

# THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



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

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**WWN IS 40 YEARS OLD!  
LET'S CELEBRATE**

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CHANGE! So many changes as our new board takes their places. We welcome our new Vice President, Jan Bertaggia, and a familiar face, Anne Grube, as a new greeter at the front table. Linda Lonnquist has volunteered to take over Cards for us. You will notice Lunch Bunch is now "rotational". What does that mean for members? We are looking for YOU to guide us to restaurants. Some of us who are long time members forget not everyone has been to everyplace we've been. More info on Lunch Bunch on page 3. You might be thinking, where is Jan Kloes going if she is not doing Lunch Bunch. She is starting work on our website with Mark Simonds. Lots of tech stuff. Have you seen the new website? Jan has already changed it-take a look <https://wwneighbors.org>

## REMINDER

*Our annual picnic is Tuesday, 7/7 10am  
Reinhardt Park (see page 2)*

*No money will be accepted at the picnic for dues or lunch  
SIGN UP DEADLINE IS 6/30*

Jan Bertaggia  
Vice President

[amznacres@gmail.com](mailto:amznacres@gmail.com)



June's guest speaker is Margaret Varner, Director of the Rogue Valley Humane Society.

Join us as Margaret Varner shares the vision and mission of Rogue Valley Humane Society. Learn about the staff and many volunteers dedicated to providing compassionate care for stray, displaced, and abandoned animals, and their ultimate goal to end pet overpopulation.

Margaret will discuss RVHS's commitment to placing every healthy, adoptable animal into a loving lifetime home, teaching responsible pet guardianship, and maintaining vital community spay-neuter programs. She will share the organization's recent successes and ongoing challenges—and if we're lucky, we might even get to meet a special, adoptable animal guest!



## 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.

*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 at the meeting 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/member\* and \$10.00/guest *This must be paid at time of sign up, no money will be accepted at the picnic.*

NO CANCELLATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 26th.

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



Our newest board member:  
**Anne Grube** has accepted the position of Greeter at our General Meeting. As a new member she is looking forward to getting to know more of our members.



Linda Lonnquist will be organizing the lunch and card games at the Elks for WWN.

**LUNCH BUNCH**  
**Wednesday JULY 1 NOON**  
**HORNY GOAT**

**New Location:**  
207 SW K St Grants Pass



**PLEASE BE SURE AND RSVP**  
**Jan Kloes**  
**541-862-2803**  
**[yngtrvlrs@aol.com](mailto:yngtrvlrs@aol.com)**

**FUTURE LUNCH BUNCH**

Jan Koes is taking on more technical duties for Neighbors. With this change we are making Lunch Bunch a *rotating position*.

Debra Wilson has arranged the August 4th lunch at Catalist. Pizza

**WHO WILL HOST THE SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH?**

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](mailto:debrawilsonwn@gmail.com)

Or text 541-660-7040  
Debra Wilson



Janet Frederick and Colleen Irons enjoying our lunch at Giannelli's Italian. Tom and Debra Wilson enjoyed sharing the table and getting to know them. Lunch Bunch is always a good opportunity to talk to members you don't know.



**Barb Hilty** from Rogue River found us in a newspaper article. She is on the RR City Council and is interested in flowers, gardening, travel and crafts.



### Packed Closet, Nothing to Wear?

We've all stared at a crowded wardrobe feeling totally frustrated by clothes kept out of guilt, changing sizes, or a "fantasy" lifestyle.

Stop fighting your wardrobe and join **The Art of the Edit: A 90-Minute Closet Workshop**. This is a practical, guilt-free system to clear the clutter.

#### What we'll cover:

**The 3-Second Filter:** Make quick, regret-free decisions.

**The Fluctuation Strategy:** Manage "just-in-case" sizes stress-free.

**Visual Merchandising:** Make your closet feel like a boutique.

Leave with a step-by-step flowchart and the tools to edit your wardrobe in under two hours.

