

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from ANDI WINTERS

Like so many of you, I am thankful to be a member of this wonderful Newcomers Club and for all the friendships I have made! What an amazing group of lovely ladies, with such diverse backgrounds and interests, coming together to enjoy and share our variety of activities.

And in the process, we help our neighbors less blessed than we are. This month is our annual Christmas Charities where we donate new or handmade goods to raffle. Last year we donated almost \$2300 to the four local children's charities we support. Again this year Trudy Ribiero will be collecting new hats, gloves and scarves for local children in need.



We are a great group of ladies with big hearts. Thank you all for all you do.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS CHARITIES -THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th.

STARTS AT 9:30 AT THE ELKS LODGE.

Members are asked to bring an **UNWRAPPED, NEW or HANDMADE GIFT** to be raffled during this event. Please put your name on your gift.

We will also raffle another beautiful QUILT donated by "Quilt n' Friends."

RAFFLE TICKETS are 10 for \$5 or 25 for \$10.

Proceeds will be donated to local Children's Charities.



PLEASE DONATE NEW CHILDREN'S SOCKS, HATS AND GLOVES FOR THIS EVENT.

Trudy Riberio will be collecting them at Christmas Charities in December.

There will be a donation box at the "check-in" table.

Stay for lunch with your friends after the raffle. We will have a chicken taco salad bar buffet and more homemade cookies, with coffee, iced tea & water available. Cost is \$17. If you did not purchase your LUNCH TICKET at the October or November meeting, send a check for \$17 made out to REDDING NEWCOMERS and mail to:

Linda Odegard, 2058 Charade Way #1, Redding CA 96003. The deadline is December 1st.

You will pick up your Lunch Ticket at the Reception Check-In Table on the day of the event. (12/11/25)

Don't forget to bring cookies for all to enjoy. Questions about the cookies? Call Adda Gripp 530 242-1033



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DECEMBER 2025

| 1 | MON | 2 | TUES | 3 | WED | 4 | THURS | 5 | FRI |
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| <p>JANUARY 2026 Welcome Mat ACTIVITIES DUE DATE Email info to romonabowling @outlook.com</p> <p>SECRET PAL REVEAL 10 AM</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | | | | |
| | | <p>**DARK** Simple, Delish & Nutrish</p> <p>12:30 Double Deck Pass (P)</p> | <p>12:30 PM Charmers (B)</p> <p>**DARK** Hand/Foot</p> | <p>CHRISTMAS CHARITIES 9:30 at the Elks SEE PAGE 1</p> <p>**DARK** WE CAN....</p> <p>**DARK** Media Madame</p> | <p>10 AM Quilt N' Friends Holiday Pot Luck at Trudy Ribiero's Home</p> | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | | | | |
| <p>**DATE/TIME CHANGE** 11 AM Redd Thumb Garden Group at Patti Dauphine's</p> | <p>11:30 LUNCHEON PARTY At Marge Floyd's Home</p> | <p>1:00 WRITERS GROUP: AT FREDDIE MARTIN'S HOME</p> <p>5:30PM Pick of the Vine At Debbie Davis'</p> | <p>10:00 AM Creative You</p> <p>12:30 PM Lucky Ladies (P)</p> <p>5:30 Why Cook Tonight at Puerto Vallarta</p> | <p>Adventures Await 6:00 PM Singing Carols At entrance to the Garden of Lights at Turtle Bay</p> | | | | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | | | | | |
| <p>**DARK** NEEDLE NUTS</p> | | <p>12:30 PM Charmers (B)</p> <p>**DARK** Ladies-Only Dine Out</p> | <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p> | <p>**DARK means Activity is not active this month.</p> <p>(P) Pinochle (B) Bridge</p> | | | | | |

****Dark**** Means activity not happening this month

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

1: JANUARY 2026 WELCOME MAT INFO DUE

1: SECRET PAL REVEAL at 10:00 at Trudy Ribeiro's home, 3653 Serena St, Rdg It will be a Pot Luck, bring your best salad to share. Bring your gift for your Secret Pal. If unable to attend, please deliver a gift to Trudy or Adda, so your secret pal will have her gift at the reveal **PLEASE RSVP** to Trudy at 707-980-1439 or Adda at 530-410-2461. If you can or cannot make the revealing

