

# The Welcome Mat

## Newcomers & Friends of Redding

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### Message from the President

Greetings, Redding Newcomers & Friends:

The holidays are upon us. I'm sure we were all hoping the pandemic would be over by now, but ... not so lucky. We are going to be holding a Facetime Thanksgiving with my family. My husband's mom, sister, and nephew share a home in Sacramento, so we will be enjoying Thanksgiving dinner virtually with them this year instead of in-person as we have over the past years.

Cheryl Zeh and I have been putting our heads together to come up with some fun virtual events for our membership. Cheryl has come up with some great ideas we will be sharing with you at a later date.

Here's wishing all of you a *Happy Thanksgiving*, and remember: Begin Each Day with a Grateful Heart.

President Freddie Martin

### REMEMBRANCE

MARGUERITE RHODES joined Newcomers in January 1996 and was a member for 24 years. She was an avid bridge player and a member of several bridge groups. However, her passion was gardening.

Marguerite was part of the Redd Thumb Garden Group for a number of years until she joined Redding's Wonderland Garden Club where she was an active and enthusiastic member. Her own green thumb is legendary! Marguerite passed away after a long illness on October 3, 2020. Her kind, caring, and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

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### Looking for a Few Good Women

We realize there's no rush right now, but wouldn't it be nice to volunteer to chair **Redd Thumb Garden Club** or **Creative You** and have weeks, if not months, to plan your activities? Planning is more than half the fun in my book.

Redd Thumb activities are anything you want them to be: Visiting lectures, field trips, garden projects.

The same with Creative You, any activities you can dream up: Relating to or involving the imagination or original ideas, especially in the production of an artistic work.

Cheryl Zeh is the new chair for the Scholarship Committee. She's looking for at least two members to join her. The club has money budgeted to give away, so the committee can get cracking right away, virtually together. Please call her at 474.4027 or email [cheryl.zeh@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.zeh@gmail.com).



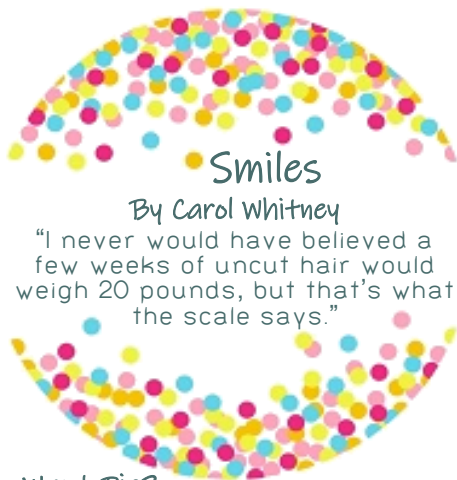
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Marguerite

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## Members Share

### Shirley Farley

Member since 2016

**What would you name your boat if you had one?** My boat is *Willy*, after my late husband

**What or who made you smile today?** My great-granddaughters

**What one cause are you passionate about?** Children

**What's your biggest screw up in the kitchen?** Burning cookies

**If you had your own restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?** Cupcakes

**If you could celebrate only one holiday for the next ten years, what would it be?** Christmas

**Would you rather be as small as an ant or as tall as a giant?** Tall as a giant 🐘

**What do you like being complimented on?** My smile

### Betsy McCarville

Member since 2004

**What would you name your boat if you had one?** We did have two unnamed small sail boats. Then a 28-foot sport fisher with a fly bridge named *Silmaril*. Added a ski boat-tender to the fleet, *Little Brown Bota*.

**What or who made you smile today?** Colton Lamkin

**What one cause are you passionate about?** Not really a cause, but I am especially fond of expounding on the virtues of the electronic library. It has been a life-saver, especially since the pandemic. I mainly use audio books and multi-task. Once equipped, it is totally free. I would be happy to help anyone who cares enough to ask.

**If you could celebrate only one holiday for the next ten years, what would it be?** Christmas



Shirley

**Would you rather be as small as an ant or as tall as a giant?** I keep getting shorter, and it is not a choice.

**What do you like being complimented on?** Handwork

### Carol Whitney

Member since 2007

**What would you name your boat if you had one?** *The Water Gypsy*

**What or who made you smile today?** My four dogs

**What one cause are you passionate about?** Animal Welfare and Child Welfare

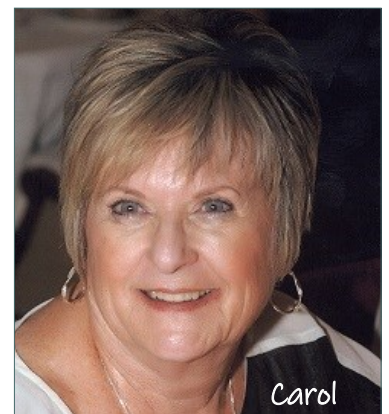
**What's your biggest screw up in the kitchen?** Walking into one!

