

The Welcome Mat

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Message from the President

We had a productive board meeting on August 18th with 17 members participating. We discussed what is right with the club, what is wrong, what is confusing, what is missing, and our core issues. Of course, one of our core issues is not being able to meet and connect with our membership. So we came up with some solutions to keep us connected until we can officially meet again.

We can get together with other members using the Zoom virtual meeting format. It has worked really well for me. I've had Zoom cocktail parties with friends. For those who find virtual meetings difficult and confusing, a few of our members have gotten together in a park, socially distanced for lunch or dinner. Everyone brings her own food and drinks. It's just wonderful seeing each other and catching up.

One of our members gets together for socially distanced coffee with her friends. Cheryl Zeh suggested we all choose three members and call them to catch up. Ask them to call three other members and ask those three to call three more members. Let's get this call-tree going. Let's connect with our members as best we can. I'm sure they would appreciate a call from you.

The next board meeting is September 15th at 9AM using Zoom.

Remember: Begin each day with a grateful heart.

President Freddie Martin



Members Share

Shari Dobbins

Joined May 2001

What's the most useless talent you have?

Playing the piano because I haven't owned a piano for 20 years and gave all my sheet music away.

What is the dumbest way you've been injured?

Walking in leather-bottomed slippers up three steps on to a wet patio overlooking the hotel courtyard on the first night of our 50th anniversary trip. Of course, I slipped down those steps, spraining my ankle on my way back to the outdoor corridor (still holding the empty ice bucket I was supposed to take downstairs).

What would be the theme song of your life?

Stormy Weather

What talent or talents do you possess that not a lot of people know about?

One talent a lot of you know about is my ability to get along with all types of people.

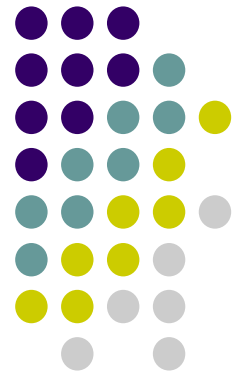
What would you like to do before your next birthday?

Take a long loop of a road trip to visit our daughter in MO, cousins in CO, KS, and NM, as well as nephews in OK and Paso Robles CA.

What is the most memorable experience you had when you were little?

When I was little, it was having so much fun with my older sister in her room, which was the upstairs attic of our home in Durango Colorado.

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Smiles

By Carol Whitney

"This quarantine makes me realize my only two hobbies are eating and spending money online."

Member Share, from Front Page

What is your most treasured possession?
My music CDs and my cut-glass collection.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
I wanted to be an airline stewardess (now called "flight attendant"), but couldn't qualify because I wore glasses and was married.

Anna Gustafson

Joined February 2002

What's the most useless talent you have?
Knitting. How many scarves can one person have in this hot weather!

What is the dumbest way you've been injured?
Skiing, and I was on the bunny hill.

What would be the theme song of your life?
Through the Years

What talent or talents do you possess that not a lot of people know about?
I love writing, and I love to paint.

What would you like to do before your next birthday?
Go to the coast.

What is the most memorable experience you had when you were little?
Flying on a DC8 from Albuquerque to San Francisco by myself. I was 6 years old.

What is your most treasured possession?
Besides my family, my collection of 1915 suede books.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
Hopalong Cassidy

Linda L Nail

Joined February 2017

What's the most useless talent you have?
DUSTING. Once you are through with the chore, the dust has returned.

What is the dumbest way you've been injured?
Making homemade peanut brittle. I had melted a spatula by cleaning a microwave bowl. And not thinking, I cleaned hot caramel off a wooden spoon with my finger. Off to emergency where I had to wear a gauze bandage on my index finger. Looked like a miniature football on my hand.

What would be the theme song of your life?
Sleepy Time Gal. I wake up several times during the night, so am sleepy during the day. Nap Time.

What talent or talents do you possess that not a lot of people know about?
For talents, I golf a little, crochet, and knit.

What would you like to do before your next birthday?
I would like to be alive, kicking, and healthy.