2: MEXICAN TRAIN 1 PM: JUDY KENISTON'S 4496 NESEE CT, RSVP JUDY 408 313-9720, BRENDA WAGGONER 760 876-0807

4: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN READING? 1:00-3:00 PM We will meet at Barnes and Nobles coffee shop. RSVP to Jeanne Milcheck text 530-604-9251, phone 530-222-6478. We will be discussing your latest reads.

5: OUT to LUNCH BUNCH Social 11:30PM, Lunch at Noon. Place: Fusion Lounge, 1545 Placer St, Rdg. RSVP text/call Joyce Nanson, 530-440-8295. Come join us for good food & fun

9: DOUBLE DECK PASS (Pinochle) 12:30 PM

10: CHARMERS (Bridge) 12:30 PM

11: CHRISTMAS CHARITIES at the **ELKS**

9:30—Donate a Gift to be raffled. See pg 1

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE will **NOT** be collecting.

MEDIA MADAME WILL NOT BE at Christmas Charities

12: Quilt N Friends 10AM will be meeting at home of Trudy Ribeiro(3653 Serena St) for a Holiday Potluck at 10 AM. Please RSVP to Trudy at 707-980-1439.

15: REDD THUMB GARDEN GROUP 11:00 AM

****Please note Date and Time change**** It will be held at Patti Dauphinee's home, 1828 Cumberland Dr Redding. We will have a plant gift exchange. Please bring your plant in a bag. There will be a baked potato bar lunch provided. Cost is \$4.00. RSVP to Patti: Call or text 530 338-7962

16: LUNCHEON PARTY - Marge Floyd is our hostess at her beautifully-decorated home at 602 Gary Court, Rdg 96002. Cost: \$10 - \$15 depending on expenses. Please bring cash. Our cooks are Patti Sauret, Trudy Ribeiro and Lucinda Williams. Text or call on December 1st for lottery pick Debbie Davis at (530) 604-9111. Please mention if you are a new member or its been awhile since attending luncheon party. You will be notified of lottery pick results on December 3rd. If you are unable to attend, notify at least 48 hours prior, as there is always a waiting list. No-shows and same-day cancellations are charged the lunch price.

17: WRITERS GROUP: 1:00 pm at Freddie Martins 2082 Lazare Path, Rdg. RSVP Anna Gustafson 530 605-4010

17: PICK of the VINE: 5:30-8:00 p.m. Hostess: Debbi Davis, 239 Ironwood Lane, Rdg 96003 You are invited to bring a Plus One, and an appetizer to share. We enjoy sipping delicious wines selected by our hostess. Cost is usually around \$10 - \$13, dependent on the number of guests and cost of the wine. Please bring cash. RSVP to Lynette Gibson (530) 941-1520

18: CREATIVE YOU 10:00 AM at Mary Hanrahan's home, 4090 Cheryl Drive, Redding. Let's make a Very Merry Mason Jar (last minute) Christmas gift, featuring your choice of a Gnome jar with savory treats **OR** a Snowman jar with sweet treats. Jars, treats and materials will be provided. Cost will be \$5 per person. RSVP Mary Hanrahan (**text only**) 530-262-8601 or Sandi Cain 530-355-1166.



