

REDDING NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS

WELCOME MAT

FEBRUARY 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from LUCINDA WILLIAMS

Happy February! The month of Presidents, Valentine's, cakes, Super Bowls, Groundhogs, and baseball spring training. Celebrate with the Out to Lunch Bunch, or the Kitchen Capers gang, or your favorite gaming circle. Bring a valentine to the General Meeting to share with a new friend.

The scholarship revision committee is finalizing plans for a fresh direction. Gerri Smith has an exciting announcement coming soon!

The nominating committee is forming; contact me soon to join! We have executive officer opportunities opening, including president. This may be your year!

Personally, I am traveling in the snow country, while thinking warm thoughts of Redding's mild winters. I will be home soon.

Thanks to Adda Gripp for standing in as president in my absence.

I hope to be back for the General Meeting. See you then.



CHRISTMAS CHARITIES 2023 Recap of Funds distributed:

The Committee met and planned the distribution of the funds raised at the 2023 Christmas Charities event as follows.

\$377 is being sent to each of these 7 Children's Charities groups:

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LIONS CLUB'S CAMP McCUMBER

PATHWAY TO HOPE

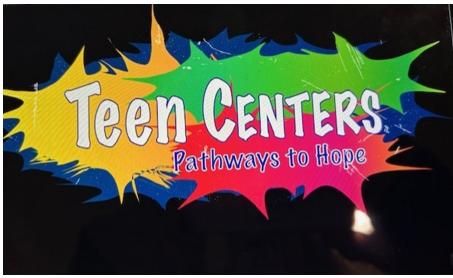
WHISKEYTOWN CAMP REBUILD

CHILDREN'S LEGACY

YMCA SUMMER PROGRAM

EXODUS FARMS





Hello Ladies! Some exciting news this month! We are collecting for the Pathway To Hope. They are asking for some DIFFERENT items to help with their Teen Center. For now, they have enough food supply. Their Fundraiser coordinator, Candace, gave some great ideas needed at the Teen Center. WE can do this and make a difference! So.....Let's shop for: Art/School supplies, sewing supplies, yarn, new batteries, disposable utensils/plates/bowls/napkins, gift cards. Other larger items: bikes, scooters, tools. I can make arrangements for pick up of larger items if you or anyone you know would like to donate. Call Joyce Menta 661 618-6112.

We are anxious to take your donations in the parking lot before the next General Meeting on 2/22/24. Remember monetary gifts are always welcome. See you at the open trunk with your giving hearts. Joyce Menta 661 618-6112 and Joann Roskoski 530 215-3110.

SUNSHINE REPORT from Sharon Chestnut & Ame Dodge

Cards were sent to the following members:

PAM ALBO— She had back surgery and is doing well, recovering at home and is very pleased with her successful recovery and progress.

MARIAN CHANDLER— She had a knee replacement and is doing very well recovering at home. She has already started P.T.

SHARI DOBBINS—Her husband, Lauris, had a serious stroke, currently at Quartz Hill Acute Rehab Center. He may be moved shortly.

SUSAN SECHRIST— She was scheduled for knee replacement but due to illness, it was rescheduled.

Cards were also sent to several members who requested confidentiality. F/U calls made. Our members appreciate these "contacts."

Thanks to all of you for your referrals.



A "Smile" from Carol Whitney

My idea of a "Super Bowl" is a toilet that cleans itself!



New Members:

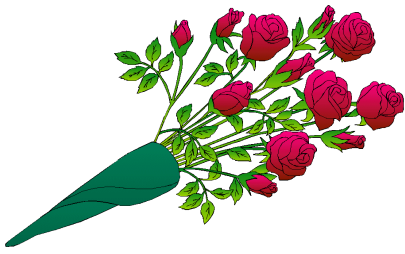
DEBBIE DAVIS 530 604-9111 from San Jose

JAN DeHATE 530 605-6125 Likes nature, gardening, wildlife & plants. Talent: Proofreading

LINDA FELDMAN 973 864-7349 from San Francisco.

