

Redding
Newcomers & Friends

WELCOME MAT

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Peek Into the Past

A Series of Stories from the Early Days

In a moment of significance for the Redding community, the Newcomers Club was born in 1954. The marvelous concept for the club was formed in the mind of Maxine Thurman, who had moved to Redding from Ukiah where she'd been city hostess. Redding didn't have a city hostess, so Maxine decided Redding needed one.

She applied for a business license, then shared her idea of how it would work with the Chamber of Commerce. They enthusiastically approved of her plan. Next, she set about obtaining 12 sponsors who each donated a gift certificate to be given to new people who moved into town, thus acquainting new people with their stores and shops.

Once her business as city hostess was off and running, she talked to several new ladies about her idea

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President's Message

February is the month of love. I certainly do love our Newcomers Club and all of the fine women who belong to it. I love and appreciate the officers, elected board, and activities chairs and co-chair's who are the heart and soul of our club.

This is the month our Nominating Committee gets together to begin the search for new officers. I'd love it if you were willing to become part of the heart and soul of our club. So when someone from the nominating committee calls you to volunteer, please step up and spread the love.

Remember to start each day with a grateful heart.

Freddie

February Food Drive

This month the One Can at a Time food drive will be collecting for Eagles Soar, a nonprofit Christian program that runs various activities for at-risk children in our community, including an after-school homework club with a hot meal during the school year and a weekly adventure club in the summer.

They are seeking individual juice boxes, fruit and pudding cups, boxes of cereal, ramen, peanut butter and jelly, and any snacks one would put into a child's lunchbox. Thanks for your generosity.

One Can at a Time Team, Joann Roskoski & Joyce Menta

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SMILES

Grandma says
when you swat a child
on the rear, you're just
moving their brains back
where they belong.

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Carol Whitney

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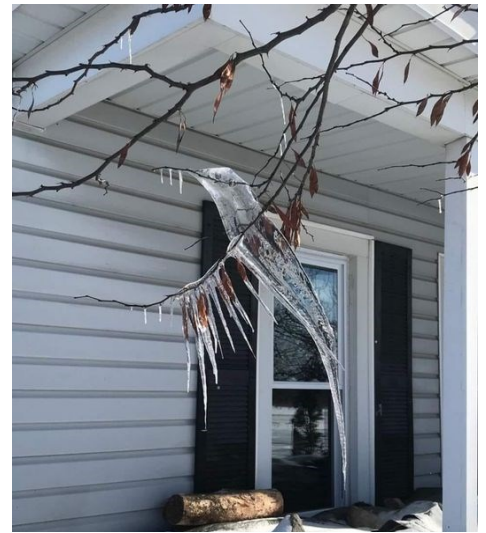
of forming a social club called "Newcomers." Their interest was piqued, and the fun began. Alice Mongold was immeasurably helpful in the development of such a club, and she became the first president of the Newcomers Club when it was established in June 1954.

Alice hosted the first meeting in her home, but a short time later, the club rented the Riders of the Wonderland Hall for their meetings. A year later, they moved to the Women's Improvement Club, and by December 1955, a mere 18 months after forming, membership in the brand-new club had reached 135.

The main function of Newcomers was to bring new residents together socially and help them get acquainted with other new residents. Initially, membership was for married ladies only and was limited to two years. This was thought to be adequate time for members to be assimilated into the community. But some members were loath to leave after two years, so in 1960, the Jack Benny Club was founded. Ex-Newcomers were encouraged to join so they could continue to associate with those friends they had met in Newcomers. These ladies did, however, have to admit to being at least 39 years old, the same age as Jack Benny. When their time with Newcomers was over, departing members were asked to sign a tablecloth that was brought to each meeting. This became known affectionately as "the crying towel."

Maxine, the Mother of Newcomers, must surely have been an active person. As well as being city hostess, she had her own radio show and often talked about the Newcomers Club on the air. She was selected to receive Redding's Citizen of the Year award. That's quite an honor. She retired in 1979 after serving 25 years as Redding City Hostess.

More stories to come in future issues.



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In their mission to better serve members in their lifelong learning interests, CSU finds themselves in new, exciting territory. The pandemic has changed all of us, including OLLI, and they have stretched and expanded learning opportunities in new ways. As a member, you have access to quality instructors, sharing fascinating topics both near to the North State and from far corners of the country, even the world. You can attend a class in person or you can join in the online classrooms via Zoom. Most of the online classes are recorded, which provides the opportunity for members to watch anytime, at their leisure. Explore more than 80 classes offered this spring in the style that suits you best – online or onground. Join now to learn, grown, socialize, and make new friends!

