



APRIL 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Spring is my favorite time of the year, and my garden rewards me with blossoms everywhere. The hummingbirds have ample nectar, so they are joined by honeybees with joyful spring sounds. Bumble bees always keep me company in the late afternoon while I tend my plants.



New members, be sure to join in our many activities so you can meet new people. Men can attend the monthly breakfasts and ladies, the luncheons. We have two more dinners at The Peppery before we head to Pinecrest for picnics in June – September. Wine Tasting this month will be hosted by Lesley Thompson and Gene Bettencourt. These are wonderful social events.

If you love live theatre, join us at Murphy's Creek. See Leslie Davis's message.

Have a great spring!

Judy Reiman, Secretary

MEN'S BREAKFAST

No-host, separate checks.

When: Monday, April 27, at 10 a.m.
(last Monday each month)

Where: My Garden Café, 14270 Mono Way, Sonora

RSVP to Don Magni with either a call or text .

APRIL LADIES LUNCHEON

Hosts: Lesley Thompson and Kathy O'Gorman

Date: April 8, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Morelia's Mexican Restaurant
18148 Main Street, Jamestown

Separate checks are acceptable.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 6.

Prospective and new members/guests are invited.

Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Sigrid Kehr will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, April 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.

Please RSVP to her.

Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair

APRIL DINNER MEETING



WHEN: April 15, 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, April 11, by calling
Bill Burnes.

BUFFET DINNER

Tri Tip
BBQ Pork
Green Salad
Jalapeño Mashed Potatoes
Pasta
Garlic Bread

Bill Burnes, Dinner Director

PROGRAM

Daniel Lewis, interpreter for Railtown 1897 State
Historic Park in Jamestown, will speak.

Karen Townley, 1st Vice President (Programs)

WINE TASTING Social

Our scheduled Wine Tasting Socials for
Year 2026 will be on the third Friday
of the month.

Our Wine Tasting for April will be
hosted by **Lesley Thompson and
Gene Bettencourt**

Date: April 17, Friday

Time: 6:00 pm

RSVP to Lesley.

Please bring a bottle of your favorite wine and an
appetizer to match.

Wine Tasting Hosts/Hostesses coming up

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



Have an idea for a speaker for a dinner meeting?
Karen Townley would love to hear from you.

Easter Sunday, April 5, in Columbia State Historic Park



Small Fry Egg Search (age 3-5): 12 noon

Jr. Egg Poachers (age 6-8): 2 pm

Great Egg Scramblers (age 9-12): 2:30 pm

SUNSHINE

Hello everyone.

A Happy Easter to you all. Spring came far too early this year but I am enjoying all the lovely blooms in my garden. We have several members in need of some Sunshine at the moment.



Carolynn Beard has been in the hospital and is now at Skyline Assisted Living. **Marilyn Martin** is in Golden Sonora (formerly Avalon) recovering from an illness. She is improving and will be sent back to Skyline too. Jim Hamilton is recovering well at a rehab facility in Modesto, getting stronger by the day. I am happy to report that **Dana Avila** is now doing very well after her surgery and wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards and meals during her recovery. It is good to see her looking so well again. **Graham Richards** suffered a seizure last week while in the Bay Area and is recovering in Burlingame in Mills-Peninsula hospital. His daughter Samantha is staying down there with him. He will go to Golden Sonora for recovery when he is well enough to travel back. Judi is holding down the fort at home. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. Feel free to call or send a card to them.

We don't usually have so many of our members to report on, but please remember to call me if you hear of anyone who is under the weather or just needs cheering up. Stay healthy and happy.

In friendship,

Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

Thank you to those of you who have paid your 2026 dues. If you have not paid, the April newsletter will be the last newsletter to be received. We count on our dues to pay necessary insurance.

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

Your attention to this really matters.

Thank you.

Jeanne Rittenhouse, VP Membership

EASTER IN COLUMBIA



Victorian Easter Parade April 5, 1 pm
Join the parade! Registration 11 am

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 or call 209-728-8422 for tickets on your own, or . . .**

THEATRE OUTING: Leslie and Gary Davis and Judy and John Reiman are seeing the Sunday, April 19, 2 pm matinee of *Eureka Day* in Murphys. If you'd like to join them, contact Leslie to advise how much you'd like to pay per ticket (suggested \$20-\$60). Leslie will purchase the tickets and you can reimburse her once you arrive.

SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

Sierra Rep's next two productions, both at the Fallon House Theatre:

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

April 17 - May 10

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

April 24 - May 9 (playing in rotating rep with *Shawshank Redemption*)

Visit 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 via email. 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 at (209) 559-7723 or davisgold@gmail.com so I can make the necessary changes on the roster.

Leslie Davis
Newsletter Editor

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