

the WELCOME MAT

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, Members:

Redding Newcomers & Friends is having another drive-through food drive for the Good News Rescue Mission on June 11th. It is located at 415 Knollcrest Drive Redding and starts at 830AM.

It's the same as the one we did last year. We will have a designated drive-through lane with masked and sanitized helpers to take your nonperishable food items.

I will be getting a full list of items needed from the mission, and we will be sending out an email with more details later.

Last year was a huge success, and you all are Rock Stars! We will probably be starting our food drive at our general meeting in September depending on any restrictions.

Start each day with a grateful heart.
President Freddie Martin



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May Color is Bud Green

Prosperity and healing. Use if you want to draw in money, physical vitality, or good health.

SECRET PALS ALERT

Would you like to post a note to your Secret Pal in the June issue of *Welcome Mat*? Send it along before May 15th to the email address below, and then your pal can read all about it in June. Pictures would be appreciated. Keep it anonymous.

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**MAY GENERAL MEETING
REAL ESTATE INVESTING
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Join us in-person for the May 26th general meeting at the Elks Lodge.

Our guest speaker will be Connie Metcalf, president of the Shasta Association of Realtors, who will share their mission, membership programs, and services. She will talk about the challenges they face in today's commercial and residential real estate markets.

Precautions include a limited number of attendees for the room, four to a table, wear a mask, and bring your own beverage. The room is approved for only 100. Call Ruth Plato to RSVP at

246.2473

First come, first served. So call right away to reserve your place.

“THAT’S A LOT OF SHOES!”

A big Thank You to all who donated shoes for the Soles4Souls drive in March 2021. Lana boxed up and mailed 725 pairs of shoes from our area. It's wonderful to think of the recipients who can now walk in comfort. Mary Forbes

IT’S THE LAST MONTH...

Please continue to support your club. Even without our usual activities in these strange times & in the absence of other income, the club still has ongoing expenses (insurance, website fees, newsletter printing cost).

Please continue your support and send in your check to renew your membership for 2021-2022. Membership dues are required by 31 May 2021.

Please make your \$30 check payable to

REDDING NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS

Mail to

Ruth Plato, Membership
773 Mission de Oro Drive
Redding California 96003

After 31 May, your dues will be \$40 (a \$10 late fee). So save yourself ten bucks and mail it in today. You know you want to.

NOTE: IF YOU’D LIKE TO SEE THE BUDGET, PLEASE LOGIN TO OUR WEBSITE TO VIEW THE DOCUMENT.

“
Sometimes you just know
it’s time to start some-
thing new and trust the
magic of new beginnings.
”

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Smiles
By Carol Whitney

“ I don’t have gray hair.
I have wisdom highlights! ”

Carol Whitney



SEND A LITTLE SUNSHINE

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April Activity

GET WELL

A card and follow-up calls to Sheila Cissney, whose husband Larry had very serious back surgery on March 16. He is home and doing well. Sheila says it will be a long recovery, probably three months or longer.

A card and phone call to Barbara Timmerman, whose husband Ken had a difficult nasal surgery. He is at home and doing well.

A card and text to Lucinda Williams. As some of you may know, Lucinda and her husband Tom both had Covid-19 the first part of March with symptoms lingering throughout the whole month of March. No hospital visits, but Lucinda had serious oxygen level issues. They are both doing better.



ROSTER UPDATES

Please remember to notify
Membership Chair Ruth Plato
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with any changes to your info

ROSTER CHANGES

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If you know a member who could use a little sunshine, please let us know.

We appreciate your referrals.

“ Starting today, I need to forget what’s gone, appreciate what still remains, and look forward to what’s coming next.
Unknown ”

BIRTHDAYS

Sheila	Cissney	4
Marleen	Baker	5
Sandy	Ceragioli	5
Gretchen	Koch	5
Diane	McAdams	5
Susan	Murray	6
Elizabeth	Sherman	8
Colleen	Heier	9
Patti	Sauret	9
Jean	Stone	9
Mary	Hoisington	10
Carole	Quick	10
Patty	Kirker	12
Sue	Masi	12
Marty	Jacobson	15
Marilyn	Grove	17
Donna	St. Clair	17
Linda	Odegard	22
Debbie	Ryan	24
Joan	Cupp	26
Joyce	Payment	27
Sandy	Clarke	28
Jaclyn	Ledino	28
Lorraine	Dumont	29
Barbara	Piccinino	30
Jaqui	Manuel	31