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| | 1 1PM Mexican Train | 2 10AM Prospective Member Coffee | 3 DARK Matinee & Critique 1230PM Round Robin (P) | 4 1PM Coloring Craze |
| 7 1030AM Bunco | 8 10AM Kitchen Kapers 1230PM Double Deck Pass (P) | 9 1230PM Charmers (B) 5PM Ladies-Only Dine Out | 10 10AM Redd Thumb Garden Group 12PM Open Bridge DARK Why Cook Tonight? <i>Welcome Mat Submissions for March</i> | 11 10AM Quilt N Friends 1PM The Little Group |
| 14 1030AM Bunco | 15 10AM Board Mtg 12PM Ladies Open Pinochle | 16 DARK Needle Nuts 1PM Hand & Foot | 17 11AM Creative You | 18 DARK Outdoor Adventures |
| 21 1030AM Bunco DARK Writers Group | 22 1130AM Luncheon Party | 23 1230PM Charmers (B) | 24 12PM Open Bridge 1230PM Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine 1230PM Lucky Ladies (P) | 25 1130AM Out-to- Lunch Bunch |
| 28 10AM General Meeting | | | | |

ACTIVITIES*

1 Mexican Train 1PM † Home of Linda Huckaby † 3593 Laver Street † Please RSVP to 1.530.945.2966 † If you don't know how to play, we will teach you † It's a fun & easy game † Please call either Linda or Arlene Hascall at 1.530.222.0348 if you would like to play † Vaccinated ladies only, please † Hope to see you at Linda's

2 Prospective Member Coffee

10AM † Paris Park Clubhouse † 2000 Paris Avenue off Athens † Activity chairs & co-chairs are needed to attend so new members will get a better idea of what the activities are like & can ask questions † When they hear from you, they get very excited

3 Matinee & Critique DARK

3 Round Robin (P) 1230PM

4 Coloring Craze 1PM † Shasta Public Library † 1100 Parkview Avenue Redding † Foundation Room 1st Floor † Join in a relaxing time spent coloring & sharing stories † Bring your favorite book & pens or pencils † Questions? Call Cheryl Zeh 1.530.360.0314 † Fully vaccinated members only † Thanks

7 Bunco 1030AM † Meet at Country Waffles † 2300 Athens Avenue Redding † \$3 to play † No Bunco on general meeting Mondays † Ruth Plato at 1.530.246.2473 or Claire Morris at 1.530.241.2654

8 Kitchen Kapers 10AM † Our Valentine-themed party † Home of Adda Gripp † 4976 Tralee Lane Redding † Lori Johns will be helping us maneuver the chocolate fountain † Attending members (with their Covid shots only) will be asked to bring an item † We will submerge fruit, marshmallows, etc into a silky chocolate drizzle of goodness † If you are watching calories, a little dab will do you † Wonder how much chocolate it takes to run a fountain? † Come join us for this event † Reserve your spot & call Adda at 1.530.242.1033 or Sharon Chestnut at 1.530.949.7545, the earlier the better

8 Double Deck Pass (P) 1230PM

***CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS**

Gentle Reminder: Please contact the Board of Directors before changing the day or hour your activity has been assigned. Thanks.

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9 Charmers (B) 1230PM

9 Ladies-Only Dine Out 5PM † Nello's Place † 3055 Bechelli Lane Redding † Please RSVP Leslie Teryniak at 1.530.722.9705 or Carol Gilliland at 1.231.510.3882

10 Redd Thumb Gardening Group

10AM † Home of Sandi Cain † 5939 Brenda Lane Anderson † A plant & bulb exchange † Bring any extra plants & bulbs & we will share † Even if you don't have any, come & get some † I have loads of irises & who knows what else may show up † Some succulents left to share from the January meeting † RSVP to Sandi at 1.530.355.1166

10 Open Bridge 12PM

10 Why Cook Tonight? DARK

10 Welcome Mat Submissions for March

11 Quilt N Friends 10AM † The Sewing Room Crafters Mall † 2665 Park Marina Drive Redding † Quilters of all levels & new members are all welcome to join us † Questions? † Contact Kathy Jensen at 1.530.229.1021 or jroy@aol.com or Sheila Cissney at 1.530.275.0430 or spinners96@sbc.global.net † Coffee will be served † Come & join in the fun of quilting

