

THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



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

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What an amazing picnic! Starr Terra and her crew made it look effortless, and the weather couldn't have been better. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful day. Be sure to visit our Facebook page for even more photos.

Now it's time to start thinking about our **Annual October Auction** on **October 27**. It may seem far away, but many members are already busy creating crafts and assembling gift baskets. If you've never attended our auction, you're in for a fun-filled afternoon.



Enjoy these photos of a few of last year's auction items—and let them inspire your



Jan Bertaggia
Vice President

How the Chamber Builds Community: A Conversation with Terry Hopkins



What does it take to build a thriving community where local businesses can grow and families can prosper?

Find out at our next meeting as we host Terry Hopkins, President & CEO of the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. A local graduate and seasoned entrepreneur with over 25 years of Southern Oregon business experience, Terry is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our area.

Terry will speak on the Chamber's vital role as the voice of local business, their work in economic development, and how community-driven initiatives—from Concerts in the Park to youth programs like Lemonade Day—bring us all closer together. Come with your questions and get to know the leadership steering our local commerce!

LUNCH BUNCH
Tuesday, August 4th NOON
CATALYST
All new inside!
314 SE H St
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MENU AAVAILABLE AT
NEXT MEETING

PLEASE BE SURE AND RSVP
Debra Wilson
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Lunch on July 1st at
Horney Goat



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

<https://wwneighbors.org>

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

**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

MEET DON & SANDY ROBERTS LONG TIME MEMBERS SINCE 2005

We lived on the same street in Oakland. Because of the difference in our ages we hadn't met while growing up. We met in the fall of 1963 when Don was starting Law School at Cal. I was starting college at San Francisco State. Don had noticed me and phoned to ask for a date. I was reluctant because I knew Don was older. He called again and again and I eventually agreed to go out. I discovered we both were born on August 5 but in different years and that Don was 6 years older. Despite my early reluctance I agreed to see him again and we dated throughout his three years of Law School. Don had accepted a job in Eureka, Ca. and began his legal career there. We had agreed I should finish my nursing program and graduate from SF State. In the interim Don would drive from Eureka on Friday, spend the weekends with Sandy and drive back late Sunday night. Sandy graduated in June, 1967. Our marriage was part of a series of family events. It was also during the Vietnam War and My brother was on leave from the Navy. My brother was married Sept. 23 and my grandparents celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 30. We were married Oct. 7, 1967.



Eureka was our home for 38 years before retiring and moving to Grants Pass. I worked as a public health Nurse until our first son was born. Don practiced civil law until we left Eureka and did some mediation work in Grants Pass.

We have three great sons. They were all in Boy Scouts and active in sports. We loved to camp when the kids were younger. The family golfed, skied and traveled together.

We joined WWN shortly after moving to Grants Pass. We still enjoy the activities and fellowship WWN provides. Don has served as President, Vice President and Parliamentarian. We have both done volunteer work.

After the kids were away at college we were able to take two lengthy backpack trips through Europe and several shorter jaunts with friends to Italy and Spain. We also rented a canal boat with another couple and traveled for a week in England on the River Avon. That was a definite adventure. We navigated the narrow 60 ft. boat through many locks. We were sure to be tied up and ready to start the evening pub crawl. We had a lock confrontation with a boatload of younger English boaters who had been drinking and decided to give us a lesson on lock operation. Not funny at the time but a memorable experience. Great fun. Don loves trains and we used rail travel to explore Scandinavia and many other countries in Europe.

Different places still keep us traveling. Although we try to limit air travel now. We will be taking a cruise on the Great Lakes this July. We love Maui and have been there back before kids when there were not hordes of tourists, and many times since. We will be celebrating our 59th anniversary in October on Maui.

It took a few phone calls before we started our journey together but we are glad we made the connection.

Cheers, Don and Sandy



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 30th, 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

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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



3rd Monday of each month

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

Contact Terry O'Dell for the monthly location



Barb Hilty, Barbara & Roger Strick



Our newest member Jackie Watson! She's here for fun and friendship like all of us! Thanks for bringing her Lilly Radbourne.

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



September Birthdays

Day Name

6 Carol Swallow
7 Hersch Beahm
11 Linda Wade
13 Ken Bartunek
19 Lilly Radbourne
21 Tom Cowan
25 Mark Simonds
25 Oleita Sanford
25 Stan Ehrenfort

Harry & David Tour

This is always a favorite of WWN
Monday, August 3rd

Tour is 10:30 in
Medford **Reservations Closed** the Harry &
We start at David Store and they
drive us to the factory.

The tour is \$5.

RSVP

Annette Schmidt

541-815-1224

heartrockschmidty@gmail.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

Lulu Pagnini \$33 & Brian Fritzen \$30



The auction is coming



MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Bear Hotel
201 NE Spalding
12:30

Note the date change:
August 12th & 26th
Sept 9th & 23rd

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

Questions & RSVP
Sandy Antich
541-218-4015
sandygoing@hotmail.com





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

August 6th & 20th
Sept 3rd & 17th

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

Linda Lonnquist
lindalonn@verizon.net
805-990-0558

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
August 13th & 27th
Sept 10th & 24th

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE
Practice starts at
NOON

Please RSVP

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

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.

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CENTURY 21

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6th St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



The Board for 2026-2027

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