**If you had your own restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?** Comfort food: down-home cooking

**If you could celebrate only one holiday for the next ten years, what would it be?** Christmas

**Would you rather be as small as an ant or as tall as a giant?** Neither. I'd like being a much thinner 5-foot 2-inches

**What do you like being complimented on?** My jokes and stories



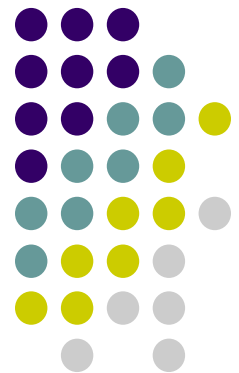
Carol



Betsy

# November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> DARK Mah Jongg	<b>3</b> DARK Mexican Train	<b>4</b> DARK Prospective Member Coffee	<b>5</b> DARK Matinee & Critique DARK Round Robin (P)	<b>6</b> DARK Coloring Craze
<b>9</b> DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	<b>10</b> DARK Kitchen Kapers DARK Double Deck Pass (P)	<b>11</b> DARK Redd Thumb DARK Charmers (B) DARK Ladies-Only Dine Out	<b>12</b> <i>Welcome Mat Submissions for November</i> DARK Open Bridge DARK Hand & Foot DARK Why Cook Tonight?	<b>13</b> DARK Quilt 'n' Friends
<b>16</b> DARK Bunco DARK Mah Jongg DARK Writers Group	<b>17</b> 9AM VIRTUAL Board Meeting DARK Ladies Open Pinochle	<b>18</b> DARK Needle-nuts DARK Hand & Foot	<b>19</b> DARK Creative You	<b>20</b> DARK Trum-pettes (P) DARK Outdoor Adventures
<b>23</b> DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	<b>24</b> DARK Luncheon Party	<b>25</b> DARK General Meeting DARK Charmers (B)  <b>Pick Up Pies!</b>	<b>26</b> DARK Open Bridge DARK Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine DARK Lucky Ladies (P) 	<b>27</b> DARK Out-to-Lunch Bunch
<b>30</b> DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge				



# About Members

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The following cards  
were sent in October

### Get Well

Shari Dobbins is at home now recovering from a fall with a fracture of her spine.

Marilee Rossetta is being treated for vertigo. She asked me to report she and Tony have appreciated the many cards and calls this past few months as they deal with ongoing health issues. Tony continues to make progress in physical therapy.

Sheila Cissney's husband recently had some heart issues, but he did not have to have a stent. He is now doing well.

### Sympathy

Al Jensen, husband of Joann Jensen, passed away in early October. He was in a very serious automobile accident in September and had been in rehab at Copper Ridge Care Center in Redding.

Marguerite Rhodes passed away in early October. She had been in hospice and was living with her daughter. A member of Newcomers since 1996. (Please see *Remembrance*.)

Rita Turner passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup>. She became a member of Newcomers in 1997. She was recently hospitalized with complications from cancer. (Please see *Remembrance*.)

Bev Podwinski's son-in-law, Donald Butler, passed away recently. When they lived in Redding, prior to their move to Santa Rosa, Bev's daughter Collette was a member of Newcomers.

Donations will be made to the Scholarship Fund in remembrance of Al Jensen, Marguerite Rhodes, and Rita Turner.

## Got Pie?

Kitchen Kapers is sponsoring a pie sale just in time for Thanksgiving dinner. Call Adda Gripp or Ame Dodge before **November 18<sup>th</sup>** to reserve your fresh, homemade pumpkin or apple pie.

Volunteer Bakers, please drop off your pies at Ame's between 830AM and 1030AM on **November 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Pick up will be a drive-through also on **November 25<sup>th</sup>**, between 11AM and 1PM with distance delivery to your car, circling around Ame's cul-de-sac at 3898 Tea Rose Court.

\$15 each. All proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund.