11 The Little Group 1PM † Holiday Market Community Room † 3315 Placer Street Redding † We are a small group creating our own little universes of various scales † Dollhouses, room boxes, scenes, or kits † Bring a project & your supplies & tools to get a little work done † Call Cheryl Zeh for questions † 1.530.360.0314 † Fully vaccinated members only † Thanks

14 Bunco 1030AM † See January 7th

15 Board Meeting 10AM † Paris Park Clubhouse † Off Athens Avenue Redding † Every member is welcome † Contact Freddie by text or phone at 1.530.355.5806 for questions

15 Ladies Open Pinochle 12PM † Tortilla Flats † 2800 Park Marina Drive Redding † Call Barbara Timmerman at 1.530.244.2411 if you would like to play

16 Needle Nuts Dark † Regrettably, Needle Nuts will be DARK for the rest of the Newcomers season

16 Hand & Foot 1PM † Home of Susan Sechrist † 2882 Aspen Glow Lane

Redding † Please RSVP at 1.530.241.8579 † Easy & fun † Come join us!

17 Creative You 11AM † 1796 Churn Creek Road † This is your opportunity to paint pottery † In the past I have made a sweet platter and a charming coffee cup † Various prices † Cookies will be served † Bring what you would like to drink Please call Freddie Martin at 1.530.355.5806 to reserve your space by February 16th † Fully vaccinated members only † Thank you

18 Outdoor Adventures DARK † This group needs a new chair

28 Bunco 1030AM † See January 7th

21 Writers Group DARK

22 Luncheon Party 1130AM Social Time Lunch 12PM † Home of Mary Bond † 3685 Wimbelton Court Redding † We ask all guests be vaccinated † Our cooks will be Hayde Bulbuk, Bonnie Mc Connell, & Sherry Ruff † If you wish to attend, please text 1.530.515.1549 on February 1 † Or call 1.530.246.2493 to leave a message & please include your name & if you are a new member † We will get back to you within three days to let you know if you made it in the lottery † If you are unable to attend, please let us know as we always have a waitlist † No shows will be charge the price of lunch

23 Charmers (B) 1230PM

24 Open Bridge 12PM

24 Book Review 1230PM † Shasta Public Library † 1100 Parkview Avenue Redding † *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides † Suggested by Janice Tinto † This is a real thriller † A mix of Hitchcock suspense, Agatha Christie plotting, & Greek tragedy † Contact Janice Tinto at 1.530.243.2981 or jtinto@aol.com for more information † Please – Only attend if you are fully vaccinated † Thank you

24 Pick of the Vine DARK

24 Lucky Ladies (P) 1230PM

25 Out-to-Lunch Bunch † Social 1130AM † Lunch 12PM † Fresh Fire Grill † 161 Lake Blvd (near Raley's) † RSVP to Joyce Nanson at 1.530.246.1224 † If no answer, please leave a message

28 General Meeting 10AM † Elks Lodge † 250 Elk Drive Redding



2021 Christmas Charities Donations Awarded

The total proceeds from Christmas Charities raffle was \$2335.05, which were distributed to the following:

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| Eagles Soar Youth Activity Center | \$500 |
| Exodus Farms Ministry | \$500 |
| Lions Club Camp McCumber | \$500 |
| One Safe Place | |
| Children's Programs | \$335.05 |
| Shasta Family YMCA | |
| Children's Summer Programs | \$500 |
| TOTAL | \$2335.05 |

Thanks again to everyone who attended Christmas Charities, to everyone who volunteered in so many ways, to everyone who brought gifts to donate to the raffle, and last but not least, to everyone who bought so many raffle tickets! We so appreciate our club's generosity for Christmas Charities.

Lynn Smith, Christmas Charities Chair & Ruth Plato, Co-Chair

Welcome New Members

Cindy Anderson ☎ 1.707.362.6849 ☎ cindyhascats101@gmail.com ☎ PO Box 571 Shasta Lake ☎ Birthday: June 22 ☎ From Shasta Lake

Linda Mandere ☎ 1.530.241.5004 ☎ e-Lmandere@sbglobal.net ☎ 16099 Plateau Circle Redding ☎ Birthday: June 6 ☎ Reading, exercising, rafting, & volunteering ☎ From San Leandro

Trudy Ribeiro ☎ 707.980.1439 ☎ tr711 lucky@yahoo.com ☎ 3770 Silvario Court Cottonwood ☎ Birthday: July 11 ☎ Sewing, crafts, outdoors, & walking ☎ From Benicia

