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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, I have been reading that people have drifted more and more into loneliness in our society. Social media and cell phone technology contributed to that isolation. In my view, our Club plays an important social function in our community to offset that trend. It is one of the reasons I volunteered to be President for 2025 rather than seeing the club terminated. And a second reason was to relieve Phil VanSwoll from his lengthy service. I am sure you all join me to thank Phil and Marcia for shouldering the association for so many years.

Having said that, I am committed to do my best to assist in providing a pleasant environment for the members and fiscal viability of our club. However, only your enthusiasm and active participation will define this club in the future.

Your high attendance in December and January dinners already tells me how much you appreciate our getting together. We will propose additional activities, after consultation with you, to broaden your choices and encourage participation. The Board of Directors is committed to do its best so you are able to enrich your life in Tuolumne through fellowship.

Steve Belochi
President

P.S.: Kindly remember to pay your membership dues!

FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCHEON

When: Thursday, February 20

11:30 a.m.

Where: Kobe Steakhouse
The Junction Shopping Center
Sonora

Separate checks.

RSVP by Monday, February 17 to Kathy at (209) 588-8851 or Paula at (209) 532-7178.

Kathy O'Gorman and Paula Kolander
February Ladies Luncheon Coordinators

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Vivian Griswold will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, February 17**, 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. Vivian's address is 13000 Sunnyhill Court, Sonora. Please RSVP to her at (209) 480-9308 or at vivigriswold@gmail.com.



Patti Rittenhouse
Needlework Chair



FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

When: February 19, the third Wednesday, our regular schedule

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 Sunday, February 16**, by calling Bill Burnes at (209) 533-4334.

LASAGNA BUFFET DINNER MENU

Soup
Green Salad
Garlic Bread

Traditional Meat and Cheese Lasagna
White Lasagna with Chicken in a Creamy Pesto Sauce with Spinach and Mushrooms
Chocolate-Caramel Sundae

Bill Burnes
Dinner Director

DINNER MEETING SPEAKER

Our speaker this month is Tim Gillespie, Transportation Program Specialist with the Tuolumne County Transit Authority.

Karen Townley
Vice President — Programs

WINE TASTING



Our scheduled Wine Tasting Socials/ Tastings for Year 2025 will be on the 3rd Friday of the Month.

Thank you to our host/hostesses for volunteering to open your home for our wine tasting socials.

We begin our 2025 Wine Social hosted by our new president, Steve Belochi and Ina.

Date: Friday, February 21

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Address: 15818 Curtis Circle, Sonora

Tel: (209) 533-5315

Bring: A bottle of red Zinfandel or Merlot wine or champagne if you prefer and an appetizer or dessert.

Call Ina/Steve to RSVP that you are coming.

Newcomer's Wine Tasting 2025 Host/Hostess 3rd Friday of Month

March	Sigrid & Fred Kehr
April	Stephanie Mahler & Ray Olson
May	Lesley Thompson & Gene Bettencourt
June	Jeanne Rittenhouse & Bob Myers
July	Don & Luz Magni
August	Patti & Mitch Gerner
September	Barbara Bristow
October	Judy & John Reiman

Sigrid Kehr
Wine Chair

Community Events

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

“**Legally Blonde, The Musical**” will be playing from February 28 through March 23 at the East Sonora Theatre.

Photos taken at the January Ladies Luncheon at the Smoke Cafe in Jamestown



**Celebrating
a Happy New Year!**



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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