



**JUNE 2026**

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**Web Site:** <http://www.tcnc.org>



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## FROM THE BOARD

It seems that June IS busting out after a warm, breezy, sometimes pout-y/cold in late May. Gardening has been delightful, at least until early evening when the mosquitoes come out for dinner.

June means that it is time to dig out your picnic baskets and rolling coolers, (don't forget to pack a sweater or light jacket—umbrella? just in case) and head for our summer picnics at Pinecrest. It is so relaxing up there. We try to get there early, bring a book, or just enjoy the beauty. Be sure to carpool, if possible. And reach out to anyone you do not recognize. We must be a welcoming club or we risk losing new members.

If you have not already done so, please write a short bio for the Club Book. This is such a fun way to learn something new about our members and is a great conversation starter.

I hope you are fully taking advantage of all the activities the Club has to offer. The various interest groups are highlighted in the Newsletter.

**Judy Reiman, Secretary**

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

I want to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to be your membership chairperson. Although my position isn't up until January, I'd like to solicit for a volunteer to take over either prior to January or in January. It's an easy position and fun. So please, contact me.

Here are some of the duties, none are difficult:

- ◆ Greet and assist new members and introduce them to the club
- ◆ Respond to questions about the club
- ◆ Assist the Treasurer in collecting dues
- ◆ Attend monthly board meetings

**Jeanne Rittenhouse, Membership Chair**

## JUNE LADIES LUNCHEON

**Host:** Dana Avila

**Date:** June 10, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Columbia Kate's Teahouse Restaurant  
22727 Columbia Street, Columbia

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks.

**Please RSVP no later than Saturday, June 6th, to Dana Avila**

Prospective and NEW members/guests are welcome. Carpooling is encouraged

**Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair**

*See page 4 for pictures submitted by Dana Avila of the May Ladies Luncheon.*

## KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

**Priscilla Colotto** will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, June 15, 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 .

Carpooling is encouraged.

**Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair**

## JUNE DINNER PICNIC AT PINECREST

**WHEN:** June 17, the third Wednesday

**WHERE:** Pinecrest Lake, Cedar Day Use Area

**TIME:** 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Dinner

**COST:** \$4 per person

The first Pinecrest potluck dinner picnic is Wednesday, June 17. Come and enjoy dinner at the Cedar Day Use Area by Pinecrest Lake. Look for the Newcomers banner on the fence. It's a good idea to carpool.

Plan to arrive around 5:00 p.m. for social hour, and we'll sit at the picnic tables for dinner about 6:00 PM. Bring whatever picnic food you wish to prepare and share, and your own drinks and plates/utensils. The weather should be gorgeous! Mark your calendar so you don't miss this event.

The Newcomers Club pays a reservation fee of \$68 for each of our picnics at Pinecrest. The Board voted to have each person chip in \$4 to cover the reservation.

### Rex Page

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

Consider carpooling to Newcomers events.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

No-host, separate checks.

**When:** Monday, June 29 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 Socials

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

Thank you to our May Hosts Stephanie and Ray for our enjoyable wine tasting social.

**Our June Wine Social will be hosted by Jeanne Rittenhouse/ Bob Myers.**

**Date:** June 19, 2026

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

**RSVP to Jeanne**

**Bring a bottle of your favorite red or white wine or champagne, and an appetizer or dessert to share.**

**We will be sitting outside so dress appropriately. Please call Jeanne to advise you are coming.**

**Wine Tasting Hosts/Hostesses coming up**

Jul: Patti Rittenhouse and Paul Line;

Aug: Don and Luz Magni

Sept: Barbara Bristow

Oct: Judy and John Reiman

**Sigrid Kehr, Wine Tasting Chair**



## ONE O'CLOCK GAMES GALORE

We'd love to have you join our One O'Clock Games Galore group! We meet on the **4th Tuesday** of each month for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and plenty of laughter. Each host is asked to provide either a dessert or an appetizer, and everyone brings their own beverage.

