

THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS
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Our website: WWNeighbors.org

WWN IS 40 YEARS OLD!
LETS CELEBRATE

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Picnic plans are in the works! This year our picnic is at Reinhart Park at the Harry and David Pavillion. Yes, same place as last year. Our theme is "4th of July-ish" and will be decorated with flags. The picnic will be on **July 7th from 10 until it gets too hot**. We are planning the menu now, so of course it will be picnic favorites. Sign up sheet will be at the April, May and June general meetings. More info to follow as plans are confirmed.

*It's time to pay your WWN Dues! Still the best deal in town
\$15/year per person.
So many activities for one low price
If you joined after 1/1/2026 you are paid until 2027*



Launie Myers
Vice President

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Hello all you Whodunits and True Crime junkies. We have a great speaker for you April 28 - Melynda Cordes will give us a taste of what is to come at her True Crime Summit in Jacksonville May 15-16.

The Summit consists of the experts that work in forensics, pathology and victim advocacy. Melynda will have an offer that's hard to refuse - tickets are \$85 for the 2 day summit, but *she will offer us a chance to go free!* Pays to have a mom in the club! Thanks Bonnie Cordes!!

For more details go to True Crime Summit website and even hear the podcast.

See you at meeting April 28 at Fruitdale Grange, 10 am speaker, but come early to get a good seat, sign up for activities and mingle -and it's a great meeting to invite a guest to join us!



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Bear Hotel

201 NE Spalding

12:30

During May the game will be on

Fridays!

May 1st & 29th

June 3rd & 17th

Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!

All shared food must be commercially prepared.

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich

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Jan Kloes & Kathy Gray at Mexican Train

Here is the treasurer report for the St Patrick's Dinner. The board wanted to share this with the membership to clear up any questions about how we are spending the clubs money. We will be publishing more information in future Newsletters

Expenses	
Room Rental (Grange)	\$90.00
3 Servers	\$75.00
71 meals x \$23.00	\$1,633.00
20% gratuity on 71 meals	\$326.60
Plates & Tablecloths	\$46.86
Raffle Prizes	\$162.00
Total Expenses	\$2,333.46
Income	
Members meals @ \$15 x 70	\$1,050.00
Guest meals @\$23 x 1 x 20%	\$27.60
Total income	\$1,077.60
Expenses	\$2,333.46
Income	\$1,077.60
Total spent on St. Pat's	\$1,255.86
Budgeted	\$1,800.00
Unspent budget	\$544.14

Book Lovers Unite!

We are a different type of Book Club, in that we each read our own chosen book, then come to the meeting, buy our own lunch and give a review of the book to the group. Sometimes the book is offered on loan or as a gift to anyone who wants it. We are part of the *Western Welcomes Neighbors* social group, and you must be a member(\$15/year) to attend on a regular basis.

Visitors are welcome!



Elmer's Restaurant
175 N Agness Ave
Grants Pass

Second Monday
of every month
at 12:30pm

Please let Susan know if you will be coming so she can reserve the space

Susan Jaeger
541-582-8000
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Spotlight on **Ann Barham**, if she will stay still long enough to interview!



Jill, Pete the youngest, Kim, Paul the oldest and Ann the spoiler of all!



Ann and her sisters in Ireland in 2000.
Ann: "I've kissed the blarney stone five times, no wonder I have the gift of gab"



Christmas 2025 with the great-grands

If you've been to any WWN activities, you're likely to have met Ann Barham. She's one of those people who jumps in to help without being asked, always ready with a contagious laugh and a bright smile. She's also our undisputed queen of St. Patrick's Day—so naturally I wondered: is she truly Irish, or does she just love Bailey's like the rest of us? Time to find out.

Ann grew up in Tulare in the Central Valley as one of five children—three girls and two boys—in a lively Irish Catholic household. With a 12-year span between her and the youngest sibling, Ann did plenty of babysitting. Her mother was full Irish and her father was Welsh/Scottish, and family was at the heart of her childhood. Their backyard pool meant there were always kids around, and she remembers working in the cotton fields, sitting in a trailer as cotton bolls drifted down like snow. Spring breaks meant Pismo Beach and cruising the sand in her Opel GT.