What is the most memorable experience you had when you were little?
I remember card-boarding down dry hills in El Sobrante. Fun time, before the hills were demolished and homes were built. [See photo on back page.]

What is your most treasured possession?
My daughter, who is kind, loving, and generous.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
When I was young, I used to play office with my sisters, but wanted to be a teacher. I wanted to grade papers.

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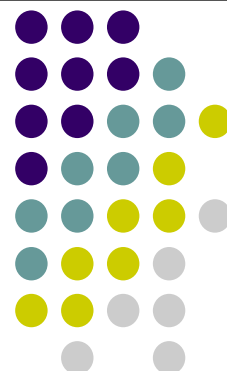
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Linda

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 DARK Mexican Train	2 DARK Prospective Member Coffee	3 DARK Matinee & Critique DARK Round Robin (P)	4 DARK Coloring Craze
7 DARK Bunco DARK Mah Jongg	8 DARK Kitchen Kapers DARK Double Deck Pass (P)	9 DARK Redd Thumb DARK Charmers (B) DARK Ladies-Only Dine Out	10 <i>Welcome Mat Submissions for October</i> DARK Open Bridge DARK Hand & Foot DARK Why Cook Tonight?	11 DARK Quilt 'n' Friends
14 DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	15 9AM VIRTUAL Board Meeting DARK Ladies Open Pinochle	16 DARK Needle-nuts DARK Hand & Foot	17 DARK Creative You	18 DARK Trumpettes (P) DARK Outdoor Adventures
21 DARK Bunco DARK Mah Jongg DARK Writers Group	22 DARK Luncheon Party	23 DARK General Meeting DARK Charmers (B)	24 DARK Open Bridge DARK Book Review DARK Pick of the Vine DARK Lucky Ladies (P)	25 DARK Out-to-Lunch Bunch
28 DARK Bunco DARK Ladies Bridge	29	30		



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The following cards
were sent in August

Get Well

Janice Fraccia had surgery. She is at home & doing well.

Barbara Jensen had surgery early August.

Marguerite Rhodes had a recent illness.

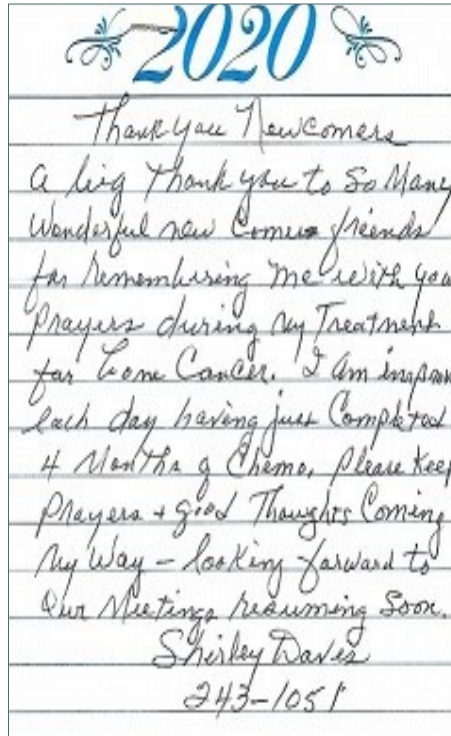
Marilee Rossetta's husband Tony recently had surgery for bone spurs as a follow-up procedure to earlier hip replacement. He's starting PT soon.

Cheryl Zeh is nursing a stress fracture of the right tibia.

Sympathy

Sharon Hawks passed away in her sleep. She was on hospice due to cancer. A card was sent to her family. Newcomers also sent a donation card letting them know a donation to the scholarship fund was made in her memory.

I know we are missing some referrals as we are unable to have our normal group meetings & activities. Be sure to let our Sunshine Committee know if we can send cards to those in need, as you check in with your friends during these stressful times. Stay Well. Sharon, Ame, & Pam



Attention Activity Chairs & Co-Chairs

If your activity information has changed, please notify Carol Skill, Sharon Roberts, or Ruth Plato. They are up-to-their-elbows polishing the roster for the upcoming year. Please let one of them know if you are stepping up to chair an activity or relinquishing your position. Inquiring minds want to know.

