

Redding  
Newcomers & Friends

# WELCOME MAT

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## Peek Into the Past *Changes Over Time*

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The Newcomers club has changed its policies from time-to-time. In the early 1980s, membership time was extended from two years to three years, but it was limited to married ladies only. Members felt single ladies would be a threat. We'll leave it to your imagination to guess what kind of a threat single ladies could be.

A short time later, during Mrs Lee Hickman's presidency, the time limitations were dropped. A member can now be a Newcomer forever. Lucky us!

### A Note from a Scholarship Recipient

A word that strongly resonates with me is "perseverance." My decision to return to college began with many challenges. I realized there would never be a perfect time, so I jumped right in and went for it. Then COVID happened eight weeks into my first semester at Shasta College. This shook the entire nation, but I knew now more than ever, the world was in desperate need of passionate health care workers, so I forged ahead. I continued my education and took some online courses and was able to obtain my CNA license.

Besides the challenges that come with being a single mother, I then faced another ordeal. My oldest daughter Aniyah was diagnosed with cancer shortly after her tenth birthday. I felt numb and thought there was no way I could do this. Eventually I had a conversation with my three children and asked if I should put school on-hold and take the time to be fully present for Aniyah to help her through.

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In October 1984, when Mrs Elrose Caruso was president, the club voted to extend membership privileges to include single women. Also in the 1980s, meetings were held in the evening at members' homes. Later, the venue was moved to a home across the street from the library on West Street. After that, Newcomers used the library basement for meetings. They had a babysitting co-op

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## President's Message

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> is daylight savings time again! The Spring Equinox is Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 833AM PT.

March is when the world blossoms again after the fall and winter. Our club is blossoming again as we move away from the difficulties of 2020-2021 and the pandemic. I appreciate Johnni Hansen for volunteering to

head up the nominating committee as we choose new officers for the 2022-2023 year. Please consider being an officer. Your predecessors will be happy to help you with your duties, and we will guide you all the way.

Remember to begin each day with a grateful heart. *Freddie*



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### Roster Update

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with any changes to your info



## SMILES

"I may be fat,  
but I identify  
with trans-slender!"

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Carol Whitney



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set up for women with children so mothers could attend meetings. Also during that time, presidents could hold office for only six months, and occasionally they had to have run-off elections. This was a difficult time for the club, and membership declined. Dues were \$9.50 a year.

The club was having fiscal problems, so one time the Jack Benny Club loaned the club \$100 to tide them over a rough spot. One of our long-time members, Pat DeBoer, recalled a time when there were only six or seven members who showed up for general meetings, and it was only chairs present for monthly coffees. There were no prospective new members. It was very discouraging. One of our past members Katie Young recalled there were so few members, some had to hold two chair positions.

### Are You a No-Show?

It is common courtesy, it's the right thing to do, and now there will be consequences. Please consider how frustrating it is for your hostess to plan an event, only to have a member or two simply not show up. There are refreshments, project tools and materials, and seating limitations to arrange.

We understand COVID can change your plans. That's not the issue. The issue is not letting the hostess know so she can make adjustments and/or invite someone from a wait list. Someone eager to attend. That's just good manners.

In the future, please take care of your fellow Newcomers and support them. Please don't be a source of frustration or hurt feelings.

### SCHOLARSHIP, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

At the time, my son was one-and-half and my youngest daughter was eight. Is it silly to ask children this young their opinion on a situation of this magnitude? I knew the only way to persevere was to do it together. Aniyah looked up at me and said, "Mom, you have to finish school so you can become a nurse and help kids like me." That was the reassurance I needed to help propel me forward.

Today, Aniyah is doing well and is back in school, playing basketball. She has many challenges, but she is doing amazing. My daughter Andraya blossomed into a beautiful, caring, older sister who stepped up and was a tremendous help with her little brother. My son Adrien is now three and believes he is the real Spider-Man. I am now in my last semester of the LVN program and will continue until I obtain my bachelor's degree.

