



SEPTEMBER 2026

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FROM THE BOARD

Welcome September! I look at September now with amazement that the year is almost three-quarters over. Temperatures look hopeful as we swing into fall. Do you remember the days when all attention was focused on getting the children ready for school? Then, there was that quiet when they were put on the bus or you drove them.

So, we still have lots of activities this month. This is your final chance to join us at Pinecrest for a picnic. It is so lovely chatting with our friends with the lake in the background. I heard a rumor that Chef Dave will be back at the barbeque. Does that mean Kay's amazing cupcakes? Don't miss it!

Wine tasting at the Magni's was well attended with Don's oh-so-good raviolis. Join us this month at Barbara Bristow's around her lovely pool and dangle your feet while munching and sipping. Then you have the lady's luncheon, craft group, games, and men's breakfast. Come and have fun. Make new friends.

Judy Reiman, Secretary

THIS AND THAT

Have an idea for a speaker for a dinner meeting? Contact Karen Townley.

Please send in your photos of Newcomers events for the newsletter.

Have you met someone new to the area? Or a long-time resident seeking to make new friends? Tell them about the Newcomers Club - and better yet, extend an invitation to join you for one of our activities.

SEPTEMBER LADIES LUNCHEON

Hostesses: Kay OKerrins and Marcia VanSwoll

Date: Wed, Sept 9, 11:30 am

Where: TWLV Kitchen at Chicken Ranch Casino
9100 People of the Mountain Rd,
Jamestown

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, September 7, to Marcia VanSwoll or Kay OKerrins.

Dana Avila, Ladies Luncheon Chair

KNITTING/NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Paula Kolander will be hosting this month's gathering on **Thursday, September 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 Paula.
Carpooling is encouraged.

Patti Rittenhouse, Needlework Chair

SEPT DINNER PICNIC AT PINECREST

WHEN: September 16, the third Wednesday

WHERE: Pinecrest Lake, Cedar Day Use Area

TIME: 5 pm Social Hour, 6 pm Dinner

COST: \$4 per person

The final Pinecrest potluck dinner picnic is Wednesday, Sept 16. 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

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

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 August hosts Luz and Don for our enjoyable wine tasting social.

Our September Wine Social will be hosted by Barbara Bristow.

Date: September 18, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

RSVP to Barbara

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

Wine Tasting hosts for remainder of 2026

October: Judy and John Reiman

Sigrid Kehr, Wine Tasting Chair



CARDS, DICE & GOOD TIMES



If you are interested in playing board games/ card games once a month - the 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m., we would love to have you join us. Please call **Sigrid Kehr**. if you would like to have more information or to join us for an evening of fun and games.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

No-host, separate checks.

When: Monday, September 28, 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN SEPT

HISTORY MYSTERY WALKS

FRIDAYS beginning Sept 4 in Columbia

The Aronos Research Club has organized more **History Mystery Walks**, this time in historic Columbia --every Friday morning at 10 am, Sept 4 through Nov 6.

Meet in the main parking lot for Columbia State Historic Park (South end of town) on Fridays at 10 am. First, we enjoy a walk with the group for 20 minutes - then we're led to a different historical site each week. Participants will enjoy a short program at each destination revealing the interesting history there. **FREE.** No registration required - come when you can, and bring a friend!

FIDDLE & BANGO* CONTEST

Saturday, September 26 at the gazebo in Columbia State Historic Park. This 42nd annual music contest begins at 10:30 am with competition all day until the grand prize is winner is selected - about 4-5 pm. Bring lawn chairs and sunscreen and enjoy the free music!

Musicians of all ages and abilities are invited to compete in six categories: Fiddle, Banjo, Mandolin, Guitar, Vocal, Miscellaneous. Sign ups begin 9 am. Entry fee is \$15 per category, or free if under 19.

**Yes, Bango is purposefully misspelled - because it was on the first poster, back in 1983!*

QUESTIONS about these Columbia events? Contact Leslie.

TOWN HALLS

Tuolumne County Sheriff David Vasquez is holding a series of town hall meetings to discuss a variety of topics, including county budget, and key government decisions affecting the safety of Tuolumne County, along with a Q&A to discuss community concerns. (Flock cameras, anyone?)

Dates and Locations

Sept 1, 4 pm: Groveland Community Resiliency Center
Sept 16, 4 pm: Bd of Supervisors Chambers, Sonora
Sept 21, 5 pm: Columbia Elementary School
Sept 29, 6 pm: Willow Springs Clubhouse
Oct 13, 4 pm: Tuolumne Community Resiliency Center
Oct 27, 5 pm: Jamestown Community Hall
Nov 9, 4 pm: Twain Harte Community Center

SUNSHINE

Hello Everyone,



I am happy to report that we have not had too much activity this month. Judy Hamilton had surgery at the beginning of the month and is recovering well. She does not know yet if she will need additional treatment, so we wish her well. I myself came down with acute bronchitis and was "off the hooks" for a while. I am happy to say I am feeling better now. Stay well everyone and stay positive. It really helps.

Barbara Bristow

MURPHYS CREEK THEATRE

"SPIRIT/SONG" Oct 2 - Oct 25 at Murphys Creek Theatre, Murphys

"Spirit/Song" is a haunting mystery, ghost story, and unexpected romance that feels as if it's unfolding across lifetimes.

Visit murphyscreektheatre.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

"PETER PAN GOES WRONG" through Sept 20 at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia.

"DRACULA, A COMEDY OF TERRORS" Oct 2 - Oct 31 at the East Sonora Theatre. *Perfect for fans of comedy, mystery and the delightfully absurd.*

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

2027 Season at Sierra Rep

Frozen, East Sonora, Jan 6 - Feb 14

Great Expectations, Fallon House, Feb 26 - Mar 21

The Miracle Worker, Fallon House, Feb 27 - Mar 20

Come From Away, East Sonora, Apr 16 - May 16

Finding Nemo, Fallon House, Jun 4 - Jun 27

Rock n' Roll Reignited, East Sonora, Jul 9 - Jul 25

Les Misérables, Fallon House, Aug 13 - Sept 19

Romeo & Juliet, East Sonora, Oct 8 - Oct 30

The 39 Steps, East Sonora, Oct 9 - Oct 31

Miracle on 34th Street, Fallon House, Nov 27 - Dec 19

Jingle Bell Jive!, East Sonora, Dec 8 - Dec 19

TCNC CLUB BOOK

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. The book includes photographs of members and short biographies.

Patti Rittenhouse used her excellent graphic design skills to create

the first edition of the Newcomers Club Book, but it's far from complete.

If you haven't yet, please write up your biography (up to 250 words), and send it with a recent photograph to Patti Rittenhouse at PARittenhouse@gmail.com. She will format the text and the photo to a 2" x 2" size for the book.

If you need a new photo, Leslie Davis is available to take a portrait at no charge - either during a Newcomers event, or at a location of your choice. Contact Leslie at davisgold@gmail.com or 209-559-7723.

Everyone has a story to tell, let's hear yours!

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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