

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from ANDI WINTERS

I've always seen February as the quirky month: there's an extra "r" in the spelling which is often left out and it's never the same number of days as in other months with a 29th day thrown in every four years. I had the opportunity to live in the northeastern U.S. for several years and February was cold and dreary. Here in our lovely area though we are blessed with some of the spring flowers showing up amidst our always welcome rain and temperatures that allow us to enjoy our beautiful area.



With spring soon to arrive we begin to plan 2026-2027 in Newcomers. Have you thought about volunteering for a board position, either as an elected officer or as an activity chair/co-chair? Please give some serious thought to more actively working with our group of great ladies. We are right now looking for ladies to be on the Nominating Committee so feel free to step right up and volunteer. Next month the newly appointed Nominating Committee will be reaching out for candidates for the elected positions. Please seriously consider joining in – a great way to make new friends and have a say about the future of our club.



COOKIES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Sharon Salpas 530 604-4205

This month's Newcomers' local charity donations will support our scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will have a table set up near the community table to collect donations and share information. Scholarship applications will be on the Redding Newcomers website as well as at the "cookie table" during the February & March General Meetings. Completed applications must be submitted by April 1.

These scholarships are open to members' family and friends to help offset the cost of college books and other educational expenses. Most importantly, they provide meaningful recognition and encouragement to deserving individuals.

2025 Christmas Charities Final Results

Linda Odegard and Patti Sauret are happy to report the final results for our 2025 Christmas Charities event. We sold 110 lunch tickets and had a wonderful chicken taco lunch thanks to Claudia's Catering.

We give a special thanks to our raffle tickets callers Heidi Pagani and Deb Terra for the raffle flags for each table & calling the raffle numbers. This event's success was due to the amazing team leaders: Linda Mandere, Ame Dodge, Elizabeth Sherman, Sherry Ruff, Gerri Smith, Adda Gripp, Romona Bowling, Lynn Smith, Freddie Martin, Trudy Riberio, Lisa Bernstein, Heidi Nietschmann, Heidi Pagani, Deb Terra, Cheryl Zeh.

The income from the raffle tickets was \$2257. Per IRS requirements 90% of this income will be donated to the 3 Charities: Pioneer School, Exodus Farms, Eagles Soar. Each charity will receive \$677.10 plus, the socks, beanies, & mittens that were also donated by our Newcomer members.

We had a budget of \$1000 +\$225.70 (the 10% from Raffle Tickets) and had expenses of \$613.84 resulting in being under our budget by \$611.86. We thank all of our members for their help and generosity.

FEBRUARY

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<p>2 MON</p>	<p>3 TUE</p> <p>**DATE CHANGE</p> <p>11 am Adventures Await at Behren's Museum</p> <p>1PM Mexican Train Dana Gilbertson's 1905 Garden Ave</p>	<p>4 WED</p>	<p>5 THUR</p> <p>1-3 pm What have you been Reading at Barnes & Noble</p>	<p>6 FRI</p> <p>11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH AT PIPELINE CRAFT & KITCHEN</p>
<p>9</p> <p><u>WEL/MAT INFO FOR MARCH DUE DATE</u></p> <p>10:30 MEET & EAT at Paris Park Clubhouse for Chairs, Co-Chairs, Board Members</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1230PM Double Deck Pass (P)</p> <p>10 AM SIMPLE DELISH NUTRISH at VAL's</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00PM Charmers (B)</p> <p>12:30 -3:00 HAND & FOOT AT HOLIDAY MKT COMMUNITY ROOM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10AM Redd Thumb Garden Group at Patti Dauphinee's</p> <p>**NEW DATE**</p> <p>5:30-8:30 Pick of the Vine at Grape Escape</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10AM Quilt N Friends at Sewing Room on Athens</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10AM Board Mtg at Mickey Martin's</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1 pm Writers Group at Library</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10AM Creative You at Mary Hanrahan's</p> <p>1230PM Lucky Ladies (P)</p> <p>530PM Why Cook Tonight at Nello's</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10AM NEEDLENUTS at Sewing Room on Athens</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1130AM Luncheon Party at Gerri Smith's</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00PM Charmers (B)</p> <p>5:30 LADIES ONLY DINE OUT AT MAZATLAN</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10AM General Meeting at Elks</p> <p><u>Media Madame</u> Puzzles, C/D & DVD's Magazines</p> <p><u>Greeters</u> Lucky Ladies</p>	<p>27</p>
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****Dark** Means activity not happening this month** **FEBRUARY 2026 Activities**

3: ****DATE CHANGE** ADVENTURES AWAIT** 11 AM Come join me on a tour of Behrens - Eaton Museum in downtown Redding. We will have a guided tour of this Victorian House to learn about Redding in 1895. Afterwards we'll go to lunch at Cheese Cakes Unlimited. RSVP: Text Heidi Nietschmann 510-375-5132

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

5. **WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN READING** 1:00-3:00 PM. We will meet at Barne's and Nobles coffee shop. RSVP to Jeanne Milcheck text 530 604-9251, phone 530 222-6478. We will discuss your latest reads.