Life is full of obstacles, and often we may doubt our ability to persevere. Placing trust in God and gathering together with members of our community allows us to reach our goals and pass the baton of strength and resilience to those who need to finish the race. Thank you to each and every Newcomers member for choosing me and allowing me to share my story.

Sincerely, *Tiffany Coleman*

### The March Food Drive

One Can at a Time will be collecting food for Exodus Farms, a program that yearly brings hope and healing to more than 100 children of all ages through a horsemanship program in a safe and accepting farm environment. Bring your donations to the general meeting.

Exodus gives value and purpose to both the horse and human who have been broken, abused, neglected, and/or discarded. Exodus is free-of-charge and operates year-round. They are especially seeking boxed Rice Krispy Treats, fruit roll-ups, individual size crackers, cookies, and goldfish, fruit cups, and 9 oz paper cups.  
*Joann Roskoski & Joyce Menta*

# MARCH

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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 930AM Redd Thumb Garden Group  12PM Open Bridge  <i>Welcome Mat Submissions for April</i>	11 10AM Quilt N Friends  1PM The Little Group  12 Sat 5pm Why Cook Tonight?
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  1PM 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	29	<p><b>Dues Are Due</b> Annual membership is \$30, due by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't wait until the last minute. Send a check to Ruth Plato, Membership Chair 4314 Lynbrook Loop No. 2 Redding California 96003</p> <p>QUESTIONS? Call Ruth at 1.530.246.2473</p>		

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** † The new Moores Mill † 6170 Mill Lane Redding † Off Airport Road & turn east (towards Lassen Peak) † After exploring the store, we will have lunch at Jose's Family Diner † 20212 Charlanne Drive, also off Airport Road † Since the mill has moved from the old downtown location, many of us have not taken the time to revisit the store † This will be a good time to see their grand improvements † Please RSVP to Adda Gripp at 1.530.242.1033 or Sharon Chesnut at 1.530.949.7545 † We need a count for the restaurant † Please, vaccinated members only † Don't forget we will be in a public building, so please wear your masks

## **\*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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**8 Double Deck Pass (P) 1230PM**

**9 Charmers (B) 1230PM**

**9 Ladies-Only Dine Out 5PM** † Karlina's Restaurant & Bar † 1100 Center Street Redding † Please RSVP to Leslie Teryniak at 1.530.722.9705 or Carol Gilliland at 1.231.510.3882

**10 Redd Thumb 930AM** † TIME CHANGE † Join us for a tour of Wyntour Gardens † 8026 Airport Road † South of the Redding Airport † If you have any questions, you may ask as we go along † We will have the benefit of one of their knowledgeable staff † Cookies & drinks will be served † Feel free to bring a drink of your choice † Call Sandi at 1.530.355.1166 for questions

**10 Open Bridge 12PM**

**10 Welcome Mat Submissions for April**

**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 1.530.229.1021 or jroy@aol.com or Sheila Cissney 1.530.275.0430 or spinners96@sbcglobal.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

**12 Why Cook Tonight? SATURDAY 5PM** † March is St Patrick's † Son's Of Italy is serving corn beef & cabbage † \$23 † We are working on getting a bag-pipe musician † Why cook when you can dine out & have some fun? † Club Cougar will be performing † Call Gerry 1.530.243.5527 or text 1.530.515.8040 † Deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup>

**14 Bunco 1030AM** † See March 7<sup>th</sup>

**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**

**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** † Paris Park Clubhouse † 2000 Paris Avenue at Athens Redding † Paper Tissue Box † Create a lovely, feminine tissue box for your girlfriends, sisters, & daughters (See photo below) † Start with heavy paper, cut & fold, add decorative paper & a design touch for the dispensing part † Cheryl Zeh will walk you through the process † Bring your own scissors † The rest of the materials & tools will be provided for \$5 † There may even be enough time to make two † For questions, please call or text Cheryl at 1.530.360.0314 † Please RSVP to Freddie Martin at 1.530.355.5806 by Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> † Fully vaccinated members only † We need to know how many are coming so we have enough supplies for everyone

