



## APRIL 2025

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In addition to my blooming Santa Rosa and Nectarine trees, we now see our Peach and Pluot trees coming to life with their bright colors. So definitely Spring is here! I am talking about the trees to encourage our new members, and others, to enjoy gardening in our county if they are so inclined.

As to our Club, I am happy to report that almost all dues have been received this year, thanks to Jeanne & Gene. The membership is now 69 high. We are finalizing the new club brochure to recruit new members, knowing well that the effort was not very successful in the past. But we will try!

Our Dinner Director continues to work with Bella Union to improve even more the service and meals' quality to satisfy the membership.

The Directors of the Board are now meeting at 10 a.m. every second Monday of the month at the Area 12 Agency on Aging. Any member is welcome to visit us to see how we handle the club business.

In the meantime, we are investigating an easy and simple way for the members to re-introduce themselves to the membership at our dinner venue. So far, we know each other by name only, some members repeatedly complained, and I agree with them.

Stay healthy,

**Steve Belochi**  
President



### SPRING LADIES LUNCH & HAT CONTEST



**When:** Wednesday, April 23  
11:30 a.m.

**Where:** **Yianni's Grill—Greek & American Cuisine**  
275 S Washington St., Sonora

Separate checks. RSVP to Lois Mueller at (209) 532-2685 or to Carolyn Abbott at (209) 694-0323 (h) or (510) 366-0694 (c) by Monday, April 21.

**Wear your Easter bonnet or decorate your hat for a hat contest. The categories are Most Creative, Most Festive, and Vintage. There will be prizes awarded for each category.**

**Lois Mueller & Carolyn Abbott**  
April Ladies Luncheon Coordinators

### MENS BREAKFAST



**When:** Monday, April 28  
**(Note: the last Monday of every month.)**  
11:30 a.m.

**Where:** My Garden Café  
14270 Mono Way, Sonora

Separate checks.

RSVP by April 27 to Don Magni. Call or text at (650) 296-6688. Thank you.. See you there.

**Don Magni**  
Mens Breakfast Chair

## APRIL DINNER MEETING

**When:** April 16, 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)  
(Come celebrate having your taxes done!)  
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 Monday, April 14,** by  
calling Bill Burnes at (209) 533-4334.

### BUFFET DINNER MENU

Fresh Baked Rolls  
Borscht Soup  
Green Salad  
Stuffed Bell Peppers  
Greek Chicken & Lemon Rice Skillet  
Bread Pudding with a Whiskey Caramel Sauce  
& Vanilla Ice Cream

**Bill Burnes**  
Dinner Director



## GUEST DINNER SPEAKER

Our April speaker will be Brian Hartsell from the David Lambert Community Center.

## WINE TASTING

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



Our April Wine Social will be hosted by Stephanie Mahler and Ray Olson.

**Date:** **Friday, April 18**

**Time:** **6:00 p.m.**

**Address:** **13613 Cabezut Rd., Sonora**

**Tel:** **Stephanie (831) 521-4359 or  
Ray (650) 436-9242**

**Bring:** A bottle of white wine or champagne  
and an appetizer or dessert to share.

Call Stephanie or Ray to RSVP that you are coming.

### Wine Tasting Host/Hostess For 2025

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

## KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Paula Kolander will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, April 21**, 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. Paula's address is 12700 Red Maple Circle #27, Sonora. Please RSVP to her at (209) 532-7178 or at pmkwdk@gmail.com.



**Patti Rittenhouse**  
Needlework Chair

## Community Events

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

“The Marvelous Wonderettes” will be playing from April 18 through May 18 at the Fallon House Theatre.

**Murphys Creek Theatre** [Call (209) 728-8422]

“The Glass Menagerie” will be playing from April 18 through May 11.

### **Columbia State Historic Park**

**Victorian Easter Parade & Egg Hunt event — Easter Sunday, April 20.** The parade likely begins at 12:30, and there are three Egg Hunts (first one for the young kids is at noon, the other two are after the parade). (The eggs will be plastic.)

**Columbia College Community Chorus presents their annual spring concert with two performances the last weekend of April.** Newcomers Leslie and Gary Davis will again be singing with the 45-member chorus, plus orchestra, as they present Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, followed by a variety of musical styles, including jazz, American spirituals, music with tight harmonies, and even *Fiddler on the Roof*, and an audience sing-along.

**Who: Columbia College Community Chorus**, led by Dr. Daryl Hollinger (*who is retiring after 10 years of leading the Community Chorus*)

**When: Saturday matinee at 3 p.m., April 26 and Sunday matinee at 3 p.m., April 27**

**Where: St. Matthew Lutheran Church**, 13880 Joshua Way, Sonora

**Tickets: \$20, or \$25 at the door** (beware, sometimes these concerts sell out)

**Ages 18 and under are free, but seats must be reserved**

**Ticket Sales:** Tickets are to be purchased from the Columbia College website ([gocolumbia.edu](http://gocolumbia.edu)), but the college is not set up yet. In the meantime, please contact Leslie at [davisgold@gmail.com](mailto:davisgold@gmail.com) or (209) 559-7723 to order tickets. And if you order tickets on your own, please let me know so I can enter the contest for the most tickets sold.





Photos taken by Steve Belochi at March's Wine Tasting Gathering



**TEDDY NEEDS A NEW HOME**

Leah and Dale Decker's dog needs a home. As you know Leah and Dale passed away and their darling Teddy needs a home. He is a Maltese mix about 10 years old and very cute.

I have their other dog Maggie, but with my dog Mylo having glaucoma we are already very busy and can't take Teddy.

Lesley Thompson  
(209) 533-1676 (h)  
(310) 413-2213 (c)

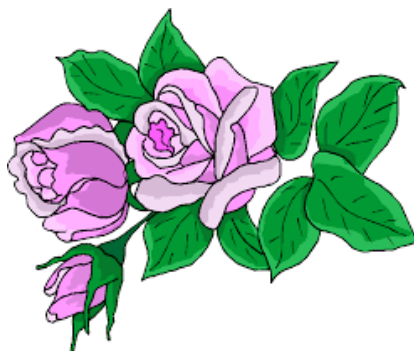


## FROM THE EDITOR

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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