

**REDDING NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS  
WELCOME MAT  
April 2025**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from RUTH PLATO**

Here we are April already, looking forward to some showers and of course April Fools Day. Then our famous Fashion Show on the 17th. And finally comes the Easter Bunny. Hope to see all of you there. Ladies: remember membership dues are payable now - \$30.00 until the end of May. Happy Easter.



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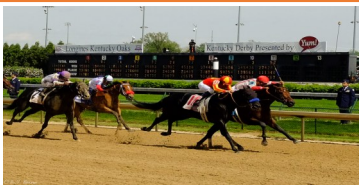
**APRIL 17, 2025 FASHION SHOW at WIN RIVER**

**MAY 17, 2025 KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY— at Bowling Downs**

**MAY 31, 2025 NEWCOMERS RENEWAL DUES of \$30 DEADLINE**

Dues for the fiscal year of 2025-2026 are due before May 31, 2025 in order to avoid paying the late fee of \$10. Dues may be paid to Redding Newcomers by check or cash at the April and/or May General Meetings. Or mail your check made out to Redding Newcomers to Karen Coupe-Bonnett, 4347 Kestrel Ct., Redding, CA 96002

**JUNE 26, 2025 SUMMER CELEBRATION & JOINT BOARD MEETING at the Red Lion. Tickets \$25 at May Gen Mtg**



**Ladies and Gentlemen please join us for our new event!**

**THE NEWCOMERS KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY — Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**  
We will be heading to Bowling Downs 8596 Quail Valley Dr. Redding, (530 356-9787) for a gathering. There you will join in horse racing games, corn

hole & a Fabulous Hat Parade. Awards will be presented to the gelding that wins the race. Join in on the Fabulous Hat Parade for those that choose to wear a Fabulous Hat. There is no dress code but plenty will dress up. Just a heads-up, you will be walking on gravel. (wear comfy shoes)

**\*\*\*There is a superstition that wearing green brings bad luck on race day. \*\*\***

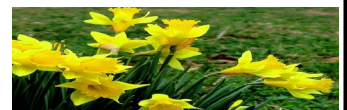
Our menu will be fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw & roll. Dessert will be ice cream. Ice tea and water will be available. Food will be served at 4:30 p.m. Please bring your own libations if you choose.

Tickets on sale at the March Gen Mtg & April Fashion Show. \$15 each. One guest per member.

120 tickets available. No refunds. For more info call: Gerri Smith, chairperson — 530 351-2069

**ACTIVITIES UPDATE: SPRING = RENEWAL !**

“Our Hats are off” to our Activity Chairs and Co-Chairs who continue to adorn us with their many talents to give us a monthly Activity we choose and enjoy. All our current Chairs and Co-Chairs have been contacted, and many are continuing through our 2025-2026 year. Beginning in June there will be some who are ready to pass their torches after being in their roles for 2+ years. Activities that need a Chair and/or Co-Chair:



**∞ CREATIVE YOU ∞ LADIES ONLY DINE OUT ∞ LUNCHEON PARTY  
∞ OUTDOOR ADVENTURES ∞ PICK OF THE VINE ∞ SOUP FOR SIX**

This is where we need your help! Will you consider taking the reins from September – June to keep one of these Activities going? You can keep the same Activity name or come up with a new name. Certainly, we can all agree, we want to keep these Activities going through our 2025-2026 Season. Team up by asking a friend to join you & double the fun of becoming a chair or co-chair.

**Call me, Vicki Burroughs, Activities Coordinator, 530-949-0115. Team Work is Dream Work!**

# APRIL 2025

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES DUE TO THE FASHION SHOW

	1	2 10AM Prospective Member Coffee	3 1PM What Have You Been Reading Lately	4 1130AM Out-to-Lunch Bunch
7 1PM Mexican Train  <i>May Welcome Mat Submissions Due</i>	8 <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> 10AM Creative You 1230PM Double Deck (P)	9 1230PM Hand & Foot 1230PM Charmers (B) 5PM Ladies-Only Dine Out	10 10AM Redd Thumb Garden Group	11 10AM Quilt N Friends
14	15 10AM Board Mtg	16 1PM Writers Group 530PM Pick of the Vine	17 10AM Fashion Show 1230PM Lucky Ladies (P)	18 9AM Outdoor Adventures
21 10:00AM Needle Nuts	22 1130AM Luncheon Party	23 1230PM Charmers (B)	24 <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> 10AM SIMPLE DELISH AND NUTRISH  <b>DATE CHANGE:</b> 530PM Why Cook Tonight?	25
28	29	30		

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**Please Note: Movie and Meal** Info will be sent out by email to all members when plans are set. Contact Becky Childs 530-224-9095.

**2: Prospective Member Coffee 10:00AM** The coffee will be hosted by Judy Keniston, 4496 Nesea Ct. Redding. Any activity chairperson/co-chairpersons that are planning to attend RSVP to Trish either by email at sakatatrish@gmail.com or calling 209-612-1382 a few days ahead of the event so I can let the hostess know approximately how many will be in attendance. Also, If you know of any interested new members please send Trish information regarding them so that I can contact them with information about the coffee.

