

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from ANDI WINTERS

We have exciting details concerning our April Fashion Show set for April 23 at the Gaia Hotel. An article describing what's on tap for this annual event is here on the front page of the Welcome Mat. Tickets will be sold at the upcoming General Meeting.

On February 9 our Activities Coordinator, Vicki Burroughs, totally outdid herself by putting on an outstanding Meet, Greet and Eat event for all our activity chairs and co-chairs. Perhaps for the first time ever the chairs, along with the Executive Board were able to meet each other and learn more about the activities that we hold each month. Much time was spent discussing ways more members into the variety of activities with the suggestions. These activity chairs are a group of lovely ladies who lead these activities for the pleasure of our membership and are always pleased to hear from all members any suggestions or questions you might have. Call Andi 415 990-1616 or Vicki 530 949-0115.



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SPEAKER for GENERAL MEETING

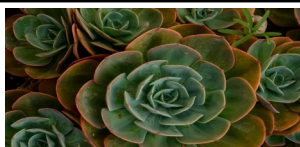
Kelly Sepelyak from RABA will be our speaker. We will learn about the various services that RABA offers our community.

FREDDIE MARTIN 530 355-5806

GREETERS FOR GENERAL MEETING:

ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR: VICKI BURROUGHS 530 949-0115

QUILT 'n FRIENDS will be the greeters for the March General Meeting. This active group meets on the second Friday of the month at the Sewing Room on Athens.



**SUE AGNEW 530 604-6215
FASHION SHOW CHAIRMAN**

FASHION ROUNDUP (aka 2026 Fashion show) will be held on Thursday April 23rd in the ballroom of The Gaia Hotel & Spa (new, larger and beautiful serene location). Doors open at 10:30; lunch is at 11:30 with the Fashion Show to follow. So many fabulous new things to lasso your attention - Photo Op complete with bales of hay, lassos, cowgirl/boy hats and other props and, of course, prizes including the beautiful table centerpieces created by our talented Decor Committee. There are three meal choices; including a tasty Chicken Caesar salad; mouth-watering Rice and Veggie bowl, or delicious BLT on a croissant. Your menu choice will be checked on the back of your ticket and these counts will be provided to the hotel. Trudy Ribeiro will be selling tickets at a special table at the February & March General Meetings. Tickets are only \$30 (checks are preferred but, of course, cash is also welcome). The numerous committees have been hard at work to make this a memorable event and we look forward to seeing all of you there. **Western theme attire is encouraged.** Models will be wearing fashions from Dandelion and The Grange Co-op. Be sure to thank these sponsors for their support when shopping at the stores. Questions: please contact Sue Agnew 530-604-6215.

MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 <u>WEL/MAT INFO FOR APRIL DUE</u> **EARLY** DATE	3 1-3 PM Mexican Train Dana Gilbertson's 1905 Garden Ave	4	5 1-3 pm What have you been Reading at Barnes & Noble	6 11:30 OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH AT DEVINE RESTAURANT (FORMER VIEW 202)
9	10 10 AM SIMPLE DELISH NUTRISH at VAL's 1230PM Double Deck Pass (P)	11 12:00PM Charmers (B) Bridge RSVP Gerry Carrol 530 515-8040 12:30 -3:00 HAND & FOOT AT HOLIDAYMKT COMMUNITY ROOM	12 10AM Redd Thumb Garden Group at Patti Dauphinee's 530pm Why Cook Tonight at LULU's	13 10AM Quilt N Friends at Sewing Room on Athens
16	17 10AM Board Mtg at Kathy Jensen's	18 1 pm Writers Group at Freddie Martins 5:30-8:30 Pick of the Vine at Andi Winters	19 10AM Creative You at Patti Sauret's (Easter Brunch) 1230PM Lucky Ladies (P)	20 11:45 am Adventures Await Shasta Dam Tour
23 10-12 NEEDLENUTS AT THE SEWING ROOM ON ATHENS	24 11:30AM Luncheon Party at Patti Sauret's home	25 12:00PM Charmers (B) RSVP Gerri Carroll 5:30 LADIES ONLY DINE OUT AT CHEESE CAKES	26 10:00 AM GENERAL MEETING at Elks. <u>Speaker:</u> RABA <u>Media Madame</u> Puzzles, C/D & DVD's Magazines <u>Greeters:</u> Quilt n Friends <u>WE CAN.....</u> <u>EXODUS FARMS</u>	27

MARCH 2026 ACTIVITIES

2: ****Early Date**** APRIL 2026 WELCOME MAT INFO DUE

3: MEXICAN TRAIN 1-3 PM at Dana Gilbertson's home 1905 Garden Ave Please RSVP Brenda Waggoner 760-876-0807.