DEBRA SMITH 530 515-8717 from Simi Valley .

NANCY RANDALL 530-510-2676



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			1 1230PM Round Robin (P)	2 1130AM Out to Lunch Bunch
5	6 1PM Mexican Train	7 10AM Prospective Member Coffee	8 10AM Redd Thumb Garden Group 1PM Hand and Foot <i>March Welcome Mat Submissions Due</i>	9 10AM Quilt N Friends
12	13 10AM Kitchen Kapers 1230PM Double Deck Pass (P)	14  1230PM Charmers (B) DARK Ladies-Only Dine Out	15 10AM Creative You 1230PM Lucky Ladies (P) 530PM Why Cook Tonight?	16 9AM Outdoor Adventures
19	20 10AM Board Meeting 12 NOON Ladies Open Pinochle	21 10AM Needle Nuts 1PM Writers Group 530PM Pick of the Vine	22 10AM General Meeting	23
26	27 1130AM Luncheon Party	28 1230PM Charmers (B)	29 Leap Year!	

February Activities

1: Round Robin (P) 12:30PM

2: Out to Lunch Bunch Social: 11:30AM, lunch Noon: Place: The Shack Restaurant, 1325 Eureka Way. RSVP to Joyce Nanson 530-440-8295 Text

or call: 530-246-1224. The Shack has reopened again! Come join us! They have Weekly Specials on good classic food. Hope to see you there!

6: Mexican Train 1:00PM Place: Arlene Hascall, 2822 Wilson Avenue 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.

7: Prospective Member Coffee 10:00AM Place: Adda Gripp's home at 4976 Tralee Lane. Please RSVP to either Ruth Marks at 530-360-2428 or Adda Gripp at 530-242-1033. Please RSVP by February 5th. RSVP is a must because if no New Prospective Members we will cancel the meeting.

8: February Welcome Mat Submissions Due

8: Redd Thumb Gardening Group 10:00AM We are pleased to announce that Rico Montenegro has agreed to come and speak to our group about fruit trees & tree selection. This man is so knowledgeable and interesting, and yet so humble as to come to speak to our little group. Google him and you will be fascinated! Home of Sandi Cain, 5939 Brenda Ln, Anderson RSPV Sandi 530-355-1166 or Joan 530-945-3476 or Patti 530-338-7962

8: Hand & Foot 1:00PM 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.

9: Quilt N Friends 10:00AM Place: Sewing Room Crafters Mall, 2665 Park Marina Drive. Coffee will be served. Quilters of all levels and new members are welcome. Come join in the fun of quilting. RSVP: Lynn Smith 530-243-4388, Lynn.smith8@gmail.com or Sheila Cissney 530-510-2599, spinnners96@sbcglobal.net.

13: Kitchen Kapers 10AM Place: Trudy Ribeiro's home, 3653 Serena St., Redding. Join in the fun at our "Galentine" celebration! We are having a waffle bar with a variety of toppings! A small \$2 fee. Please text Trudy @ 707/980-1439, seating will be limited.

13: Double Deck Pass (P) 12:30PM

14: Charmers (B) 12:30PM

14: Ladies-Only Dine Out DARK

15: Creative You 10:00 Place: Gerri Smith, 11579 Fox Estates Court. **Galentine's Day!** (a day for women to celebrate their friendship with their lady friends .We will be exchanging candy. Please bring 24 pieces of homemade candy. When you sign up we will ask you to bring something for our salad bar. RSVP 530 351 2069

15: Lucky Ladies (P) 12:30

15: Why Cook Tonight 5:30PM Please join us at New China Two, 2990 Churn Creek Rd., at 5:30 p.m. to **dine with friends!** We choose from the restaurant menu and pay for our own meal & beverage. RSVP needed by 2/13 to Vicki Burroughs call/text 530-949-0115.

