

**REDDING NEWCOMERS & FRIENDS
WELCOME MAT
JANUARY 2026**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from ANDI WINTERS

Last month we enjoyed another Christmas Charities event. With loads of cookies and lots of raffle prizes, everyone had a great time. But the highlight of the occasion was the \$2,000 plus we collected for our local children's charities, bringing the total since 2013 to over \$25,000. There is an article with more details in this newsletter.



Christmas Charities was first suggested and led by Romona Bowling. Last month, before the raffle drawing began, our club honored Romona for her brilliant idea plus all the many, many other activities in the club she has participated in.

Another highlight of the many raffle prizes was the QUILT from the Newcomers Quilt n' Friends group pictured here with the raffle winner Lynn Smith and Lucinda Williams, who did the beautiful machine quilting to complete it.

Thank you Lucinda and Quilt n' Friends.

Let's step into this New Year with a grateful heart for the lovely ladies who are members of one of the best reasons to live in Redding: Newcomers and Friends!

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES RECAP for 2025

LINDA ODEGARD and PATTI SAURET

Linda Odegard and Patti Sauret would like to thank the NEWCOMERS and FRIENDS for making the 2025 Christmas Charities event a huge success.

Thanks to your generosity, we will be donating money raised to our 3 charities: Pioneer School, Eagles Soar, and Exodus Farms. We also collected 306 pairs of socks, 84 beanies, and 56 mittens. Trudy Ribeiro did a wonderful job of collecting and sorting these much appreciated items. We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all the team leaders and their crews for a job well done. The Display of cookies was beautiful and delicious. Thank you to the Quilters for the donation of the beautiful Quilt and a heartfelt thank-you to all of the members who donated the wonderful raffle gifts. We sold 110 lunch tickets for the chicken taco buffet prepared by Claudia's Catering and we were happy that she also was our coffee barista this year.

Christmas Charities only succeeds because of the generosity and participation of our club members. If you have any suggestions on how to make this event more successful, please let Linda or Patti know.

JANUARY 2026

MON	TUES	WED	1 THURS	2 FRI
5	6 10 AM BOARD MTG: AT TRUDY RIBEIRO'S 1 PM Mexican Train Dana Gilbertson's	7	**DARK** What have you been Reading	11:30 AM Out-to-Lunch Bunch at The Brunch House
12	13 12:30 Double Deck Pass (P) **DARK** Simple, Delish & Nutrish	14 12:30 CHARMERS (B) 1-3 PM Hand & Foot	15 10: 00 GENERAL MEETING + Media Madame + WE CAN..... collecting for PIONEER SCHOOL 5:30 Why Cook Tonight at RAW	16 10 AM Adventures Await Baumers Museum Red Bluff
19 26 **Dark** Needle Nuts	20 27 11:30 Luncheon Party at Freddie Martin's	21 1:00 WRITERS GROUP AT FREDDIE MARTIN'S HOME ** Dark** Pick of Vine 28 12:30 Charmers 5:30 Ladies Only Dine Out at Peter Chu's	22 10 AM CREATIVE YOU AT SANDI CAIN'S HOME 12:30 PM Lucky Ladies (P)	23

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

JANUARY 2026 ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 29: FEBRUARY 2026 WELCOME MAT INFO DUE

1: **** DARK**** WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN READING

2: OUT to LUNCH BUNCH Social 11:30 PM, Lunch at Noon.
PLACE: The Brunch House, 542 E. Cypress Ave, Rdg. RSVP:
Joyce Nanson; text/call 530-440-8295.

Come & join us to celebrate the New Year!

6: BOARD MEETING 10 AM at TRUDY RIBEIRO'S HOME.

6: MEXICAN TRAIN 1 PM: at Dana Gilbertson's home at 1905 Garden Ave. RSVP: Brenda Waggoner 760-876-0807 if you plan to attend

8: REDD THUMB GARDEN GROUP 10 AM Join our group at the home of Sandi Cain, 5939 Brenda Ln, Anderson, to make a Windchime Hanging Planter. All materials provided (\$3). Please RSVP, so we will have materials for you, to Sandi 530-355-1166

9: Quilt N Friends 10AM The Sewing Room & Crafters Hall, 2453 Athens (directly 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.