18:LUCKY LADIES (Pinochle) 12:30P

18: WHY COOK TONIGHT 5:30 - FELICE NAVIDAD. Come celebrate the season with your Newcomers and Friends for Mexican cuisine at Puerto Vallarta. 1109 Hartnell Ave. Call or text Peggy Bullock at 530-941-0426 by Dcember 15

19: ADVENTURES AWAIT We're planning a super festive caroling session right outside the stunning ****Garden of Lights entrance****. We'll be kicking things off at ****6:00 PM****, and we'd absolutely love for you and your plus 1 to join us! We'll be singing our hearts out with some beloved holiday tunes for about 30 minutes. And here's the best part: as a special "thank you" to everyone who participates, you'll receive a ****FREE entry pass**** to explore the magical Garden of Lights right after the performance! Text Heidi Nietschmann to sign up! 510-375-5132

24: Charmers (Bridge) 12:30

25: MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please Note: MOVIE MATINEE (New Name) Info will be sent out by mass email to all members when plans are set. Call Becky Childs 530-224-9095

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Reminder - Do RSVP when attending Meetings and Activities. The Home Hostess and Chairs make the plans for seating & refreshments. Thanks

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Joyce Menta 661 618-6112

We CAN make a difference..... is NOT collecting in December due to our festive Christmas Charities event.

Look for upcoming info in the January 2026 Welcome Mat.

REMINDER:



Send all "MASS EMAIL" requests for publication to both Carol Skill and Sharon Roberts.
They share this job!

NEWCOMERS' ACTIVITIES UPDATE

VICKI BURROUGHS Activities Coordinator 530-949-0115

SECRET PAL

Sign ups for our 2026 Secret Pal will end Dec. 31. If you didn't pick up a participation sheet at the Nov General Meeting, contact Trudy Ribeiro, 707-980-1430, and she will email you a form.

ACTIVITIES DATE CHANGES

Some Activities have date changes due to the upcoming holidays.

We love December, full of fun activities and our annual Christmas Charities event.

Let's finish 2025 with JOY in gathering, giving, eating food and sharing smiles

Members Info Update

Lisa Bernstein 760 831-1680 lisacampoy@aol.com 1221 E. Cypress Ave. Spc.35 Rdg, Ca. 96002

NEW MEMBERS

DEBRA KRAMER 360 846-8877 1313 Chaos Walk, RDG 96003 kramerdebra@gmail.com

Likes: Quilting, gardening, luncheons, movies

SUZI MORGAN 530 229-4502 687 Yolla Bolly Trail, Rdg 96003 suzimorgan@aol.com

Likes: Social lunches, coffees, games, walking, volunteering

CHRIS MURRAY 530 953-8042 4956 Alta Mesa Dr, Rdg 96002 dcnmurray@yahoo.com

Likes: Crafts

ELLIE UZELAC 214 499-1653 22681 Bridlewood Land, Palo Cedro 92681 ellie.uzelac@gmail.com

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DECEMBER

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| Martin | Mickey | 12/03 |
| Thomas | Robin | 12/03 |
| Niswander | Peggy | 12/04 |
| Bratton | Wilma | 12/05 |
| Harvey | Kit | 12/07 |
| Butler | Aloma | 12/09 |
| Harnden | Donna | 12/09 |
| Martin | Freddie | 12/09 |
| Smith | Debbie | 12/15 |
| Whitney | Carol | 12/15 |
| Roug | Karen | 12/20 |
| Alfaro | Maile | 12/24 |
| Sakata | Trish | 12/27 |
| Larsen | Mary | 12/29 |
| Poling | Gail | 12/28 |
| Wilson | Louise | 12/30 |



SMILES from CAROL WHITNEY

When old people say, “enjoy them while they’re young,” they’re talking about knees and hips!



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**** NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER**

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: DEC 11 at the ELK’S

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SENDING a RAY of SUNSHINE

SHARON CHESNUT/Vicki Burroughs

Do you know a member who needs an emotional lift? Someone who is recovering from surgery? Experienced the loss of a loved one or having a hard time? Newcomers has the member who can help. Our Sunshine Lady, Sharon Chesnut, can bring a smile, a tear, or a gentle, heart-warming touch to any member who needs one. Receiving a card “Thinking of You” in the mailbox can make all the difference. It is done with discretion and care.

As Newcomers, we help one another, through sad times as well as celebrating the happy times. Send a friend some sunshine. Call or text Sharon 530.949.7545 with the member’s name and in a few words describe the need and Sharon will do the rest.



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