Attention All Members

The 2020-2021 Roster will be emailed to all members who receive the newsletter via email unless Carol Skill, Sharon Roberts, or Ruth Plato are notified otherwise. Members can help the club keep costs down by accepting the emailed version they can print out at home. Printing and mailing the roster is getting more expensive every year.

Another Note

You may have already heard, but in case you haven't, please be aware all Newcomer meetings and activities have been canceled for the rest of 2020. When the board convenes in January, the situation will be assessed and members notified. Do you have any ideas about how to stay connected with your Newcomer sisters? The board tossed around the idea of using ZOOM for some groups, such as Creative You, Writers, and Book Reviews. Please share your ideas for future *Welcome Mat* issues.

OK, Just One More

How about keeping in touch? The board is asking each member to reach out to three other members just to chat and check in. We thought it would be fun to choose names from the roster with last names starting with the same letter as your own. Pick someone you don't know. How nice to share.



Sharon Hawk
Member since 2007



Roster Updates

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Birthdays

Saiki	Alison	3
Ford	Charlene	4
Turner	Rita	5
Haaheim	Lowanna	7
Rovai	Carol	7
Martin	Sharon	9
McCarville	Betsy	9
Marquez	Lorna	12
McCaughin	Charleen	13
Pittam	Dian	13
Benfield	Sandra	14
Worthington	Rose	14
Pots	Diane	18
Conrad	Pat	19
Pope	Abbie	19
Briggs	Robertta	20
McFarland	Marty	20
Cady	Cindy	21
Carroll	Gerry	21
Phelps	Mary Jean	21
Coupe-Bonnett	Karen	23
Hansen	Johnni	23
Leininger	Barbara	23
Aubuchon	Sue	24
Fisch	Sandra	24
Albo	Pam	25
Price	Barbara	25
Seibel	Judy	28
L'Heureux	Patti	29
Marks	Ruth	30

From the Board

During these unprecedented times, we have not been able to have our usual get-togethers, events, or meetings. We are certainly missing our Newcomer friends. Freddie has been asked by a member if it would be possible to waive the \$30 membership fee for 21-22 because of not being able to meet this year.

We discussed it at the board meeting on August 18th at great length. The issue is our ongoing expenses. Even though we are not meeting, we still have expenses for the *Welcome Mat*, website, insurance, etc. Not meeting reduces our expenses by around \$1,200 for the year.

Many of our events bring money into the club, so we are losing money not having the events. The club has been in existence for more than 50 years, and it would be a tragedy to have it die because we waived the minimal yearly membership fee.

Broken down it costs, \$0.08/day. We already feel the financial burden of fewer members because we are not able to hold the Prospective Member Coffees. So with all of that said, we will continue to require our annual \$30 membership fee. We are hoping we will be able to meet again in January 2021.

September Birthstone

Credited as the gemstone of creative expression, inner peace, and meditation, the **sapphire** is said to encourage pain relief and encourage personal expression. It was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning, and it was believed a venomous snake would die if placed in a vessel made of sapphire.



SAPPHIRE

We Can Still Do a Food Drive One Can at a Time

In October, Newcomers will be holding a drive-through food drive. Please put this on your calendar. Details will be in the October newsletter.

Redding Newcomers General Meeting Programs for 2021

By Vicki Burroughs, 2nd VP

Hi, and virtual hugs to all members!

Normally I would be sharing with you our program topic and speaker for the month. However, Life brings changes.

In the meantime, here are some topics I've been working on for our programs when we return, hopefully in January 2021:

Riverfront Playhouse

Redding Chamber of Commerce

Shasta County Board of Realtors

Shasta College Step Up

First 5 Shasta

As always, I'm looking forward to bringing you interesting and educational programs designed with you in mind.

Fingers Crossed & Well Wishes to Everyone



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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
 - 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.)
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.



New look for our board meetings. This was on 18 August 2020. Photo by Joan Tornai.



Dry hills of El Sobrante during Linda Nail's childhood.

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