



MAY 2026

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's hard to think about May when the weather has been so March-ish. April has always let us think that we have lots of long, warm days ahead only to fool us. I always pack away warm clothes only to get them out again. My roses have produced armloads of blooms, which will hopefully continue on to Mothers' Day and pleasantly warm weather.



May is our last dinner meeting until October and will feature Karen Ortiz, Adventist Health's Head of Philanthropy. Without external resources, hospitals would suffer financially.

In June we pack picnic baskets and head to Pinecrest. The cost to reserve the Cedar picnic area is \$68. We MUST have at least 23 people attend or the Club will need to pay the difference. The Club doesn't have a huge income source other than yearly dues and the 50/50 raffles, so the Board has voted to increase the cost to \$4 per person for the summer potluck picnics.

Activities in May include the popular Ladies' Luncheon, hosted by Patti Rittenhouse and Priscilla Colotto. These luncheons are a great way to get to know each other. Wine Tasting is another way to meet new people. April's was a huge success - thank you, Lesley and Gene. Our May hosts are Jeanne Rittenhouse and Bob Myers. The Men's Breakfast has a good turnout but there is room for more. Do the guys enjoy being together as much as the ladies?

Hope to see you at one of the interest groups.
Happy May!

Judy Reiman, Secretary

MAY LADIES LUNCHEON

Hosts: Patti Rittenhouse and Priscilla Colotto

Date: May 13, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

**Where: Pinocchio's Restaurant
4619 Mono Way, Sonora**

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks.

**Please RSVP no later than Monday, May 4,
to Patti Rittenhouse or
Priscilla Colotto.**

Prospective and new members/guests are invited.
Carpooling is encouraged.

Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Kay OKerrins will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, May 18, 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.

Kay's address is 22045 High Rd., Twain Harte.
Please RSVP to her Kay

Carpooling is encouraged.

Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair

APRIL DINNER MEETING



WHEN: May 20, 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, May 16, by calling
Bill Burnes .

BUFFET DINNER

Tri Tip
BBQ Chicken
Green Salad
Jalapeño Mashed Potatoes
Pasta

Bill Burnes, Dinner Director

PROGRAM

Karen Ortiz, Head of Philanthropy at Adventist
Health Sonora, will speak.

Karen Townley, 1st Vice President (Programs)

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

No-host, separate checks.

When: Monday, May 25, 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

WINE TASTING Social

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

The **May Wine Tasting Social**
will be hosted by Stephanie
Mahler and Ray Olson.

Date: May 15, Friday

Time: 6:00 pm

RSVP to Stephanie or Ray

Please bring a bottle of "Spring Wine" - Pinot Grigio
or Rosé and/or your favorite wine/champagne -
and an appetizer to share.

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



A blast from the past. Here are some Newcomers
having fun in the May 2018 Mother Lode Parade.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The merry month of May is filled with lots of activities in Tuolumne County. Check them out!

Aronos Research Club History Mystery Walks - May 8, 15, 22, 29

Happening every Friday this month - then will be discontinued for the summer. Meet in Courthouse Square Park at 10 a.m. for a one-hour group walk, including a presentation on the history of a building or home still standing from Sonora's colorful past. Free.

Cinco de Mayo Festival - May 2 & 3

Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Columbia State Historic Park. Free.

Mother Lode Round Up Parade - May 9

Saturday, 10 a.m. on Washington Street in downtown Sonora. Bring your lawn chair and watch the parade!

Mother Lode Round Up Rodeo - May 9 & 10

Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds in Sonora. Entry: \$30, or \$25 pre-sale.

2nd Saturday Art Night in Sonora - May 9

On the second Saturday of every month, the merchants in Historic Downtown Sonora stay open late for 2nd Saturday Art Night to host artists of all types for entertainment for locals and visitors. Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Free.

Scam Prevention Tips - May 12

Tuesday at 3 p.m. The Aronos Research Club at 37 Elkin Street in Sonora presents a talk by the Sonora Police Department on how we can protect ourselves from scams. Free. It's best to carpool as parking is not the easiest.

Diggins Tent Town 1852 - May 16-17

Diggins Tent Town 1852 is Thursday-Sunday, May 14-17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Columbia State Historic Park. Note the Diggins, a reenactment of Columbia 170 years ago, is teeming with 4th graders the first two days - a better experience can be found on the weekend days. Entry: \$10, under 17 free.

Columbia Memorial Day Remembrance - May 25

This is a very short ceremony honoring local military personnel who died while serving in the armed forces. 11 a.m. in the Columbia Cemetery. Free.

Questions about any of the above? Contact
Leslie Davis

SUNSHINE



Hi everyone.

First, our sincere condolences to Judy Hamilton and her family on the passing of husband Jim April 30. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this very sad time.

Also, please keep John and Judy Reiman in your thoughts and prayers. John had a fall and fractured his hip and shoulder. He is recovering at home on bed rest and Judy is taking care of him.

Please remember if you hear of anyone needing a cheery note, let me know.

In friendship,

Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair

MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

HENRY V by Henry Shakespeare is playing June 12 - July 5 at the Murphys Creek Theatre.

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.

Or, if you wish to see HENRY V with a group (always a lot of fun), Leslie Davis is organizing an outing to see this production on Sunday afternoon, June 14. If you'd like to carpool to Murphys with us, please advise.

SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

Sierra Rep's next two productions are:

BACK TO THE '80s: A TRIBUTE CONCERT
May 15 through May 31 at East Sonora Theatre

DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!
June 19 through July 19 at Fallon House Theatre

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 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 at 209-559-7723 or davisgold@gmail.com.

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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