5: 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 discuss your latest reads.

6: OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH Place: (NEW) DeVine Restaurant (Formerly View 202) 202 Hemsted Dr. Social: 11:30 AM. Lunch: Noon. Newly renovated restaurant offering a unique culinary experience inspired by Italy's finest regions! Come & enjoy the view and the company. RSVP to Joyce Nanson text/call: 530-440-8295

10: SIMPLE DELISH NUTRISH 10 AM at Val Rodriguez's 191 Justin Way, Rdg. Sips, Secrets & Spring: The March Refresh! We're shaking up exclusive, sugar-free botanical mocktails you won't find anywhere else. Come taste our delicious mocktail creations that will leave you wanting more, created with simple whole healthy ingredients plus splashes of CPTG essential oils. RSVP: Text Val 650 868-7262



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

11: CHARMERS (B) 12:00 PM Call Gerry Carroll 530 515-8040

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 nibblies 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. Our garden group will be potting succulents to be used for centerpieces at the Fashion Show in April. Come join the fun. Refreshments will be provided. It will be held at Patti Dauphinee's home, 1828 Cumberland Dr Redding. RSVP to Patti 530 338-7962

12: WHY COOK TONIGHT 5:30 PM. Join us at LULU's Restaurant (Back Room), 2230 Pine St., Rdg. Treat yourself, leave the cooking & clean up behind! Call/Text Peggy Bullock: 530 941-0426 to RSVP by Monday, March 9th.

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 530 229-1021

17: BOARD MEETING 10 AM at KATHY JENSEN'S HOME.

18: WRITERS GROUP 1 PM at Freddie Martin's home, 2082 Lazare Path, Rdg RSVP: Anna Gustafson 530 605-4010

18: PICK of the VINE 5:30 - 8:30 PM at Andi Winters, 2200 Corral Court, Rdg. You are invited to bring a Plus One, and an appetizer to share. Costs determined by Wines purchased, usually \$8 to \$10. RSVP to Lynette Gibson: 530 941-1520

19: CREATIVE YOU 10:00 AM at Patti Sauret's home, 2527 Crescent Moon Ct, Redding.

****CHANGE of ADDRESS****

We're having Easter Brunch, Potluck style, so wear your Sunday Best and/or your Easter bonnet. When you RSVP, you will be signing up for a particular Easter dish that is your family favorite. RSVP to Mary Hanrahan by text only 530-262-8601.



19: LUCKY LADIES (Pinochle) 12:30 PM

20: ADVENTURES AWAIT Mark your calendar for an outing featuring a Shasta Dam tour. We'll gather at the Visitor Center at 11:45 AM to eat our packed lunches before the 1 PM tour begins. Text Heidi at 510-375-5132.

23: NEEDLENUTS 10-12 at the Sewing Room on Athens Ave. Contact Sherry Varga 530 209-9835

24: LUNCHEON PARTY 11:30 AM at Patti Sauret's home, 2537 Crescent Moon Court, Rdg Cost: \$10 - \$15 based on expenses. Please bring cash, including \$1 bills for change.

Our cooks are Sandi Cain, Mary Hanrahan and Sherry Varga. To enter lottery, text (preferred) or call Debbie Davis (530) 604-9111 on Sunday, March 1st. Lottery results announced Tuesday, March 3rd. 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 Call Gerry Carroll

25: LADIES ONLY DINE OUT 5:30 PM at Cheese Cakes, 1135 Pine Street, Rdg RSVP bu 3/18 to Sandy Mann 626 487-115

26: GENERAL MEETING 10 AM at ELK'S LODGE SPEAKER: Kelly Sepelyak: RABA

+ MEDIA MADAME: (Amy Dodge) The "Lending Table" is open for C/D/DVD's, Puzzles, Magazines

+ WE CAN..... Joyce & Joann: Collecting for EXODUS FARMS: Look for the "open trunk" in the parking lot. See page 4 for specific needs.



WE CAN MAKE A DIFENCE

Joyce Menta 661 618-6112 & Joann Roskoski 530 215-3110

March: Joann and Joyce will be collecting for **Exodus Farms Horsemanship Youth Program.**

When speaking with Ginger at the farm, to see what specific needs they were wanting this year.....

She went "ON and ON" about their new bathroom that is right at completion! She expressed her gratitude of how generous Newcomers and Friends were last year to get this project completed! We wanted to pass that on, so you can see and hear that "WE ARE making a difference!" Thank you, ladies.

