



JULY 2026

EDITOR:
Leslie Davis

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



If your cell phone or tablet has a QR app, you can scan this to be directed to our website.

FROM THE BOARD

Happy 4th of July and happy birthday to our country's 250th year. Also in early July be sure to view the strawberry moon—the 20-year phenomenon where the moon passes closer to the earth.

Looks like we will have a mild month so you will be able to enjoy being outdoors a little longer. And speaking of outdoors, please join your fellow members for another picnic at Pinecrest. A big thank you to Kay and "Chef Dave" Kerrins for their generosity and creativeness at the barbecue.

Check the rest of the newsletter for more activities the club offers. The wine tasting in June was well attended. Thanks to our hosts Jeanne and Bob. We hope more men join the breakfast group and that more ladies come to our monthly luncheon. This is such a great way for new members to get to know us. Remember to reach out to them - and consider offering a ride to an event.

So, enjoy July and have fun doing what pleases you.

Judy Reiman, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Jeanne Rittenhouse is serving as Membership Chair, however she is seeking a volunteer to take over this position. It's easy and fun. If interested, contact Jeanne at membership@tcnc.org

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

JULY LADIES LUNCHEON

Hostesses: Carolyn Abbott and Carol Morrison

Date: July 8, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Standard & Pour Restaurant
19040 Standard Rd., Standard

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks.

Please **RSVP no later than Monday, July 6**, to:

Carolyn Abbott
or Carol Morrison

Theme: 250th year anniversary of America, "4th of July." Wear red, white & blue.

Guests and new members are invited. We hope to see you there!

Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

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

Sigrid's address is 890 Poker Flat Road, Copperopolis. Please RSVP to her. Carpooling is encouraged.

Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair

JULY DINNER PICNIC AT PINECREST

WHEN: July 15, the third Wednesday

WHERE: Pinecrest Lake, Cedar Day Use Area

TIME: 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Dinner

COST: \$4 per person

The second Pinecrest potluck dinner picnic is Wednesday, July 15. 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, July 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

WINE TASTING Socials

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

Thank you to our June hosts Jeanne and Bob, for the wonderful wine tasting social.

Our July Wine Social will be hosted by Patti Rittenhouse and Paul Line.

Date: July 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP to Patti

Please bring a bottle of your favorite red, white wine, champagne or prosecco, and an appetizer or dessert to share.

We will be sitting outside so dress appropriately. Patti asked that you park up on the cul-de-sac and walk down the drive if possible.

Wine Tasting Hosts/Hostesses coming up

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.

If you'd like to join our fun-loving, game-playing group, call me .

Judy Hamilton, Coordinator

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN JULY

Mother Lode Fair

Thursday, July 2 through Sunday, July 5 at fairgrounds

Exhibits open 9 am to 10 pm, carnival rides operate 1 pm to 11 pm. Arena events: Rodeo July 3 at 5 pm, Truck and Tractor Pulls July 4 at 6 pm, Destruction Deby July 5 at 6 pm

The rodeo Friday evening is featuring a new event: Bull Bubble Soccer. Look it up on the internet!

Gate Admission (includes arena events)

Presale by July 1: \$12 adult, \$8 senior

July 2*-5: \$15 adult, \$10 senior

motherlodefair.org

*** Note opening day (July 2), seniors 62+ get in free**

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 on Main Street - to entertain as the crowd gathers for the parade. The parade steps off at noon, and is followed by old-fashioned games, such as the Greased Pole Climb, Watermelon Eating Contest. The antique hand-pumper Papeete will also be brought out for a demo - the kids love to play in the water as Papeete is pumped. visitcolumbiacalifornia.com



Mother Lode Brass & Reed Band

Free Organ Concert by Dr. Daryl Hollinger

Sunday, July 12, 4 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Contact Leslie Davis for more details.

SUNSHINE



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

Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair

MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

"WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME"

August 7 through August 30

Been begging for a Constitutional amendment cheat sheet? Fifteen-year-old Heidi once paid for college by winning Constitutional debate competitions. Now, as an adult, she revisits that teenage self to explore how this founding document has shaped four generations of women in her family and continues to shape all of us. Hilarious, endearing, and surprising, this boundary-breaking play was a **Pulitzer Prize finalist** and a Tony Award nominee for Best Play.

"Uproariously funny, wrenchingly moving, and inspiring." – NY Review of Books

Visit murphyscreektheatre.org or call 209-728-8422 for tickets.

SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

"DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL!"

Through July 19 at Fallon House Theatre

A lightning-fast musical comedy packed with iconic TV theme songs, outrageous nostalgia, and retro television mayhem.

"GREAT BALLS OF FIRE"

July 24 through August 9 at East Sonora Theatre.

A high-octane celebration of the music that shook the world and launched a generation of legends.

Visit www.sierrarep.org or call 209-532-3120 for tickets.



Happy 250th Anniversary, America!
1776 - 2026

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM AREA 12 AGENCY ON AGING

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment is coming . . . October 15 to December 7

At Area 12 Agency on Aging, we encourage Part D enrollees to review their Part D plans every year, regardless of any changes to their prescriptions or no prescriptions at all, to ensure they are in the least expensive plan available. It is highly unlikely that the cheapest plan for the current year will be the cheapest plan for the upcoming year. **Need assistance? Please call 209-532-6272 on August 1 and make an appointment with an Area 12 counselor.** This program has become extremely popular, so do not delay in making an appointment. See you in the Fall!

Medigap/Supplement Plans - When's the last time YOU reviewed your plan?

A little known fact about Medigap/Supplement plans is that the plan benefits are the same regardless of the company you purchase the plan from, but the pricing can HUGELY vary, particularly as you get older. Want to ensure that you are in the least expensive plan available to you? **Call Area 12 Agency on Aging at 209-532-6272 within 60 days after your birthday,** and we'll provide you with a comprehensive quote!

Karen Townley
Area 12 Agency on Aging Volunteer

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 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 at 209-559-7723 or davis-gold@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.

Leslie Davis

Newsletter Editor

TUOLUMNE COUNTY NEWCOMERS CLUB

2026 Board Members

President: NONE

1st Vice Pres (Programs):	Karen Townley	408-373-1122	newkaren928@gmail.com
2nd Vice Pres (Membership):	Jeanne Rittenhouse	209-588-8329	jeanmariecomcast@comcast.net
Secretary:	Judy Reiman	209-533-9295	judy.reiman@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Gene Bettencourt	831-334-7014	genebettencourt@comcast.net
Director at Large:	Don Magni	650-296-6688	DonandLuz@gmail.com
Dinner Director:	Bill Burnes	209-533-4334	sonorabill401@gmail.com

2026 Committee Chairs

Ladies Lunch:	Dana Avila	541-999-2582
Web Director:	Judy LaForce	209-743-4013
Raffle	Karen Townley	408-373-1122
Sunshine:	Barbara Bristow	209-588-8066
Roster:	Leslie Davis	209-559-7723
Badges:	Susan Page	209-533-4501
Wine Tasting:	Sigrid Kehr	209-840-2260
Men's Breakfast:	Don Magni	650-296-6688
Games Galore:	Sigrid Kehr	209-840-2260
Needlework:	Patti Rittenhouse	209-770-6390
Newsletter Editor:	Leslie Davis	209-559-7723