

REDDING NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS

# WELCOME MAT

JANUARY 2024



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from LUCINDA WILLIAMS

Happy New Year! As you read this, I may be traveling across the USA to visit family and friends. Adda Gripp has kindly agreed to lead the Board and General Meetings this month in my absence, as the 1st. VP, Susan Sechrist, is having surgery. I am disappointed to miss our General Meeting, as Elizabeth Sherman has an awesome speaker. You may want to get an autograph.



Dark activities are returning to light, so get your highlighter pen and fill your calendars. Try something new this month! Sit with someone different at the General Meeting. Strike up a conversation with a new face. Find out 3 facts about them and disclose 3 facts about yourself! Perhaps you've never chaired an activity. Now is the time to contemplate stepping into a new position. The Nominating Committee will be forming soon. Just say "YES" when they come approaching. Invite someone new to the General Meeting to hear that local celebrity. Share a Redding Newcomers and Friends business card. Let's bring in the new year revving up the Club's engines. Happy January!

## CHRISTMAS CHARITIES—Gerry Carroll - Chairman

I have been overwhelmed with the generosity of the ladies in our Newcomers Club. Hilary Clinton always said it takes a village. From all the volunteers that wanted to help with writing on the bags, selling raffle tickets, carrying the gifts to the receivers, to the elves, to the baristas, lunch tickets (Karen Coupe- Bonnett) and most of all, the leaders in charge. I feel it's important to let everyone know who was on our committee to help get this all together.

First and foremost, my Co-Chair: Sharon Roberts, Lynn Smith: the Greeters, Ruth Plato: Raffle Ticket Sellers, Connie Laughlin: Receivers of Gift Items (Bag Writers), Carol Whitney: Elves (delivering the winning gifts), Adda Gripp: Cookies, Trudi Rubeiro & Patti Dauphinee: Receptionists, Romona Bowling: Tables Set-Up and Take-Down (tablecloths), Lucinda Williams & Barbara Roberts : Quilt Set-Up. There were approx. 48 ladies who volunteered – plus about 100 more attended donating Raffle Items. That is really a village.

For lunch there were 123 tickets sold. We had a very nice variety of 2 soups & rolls and a full salad bar. Our chef was Claudia from the Elks. She did a wonderful job working with us. Her display was inviting. Coffee and Tea by our Baristas: Brenda Simmons & Janet Pearson.

**WOW !! YOU RAISED \$2729 FROM THE RAFFLE.** The best amount raised yet. The Committee will get together to determine where we will be donating your money. We try to give to 3 or 4 different charities for children. Thank you for all the Socks, Gloves, & Coats we received. They are so needed and will be put to good use.

The winner of the Quilt was LYNN SMITH & the winner of the \$50 door prize was SANDI CAIN.

Once again, I want to thank all of you for participating in our Christmas Charities. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy New Year's Ladies !! Let's make it a good one ! As you all know, giving back to others, warms our hearts. This month "We CAN make a difference".....will be collecting for Dignity Health Connected Food Bank. Speaking with Dignity, they welcome all canned and non-perishable foods. ALSO.... she did mention Ramen type soups in containers, paper plates and bowls would be welcomed. The "open trunk" will be in the parking lot before our next January 25th general meeting. Remember....if you can't get out to shop, they gladly accept monetary donations\$\$ Thank you so much for your giving hearts !



Chairs: Joyce Menta (661)618-6112 and Joann Roskoski

\*\*\*\*QUESTION .....Has anyone thought about stepping up as chair person for We CAN make a difference over the holiday ?? Call Joyce to chat !! Thank You !!

## SOUP FOR SIX

Are you a "new" Newcomer wanting to meet other "new" Newcomers? Soup for Six is just such a setting to help new members to jump-start their involvement in Newcomers. We find the hostess and invite five ladies to enjoy "soup" and friendship. The plan is to meet at each guest's home. By the time you've met six times, you'll have new girlfriends and know how to be more involved in Newcomers.

If you'd like more information, call Pam Albo @ [530\) 949-0767](tel:5309490767), or talk with one of the "Soup" girls who will be Greeters at the January General Meeting.



## SUNSHINE REPORT from Sharon Chestnut & Ame Dodge

ANNA PETERSON broke her hip while visiting her daughter in Washington. She required surgery which went well and is now recovering at her daughter's home. She would love to get cards or notes—please mail them to her home address and put "Newcomers" in your return address. Her son will get the cards to her.

CONNIE BOND—sadly we report the passing of Connie, a well known Newcomer since 2015. A donation to our Scholarship Fund will be made in her memory.

From JOAN TORNAL: *I want to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards after the unexpected passing of my husband, Bob. I was surprised how quickly cards arrived. A tribute to Bob is posted on the Skylawn Memorial Park website.*

## 2024 SECRET PALS — IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to join in on the fun for the entire year. Please get back to me as soon as you can so I can send your very own Secret Pal your contact information.

