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FROM THE BOARD

Welcome to August! According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, it will be **HOT**! It has always been known to be the hottest month of the year. I do not like heat, but I know some of you do. It is a good time to drive up the mountain and enjoy a picnic at Pinecrest on August 19. This is a perfect time to socialize and get to know new (or old) members. Hope to see you there.

Hostesses Carolyn Abbott and Carol Morrison had a big turnout at Standard Pour in July for the monthly Ladies' Luncheon. See Dana Avila's article for the next hostesses and venue. Our ladies love to get together and socialize. Men—you can do the same for the monthly breakfast coordinated by Don Magni.

Finally, join us for the monthly wine tasting. In July we enjoyed Patti Rittenhouse's deck in her beautiful home. There was a good turnout. On August 21st, Don and Luz Magni will host in their lovely home in Apple Valley. Don always cooks up an Italian dish--yummy. And, we always have plenty to eat. If you don't or can't drink wine, no problem. Bring your (second) favorite beverage.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

Judy Reiman, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Jeanne Rittenhouse is seeking a volunteer to replace her as TCNC Membership Chair. If interested in this easy and fun position on the TCNC Board, contact her.

Some of the duties, none are difficult:

Greet and assist new members and introduce them to the club, respond to inquiries about TCNC, assist the Treasurer in collecting dues, attend monthly board meetings.

Jeanne Rittenhouse, Membership Chair

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13775 Mono Way, Sonora (in the Junction)

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks, and gratuity will be included.

Please **RSVP no later than Monday, August 10**, to:

Karen Aberle: 408-391-3058 cell

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Patti Rittenhouse will be hosting this month's gathering on **Monday, August 17, 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 .

Carpooling is encouraged.

Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair

AUGUST DINNER PICNIC AT PINECREST

WHEN: August 19, the third Wednesday

WHERE: Pinecrest Lake, Cedar Day Use Area

TIME: 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Dinner

COST: \$4 per person

The third Pinecrest potluck dinner picnic is Wednesday, August 19. 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, August 31, 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 Tasting Socials/Tastings for Year 2026 are held on the third Friday of the month.

Thank you to our July hosts Patti and Paul for the wonderful wine tasting social.

Our August Wine Social will be hosted by Luz and Don Magni.

Date: August 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP to Luz and Don.



Please bring a bottle of your favorite red, white wine, champagne or prosecco, and an appetizer or dessert to share. Don and Luz will provide ravioli, green salad and garlic bread.

Wine Tasting hosts for remainder of 2026

September: Barbara Bristow

October: 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

SUNSHINE

Hi everyone. I hope you are all safe from the fires and the hot weather.



Vivian Griswold had knee surgery and is recovering well.

Judy Hamilton is going to have surgery on August 6th and will be having treatment afterwards. Please send your prayers and loving thoughts on that day and after.

Please continue to keep both of them in your prayers.

Cheers,

Barbara Bristow, Sunshine Chair

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN AUGUST

CLASSY ESTATE SALE

Members of the nonprofit ARONOS CLUB in Sonora are hosting a **"My Kids Don't Want This Stuff Yard Sale"** on August 8 and 9 (Sat 8-3, Sun 8-1). The sale will be inside the Aronos Club located at 37 Elkin Street. This sale features vintage china, glassware, collectibles, unique household treasures, and much more! All proceeds benefit the Aronos Research Club.

BAND CONCERT

The **Mother Lode Brass & Reed Band** will give two Thursday evening concerts this month. In honor of America's 250th birthday, the band will be playing an all-American program - with lots of rousing marches! Gather your family/friends/neighbors and carpool to this hour-long free concert (free will offering will be accepted).

August 13, 6:30 pm, inside air-conditioned Faith Hall Church of the 49ers, 11155 Jackson St, Columbia

August 27, 6:30 pm, Tuolumne Memorial Park
18625 Main St, Tuolumne

DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?

We have a very active dance community in Tuolumne County - with lots of opportunity to "cut a rug" - with or without a partner. Visit Ilene Tassano's website, <https://thedancecastle.com> for details.

MOTHER LODGE FAIR RESULTS

Barbara Bristow cleaned up at the Mother Lode Fair, again, with her creative floral arrangements. This year she collected 35 new ribbons for her *Ribbon Wall*, including "Best of the Mother Lode", "Best Fair Theme", "Best of Show", and many others, mostly blue.



MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

"WHAT THE CONSTITUTION MEANS TO ME"

August 7 - August 30 at Murphys Creek Theatre in Murphys. A playful and incisive analysis of gender and racial biases inherent to the U.S. Constitution that examines how this living document could evolve to fit modern America. Visit murphys-creektheatre.org or call 209-728-8422 for tickets. Tickets available on a "pay as you can" basis, meaning you can pay as little as \$20 (or even less), or "pay it forward" by purchasing a ticket for \$47, or more.

SIERRA REPERTORY THEATRE

"GREAT BALLS OF FIRE"

July 24 - August 9 at East Sonora Theatre.

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

"PETER PAN GOES WRONG"

August 21 - September 20 at the Fallon House

Theatre in Columbia. A high-wire comedy of errors that will leave you howling with laughter.

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.

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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