3 1030AM Bunco DARK Mah Jongg	4 DARK Mexican Train	5 DARK Prospective Member Coffee	6 DARK Matinee & Critique 1230PM Round Robin (P)	7 DARK Coloring Craze
10 1030AM Bunco	11 DARK Kitchen Kapers 1230PM Double Deck Pass (P)	12 DARK Redd Thumb 1230PM Charmers (B) DARK Ladies- Only Dine Out	13 Welcome Mat Submissions for June DARK Open Bridge DARK Hand & Foot	14 DARK Quilt 'n' Friends
17 1030AM Bunco DARK Mah Jongg	18 10AM VIRTUAL Board Meeting 1230PM Ladies Open Pinochle	19 DARK Wed Hand & Foot DARK Needlenuts 530PM Why Cook Tonight?	20 DARK Creative You	21 10AM Trumpettes (P) DARK Outdoor Adventures
24 1030AM Bunco DARK Writers Group	25 DARK Luncheon Party	26 10AM General Mtg 1230PM Charmers (B)	27 DARK Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine DARK Open Bridge 1230PM Lucky Ladies (P)	28 DARK Out-to-Lunch Bunch
31 1030AM Bunco			NEW ACTIVITY Hi, Everyone: I have recently seen so many different kits for Paint-by-Number, and I wonder if anyone else would be interested in a few of us getting together perhaps once a month to share and paint? Open for suggestions as to who, where, and how often. Best wishes, Lori Hicks 605.1201	

ACTIVITIES

3 Bunco 1030AM Country Waffles ▪ 2300 Athens Avenue ▪ \$3 to play & have lunch (required) ▪ RSVP (space is limited) ▪ Ruth Plato 246.2473 or Claire Morris 241.2654 ▪ Call as soon as possible to cancel

6 Round Robin (P) 1230PM

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18 Ladies Open Pinochle 1230PM

Please call hostess Margaret Williams at 246.4390 if you would like to play ▪ 1502 St Andrews Drive Gold Hills

19 Why Cook Tonight? 530PM Dry Creek Station ▪ 22025 State Highway 299E ▪ Call Gerry Carroll 243.5527 to RSVP

21 Trumpettes (P) 10AM

24 Bunco 1030AM Country Waffles ▪ 2300 Athens Avenue ▪ \$3 to play & have lunch (required) ▪ RSVP (space is limited) ▪ Ruth Plato 246.2473 or Claire Morris 241.2654 ▪ Call as soon as possible to cancel

26 General Meeting 10AM Elks Lodge ▪ 250 Elk Drive ▪ Please contact Ruth Plato to rsvp ▪ 246.2473 ▪ Space is limited to 100 ▪ See details on Page 2

26 Charmers (B) 1PM

27 Lucky Ladies (P) 1230PM

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MEMBERS SHARING

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Do you think life is easier or harder for kids these days compared to your childhood? Why? I think life is harder these days. They have so much more to handle. Social pressures are more complicated and complex, and there is constant stimulation. We should spent more time outside with simple pleasures.

What was your least favorite subject in high school? Spanish. Never could get the verbal or written part to work.

What was a typical family dinner like for you growing up? Dinner was at 6PM. Mom cooked every night, and the five of us sat together at the kitchen table. After dinner, my brother and I would wash the dishes while Mom and Dad played cribbage.

How did you and your teenage friends spend your time after school and on weekends? Making our way home from school took up most of the afternoon, given the side stops we might make for a soda or ice cream. My weekends, I worked at Foster Freeze to earn money to buy more clothes.

If you could know the absolute and total truth to one question, what question would you ask? Who is going to heaven with me?

What incredibly common thing have you never done? Knitted a sweater or anything!

What are some of your favorite games to play? Bridge, Hand & Foot, 31, 21, Five Crowns, and Mexican Train. Anything except strip poker :-)

What takes a lot of time but is totally worth it? Embroidering a baby quilt. I am almost done with my very last one, and it will be given to my great-grandson.

Do you think life is easier or harder for kids these days compared to your childhood? Why? I think it's much harder for kids today. I was free to ride my bike and walk places, come home when the street lights came on. My parents were not helicopter parents as many seem today. Every minute of my life wasn't scheduled.

What was your least favorite subject in high school? Hated Chemistry. Odd because it was required to get into nursing school. Give me something to dissect, and I was a happy camper.

What was a typical family dinner like for you growing up? Depends on whether it was my mom or grandmother cooking. Usually, a nice protein like chicken, steak, lamb chops, or salmon, then canned vegetable like string beans and an iceberg salad with carrots, tomatoes, and cucumber. My mom didn't love the kitchen, and no one was very creative with salads back then. I was very fortunate growing up.

How did you and your teenage friends spend your time after school and on weekends? We had what was called the "Hutch," which was actually a school-sponsored youth center. We would always go after football and basketball games, usually there was a band. We actually had sororities when I was in high school. Many of those women remain my friends today.

If you could know the absolute and total truth to one question, what question would you ask? Covid.

What incredibly common thing have you never done? I'm not a member of the Mile-High Club. I could say I have never voted for a Democrat, but that isn't exactly true.

What are some of your favorite games to play? I am not much of a game player, figuratively or actively.

What takes a lot of time but is totally worth it? I have always had to work very hard as a student. Preparing for my Bible Study Fellowship requires a lot of time for me, but is so worth the effort.



PAM ALBO



BONNY MCCONNELL

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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** and 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	
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 will enter will be either your email address OR your username, and the password you will 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.

WHAT THE ROBIN TOLD

The wind
told the grasses,
And the grasses
told the trees.
The trees
told the bushes,
And the bushes
told the bees.
The bees
told the robin,
And the robin
sang out clear:
Wake up! Wake up!
Spring is here!

Author Unknown