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE TO MAKE SOMEONE ELSE'S DAY

Send a **NEW OR HANDMADE** greeting card or postcard **ONCE** a month. It can be something serious or something humorous. Something homemade or something purchased. You can celebrate the usual holidays, or you can celebrate those silly days that come around all the time (like Pet Dog Day). **Religious or political items are inappropriate. We respect others' beliefs.**

Send a birthday gift. Please keep the cost to \$10-\$15. And please send something **NEW OR HANDMADE.**

Send a holiday gift or attend our December 2024 holiday party to give the gift in person when you finally meet your pal. Again, please keep the cost to \$10-\$15.

In return, you will receive a monthly item and birthday and holiday gifts.

Ask me any questions: Adda Gripp, 530.242.1033, addabhr1@aol.com

# Happy New Year



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 	2 <u>1:00 pm</u> Mexican Train	3 <u>10:00 am</u> Prospective Member Coffee	4 <u>12:30 pm</u> Round Robin (P)	5 <b><u>DARK</u></b> Out to Lunch Bunch February Welcome Mat Submissions Due
8 <b><u>DARK</u></b> Bunco	9 <u>10:00 am</u> Kitchen Kapers <u>12:30 pm</u> Double Deck Pass (P)	10 <u>12:30 pm</u> Charmers (B) <u>5:00 pm</u> Ladies-Only Dine Out	11 <u>10:00 am</u> Redd Thumb Gardening Group <u>1:00 pm</u> Hand & Foot	12 <u>10:00 am</u> Quilt N Friends
15 	16 <u>10:00 am</u> Board Meeting <u>12:00 pm</u> Ladies Open Pinochle	17 <u>1:00 pm</u> Writers Group <u>5:30 pm</u> Pick of the Vine	18 <u>10:00 am</u> Creative You <u>12:30 pm</u> Lucky Ladies (P) <u>5:30 pm</u> Why Cook Tonight?	19 <u>9:00 am</u> Outdoor Adventures
22 <u>10:00 am</u> Needle Nuts <b><u>DARK</u></b> Bunco	23 <u>11:30 am</u> Luncheon Party	24 <u>12:30 pm</u> Charmers (B)	25 <u>10:00 am</u> General Meeting	26 
<h1>Have Yourself a Fun Filled Week</h1> <p>Thanks to Annie Ogden for this page design!</p>				

# ACTIVITY

## 2: Mexican Train 1:00

Place: Arlene Hascall, 2822 Wilson Ave.

RSVP: Arlene 530-222-0348

If you don't know how to play we will teach you. It is an easy game to learn and is fun to play. Hope you will join us for a fun afternoon.

## 3: Prospective Member Coffee 10:00

2000 Paris Park, club house

RSVP: to Susan Sechrist, 530-241-8579 or Ruth Marks, 360-2428.

## 4: Round Robin (P) 12:30

## 5: Out to Lunch Bunch (Dark)

## 5: February Welcome Mat Submissions

## 8: Bunco 11:00 am (Dark)

## 9: Kitchen Kapers 10 AM

Place: Trudy Ribeiro's house, 3653 Serena St.

RSVP by text to Trudy at 707/980-1439.

It's a Soup-er Tuesday to celebrate the New Year. Learn to make three 30 minute soups for the cold days ahead. A minimal \$2.00 fee. If you have an "antique" cookbook to share, please bring it.

## 9: Double Deck Pass (P) 12:30

## 10: Charmers (B) 12:30

## 10: Ladies-Only Dine Out 5:00

Place: New China Two. 2990 Churn Creek Rd

RSVP: Leslie Teryniak 530-722-9705 or Carol Gilliland 231-510-3882

## 11: Redd Thumb Gardening Group 10:00

Place (note change): Patti Dauphene, 1828 Cumberland Dr.

We are having a guest speaker, Professor Morgan Hanaford, an Entomologist, who has spoken to our group previously. He is a fun speaker, and very knowledgeable. He will be doing a presentation on Dragonflies.

## 11: Hand & Foot 1: 00

Place: Susan Sechrist, 2882 Aspen Glow Ln  
RSVP: Ame 530-229-0829

It's a game that encourages communication and teamwork. It's an easy game to learn, and the players are easy-going. Simple rules, exciting gameplay, and social interaction makes it a perfect choice for a gathering. There will be nibbles.

## 12: Quilt N Friends 10:00

Place: Sewing Room Crafters Mall, 2665 Park Marina Drive

RSVP: Lynn Smith 530-243-4388, Lynn.smith8@gmail.com or Sheila Cissney 530-510-2599, spinners96@sbcglobal.net  
Coffee will be served. Come join in the fun of quilting.