16: Outdoor Adventures 9:00AM Place: The Lema Ranch Walking Trails starting at 9am. Cancelled if raining. Meet at the parking lot located at 610 Armando Avenue off of Shasta View. No dogs allowed. Afterward we will have coffee at the Evergreen Coffee shop located at 2085 Pine Street, cross street is Lincoln. Please text Freddie Martin at 530-355-5806 if you are going to attend.

20: Board Meeting 10:00AM Place: Sharon Roberts, 1767 Capistrano Walk, gate code #7766. RSVP Sharon 530-356-6078 or email jimandsharon@charter.net

20: Ladies Open Pinochle 12:00PM Holiday Market on Placer St., in the community room

21: Needle Nuts 10:00AM—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.

21: Writers Group 1:00PM Place: Redding Public Library. 1100 Parkview Avenue, Fireside Room. Food is not allowed but beverages are. RSVP: Anna Gustafson 530-605-4010. Email: gustoy@charter.net

21: Pick of the Vine 5:30PM Place: Louise Ross, 20080 Kent Court. Tasting Navarro Vineyard wines. Please bring a dish to pass. Spouses & friends welcome.

22: General Meeting 10:00AM Place: Redding Elks Lodge, 250 Elk Drive. The speaker will be Melinda Kashuba or the Whiskeytown Environmental School. We CAN make a difference collecting for Pathway to Hope

27: Luncheon Party 11:30AM Social, 12:00 Lunch Our hostess will be Mary Bond, 3685 Wimbledon Court. The cooks are Freddie Martin, Joyce Menta and Elizabeth Sherman. If you wish to attend TEXT preferably or call 530-515-1549 on February 1st. Leave a message with your name and phone number. Patti Sauret or Penny Colbert will notify you within five days of the results of the lottery. Please let us know if you are unable to attend. No shows will be charged the price of lunch. Be sure to let us know if you are a new member and have never been to luncheon party before. Text anytime if you wish to be put on the cancellation list as we always have last-minute cancellations.

28: Charmers (B) 12:30



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER:

WHISKEYTOWN ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY (WES) presentation by Melinda Kashuba, Kathy Hill & Francesca Huntsman. WES is a nonprofit organization that supports the goals of the school founded in 1970. After the 2018 Car Fire, WES was partially burned and is now closed due to damage. They are fundraising to rebuild and reopen the school working in partnership with Whiskeytown National Recreation Area/NPS and Shasta County Office of Education.

There will be a questions and answers session after the presentation.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN 2nd VP

2/2	Mary Aquinga	2/21	Marian Chandler
2/9	Jackie Mitchell	2/23	Penny Colbert
2/11	Betsy Fleming	2/24	Deborah Stokes
2/12	Jan Arbogast	2/25	Goldie Russak
2/13	Sandy Moore	2/26	Marge Floyd
2/14	Kathy Jensen	2/26	Cheryl Zeh
2/16	Linda Gow	2/27	Linda Cottengim
2/18	Pat Deem		
2/21	Diane Burke		

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Our beloved active member, Connie Bond, who passed away Thanksgiving weekend had many talents, one of which was making jewelry. Our board has granted permission for us to sell some of her jewelry and beads at our February meeting as a fundraiser for our scholarship program. You won't want to miss this opportunity to have one of Connie's jewelry pieces and support the Redding Newcomers & Friends Scholarship Program.

NEWCOMERS' ELECTED BOARD

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING 2/2024 at 10 AM at Sharon Roberts home in VINYARDS. Gate code #7766. Parking allowed only on one side of street.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING 2/22/24 10AM at Elks, Speaker: Melinda Kashuba

WELCOME MAT INFO:

The Welcome Mat Editors:

Andi Winters: Chairman

Co-Editors: Karen Coupe-Bonnett, & Romona Bowling

All Activities info for the W/M is to be emailed by the second Friday of each month to: Andi Winters.

Articles & Info send to Romona Bowling. Put in the Subject Line: Newcomers & Your Activity's Name. The Editors will confirm to you the receipt of your info.

GREETERS FOR THE FEBRAURY GENERAL MEETING:

The Writers Group

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