**3: What Have You Been Reading? 1:00-3:00PM** We will meet at Barnes and Nobles coffee shop. Space limited. RSVP to Jeanne Milcheck text 530-604-9251, phone 530-222-6478. We will be discussing your latest reads.

**4: Out to Lunch Bunch Social 11:30PM, Lunch at Noon.** Branch House Riverfront Bistro, 844 Sundial Bridge Drive. RSVP: Joyce Nanson, text/call 530-440-8295. Enjoy great food, drinks & nature by the Sacramento River & Sundial Bridge!

**7: Mexican Train 1:00PM** 4496 Nesea Ct, Redding. RSVP Judy Keniston 408-313-9720 or jkeniston46@gmail.com. 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: May Welcome Mat Submissions Due**

**8: DATE CHANGE Creative You, 10:00AM** at Patti Sauret's, 527 Crescent Moon Court. Please RSVP to Gerri Smith, 530 351 2069. We have been invited to Patti Sauret's lovely home to share an early Easter Brunch. Patti loves Easter and her home will show it! We will be asking attendees to contribute to the brunch. Items needed are quiche, breakfast casserole, deviled eggs, fresh fruit, potato salad, pasta salad, deserts. Please be prepared to sign up for a brunch item.

**8: Double Deck Pass (P) 12:30PM**

**9: Charmers (B) 12:30PM**

**9: Hand & Foot 12:30PM** The Lighthouse Fish & Chips, 1109 Hartnell Avenue. Lunch at 12:30PM; game from 1:00PM to 3:30-ish, Rain or Shine. Beginners are encouraged to join us. We are happy to teach you this fun card game. Questions? Call Cheryl Zeh at 530-360-0314. RSVP not necessary, just show up!

**9: Ladies Only Dine Out 5PM** We will dine at Cheesecakes Unlimited, 1135 Pine Street Please RSVP to Leslie Teryniak 530-722-9705 or Sandy Moore 530-515-2887.

**10: Redd Thumb Garden Group 10AM** Rico Montenegro will lead our group on a comprehensive tour of the Arboretum at Turtle Bay. Meet at the north entrance to the Arboretum off Market St. There is a parking lot there. After the tour, we plan to treat Rico to lunch at Cheesecakes, to thank him (donations accepted). There is no charge for the tour. Please RSVP so we can make reservations at the restaurant. Sandi 530-355-1166, text.

**11: Quilt N Friends 10:00AM** The Sewing Room and Crafters Mall, 2453 Athens (behind Orchard Nutrition), Quilters of all levels & new members are all welcome to join us. Questions? Contact Lynn Smith 661-333-2877 or Kathy Jensen 530-229-1021.

**15: Board Meeting 10:00AM** Home of Barbara Edington, 3866 Aspen Glow Lane, Redding. 530-247-7359

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

**16: Pick of the Vine 5:30PM** We will meet at Anthony's Mediterranean Bar and Grill, 1701 California Street, in their private back room. Food and beverages available. Spouses and friends are welcome. Text Sharon Salpas by April 12<sup>th</sup> at 530-604-4205 to reserve a spot.

**17: Lucky Ladies (P) 12:30**

**17: Fashion Show 10:30AM** Win River Casino. Sunflowers and Sunshine is the theme for our annual Fashion Show and Luncheon. There will be no collection for We Can Make a Difference.

**18: Outdoor Adventures 9:00AM** We will meet at the Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay to walk through the arboretum. The Glowing Wild light show is visible during the day. After our walk we will have refreshments at the Branch House at Turtle Bay. Please text Freddie at 530-355-5806 or email at freddieomartin@gmail.com.

**21: Needle Nuts 10:00AM—Noon** 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're working on. Need help learning? You'll find it here! Beverages & snacks will be offered

**22: Luncheon Party 11:30AM Social, 12:00PM Lunch** Easter Luncheon Party will be at the lovely home of Trudy Ribeiro. Her address is 3653 Serena Street. Our cooks will be Ame Dodge, Valeria Rodriguez and Sherry Varga. If you wish to attend TEXT preferably or call Patti Sauret 530-515-1549 and leave a message April 1. Patti or Penny Colbert will let you know the results of the lottery within five days. Let us know in your message if you are a new member or have never been to Luncheon Party before. Text anytime if you wish to be put on the cancellation list please let us know if you are unable to attend as No-shows will be charged the price of lunch and we always have a waiting list.

**23: Charmers (B) 12:30PM**

**24: DATE CHANGE Simple Delish Nutrish 10:00AM** Join us for a fun time and learn to create dishes to feel and look great! This April we will be creating delicious dishes with healthy carbs to boost your happy hormones! We will meet at 191 Justin Way Redding. Space is limited, please RSVP to Val by April 20th by texting Val at 650 868 7261. Please bring \$3 to help with food costs.

**24: DATE CHANGE Why Cook Tonight? 5:30PM** Slide into spring at Huff's Restaurant overlooking our very own Shasta Lake at Bridge Bay, 10300 Bridge Bay Road. Contact Peggy Bullock 530-941-0426 or Rita March 530-200-7563 to reserve your place.