**18 Outdoor Adventures DARK** †

This group needs a new chair † Call or text Activities Coordinator Cheryl Zeh at 1.530.360.0314

**28 Bunco 1030AM** † See March 7<sup>th</sup>

**21 Writers Group 1PM** † Home of Anna Gustafson † 6913 Riverside Drive Redding † RSVP to Anna at 1.530.605.4010 † Come & share your musings with the group

**22 Luncheon Party 1130AM Social Time/Lunch 12PM** † Home of Patti Sauret † 2527 Crescent Moon Court Redding † Our cooks will be Jeanne Milcheck & Shirley Prichard † Text 1.530.515.1549 on March 1<sup>st</sup> if you wish to attend or call 1.530.246.2493



& leave a message & Please do not text & call & Just do one or the other & We will get back to you within three days to let you know the results of the lottery & If you are unable to attend, let us know as we always have a waitlist & No-shows will be charged the price of lunch & We ask all guests be vaccinated

**23 Charmers (B) 1230PM**

**24 Open Bridge 12PM**

**24 Book Review 1230PM** & Shasta Public Library & 1100 Parkview Avenue Redding & *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, & the Murder of a President* is a 2011 book by Candice Millard & The story covers the life & assassination of James A Garfield, the 20<sup>th</sup> President of the United States & Suggested by Carol

Rovai & Contact Janice Tinto at 1.530.243.2981 or jtinto@aol.com for more information & Attend only if you are fully vaccinated

**24 Pick of the Vine DARK**

**24 Lucky Ladies (P) 1230PM**

**25 Out-to-Lunch Bunch & Social 1130AM & Lunch 12PM** & Cheesecakes Unlimited & 1135 Pine Street School Redding & Please RSVP to Joyce Nanson at 1.530.246.1224 & Call soon & Limit is 15

**28 General Meeting 10AM** & Elks Lodge & 250 Elk Drive Redding & Our speaker will be Blake Fisher, program coordinator at Viva Downtown Redding & VDR is a volunteer, nonprofit group dedicated to enhancing the cultural, social, & economic development of downtown Redding

# Birthdays

Locke	Joanne	3
Catlin	Linda	3
Wynn	Marian	5
Spitsen	Annette	5
Bond	Connie	5
LaPuma	Sally	7
DeCourcy	Sandy	7
Ott	Marie	8
Huett	Nancee	9
Prichard	Sylvia	11
Steele	Shirley	12
Sprague	Pat	13
Knaebel	Gwen	13
Malotte	Pat	17
Graves	Terry	18
Cain	Sandi	19
LaMarre	Liz	20
LaCroix	Janie	21
Nippe	Andree	24
Tornai	Joan	26
Hochstetler	Ann	26
Mendez	Doris	27
Bond	Mary	27
Mecchi	Jan	28
Way	Joyce	30



Kitchen Kapers & their chocolate fountain, February 2022.



Left, new member Trudy Ribeiro with her painted rock. Right, Freddie trying to smile, Lita Murray, Barbara Roberts, & Elizabeth Sherman at the February Creative You workshop.



The Bunco Ladies, February 2022.



## Send a Little Sunshine

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No Activity in February

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## March 2022

### HOW TO ACCESS & REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE

1. Go to [reddingnewcomers.com](http://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:

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](mailto:fskill@shasta.com)) or Sharon Roberts ([jimandsharon@charter.net](mailto:jimandsharon@charter.net)) for help.

### New Annual Survey of *Welcome Mat* Readers

To make the newsletter as valuable as possible to our members, please send a quick email to

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with the answers to three simple questions. The answers will go a long way to improving our newsletter for everyone. Thanks, Cheryl Zeh/Editor

1. Do you read all or most of the newsletter each month?
2. What is your favorite part?
3. What would you like changed or added?



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