DARK

27 Out-to-Lunch Bunch DARK

29 Bunco 12PM See the 2nd

Six New Year's Traditions from Around The World

Whether you're ringing in New Year's Eve from an exciting foreign country or at home with family and friends, you probably have a New Year's tradition or two. Common traditions in the United States include singing *Auld Lang Syne* to greet the New Year and eating black eyed peas for good luck.

Around the world, cultures welcome the change of the calendar with unique New Year's traditions of their own.

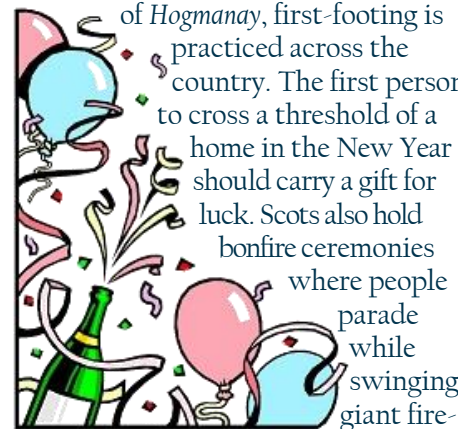
Colombia. In hopes of a travel-filled new year, residents of Colombia carry empty suitcases around the block.

Denmark. Residents greet the New Year by throwing old plates and glasses against the doors of family and friends to banish bad spirits. They also stand on chairs and jump off of them together at midnight to leap into January in hopes of good luck.

Finland. Finnish people predict the coming year by casting molten tin into a container of water, then interpreting the shape the metal takes after hardening. A heart or ring means a wedding, while a ship predicts travel, and a pig declares there will be plenty of food.

Scotland. During Scotland's celebration

of *Hogmanay*, first-footing is practiced across the country. The first person to cross a threshold of a home in the New Year should carry a gift for luck. Scots also hold bonfire ceremonies where people parade while swinging giant fire-



balls on poles, supposedly symbols of the sun, to purify the coming year.

Philippines. You'll find round shapes all over the Philippines on New Year's Eve as representatives of coins to symbolize prosperity in the coming year. Many families display piles of fruit on their dining tables and some eat exactly 12 round fruits (grapes being the most common) at midnight. Many also wear polka dots for luck.

Greece. An onion is traditionally hung on the front door of homes on New Year's Eve as a symbol of rebirth in the New Year. On New Year's Day, parents wake their children by tapping them on the head with the onion.

Join Us for A
Winter Wonderland
Pinner & Pance
8 December 2019
5:30PM

Gaia Hotel & Spa
773 Mission de Oro Place
Anderson


Menu
Salad
Beef Brisket
Chicken Jerusalem
Pasta
Potatoes
Dessert

Music by
Pat March Band

Latkes

4 large russet (baking) potatoes
1 medium onion
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon kosher or sea salt, plus extra for seasoning
Vegetable oil
Freshly ground black pepper
Sour cream or applesauce
Garnish: fresh chives

Peel & grate potatoes and onion. Transfer to a sieve or kitchen towel & squeeze out excess water. In a large bowl, combine grated mixture, egg, baking powder, flour, & salt. Warm a thin layer of oil (about 2 tablespoons) in a large, heavy skillet over moderate heat. Drop batter into skillet one heaping spoonful at a time, but don't crowd the pan. Flatten gently; don't push potatoes too hard into oil. Each latke should be about 2 inches wide. Fry in batches, turning once, 4 minutes per side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels & season well with salt & pepper. Add a dollop of sour cream or applesauce, garnish with fresh chives, & serve immediately.



Winter Wonderland

Pinner & Pance
8 December 2019 5:30PM

Name _____ Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Reservations due by December 3rd.
Please make checks payable to **Redding Newcomers & Friends**

Send to Ruth Plato
773 Mission de Oro Place
Redding 96003
246.2473

\$40 per person

October Luncheon Party participants all dressed with a great place to go.



How to Access Our Website

Everyone: If you have not yet registered, please go ahead & follow these instructions:

1. Go to reddingnewcomers.com/register.
2. Enter the password RNC2018 to access the registration page.
3. Fill out all the information on the registration page.
 - User Name
 - Last Name
 - First Name
 - Email Address
 - Password
 - Confirm Password (**Remember Your Password!**)Click on the BLUE button that says REGISTER
4. Important: If there are stars or dots in the password area, ignore them. They are simply placeholders and not your old password. **Your old password will not work.** You have to create a new password at least 8 characters long, containing one upper case letter and one lower case letter. For example: Doggie88 or Giants510 or 4Parrot6 ... You get the idea. Use anything as long as it's something you will remember.
5. Then when you sign in, the user name you will enter will be your email address and the password you will enter will be whatever you have selected.
6. If you have trouble, contact Carol Skill (fskill@shasta.com) or Sharon Roberts (jimandsharon@charter.net) for help.



“How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?”

Dr. Seuss

December 2019

Redding Newcomers & Friends Club

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