



## MARCH 2026

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### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we enter the month of March, hopefully the weather has settled down and we can once again enjoy the special activities that we participate in. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, March 18th, for dinner at "The Peppery" starting at 5 pm.

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the month of March. Let us not forget that we are all Irish on Saint Patrick's day; enjoy the celebration!!!!

See you soon.  
**Don Magni,**  
Director at Large



### DUES ARE PAST DUE!

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well. This is a friendly reminder that club dues are past due for some club members. Our dues keep the club running and allow us to continue hosting activities and gatherings we all enjoy. If you haven't yet had a chance to send your dues in to Gene Bettencourt, please take a moment to do it now.

Make your check for \$30 per person payable to "TCNC." Add "2026 Dues" on the memo line, and mail to Treasurer Gene Bettencourt .

if you've already paid your dues for 2026, please disregard this message. And if you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at membership@tcnc.org or give me a call.

Thank you for supporting the Newcomers Club.

**Jeanne Rittenhouse, VP Membership**

### MARCH LADIES LUNCHEON

I am sorry to announce we will not be having the Newcomer's Ladies Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 due to the fact no one volunteered to be hostess and I'm out of commission from my recent surgery for at least 5 - 6 weeks.

As a reminder, it is not a requirement to have two hostesses and decorations and treats, unless it is something you personally want to do, or you want to honor a special holiday. All that is necessary is to make reservations at a local restaurant asking them to provide separate checks to us, and the hostess for the month providing them a final head-count in advance. It's the bonding and camaraderie of our members that count. Please feel free to bring a guest or invite a new member.

We will meet again the 2nd Wednesday of April - on April 8th at 11:30 am, location TBA.

**Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair**

### KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

**Patti Rittenhouse** will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, March 16, 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.

Patti's address is 13737 Cabezut Court, Sonora. Please RSVP to her.

**Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair**

## MARCH DINNER MEETING



**WHEN:** March 18, the third Wednesday  
**WHERE:** The Peppery, 13494 Mono Way, Sonora  
**TIME:** 5:00 pm Social Hour (No-host bar)  
Beer and wine are available for purchase.  
6:00 pm Dinner  
**PRICE:** \$35 per person. Please make your check payable to TCNC, or if paying by cash, kindly have exact change.  
**RSVP:** No later than Saturday, March 14, by calling Bill Burnes.

### BUFFET DINNER

*Tri Tip  
BBQ Chicken  
Green Salad  
Jalapeño Mashed Potatoes  
Pasta*

Bill Burnes, Dinner Director

### PROGRAM

**Martha Rubin**, Community Advocate, will speak about disaster preparedness.

**Karen Townley**, 1st Vice President (Programs)

#### **Monthly Dinner Speakers**

*Do you have a recommendation for a speaker for our monthly dinners? Please tell Karen Townley!*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**When:** Monday, March 30, at 10 a.m.  
(last Monday of every month)

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

No-host, separate checks.

**RSVP to Don Magni with either a call or text ..**

## WINE TASTING Social

Our scheduled Wine / Socials for the Year 2026 will be on the third Friday of the month. Thank you to our hosts/hostesses for volunteering to open your homes for our wine tasting socials.

Sigrid and Fred Kehr will host on **March 20** at their home.

**Date:** March 20  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**RSVP:** Call Sigrid



### **Wine Tasting Hosts/Hostesses coming up**

Apr: Rex and Susan Page  
May: Lesley Thompson and Gene Bettencourt  
June: Jeanne Rittenhouse and Bob Myers  
July: Patti Rittenhouse and Paul Line  
Aug: Don and Luz Magni  
Sept: Barbara Bristow  
Oct: Judy and John Reiman

**Sigrid Kehr, Wine Tasting Chair**

## SUNSHINE

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds you all fit and healthy at this time



We have one of our members, Dana Avila, who had surgery recently. She is at home recovering. Recovery time for this procedure is 4-6 weeks. Please continue to keep Dana in your thoughts and prayers. She wants to send her sincere thanks for the many calls and the meals she has received and wants you all to know how much it is appreciated.

Remember, if you hear of any member in need of a card to cheer them or is indisposed, just let me know and I will contact them.

Stay safe and healthy.

**Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 40th Annual Calaveras Celtic Faire - March 7 and 8

The Calaveras Celtic Faire returns with the largest Celtic Event on the West Coast on **March 7 and 8** at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp! Celebrating the cultures of Brittany, Cornwall, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Galicia and Asturias. The faire offers a wide range of activities, including:

- ◆ Live Music by various Celtic bands, including the Black Irish Band.
- ◆ Jousting and Medieval Tournaments, featuring the Imperial Knights, an exciting medieval tournament with spectacular stunts on horseback, jousting and hand-to-hand combat with a variety of medieval weapons.
- ◆ Celtic Market
- ◆ Highland Games
- ◆ Cultural Exhibits

Check out [calaverascelticfaire.com](http://calaverascelticfaire.com) for the line-up of events and scheduled times for each, and prices.



Two photos taken by Leslie during the 2011 Celtic Faire at the Motherlode Fairgrounds.

## MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

**EUREKA DAY**, a satire, is playing April 10 - May 3 at the Murphys Creek Theatre.

*This laugh-out-loud comedy follows a well-meaning school board whose values are put to the ultimate test during a public health crisis. It will be wildly familiar to anyone who has ever sat through a meeting that went off the rails.*

Murphys Creek Theatre has a unique "Pay As You Can" method of selling tickets - so that all can enjoy live theatre. Visit [murphyscreektheatre.org](http://murphyscreektheatre.org) or call 209-728-8422 for tickets.

**Theatre Outing:** Leslie and Gary Davis will be attending the Sunday, April 19, 2 pm matinee of *Eureka Day* in Murphys. If you'd like to join us, contact Leslie to advise how much you'd like to pay for your ticket(s) and if you like to sit near the front as we do. Suggested price \$20-\$60 each.

## SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

Sierra Rep's next three productions are:  
Mark your calendars!

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

February 27 - March 29 at the East Sonora Theatre  
**I just checked the website and noted this production is almost sold out most days - but there are quite a few good seats left for the last two evening performances - on March 27 and 28.**

### THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

April 17 - May 10 at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia

### THE THREE MUSKETEERS

April 24 - May 9 at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia (*playing in rotating rep with Shawshank Redemption*)

Visit [www.sierrarep.org](http://www.sierrarep.org) or call 209-532-3120 for tickets.

## TCNC CLUB BOOK PROGRESS

In 2025 it was proposed we publish a Club Book of and for our members - as a means to get to know each other a bit better. It will include a photograph of each member (individual or couple) and a short biography (less than 250 words). The initial goal was to complete the book by the end of the year, but we're obviously behind schedule.

If you haven't yet, please write up your short biography and send it with a recent photograph to Patti Rittenhouse at PARittenhouse@gmail.com. Patti will format the text and format the photo to a 2" x 2" size for the book.

And Leslie Davis is happy to take your photo - either during one of the dinner meetings, or at a location of your choice. Contact Leslie.

## 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 so I can make the necessary changes on the roster.

**Leslie Davis**  
**Newsletter Editor**

## TUOLUMNE COUNTY NEWCOMERS CLUB

### 2026 Board Members

President: NONE  
1st Vice Pres (Programs): Karen Townley  
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### 2026 Committee Chairs

Ladies Lunch: Dana Avila  
Web Director: Judy LaForce  
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Men's Breakfast: Don Magni  
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