We enjoy a variety of games including Rummikub, Five Crowns, Tapped Four, Scrabble, Cribbage, and more. Members who join the group are asked to host one gathering during the year. Please note that we do not meet in November or December because of the holiday season.

Come join our fun-loving, game-playing group!

**Judy Hamilton, Coordinator**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS IN JUNE

### Sonora Certified Farmers Market

7:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday to mid-October  
Parking lot at Theall and Stewart Streets

### Sonora Poetry & Prose Crawl—FREE

Friday, June 5, 6-8 p.m. at four locations  
on Washington Street in Sonora.  
Visit [sonorawriters.com](http://sonorawriters.com) for full listing.

### 2nd Saturday Art Night

Saturday, June 13, 5-8 p.m.  
Washington Street, Sonora

### Father's Day Fly-in at Columbia Airport

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 20  
\$7 adults

### Tuolumne Lumber Jubilee

June 26-28 at Westside Memorial Park in Tuolumne  
[Lumberjubilee.org](http://Lumberjubilee.org)

**Columbia Walkers**—One-hour walk around Columbia  
each Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Call Leslie at  
209-559-7723 for details.

## AND COMING IN JULY...

### Columbia's Glorious Fourth of July Parade & Games Saturday, July 4, in Columbia State Historic Park

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a concert by the Mother  
Lode Brass & Reed Band, and the Lucky Cuzn Brass Band -  
playing in two locations on Main Street to entertain as  
the crowd gathers for the parade. The parade steps off  
at noon, and is followed by lots of old-fashioned games,  
such as the Greased Pole Climb, Watermelon Eating Con-  
test and Egg Toss.



## SUNSHINE



Great news - I haven't  
heard that anyone is under the weather.

In friendship,

**Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair**

## MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

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

Murphys Creek Theatre has a unique "Pay As You  
Can" method of selling tickets. So that all can en-  
joy live theatre, a ticket may be purchased for as  
low as \$0, or \$46 will cover their operating costs,  
or consider "paying it forward" by paying more  
for your ticket. Visit [murphyscreektheatre.org](http://murphyscreektheatre.org) or  
call 209-728-8422 for tickets.

Or, if you wish to see ***HENRY V*** with a group,  
Leslie Davis is organizing an outing to see this  
production on Sunday afternoon, June 14 - and  
there are a few decent seats left. If you'd like to  
carpool to Murphys with us, please call Leslie at  
209-559-7723.

## SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

Sierra Rep's next 2 productions:

### **DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!**

June 19 through July 19 at Fallon House Theatre

### **GREAT BALLS OF FIRE**

July 24 through August 9 at East Sonora Theatre.

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

## TC Newcomers Ladies Lunch at Pinocchio's May 13



## SUMMER ADVENTURE

Anybody up for a hike on the Sugar Pine Railway Trail this summer?

Leslie and Gary Davis are willing to organize the hike - we just need to know who might be interested in joining us so the best date for all can be set. Call Leslie at 209-559-7723 if interested.

This hike is considered a gentle 3-mile hike (one way), at approximately 5,320 feet elevation. The route parallels the South Fork of the Stanislaus River, following the historic Sugar Pine Railroad right-of-way. Access is from the bridge at Fraser Flat Campground (Hwy 108, Long Barn) at the lower end, or we can pick up the trail at Old Strawberry Road (Pinecrest) and head downhill to Fraser Flat.

It is considered a gentle grade, with no steep climbs, and there is some shade. Note restrooms and water are not available along the trail.

For more information, follow this link:

[Sugar Pine Railway Trail](#) | [California Trails](#) | [TrailLink](#)



Do you have any ideas for other outdoor adventures? Please share with us.

## 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.

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## 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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## TUOLUMNE COUNTY NEWCOMERS CLUB

### 2026 Board Members

President: NONE  
1st Vice Pres (Programs): Karen Townley  
2nd Vice Pres (Membership): Jeanne Rittenhouse  
Secretary: Judy Reiman  
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Ladies Lunch: Dana Avila  
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Men's Breakfast: Don Magni  
Games Galore: Sigrid Kehr  
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