One of her first jobs was driving for "dealer trades," ferrying new cars between dealerships—at just 16. Her father worked at a dealership, and Ann's job was to deliver a car to one dealer and pick up another to satisfy a buyer's request. It was a taste of independence and responsibility (and, as she'll admit with her signature grin, a story or two to tell about traffic lights).

Ann later spent seven intense years as a dispatcher for the FBI office in San Francisco during turbulent times: the Patty Hearst case, the Chowchilla school bus kidnapping, and Jonestown. Those years also included a 1.5-hour bus commute from Concord for a 33-mile trip—enough to make anyone ready for a change. She eventually returned to the Central Valley and began a 27-year career driving for UPS in the Concord/Danville/Fresno area.

It was during this period that she met Jerry Barham; they married and shared 23 years together. Jerry's three daughters welcomed Ann with open arms, and she's now a proud grandmother of three and a great-grandmother of six. Many of us have enjoyed watching those kids grow up through Ann's Facebook posts—her affection for them always shining through, even though they now live in Arizona. No problem, we know Ann likes to drive!

Ann and Jerry moved to Oregon in April 2006. They explored Medford and Brookings before finding that Grants Pass felt just right. Tragically, Jerry was diagnosed with cancer soon after the move and passed within the year. Despite the loss, Ann found community and joy again—joining WWN in 2007 and remaining an active member ever since. She especially remembers the RV campouts where lasting friendships were made—friendships that include Jiggy and Trish. One unforgettable moment involved Jiggy carrying a full crockpot to a gathering and dropping it—I'm sure we can all hear their laughter.

Her love of Ireland is real: Ann has traveled there seven times. On one trip with her sister, she drove a stick shift on the "wrong" side of the road; her sister, a FedEx driver, turned to Ann to handle the tricky parallel parking—proof that Ann's driving experience (including time behind the wheel of the big brown truck) comes in handy in the oddest situations.

Ann shows no signs of slowing down. When the grands aren't visiting, you're likely find her at a Mexican Train game with WWN or with the group Girls Gone Rogue. There's rarely a day she's homebound—she's out living life with that same laugh and smile that have warmed so many of us.

TROON WINERY

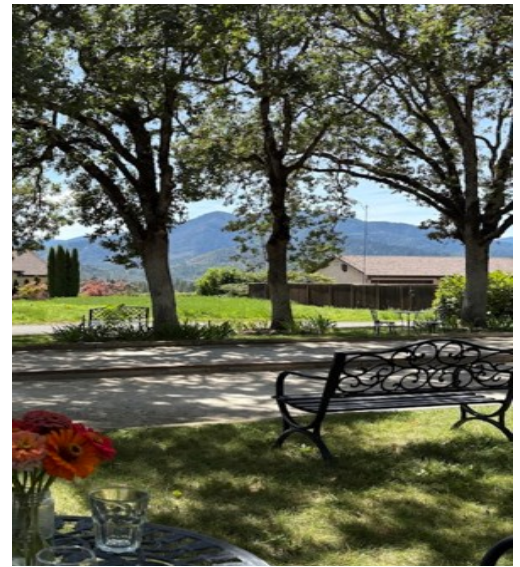
1475 Kubli, Grants Pass
Monday, June 22 11:30

Join us for a fun afternoon with delicious charcuterie boards, good wine, good friends and a friendly game of Bocce Ball

RSVP Annette Schmidt

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Annual Picnic July 7th 10 am

WWN Auction 10/27

Christmas Party
Code 4, 12/7

New Years Eve Brunch 1pm

St Patrick's Day 3/17 noon



50/50



\$\$ WIN

Purchase your tickets at the registration area.
Ticket prices are 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2, 5 for \$3
and 10 for \$5.

Tickets are drawn at the meeting and you could
go home a winner!

The total collected is divided 50% to the club
and the other 50% goes to the winning ticket
holder. If the pot is big enough we draw two
tickets!

March winners

Lulu Pagnini \$35, Sandy Roberts \$30



Darlene (photo left) and
Larry Byrd joined WWN at
our March meeting! Look
forward to having them join
us at future activities.

Barbara Schlosser, a friend
of Joyce Harrison also
joined.

Watch for more info on how
we hope to grow our mem-
bership in the coming
months!



