



## APRIL 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know our veterans in particular enjoyed last month's speaker, Krista Walken. Her "war stories" were fascinating, as were her recollections of growing up as a 6<sup>th</sup> generation Tuolumne County native. It's not easy to find good speakers, and we were fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy her presentation.

Krista is also active in working on the new Women's Veterans Memorial being constructed in Twain Harte, and she encouraged our participation and interest. Their group is selling personalized bricks, at \$100 each, to be placed in the Memorial grounds. Your TCNC board will be voting at our next meeting on approving the purchase of a brick on behalf of TCNC. If you would like more information about participating individually, let one of your board members know, and we will get the necessary material to you.

Sounds like we have an extra nice dinner coming up for our next meeting. Invite a friend to join you!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

**Phil VanSwoll**  
**President**



Phil VanSwoll and May guest speaker Krista Walken  
*(Photo taken by Steve Belochi)*

## WINE TASTING

**\*\*\* DATE CHANGE to Friday, May 24**

**Date:** Friday, May 24  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Wine Tasting  
**Hosts:** Leslie Thompson and Gene Bettencourt  
**Where:** 17878 Mountain Ridge Drive, Sonora

The May Wine Tasting Event will be a tasting, evaluating and identifying of your favorite white wine.

Please bring your favorite white wine or champagne and an appetizer or dessert.

Please RSVP to Lesley at (209) 533-1676 (home) or (310) 413-2213 (cell).

### Wine Tasting Host/Hostess 2024

June ..... Jeanne Rittenhouse and Bob Myers  
July ..... Don and Luz Magni  
August..... Kathy and Georg O'Gorman  
September .... Barbara Bristow  
October .....

**Sigrid Kehr**  
**Wine Chair**



## MAY DINNER MEETING

**When:** May 15, the third Wednesday

**Where:** **Bella Union Restaurant**  
(formerly Columbia House Restaurant)  
22738 Main Street, Columbia

**Time:** 5:00 p.m. Social Hour (No-host bar).  
6:00 p.m. dinner

**Price:** \$30 per person. Please make your check payable to TCNC, or if paying by cash, **kindly have exact change.**

**RSVP:** No later than **Friday, May 10**, by calling Bill Burnes at (209) 533-4334.

**NO REFUNDS AFTER DEADLINE**

### MENU

**This is going to be a plated dinner, and there are options for 1<sup>st</sup> course and 3<sup>rd</sup> course. When you RSVP, I need to know what your choices are!**

#### PLATED DINNER MENU

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Course

Green salad with Ranch or Italian dressing

##### OR

Clam chowder

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Course

Cheese fondue and bread

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Course

Roast Tri Tip with baked potato,  
topped with butter, sour cream and chives

##### OR

Chicken Vermouth with mushroom risotto  
(*chicken vermouth is much like chicken Marsala  
without the mushrooms*)

##### OR

Cajun chicken penne in an alfredo sauce  
with mushrooms, bell peppers and tomato

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Course

Ice cream sundae

**Again, when you RSVP, let me know what you want for Courses 1 and 3.**

**Carolynn Beard and Bill Burnes**  
Dinner Directors

## DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

Emily Kilgore  
Fire Prevention Specialist II  
Unit Public Information Officer with CalFire

**Marcia VanSwoll**  
**VP—Programs**



## KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Sigrid Kehr will be hosting this month's gathering on Monday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. Those interested in attending can plan to knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, etc. with other members. Dessert, coffee, and tea will be served during the get-together. Sigrid's address is 890 Poker Flat Rd., Copperopolis. Please RSVP to Sigrid at (209) 840-2260 or at sigridkehr@gmail.com.

**Patti Rittenhouse**  
**Needlework Chair**



## LADIES LUNCHEON

**When:** Wednesday, May 29  
11:30 a.m.

**Where:** **The River's Edge**  
17525 Sonora Rd., Knights Ferry

Separate checks. RSVP by May 22 to Geri Tolladay at (559) 905-1384, gerietol@comcast.net or to Kathy O'Gorman at (209) 588-8851, kgog13@gmail.com.

**Kathy O'Gorman and Geri Tolladay**  
**May Ladies Luncheon Coordinators**

## Community Events

**Sierra Repertory Theatre** [Call (209) 532-3120 or visit [www.sierrarep.org](http://www.sierrarep.org) for tickets.]

“The Drowsy Chaperone” will be playing from May 9 through June 9 at the East Sonora Theatre.

**Murphy’s Creek Theatre** [Call (209) 728-8422]

“Insertion” is playing now through May 12.

### Columbia Events

#### Cinco de Mayo

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — cost FREE**

Columbia CA, was at some point in time, a culturally and linguistically diverse area, including the Latin-American/Hispanic community, which has been present in the region for generations. In 1862, when civil wars were ravaging Mexico and US, the victory of the Battle of Puebla over Napoleon III brought a spontaneous celebration in Columbia, giving birth to “Cinco de Mayo, an American Tradition”.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Columbia State Park will be decorated in festive Cinco de Mayo style. We will celebrate with dances on the street, music, and art displays, in honor of the victory that preserved democracy and freedom in both countries.

Visit Columbia Museum for a magnificent exhibit telling the history of Cinco de Mayo.

This is a family event featuring Los Arribeños a California Fandango project, Raices del Mundo Folklorico ballet, Mariachi Luz de Luna, Salsa Dance, Mario Flores Latin Jazz Band and Rod Harris, as well as vendors and activities for children and adults!

**For More Information:** This event is organized by ConAmor Building Bridges (<https://b-conamor.org/>), a non-profit organization.

#### Columbia Diggins 1852

**May 16-19; 10-4 p.m. — Cost: \$10 Adults, \$2 children ages 5 to 17**

**Diggins Tent Town (located near main parking lot in Columbia State Historic Park)**

Step back in time to the year 1852 and discover what life was like in a gold diggings encampment during the early Gold Rush period. Over 150 volunteers help to recreate this time in history by living the life of a miner, merchant, actor/actress, and more. Explore the tent town and discover a way of life not seen in California for over 150 years.

Park visitors are welcome all four days of the event; however, note on Thursday and Friday Diggins will be full of 4<sup>th</sup> graders. It is best to visit on Saturday and Sunday.



## FROM THE EDITOR

If you take any photos at Newcomers' events, please send to me via email or snail mail, and identify the event and the people pictured. Digital images are preferred, but I can deal with any kind. Copy-ready is appreciated.

**Remember:** If you move or change your email address or phone number, contact me at (209) 586-3892 or judyhamilton816@gmail.com so I can make the necessary changes on the roster.

**Judy Hamilton**  
Newsletter Editor

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