6: **OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH** Social: 11:30 am. Lunch: Noon at Pipeline Craft Taps & Kitchen, 1318 California St RSVP Joyce Nanson text/call 530 440-8295 Restaurant has own parking. Restaurant is located between Tehama St & Shasta St. Greyhound sign is nearby.

9: **MARCH 2026 WELCOME MAT INFO DUE**

9: **MEET & EAT** 10:30 at Paris Park Clubhouse

10: **SIMPLE DELISH NUTRISH** 10 AM 191 Justin Way, Rdg. RSVP VAL Text/Call 650 868-7261

You're invited to a Guilt-Free Dessert Workshop No sugar, no "energy crashes"—just pure, delicious nutrition. Learn to whip up decadent desserts

10: **DOUBLE DECK PASS** (Pinochle) 12:30 PM

11: **CHARMERS** (Bridge) 12:00 PM

11: **HAND & FOOT** 12:30pm-3:00pm Community Room at Holiday Market, 3315 Placer Street Redding. Buy a sandwich at the deli or enjoy some nibbles provided. Play a rousing game. Beginners are encouraged. We are happy to teach this easy game. Please RSVP to Ame Dodge 530 229-0829. More info, call Cheryl Zeh 530 360-0314

12: **REDD THUMB GARDEN GROUP** 10 AM Host is Patti Dauphinee 1828 Cumberland Dr, Rdg. It's a new year and we would like to encourage new members, who like gardening and crafting projects related to gardens, to join our garden group. Please give us a try!! We have a lot of fun and welcome you. If you'd like to transplant an orchid bring your own pot. Other materials will be provided for minimal cost. RSVP: Text Heidi 510 375-5132

12: ****NEW DATE** PICK of the VINE** 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Grape Escape (front room reserved) 1824 Pine Street. Rdg. You are invited to bring a Plus One, and an appetizer to share. Enjoy 3 pours (3 oz. each) selected from an offering of three white and three red wines. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP to Lynette Gibson (530) 941-1520

13: **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-

17: **BOARD MEETING** 10 AM at Mickey Martin's

18: **WRITERS GROUP** 1 PM at the Library RSVP: Anna Gustafson 530 605-4010

19: **CREATIVE YOU** 10:00 AM at Mary Hanrahan's home, 4090 Cheryl Drive, Redding. Time to try something new—water color painting! You can do it! Our project is a postcard or notebook cover with instructions and a complete kit to take home to create more artwork. Materials and light refreshments will be provided. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP: Mary Hanrahan (text only) 530- 262-8601 or Sandi Cain 530 355-1166.



19: **LUCKY LADIES** (Pinochle) 12:30

19: **WHY COOK TONIGHT** 5:30 PM Happy Valentine's Day! Join us at Nello's, 3055 Bechelli Lane to celebrate. This popular restaurant has fine dining cuisine, a lovely atmosphere and superb service. Call or text Vicki Burroughs 530 949-0115 if your plans change so someone on the waiting list can take your place.

23: **NEEDLE NUTS** 10 AM

24: **LUNCHEON PARTY** 11:30 a.m. Gerri Smith is our hostess for a Valentine-themed luncheon at her home: 11579 Fox Estates Court, Rdg. Cost: \$10-\$15 depending on expenses. Please bring cash. Our cooks are Trudy Ribeiro, Mary Hanrahan, Mary Ann Tornillo. To enter the lottery, text (preferred) or call Debbie Davis (530) 604-9111 on Sunday, February 1st. Please mention if you are a new member. Lottery results will be announced 2/3. If you are unable to attend, notify at least 24 hours prior, as there is always a waiting list. No-shows and same-day cancellations are charged the lunch price.