Patsy Sanders ☎ 707.889.9600 ☎ hairknotr@yahoo.com ☎ 389 Sapwood Drive Redding Birthday: January 13 ☎ Cards, events, & cooking ☎ From California

Carole Williams ☎ 241.5566 ☎ cahoney@gmail.com ☎ 515 Cessane Walk Redding ☎ Birthday: July 1 ☎ Gardening ☎ From Redding

Lela Wilmer ☎ 515.0125 ☎ lelawimer@gmail.com ☎ 2130 Renoir Path Redding ☎ Birthday: July 31 ☎ Gardening, crafts, & pinochle ☎ From Fall River Mills



Send a Little Sunshine

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January Activity

GET WELL

Connie Laughlin has recovered nicely from hernia surgery in December.

Bobby Shaw broke her finger in December, which resulted in serious surgery. She is doing OK, however, the recovery from her injury is expected to be lengthy.

SYMPATHY

Sister members Sherry Ruff and Carol Bock's mother passed away in December at the age of 95.

Susan Dickson passed away late December. She joined Newcomers in 2004. A donation will be made to the scholarship fund in her name.

Former member Diana Hume passed away in December. She was in an assisted-living facility. Her neighbor Susan Murray let me know. Susan knew her well and had been taking care of Diana's cats during her illness.



Miniatures come in many creative forms. Come to The Little Group to get involved.

Former member Evelyn Flournoy passed away in December. She had not been a member for a couple of years due to poor health and dementia. A current longtime member of Newcomers, Laurie Okeefe, asked that she be remembered.

Longtime member Shirley Davis passed away on January 1 at 83 years. Her partner of many years Len Duz asked me to put the following information into our newsletter: "Shirley passed away after a long, two-year battle with cancer. She had many friends at Newcomers, and I think she was the longest registered member in Redding. Her smiles and upbeat personality will surely be missed." Our roster notes Shirley was a member since April 1, 1989, 33 years this coming April. A donation to the scholarship fund will be made in her memory.

Donna Holloway's husband John died in Redding on January 4th. He was 91 years old. His obituary was in the *Record Searchlight* on January 24th. A donation to the scholarship fund will be made in his memory.

NOTEWORTHY

Former member Abigail Pope moved in 2021 to Virginia to help care for her mother, who is critically ill. Sharon has her new address if any of you need it.

Birthdays

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| Laking | Evelyn | 2 |
| Aguiniga | Mary | 5 |
| Parmet | Janine | 10 |
| Fleming | Betsy | 11 |
| Arbogast | Jan | 12 |
| Smith | Maggie | 13 |
| Moore | Sandy | 13 |
| Martin | Catherine | 14 |
| Jensen | Kathy | 14 |
| Gow | Linda | 16 |
| Deem | Pat | 18 |
| Chandler | Marian | 21 |
| Burke | Diane | 21 |
| Martin | Jeannine | 23 |
| Colbert | Penny | 23 |
| Stokes | Deborah | 24 |
| Zeh | Cheryl | 26 |
| Floyd | Marge | 26 |
| Cottengim | Linda | 27 |

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HOW TO ACCESS & REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

1. Go to reddingnewcomers.com.
2. Click on User Login, which is located at the top of the page.
3. Click on Register. A new page will appear.
4. Enter the password **RNC2018** & click on **Enter**. A new page will appear.

5. Complete all the following information:

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| First Name | Birthdate |
| Phone Number | User Name |
| Mobile Number | Password |
| Last Name | Confirm Password (Be sure to remember your password. We will not have a record of what it is.) |
| Email Address | |

Important: If there are stars or dots in the password area, ignore them. They are simply placeholders & not your old password. Your old password will not work. You have to create a new password of at least 8 characters, containing one upper case letter, one lower case letter, & one number. For example, Doggie88 or Gi-ants510 or 4Parrot6. You get the idea. Use anything as long as it's something you will remember.

6. Your registration will then need to be authorized. This may take a day to accomplish. Either Sharon Roberts or Carol Skill checks the website daily to activate new registrations.

7. When you sign in, the user name you enter will be either your email address OR your username, & the password you enter will be whatever you have selected.

8. If you have trouble, contact Carol Skill (fskill@shasta.com) or Sharon Roberts (jimandsharon@charter.net) for help.

OLLI, CONTINUED

Membership for those aged 50+ or retired is required to participate in OLLI classes, activities, and events. OLLI volunteer instructors are also required to join. Joining OLLI at Chico State supports its programs and enables you to enjoy our full range of offerings, make new friends, and socialize with people who share common interests.

Check out courses offered at

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