## **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**      Joyce Menta 661 618-6112 & Joann Roskoski 443 812-2094

We CAN make a difference.... will NOT be collecting in April due to FASHION SHOW.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!! Please consider!!

Hi ladies! I am appealing for to you for someone to step up and be the chairman for We CAN make a difference. I, Joyce Menta, have been doing this for 4 years now and it has been such a joy to be part of giving back to our community. However, there are different areas in my life where I would like to spread more joy and am asking for somebody to step up to be the chairman starting in the Fall of 2025. I, and the existing co-chair, Joann Roskoski, will be with that person next season for support and assistance, to walk you through, and be there to help. I really do not want this chairman position to go DARK That would mean that our nonprofits that we collect for would suffer and not benefit from our generosity every month. That would make for a heavy heart for all of us and not benefit them. So I'm asking for someone to please step up to take over this rewarding job. There are already nonprofits in place for each month of giving. The chairman has

the choice to switch around what months we collect for and change the order. Here's what it entails :

- \* contact the nonprofit and see what their needs are so we can collect accordingly
- \* write up an article and submit it to the Welcome Mat for the following month
- \* write out a mass email reminder (which is sent out by Sharon or Carol) a few days before each general meeting, so people can shop and gather their donations.
- \* call the nonprofit a day or two before to remind them we'll be dropping off their goods & checks after our mtg.
- \* be at the meeting by 9 o'clock with your open trunk and your money envelope to collect at each gen. mtg, then drop off after the meeting & see the JOY on their faces. You can possibly drop off the day after also.

It's not hard. Just some organizational skills to make a few phone calls and write an article! Also the great perk is getting to know our members better ! Thank you for considering this rewarding job .

Please contact Joyce Menta (661) 618-6112 , Chairman

## **NEWCOMERS' ACTIVITIES UPDATE**                      from VICKI BURROUGHS

Have you ever wondered? What's the (P) or (B) on the Activities Calendar in the Welcome Mat?

(P) is Pinochle and (B) is Bridge card games. Both games are played with 4 people groups and are often filled with names on the Substitution Lists. BUT GOOD NEWS! New Member, LAURA SCHMIDT, will be starting up a new Bridge Group soon. Seasoned players or those needing a refresher can contact her (650) 533-8530 for more information.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**                                      from Sharon Chesnut & Ame Dodge

CHARLEEN McCAUGHIN— A member since 2005 enjoying many Newcomer Activities, passed on Feb 19 after a long difficult battle with cancer. A donation will be made to the Scholarship Fund in her memory.



ADDA GRIPP'S HUSBAND, Charlie, recently had complicated back surgery. He is now home from rehab, receiving P.T. and working on his recovery.

LINDA COTTENGIM—has been very ill with bacterial pneumonia, in addition, recently diagnosed with the flu. We will continue to follow up with her.



**APRIL**

Sue Chandler	Apr 1
Fay Leighton	Apr 2
Sandy Dickson	Apr 3
Janet Giddings	Apr 4
Catherine Storme	Apr 5
Margaret Walfoort	Apr 7
Laurie O'Keefe	Apr 8
Sharon Roberts	Apr 8
Carol Bock	Apr 10
Tina Dacquisto	Apr 11
Susie Smith	Apr 11
Marge Stewart	Apr 11
Anna Peterson	Apr 12
Connie Sutton	Apr 12
Susan Cohn	Apr 13
Karlene Stoker	Apr 14
Ellen Rodes-Mims	Apr 16
Connie Laughlin	Apr 18
Ruth Plato	Apr 18
Shirley Pritchett	Apr 19
Janice Fracchia	Apr 20
Jeri Halsted	Apr 20
Julie Hatcher	Apr 22
Adda Gripp	Apr 27
Claire Morris	Apr 27
Phyllis Cummins	Apr 29
Bonnie Lenheim	Apr 29
Carol Skill	Apr 29

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

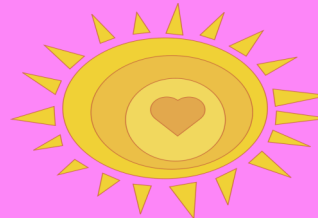
**BOARD MEETING: APRIL 15 at BARBARA EDINGTON'S FASHION SHOW at WIN RIVER: APRIL 17**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President—Ruth Plato  
 1st VP— Trish Sakata  
 2nd VP —Elizabeth Sherman  
 Membership—Karen Coupe-Bonnett  
 Secretary—Judy Keniston  
 Treasurer—Mickey Martin

**SMILES from CAROL WHITNEY**

My brain says, "Alaska cruise."  
 My heart says, "Caribbean cruise."  
 My wallet says, "go around the block"!



**NEW MEMBERS**

**SANDRA MANN**, 626 487-5115, 144 Franciscan Trail, Rdg, 96003, slmoo77@yahoo.com

**DEBORAH MOSUNICH**, 650 245-8985, 3448 Laver St, Rdg, 96002, dmosunich@att.net—likes reading, knitting, gardening, hiking, biking

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**WELCOME MAT INFO for MAY 2025**

**DUE MAY 7**

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