25: **CHARMERS** (Bridge) 12:00

25: **LADIES ONLY DINE OUT** 5:30 PM at Mazatlan Grill 1630 Browning St. RSVP 626 487-5115 by 2/22

26: **GENERAL MEETING** 10 AM at ELK'S LODGE + MEDIA MADAME: The "Lending Table" is open for C/D, DVDs, Puzzles, Magazines + SPEAKER: Karlene Stoker, Shasta Wildlife Rescue

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE is ****DARK**** in FEBRUARY

Joyce Menta 661 618-6112

BUT WILL BE BACK IN MARCH COLLECTING FOR EXODUS FARMS.

Joann Roskoski 530 215-3110

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

VICKI BURROUGHS—ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR 530 949-0115

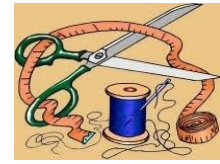
Here we are, after the holidays, finally back to our regular, monthly Activity Schedule! During February, the month of LOVE, our Activity Chairs have been busy finding special ways to bring us fun things to enjoy. Be sure to RSVP - that means "reserves your spot"! Contact Details on all monthly activities follow the calendar page. When you attend an activity this month, be sure to show some LOVE to all members around you, especially the Hostess!

ACTIVITY CHAIRS & CO-CHAIRS "MEET & EAT" MONDAY, FEB 9 AT PARIS PARK CLUBHOUSE, 2000 PARIS AVE, (off Athens Ave) TIME 10:30—12 NOON. Call/text your RSVP Vicki Burroughs 530 949-0115.

A gathering to get acquainted, share successes & ideas, Q & A/ Open discussions, Keep in the Loop. Eat and Enjoy

"Lucky Ladies" Pinocle will be the **GREETERS** at our Feb Gen Mtg on February 26th. Their chance to let you know who they are and what they do. They will be lined up at the Registration Table to greet you with a SMILE! How to start a Pinocle Group or become an extra to Lucky Ladies? Now's your chance to know.

Replacement for Sherry Varga – Needle Nuts, Activity Chair needs to relinquish her position beginning now through June 2026 (5 months). Beginning with January 2026, her Park's Clubhouse is no longer available. Can you help fill her spot and find a place to meet? Open to all needlecraft art forms, those members who enjoy creating and sharing needlecraft projects, in all levels of expertise, i.e. crochet, needlepoint, etc., 8 to 12 members meet monthly on the 4th Monday at 10 am – 12 noon. For Questions and details, please contact Chair, Sherry V. at (530)209-9835, or Vicki B. (530)949-0115.



SPEAKER AT FEB GENERAL MEETING

FREDDIE MARTIN 2nd VP

Our own member **Karlene Stoker** will be speaking about Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc. Shasta Wildlife volunteers provide food and medical care to over 100 different species of birds and mammals from all over Northern California. Each year the volunteers care for more than 1,000 injured, orphaned, and sick animals with the goal of releasing them back into the wild.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Please verify that all of your information is correct on the Membership Roster. If you are using a cell phone, please list it on the Roster and notify Patti if your landline is discontinued. If there are any changes, please email Patti Susini (susinip@gmail.com) or text her at 480-209-6382. Thank you!

New Members:

Lorraine Dodge: 530-209-2908; 2790 Goodwater Avenue, Redding 96002;

Likes

Carol Gilliland: 231-510-3882; 449 Mammoth Path, Redding 96003

FEBRUARY

Mary Aguiniga	February 5
Patricia Anderson	February 5
Missy McArthur	February 6
Betsy Fleming	February 11
Jan Arbogast	February 12
Suzi Morgan	February 12
Sandy Moore	February 13
Kathy Jensen	February 14
Pat Deem	February 18
Diane Burke	February 21
Marian Chandler	February 21
Penny Colbert	February 23
Deborah Stokes	February 24
Marge Floyd	February 26
Cheryl Zeh	February 26
Linda Cottenghim	February 27

SMILES from CAROL WHITNEY

**“I’m still old enough to know I can,
old enough to know I shouldn’t, and
stubborn enough to do it anyway!”**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETING: FEB 17 at Trudy Ribeiro’s

GENERAL MEETING: FEB 26 at ELKS LODGE

EXECUTIVE BOARD—2025-2026

President—Andi Winters

1st VP— Trish Sakata

2nd VP —Freddie Martin

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SHARON CHESNUT 530 949-7545

Sadly, we report the passing of Bill Lenheim, husband of our longtime member, Bonnie Lenheim. He passed away on December 6th following a long year of health issues.





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