This year, the most needed items for Exodus Farms horsemanship youth program are: individually wrapped healthy snacks for the kids. For the NEW bathroom they could use TP, bathroom cleaning products; ie: Soft scrub, Windex, multipurpose cleaners, sponges, wipes, etc. Also, bulk liquid hand soap to refill the permanent receptacles. Monetarily, **cash or checks made out to Exodus Farms**, are always welcomed, to pay for things they need. You ladies do what comes naturally to give back to others in our community; because We CAN make a difference..... Joyce Menta and Joann Roskoski will be collecting before our March 26th general meeting. See you at the open trunk in the parking lot. Thanks again!

NEWCOMERS CLUB FOUNDED IN 1954

FOUNDER: Maxine Thurman

Cheryl Thurman (Daughter in Law) 530-510-1150

PAST PRESIDENTS

Alice Mongold 1954

Marcia McKenzie

Patty Agan (Liggatt) 1969

Mary Hoisington 1972

Sharon Green 1973

Evelyn Montgomery 1979-1980

Elrose Caruso 1984-1985 Single ladies join

Donna McFarlane 1987

Katie Young & Donna McFarlane 1987-1988

Lee Hickman 1988 Unlimited membership

Barbara Burtwell 1989

Mary Virginia Baker 1990

Loretta Mazza 1991

Vanitta Hoyle 1992-1993

Janette Kingsley 1994-1995

Gleta Mathews 1996-1997

Claudia Pennington 1998-1999

Mary Stukas 2000

Patty Marlow 2001-2002

Margo Maib 2003

Sharon Roberts 2004-2005 Local women joined

Gerry Carroll 2006-2007

Gerri Smith 2008-2009

Kathy Page 2010-2011

Naomi Luttio 2012

Adda Gripp 2013-2014

Barbara Mayberry 2015-2016

Pam Albo 2017-2018

Freddie Martin 2019-2021

Lucinda Williams 2022-2023

Ruth Plato 2024

Andi Winters 2025

NEW MEMBERS

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Likes: Hand & Foot; reading, cards and volunteering

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Likes: Gardening and water coloring

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Likes: Volunteering and social activities

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Likes: Line dancing and games

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Likes: Arts & Crafts, gardening, real estate, teaching reading and blanket making

MALLORY MC KUNE: 530-949-8589; 2991 Horizon View Trail, Rdg, 96002. mallorymckune@gmail.com

Likes: Hiking and gardening

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Likes: Quilting, sewing and writing

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Likes: Pickleball, hosting, and Interior Design

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Linda Catlin	3	Pat Malotte	17
Debbie Sheehan	3	Sandi Cain	19
Annette Spitsen	6	Liz LaMarre	20
Sharon Salpas	7	Janie LaCroix	21
Judy Wavers	9	Linda Perano	23
Sylvia Prichard	11	Joyce Menta	26
Shirley Steele	12	Joan Tornai	26
Susan Vanderwerf	12	Mary Bond	27
Gwen Knaebel	13	Doris Mendez	27
Pat Sprague	13	Lori Posey	31

**** REMINDER** Scholarship Applications**

are due April 1st. Applications are on our website and also available at the March General Meeting. Any questions: call or text Sharon Salpas (530) 604-4205.

***** WEBSITE UPDATE*****

The "Password" RESET FUNCTION on our website is not working. If you need to reset your password, the Webmistresses will do it for you - call Sharon Roberts or Carol Skill.

Also, send all MASS EMAIL REQUESTS TO BOTH Carol & Sharon, they share this job. And....if you need any help receiving Club emails, call them. They will help you.

SMILES

from CAROL WHITNEY

"The sexiest curve on your body is your smile— flaunt it!"



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BOARD MEETING: MARCH 17 at KATHY JENSEN'S

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 26 at ELKS LODGE

EXECUTIVE BOARD—2025-2026

President—Andi Winters

1st VP— Trish Sakata

2nd VP —Freddie Martin

Membership— Patty Susini

Secretary—Judy Keniston /Trish Sakata

Treasurer—Tammy Douse

Parliamentarian—Mickey Martin

APRIL WELCOME MAT INFO DUE MAR 9

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Cards were sent to the following members:

BREN WAGGONER had foot surgery in January-recovery going well.

AME DODGE had a complete knee replacement expects a long recovery period but doing ok.

SHARON ROBERTS had a heart ablation procedure in Sacramento-successful- all went well.

JOAN CUPP had a serious a fractured hip requiring surgery; now at home recovering well .

Sadly, we report the passing in Jan. of longtime member **CLARICE TRICKEY**. She joined Newcomers in 2011 and was active in Needle Nuts and well known for her exquisite needlework.

BARBARA EDINGTON'S long-time partner, **Ed Burk**, passed Feb 18 at their home in Redding. We send our sympathy to Barbara, an active member of Newcomers since 2002.

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