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

14: CHARMERS (Bridge) 12:30 PM

14: Hand & Foot 1-3PM Community Room Holiday Market 3315 Placer St, Rdg. Buy a sandwich at the deli or enjoy some nibblies provided. Play a rousing game of Hand & Foot. Have a chance to win a door prize. Conveniently do your shopping, casual attire. Plan to join us! Always the second Wednesday. Beginners are encouraged to come and play. We're happy to teach you. It's an easy game to play. Please RSVP to Ame Dodge 530.229.0829. Call Cheryl Zeh at 530.360.0314 for more information.

15: GENERAL MEETING 10 AM at ELKS LODGE + Media Madame + WE CAN.....collecting for Pioneer School
(see page 3 for needs)

15: WHY COOK TONIGHT 5:30 - Join us at the popular Raw, 2167 Hilltop Drive, to ring in the new year Reservations are required with limited capacity. Please reserve your place at our Newcomer's table early for great food and camaraderie. Call or text Peggy Bullock (530) 941-0426 or Rita March (530) 200-7563

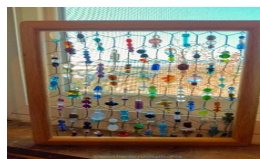
16: ADVENTURES AWAIT 10 AM We will be traveling to Red Bluff to visit Gaumer's Jewelry * Museum * Lapidary. We will have lunch at Green Barn Whiskey Kitchen. If you can help drive, please let me know when you RSVP. There will be cost for gas. Text Heidi Nietschmann 510-375- 5132

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

21: ****DARK**** PICK of the VINE

22: CREATIVE YOU 10:00 AM

**** NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE**** We'll be meeting at SANDI CAIN's home, 5939 Brenda Lane, Anderson. Our project is a Chicken Wire Suncatcher to brighten up your winter window. Materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring small beads and/or old dangling bead earring to fill the spaces. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP: Mary Hanrahan (text only) 530-262-8601 or Sandi Cain 530 355-1166.



22: LUCKY LADIES 12:30

26: ****DARK**** Needle Nuts

27: LUNCHEON PARTY TUESDAY, 11:30 AM

Freddie Martin is our hostess at her home: 2082 Lazare Path, Redding, CA 96001
Cost: \$10- 15 depending on expenses.

Please bring cash. Our cooks are Pat Deem, Peggy Bullock (with daughter Kate's help) and Trish Sakata. ****Note change for RSVP date, due to holiday.** Text or call on Friday, January 2, 2026 for lottery pick to Debbie Davis at (530) 604-9111. Please mention if you are a new member or it's been awhile since attending luncheon party. You will be notified of lottery pick results Monday, January 5th. If you are unable to attend, notify at least 48 hrs prior, there is a waiting list. No-shows/same-day cancellations are charged the lunch price.

28: Charmers (Bridge) 12:30

28: LADIES ONLY DINE OUT 5:30 PM at Peter Chu's Skyroom, 6751 Wood Run Circle Ste 210 at the Airport. RSVP Sandy Mann 626 487-5115
Please Note: MOVIE MATINEE (New Name) Info will be sent out by mass email to all members when plans are set. Call Becky 530-224-9095

No Shows at monthly Activities are a "no-no". As a courtesy, if you can't attend an activity after calling in your RSVP, please let the Activity Chair know. Thanks

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



JANUARY

Barbara Roberts	January	3
Jane Metzner	January	7
Lynn Smith	January	8
Jerri Jones	January	9
Lois Schubert	January	14
Amy Senstad	January	15
Judy Keniston	January	16
Jan Haskell	January	17
Penny Gironda	January	19
Judie Bechtle	January	20
Mary Hanrahan	January	20
Lucinda Williams	January	25
Andi Winters	January	25
Janice Gabriel	January	26
Laura Schmidt	January	26
Deb Mosunich	January	28
Patti Dauphine	January	28
Valeria Rodriguez	January	29
Judy Smith	January	29

SMILES from CAROL WHITNEY

“I got myself a senior’s GPS for my car. It tells me how to get to my destination and why I wanted to go there!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETING: JAN 6 at Trudy Ribeiro’s

GENERAL MEETING: Jan 15 at ELKS LODGE

EXECUTIVE BOARD—2025-2026

President—Andi Winters

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2nd VP —Freddie Martin

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Sunshine has mailed 4 cards this past few weeks..

A card went to member **AMELIA WARD**, whose daughter Linda passed away November 10th, following a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. She was a mother, grandmother, and loving daughter who will be sorely missed.



Member **JUDY KENISTON**, our Newcomers' Secretary, had a fall at home fracturing her knee. She is currently in Quartz Hill Post Acute Rehab and is welcoming visitors. Before you visit, however, give her a call to confirm where she is...her cell is 408-313-9720.

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