

THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS
PO Box 386, Grants Pass, OR 97528

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Our website: WWNeighbors.org

WWN IS 40 YEARS OLD!
LETS CELEBRATE

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I have many thoughts as I write my final letter to all of you. I will start by thanking Sandy Antich. I could not have done this for 2 years without your support and guidance. Next I would like to thank the entire board. You were all so patient with me and so easy to work with. And of course I thank each and every one of you! My goal was to be honest and fair to you. I hope I achieved that. WWN belongs to all of us. Don't be afraid to let your voice be heard. Take a little bit of your time to help where needed. You will find it's not so hard to do and you just may enjoy it! Never be a stranger, always be a friend.

*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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Happy Spring time in our Rogue Valley. What fabulous weather we have had and great community events.

For my last speaker of my VP term, I answered the call from several of you for a Physical Therapist to come out and talk about falls; no, not how to have them, LOL, but how to avoid them and how to recoup from one.

Eric Medley has been instrumental to helping me recoup from falls and pain for a lot of years and he is coming out and bringing one of his top men to talk to us. This will be a very informative presentation. Don't miss it and all the other fun at our monthly meeting. **Tuesday, May 26, starts at 10 am at Fruitdale Grange,** but GET THEIR EARLY TO GET A GOOD SEAT AND SIGN UP FOR ALL THE EVENTS. See you there.

Western Welcome Newcomers Executive Board and Chairperson 2026-2027



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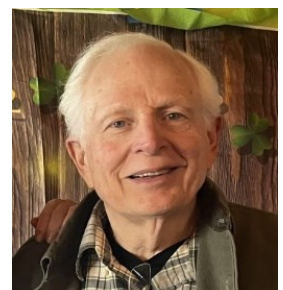
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WWN ANNUAL PICNIC

Come out and enjoy our 4th of July-ish annual picnic.

It will be held on **July 7, 2026.**

Time will be from 10:00 til whenever it gets too hot.

It will be held at Reinhart Park, Harry and David Pavillion (same place as last year)

Our menu will be from Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The chicken box has 3 pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, Cole slaw, sweet corn and a biscuit.

The tenders box has 3 pc. of chicken tenders, fries, macaroni and cheese, Cole slaw and a biscuit.

Salads will be prepared, store brought, with no meat for vegetarians.

We will have bottled water to drink.

We will have bowls of assorted chips on the tables for munchies.

We have a sign up sheet for your choice and one for anyone that would like to bring a dessert. ***We are limiting desserts to 15.*** Picnic cost is \$5.00 per member* and \$10.00 for guests. *This must be paid at time of sign up.* Any cancellations must be in before June 26th. No refunds after that. Sandy Antich is in charge of collecting money and the sign up sheet.

So come on out have a fun all American picnic!

*The decision to charge \$5 was due to the high number of “no-shows” last year



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Bear Hotel

201 NE Spalding

12:30

Note the date change:

JUNE 3rd & 17th

JULY 8th & 22nd

Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!
All shared food must be commercially prepared.

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich

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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

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Perhaps you noticed a new face at recent meetings! Or maybe just a face you recognized but couldn't place?

Our new VP is **Jan Bertaggia**. Many of you know her from her store Wild Rogue Emporium on the corner of 6th & G for many years. Most recently she can be found at Rogue Sole and Style (formally Shoefly), along with another member, Lisa Baer. Originally from Arizona with a brief stop in San Diego, Jan has been in Grants Pass for 14 years and thrives in the woods. Jan is passionate about Grants Pass and the small town feel. She has a beloved husband Enzo and together they share a passion for cars and driving and being out exploring beautiful Oregon with their dogs.

LUNCH BUNCH

Come join us for a relaxing lunch at this wonderful little Italian hideaway. It never disappoints

June 10th
Noon

Giannelli's
211 NE A St
Parking in back

PLEASE BE SURE AND RSVP
Jan Kloes
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Lunch Bunch: July 1 Horny Goat

Annual Picnic July
7th 10 am

WWN Auction
10/27

Christmas Party
Code 4, 12/7

New Years Eve Brunch 1pm





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

June 4th & 18th

July 2nd & 16th

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**
ConnieHager@rocketmail.com



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

June 11th & 25th

July 9th & 23rd

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE
Practice starts at
NOON

Please RSVP

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke

541-244-8645

cherlynnb123@gmail.com

Two positions that are not official board positions, but our club would not be successful without them are:



PHOTOGRAPHER

This is a thankless job that takes showing up at events and getting photos of our members and knowing their names. Margee has been wonderful at taking this job on for us!

COFFEE GUY: Larry Boynton, our unsung coffee guru

REFRESHMENTS

Something we all expect at the meetings but don't realize that someone has to DO the job and plan ahead! Do we have supplies and goodies for each General Meeting! Thank you Annette for agreeing to take on this job.



TROON WINERY

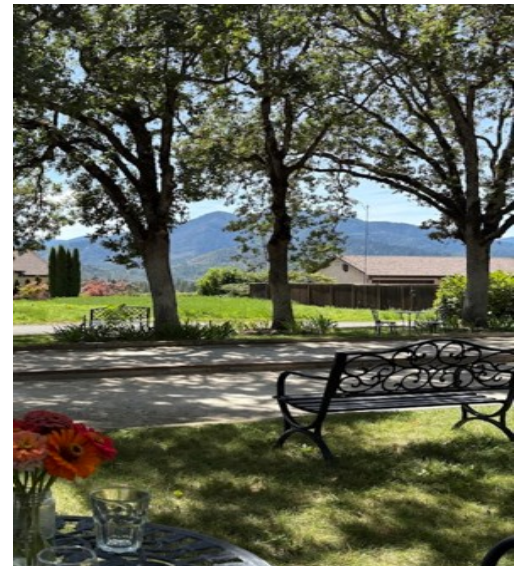
1475 Kubli, Grants Pass
Monday, June 22 11:30

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!

April winners

Stan Ehrnpfort & Sandy Roberts

CRAFTS @ CONNIES

On **June 17th at 10:00** you can come & paint a mug with a special saying, a name, flower, whatever you want. The color is baked on so it's permanent. It should be fun seeing all the creativity. This is held at Connie's house at 1255 Ironwood Dr. The cost is just \$10.

**Call or text if you'd like to do this craft.
Connie 541-218-2804**



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



July Birthdays

Day Name

1 Dana Englehardt
2 Beth Lenz
4 Tom Wilson
8 Pamela Davies
9 Larry Byrd
10 Helen Dixon
10 Loretta Thompson
11 Ellen McKee-Parks
12 Carol McCormick
15 Bob Ray
15 Terry Miller
18 Kristi Mishell
20 Colleen Irons
22 Carol Whelan
26 Anne Kaun
26 Dawn Shively
28 Karen Oman



Membership dues are still just \$15/year.

The deadline is June 1st

If you joined as a new member since January your dues are not due until 2026!

Two ways to pay:

WWN

PO Box 386

Grants pass, OR 97528

Or at our general meeting we will have a box and envelopes available, just place your **check** in the envelope and write your name on outside of envelope.

If paying cash please see membership chairperson



Just two pictures from the 5/16 outing to Jacksonville! Be sure and check out more of her photos on our Facebook page!

WWN Neighbors

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A WEBSITE



Western Welcome Neighbors

of Josephine County, Oregon
(A DBA of Western Welcome Newcomers)

Home Activities Membership About Forms

Meet People at Western Welcome Neighbors

WWNEIGHBORS.ORG

By clicking on the Activities tab you will find all the newsletters and calendars from the past twelve month!



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.

WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE



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CENTURY 21

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6th St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



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