Flowers by Terrell Lewis

LUNCH BUNCH
See Jacksonville lunch and
Beekman House tour for May

June 10th
Noon
Giannelli's
211 NE A St

Jan Kloes
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Beekman House
452 E California St



Back Porch Bar & Grill
605 N 5th St, Jacksonville

Jacksonville Lunch and tour the
Beekman House
Saturday May 16th

We will start off with lunch at 11:30 in Jacksonville at the Back Porch Bar & Grill! If you like BarBQ you will be very happy after this stop!

After lunch we will travel a few blocks and a few hundred years to tour the Beekman House. It is a Victorian-era museum showcasing the home of prominent pioneer Cornelius C Beekman and his family, furnished with original belongings. Sign up at the March General Meeting 3/30 or

RSVP to Starr Terra
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CRAFTS @ CONNIES

The craft on **May 20th at 10:00** will be at **The Glass Forge** at 501 SW G St. If you want to blow a glass globe there is a fee. It's fun to watch & learn about how they make items that they sell in their store. Such beautiful pieces. Please call or text me if you'd like to go. If you want to blow a globe let me know that too. Sometime they bring in an extra blower. Thanks for your cooperation.
Connie Hager 541)218-2804 for calls or text.



May Birthdays

Day	Name
4	Steve Highley
6	Lee Wheeler
7	Lisa Acrea
8	Angie Sokol
8	Anne Grube
14	Brian Fritzen
12	Gail Reitz
12	Robert Lindberg
18	Helen Toth
20	Jan Bertaggia
20	Monica Stockton
29	Sharon Porner



Looks like a fun group for the monthly Lunch Bunch 4/7 at the Laughing Clam!

Ron & Barbara Westbrook, Helen Toth, Lee Wheeler

June Birthdays

Day	Name
5	Nelson Maler
5	Sharon Knaggs
6	Valerie Harlacher
12	Barbara Striek
14	Mary Thorsen
17	Bill Mccoy
17	Doug Whelan
19	Lisa Baer
25	Lulu Pagnini
26	Howard Sackett



Joan & Steve Knecht, Sherril & Ed Eads



Marge Wheeler & Jan Kloes



Terry O'Dell, Tom & Carmen Cowan, Darlene O'Dell



Doug & Carol Whelan, Janet Fredrick, Cheri Gilliam, Anne Grube, Joyce Knowles, Colleen Irons



HAND & FOOT, 5 CROWN, KINGS IN THE CORNER CARD GAMES

Elks Lodge
618 SE J Street, Grant Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays

We start at **12:00 PM for LUNCH.**

We all must pay for our lunch in order to use the room to play cards. No pay—no play. Menu has many under \$10 items
Support the Elks and have fun too

Cash only

May 7th & 21st
June 4th & 18th

**If you don't know how to play we'll
teach you. It's FUN! Come join us!**

Connie Hager (call or text) **541-218-2804**



3rd Monday of each month

Location is kept secret to avoid having
woman crash the party!

Contact Terry O'Dell for the monthly
location

503-812-0381

BOWLING

Good News from the Alley Cats!!
We gather at the tables in the area of lanes
4-8.

**Only \$3.00 a game and that
includes shoes and ball!**

Caveman Bowl

1230 Rogue River Highway

May 14th & 28th

June 11th & 25th

**Practice starts at
9:45am**

Please RSVP

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke
541-244-8645
cherlynnb123@gmail.com



**DO YOU HAVE A
FAVORITE
RESTAURANT OR SOME-
PLACE YOU WANT TO
TRY?**

LET US KNOW!

We need space for a group of
10-30 people

Drop me an email with subject
"Lunch Bunch"

debrawilsonwn@gmail.com

Or text **541-660-7040**

Debra Wilson

WWN CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads are accepted only for member items or services.

Ads are \$3.00 (prepaid) for up to 25 words (\$5 for up to 50 words). Deadline is 10 days before the monthly Newcomers Meeting (last Tuesday of each month).
Business Card ads are \$36/6month

Ads may/may not require your name, phone number, address, description of the items for sale or wanted, price, condition of item or date of event.

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J.C. Jones American Dream

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We treat you like family!



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