**Sign-up sheet at General Meeting on June 30th.**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5pm**

**Rogue Sole & Style, 229 SW G Street**

**(Jan was previously employed at Rogue and has the owners permission to use after hours)**

**RSVP**

**Jan Bertaggia**

**[amznacres@gmail.com](mailto:amznacres@gmail.com)**

**541-450-8215**



Lunch Bunch: August 4  
Catalyst Pizza noon

WWN Auction 10/27



Christmas Party  
Code 4, 12/7

New Years Eve Brunch 1pm

### 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  
[bizcoach8@hotmail.com](mailto:bizcoach8@hotmail.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



### 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

### August Birthdays

#### Day Name

1 Ron Westbrook  
2 Alan Harlacher  
2 Norm Kraetsch  
2 Wade Sanders  
3 David Dolan  
3 Don Carter  
4 Sharon Lee  
5 Don Roberts  
5 Sandy Roberts  
7 Ann Barham  
9 Joyce Knowles  
12 David Renfro  
12 Lianne Styron  
13 Gayle Welsh  
14 Bonnie Cordes  
16 Tom Miller  
21 Barbara Mahan  
23 Anne Mahony  
25 Janet Frederick  
29 Roger Striek  
30 James Swallow  
30 Lynn Burke



Membership dues are still just \$15/year.  
The deadline is July 1st to be included in  
our club directory.

If you joined as a new member since  
January your dues are not due until 2027!

Two ways to pay:

WWN  
PO Box 386  
Grants pass, OR 97528

**Sharon Kier**  
membership chairperson  
541-659-9283  
[sharon.kier@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.kier@yahoo.com)

## Harry & David Tour

This is always a favorite of WWN

Monday, August 3rd

Tour is 10:30 in Medford

We start at the Harry & David Store and they  
drive us to the factory.

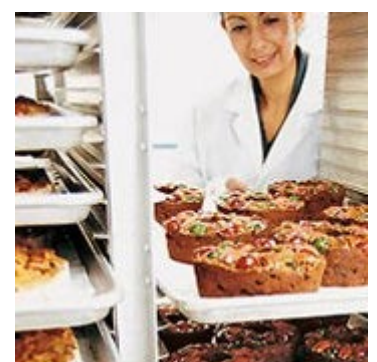
The tour is \$5, and you receive a \$5 coupon  
off \$40 purchase.

Sign up sheet at our June Meeting or  
RSVP

Annette Schmidt

541-815-1224

[heartrockschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:heartrockschmidt@gmail.com)





## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

**Bear Hotel  
201 NE Spalding  
12:30**

**Note the date change:  
JULY 8th & 22nd  
August 12th & 26th**

**Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!**  
**All shared food must be commercially pre-**  
**pared.**

Questions & RSVP  
Sandy Antich  
**541-218-4015**  
[sandygoing@hotmail.com](mailto:sandygoing@hotmail.com)

**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!

May winners

Susan Jaeger \$36.50 & Launie Myers \$30



**WOW! 30 people showed up  
to play Mexican Train  
Dominoes! Thank you  
Margee Wheeler for  
capturing a great group  
photo!**



While I am not going to identify each person in the photo I wanted to  
give a **WELCOME BACK** to a few members we've missed!  
Lou Sheeler, Patty Flippen and Helen Toth. Larry Boynton is back from  
traveling and shoulder surgery!



## **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**

**July 2nd & 16th**  
**August 6th & 20th**

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

**Linda Lonnquist**  
**[lindalonn@verizon.net](mailto:lindalonn@verizon.net)**  
**805-990-0558**



Yes! We  
have guys  
bowling with  
us too! Come  
join us

## **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

**July 9th & 23rd**

**August 13th & 27th**

**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**  
**Practice starts at**  
**NOON**

**Please RSVP**

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke  
**541-244-8645**

**[cherlynnb123@gmail.com](mailto:cherlynnb123@gmail.com)**



## 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 Neighbors 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



**Susan & Marian**  
Jaeger Szwec

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SUSAN:

541-582-8000

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GMAIL.COM

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**CENTURY 21**

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



### The Board for 2026-2027

#### Officers

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| President       | Debra Wilson     |
| Vice-President  | Jan Bertaggia    |
| Secretary       | Sandy Antich     |
| Treasurer       | Diane Lewis      |
| Auditor         | Shireen Hartmann |
| Parliamentarian | Sandra Antich    |

#### Chairpersons

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Activity Chairman   | Annette Schmidt       |
| Book Club           | Susan Jaeger          |
| Bowling             | Lynn Burke            |
| Calendar/Newsletter | Debra Wilson          |
| Cards               | Linda Lonnquist       |
| Crafts              | Rotational            |
| Events              | Starr Terra           |
| Greeters/Hosts      | Ann Grube             |
|                     | Linda Angel           |
|                     | Kathy Gray            |
|                     | Rotational            |
|                     | Sharon Kier           |
|                     | Ann Barham            |
|                     | Sandy Antich          |
|                     | Jan Kloes             |
|                     | Linda Angel           |
|                     | Steve and Joan Knecht |
|                     | Mark Simonds          |
|                     | Jan Kloes             |