## 16: Board Meeting 10:00

Place: Paris Park Club House, 2000 Paris St, Redding

## 16: Ladies Open Pinochle 12:00

## 17: Writers Group 1:00

Place: Redding Public Library.1100 Parkview Avenue

RSVP: Anna Gustafson 530-605-4010. Email: gustoy@charter.net

## 17: Pick of the Vine 5:30

Place: Andi Winters, 2200 Corral Ct

RSVP: Text: 415-990-1616 or

email: awinters125@gmail.com

Please bring a dish to pass. Spouses & friends welcome.

## 18: Creative You 10:00

Place: Judy Mader, 1571 Gold Hills Dr  
RSVP: 530-242-6465

Have you heard of Looping? t's like knitting, but instead of knitting needles you will be using your fingers. Come join us as we make an easy loop scarf. No experience required.

There s a charge of \$8.00. Payable at sign up to cover the cost of the yarn. Sign up early as space will be limited.

## 18: Lucky Ladies (P) 12:30

## 18: Why Cook Tonight 5:30

Place: Cheesecakes Unlimited, 1135 Pine St.

RSVP is needed by 1/14 to Vicki Burroughs call/text 530-949-0115.

Everyone is invited: members and spouses. Please come join us for a friendly, fun-filled evening of **dining with friends.** This month our table is reserved starting at 5:30 pm. We will choose from their menu and pay for our own meal & beverage. **Let's dine out and let someone else do the cooking and dishes!**

## 19: Outdoor Adventures 9:00

Place: Clover Creek Trail, off of Shasta View, cross street is Galaxy

RSVP: Text: Freddie 530-355-5806 or Email: freddieomartin@gmail.com

Dogs are welcome It's a flat 2 mile circle. We will have coffee after the hike at the Starbucks on East Cypress.

## 22: Needle Nuts 10:00—Noon

Place: Fairway Oaks Mobile Estates Clubhouse, 20350 Hole In One Dr., Redding.

RSVP to Sherry Varga 530 209 9835

Bring any show & tell items to share & any handwork you want to work on. We're just starting this group up again, so any ideas would be welcomed. Coffee, tea & snacks will be offered.

## 22: Bunco 11:00 am (Dark)

## 23: Luncheon Party 11:30 Social, 12:00 Lunch

Place: Trudy Ribeiro, 3653 Serena St.

Cooks: Patti Dauphinee, Mary Hanrahan, Andi Winters

RSVP: January 2nd. Please text or call Patti Sauret 530-515-1549, text is preferred. Patti or Penny Colbert will notify you the results of the lottery within five days. Please let us know if you are unable to attend, no-shows will be charged the price of lunch. Be sure to leave your last name and phone number and let us know if you are a new member and have never been to a luncheon party. Text anytime if you wish to be put on the cancellation list.

## 24: Charmers (B) 12:30

## 25: General Meeting 10:00

Place: Redding Elks Lodge, 250 Elk Drive. The speaker will be Mike Kruger, broadcast meteorologist.



At Quilts N Friends Ruth Marks shares her quilt.



## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER:

**MIKE KRUGER** has been a broadcast meteorologist for the Northstate since 1999. After 24 years of working at a local TV station, he decided go out on his own and launch a web based weather channel: Weather NorCal (on the web at <https://weathernorcal.com>) or on your cell phone with his free APP (Weather NorCal in the APP store). He also has a 24 HR streaming channel on Roku, Amazon Firestick and You Tube.

We are excited to have Mike as our Guest Speaker this month. He will answer questions after his presentation.

1/3	Barbara Roberts	1/19	Penny Gironda
1/7	Jane Metzner	1/20	Mary Hanrahan
1/8	Lynn Smith	1/20	DeAnna LaFoon
1/9	Jerri Jones	1/25	Lucinda Williams
1/13	Patsy Sanders	1/25	Andi Winters
1/14	Lois Schubert	1/28	Noella Pearson
1/16	Judy Keniston	1/28	Patti Dauphinee
1/17	Jan Haskell		



*Photos from Christmas Charities Luncheon, December 11*

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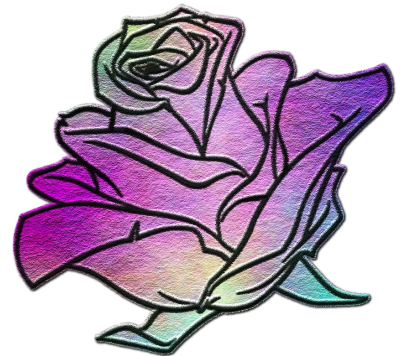
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**JANUARY BOARD MEETING 1/16/24 at 10:00 am at the PARIS PARK CLUB HOUSE, 2000 Paris St, Redding**

**JANUARY GENERAL MEETING 1/26/24 at 10:00 am at Elks— Speaker: Mike Kruger**

Whether you've just moved to the Redding area or you've lived here for years, Redding Newcomers & Friends has something for you! The Club provides a great opportunity for women to make lasting friendships, explore our beautiful area and enrich their lives.



Meetings are held the 4th Thursday 10 am  
at the Redding Elks Lodge, 250 Elk Street, Redding