Ame Dodge 229.0829  
Adda Gripp 242.1033

## Thank You, Freddie

At the beginning of the September board meeting, Pam Albo interrupted the meeting to present President Freddie Martin with flowers and a gift certificate to Moseley Family Vineyard. The gift is from the board of directors, chairs, co-chairs, and all of our members in appreciation of Freddie's leadership. Under Freddie's guidance, the board and chairs decided to cancel our 2020 Summer Celebration out of caution against the coronavirus. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate with each other next summer.

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

### Roster Updates

Please remember to notify  
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with any changes to your info

### Change

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# Birthdays

**REMEMBRANCE, from Front Page**

RITA TURNER joined Newcomers in February 1997 and was a member for 23 years. She and her husband Monty were known for hosting amazing Newcomers parties for many years at their property in Bella Vista. Her Newcomer activities included serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and 4 x 4, an activity where four couples met once a month to share a meal. A great way to meet new members. She also enjoyed All Dine Out and Pinochle.

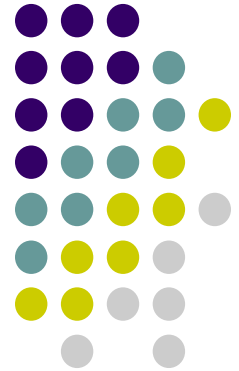
Rita was a fabulous cook. *Gourmet Magazine* was her bible. As one Newcomer said today, "I never thought I would like cauliflower until Rita made it for us. It was delicious."

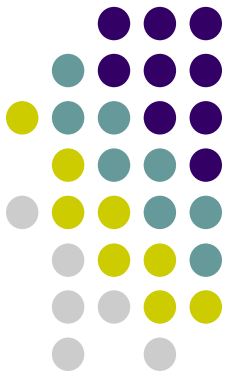
Bocce was a passion, and she last played with a Monday morning group on September 28. She loved to play in tournaments, was a good player, and often took home a prize.

Throughout the years, dogs were an important part of Rita and Monty's life. Most recently, with three active Labrador retrievers to wrangle, Rita and Monty became active with Splash Dogs, which took them to events all over the west.

Caring, generous, welcoming to new members, feisty, and fun – that was Rita. She passed away on October 15, 2020, after a brief illness. Gone too soon, she leaves us with wonderful memories and the knowledge those who knew her were richer for the experience.

McGowan	Leanna	1
Milcheck	Jeanne	1
Olson	Veronica	1
Ramsey	Gretchen	1
Liebert	Pat	2
Weaver	Marilyn	2
Arey	Judi	3
Edington	Barbara	3
Stovall (Edkin)	Karen	3
Regan	Lyn	4
Scholl	Hazel	5
Turner	Lorraine	5
Jackson	Kristine	6
Tam	Irene	6
Schuller	Barb	7
Glazar	Christina	8
Mann	Arlene	10
Mader	Judy	14
Dolby	Barbara	15
Ward	Amelia	15
Williams	Margaret	16
Schuette	Irene	18
Nanson	Joyce	19
Smith	Gerri	19
Duncan	Mary Lou	20
Copeland	Colleen	21
Dobbins	Shari	21
Wilson	Vickey	22
Ayres	Yvonne	25
Sheppard	Nancy	25
Green	Helen	26
Ward	Patty	26
Ghidinelli	Barbara	27
Murray	Lita	29
Silva	Kathy	29





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## 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** and click on Enter. A new page will appear.
5. Complete all the following information:
  - First Name
  - Phone Number
  - Mobile Number
  - Last Name
  - Email Address
  - Birthdate
  - User Name
  - Password
  - Confirm Password (Be sure to remember your password. We will not have a record of what it is.)

**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 of at least 8 characters, containing one upper case letter, one lower case letter, and one number. For example, Doggie88 or Giants510 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 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](mailto:fskill@shasta.com)) or Sharon Roberts ([jimandsharon@charter.net](mailto:jimandsharon@charter.net)) for help.

## November Birthstone

Topaz symbolizes love and affection and is believed to give the wearer increased strength and intellect. A symbol of honor and strength, topaz was also believed to bring longevity and wisdom.



The ancient Greeks believed topaz could make a wearer invisible. The gem was also thought to calm anger and balance strong emotions.

In the Middle Ages (500-1500AD), topaz was ground into a powder and mixed with wine to guarantee a good night's sleep. It also was thought to have healing powers – reducing fevers, relieving asthma, improving vision, and preventing premature death.

If you dream of topaz, a problem with which you have been struggling will soon be solved.