



CNN NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...Susan Bass

Hooray!! We are planning to have our first Luncheon in over a year. Sharon will tell you all about it in her Reservations article. Most of the other special interest groups have started up: Canasta, Mexican Train, Time for Tea, Pinochle and What's Cooking? And our Friday Night Social will start up in June. It is so great to have fun events scheduled for our future. Hopefully Gals on the Go will start up in the near future.

I want to give a special thanks to Sue Stark for stepping up to the plate and getting the CNN Directory out to all of our members who renewed by May 1. I'm looking forward to having fun with everyone again. Susan

VICE PRESIDENT...MaryAnn Evans

So glad that some of our small groups are starting to get together. I have really enjoyed the Tea, What's Cooking, and Canasta gatherings. Last year at this time my calendar was completely empty. It's nice to notice that it's starting to fill up again!

And, at long last we will be able to gather for lunch. Looking forward to seeing all of you in July. We will not have a speaker. This luncheon will be to just catch up with each other after such a long break.

The Valley Springs Friends of the Library Board are looking for volunteers to serve. It is not difficult nor time consuming. We meet once a month at the Library from September through May. With one (maybe two) fund raisers per year. This is an opportunity to contribute to your community. Please consider joining our group. For more information you may call MaryAnn Evans, 772-8630 or gmevans123@comcast.net.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ... Sharon Quintana

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Ladies, it has been a long haul but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We are resuming luncheons in July. **Our first luncheon of 2021 will be July 22nd** at the Renegade Winery. Vaccinated members send your reservation to cnreservations@gmail.com. Remember, if I don't respond within 3 days, I didn't get your reservation so send it again. I can't wait to see all of you again.

MEMBERSHIP... by Sue Stark

We now have 80 paid members. Please welcome our new member:

Betty Gibbs

We have email address changes and one phone no. change for the following members. Remember to change your Directory.

Connie Porto:

From: connielporto@yahoo.com

To: connielporto@outlook.com

Kathy Long:

From: kayjay1930@yahoo.com

To: Kayjay1930@gmail.com

Laurie Hemmes:

From: 209-772-9893

To: 510-205-3743

I want to apologize to Judy Huckaby for my error in her information mistakenly being deleted from the CNN Directory. Her information is here:

Judy Huckaby 920-3398 Spouse – Ron
418 S. Pebble Beach Ct. Valley Springs, 95252
ron_huckaby@comcast.net March 29

******** If you move, change your phone, or email please let me know via email at: johnstark2445@comcast.net, or call 772-8593, so I can let membership know of your change and also update your information on the CNN Spreadsheet.
SUE STARK

Remember, if you bring a guest to a luncheon and they would like to join, I always have applications available for them to sign up the day of the luncheon or mail the application to my home address in the Directory. Prospective members may attend 2 luncheons as a guest before joining CNN.

SUNSHINE...Carolyn Edwards



A Get Well card was sent to Betty Smith to heal fast after she had a hip replacement.

If you know of a member or someone in a member's immediate family who are ill or bereaved, or if there is a death in the family, please let me know so I can send a card, Carolyn Edwards: 772-2462 or bcedwards@comcast.net.

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Reminder: Member Nadine Martin is continuing the CNN collection of urgently needed new or gently used items for the Calaveras Foster Care Program. These backpacks, totes, suitcases and duffle bags are used for children when they have to leave their homes suddenly. Please **call Nadine 209/559-7755 to arrange for pickup or more details.**

Member Businesses

Member **Sandy Huckaby:** *Huckaby Litigation Services - Process Service.* Cell: 209/351-4956.

Member **Laurel Jolliff:** *Life Matters Insurance & Financial Services, Life and Health Insurance,* Lic # OG06380 Call Laurel at 209/786-2021 or www.mylifemattersnow.com

Member **Adela Hawkins:** *A+ Notary - Mobile Notary.* Call cell 209-968-8674 or home 772-0580.

Member **Sherry McWatters** is a Stylist for Ruby Ribbon Shapewear, Active Wear and Bathing suits, sizes 32 to 50. I do personal fittings at my home in Valley Springs. My website is www.rubyribbon.com/sherrymcwatters and my mobile number is (304)389-0112. Also my email is slmroadwarrior@gmail.com

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Marty Luckey-3rd

Ann Soares-11th

Shari Edward-13th

Sandy Huckaby-14th

Coby Nielsen-14th

Sue Dorman-17th

Joannie Dahlgren-25th

Sharon Holbrook-25th

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

TIME FOR TEA ... Sharon Quintana 772-0783



We had a wonderful tea at Susan's. Everything was elegant as it always is there. We spent a long time visiting after tea and catching up on each other's life. Our next tea is Wednesday, June 16th at Sandy Panattoni's house. This will be Sandy's first time hosting so let's all support her.

"Tea is an elixir for good health, a miraculous means of prolonging one's life." Sen, quoted by Ryofu Pusse

WHAT'S COOKING? ...Susan Baas (786-9898)



We had our first What's Cooking? gathering at Susan Baas' house in May. We made minestrone soup (see below) and planned events for the rest of the year.

Our Group will meet on Monday June 14 at Sandy Panattoni's home. She will host a fondue party with everyone bringing the fondues and dipping items. Fondues and dipping items will vary from cheesy beer to chocolate fondues. We are so glad to be cooking, eating and laughing together again.



Minestrone Soup



Cooks gathering in May

Photos by Sandy Panattoni

MEXICAN TRAIN... Marlene Buecher 209/224-4203



We're back!! **Mexican train** is June 2nd at my house at 11:00. **I already have a full house for this month** and will hopefully have hostesses set up for the next months. Please bring \$3.00 for playing; and if you wish a bag lunch. I will have snacks and desert.

PINOCHLE... Elaine Alves...772-3490



2nd Thursday Pinochle: June 10 at Betty Gibbs home at 10:00 to 2:00. 2785 Dale Drive, VS. She will provide snacks and lunch. **Please let her know you are coming: 772-2166.**

4th Monday Pinochle: June 28th at 9:00 am. Linda McDermott will be hosting. Call her at 304-5703 to let her know you are coming. **Please call if you are unable to attend on that Monday. Give us a reasonable amount of time to find a sub for you.** If anyone wants to join our 4th Monday Group, call Sandy Huckaby 772-9924. We will be happy to teach you the game.

CANASTA...MaryAnn Evans 772-8630



Canasta is back!! New players always welcome. Easy to learn and we always help as we play. Next play day is at the home of Susan Baas, on Monday, June 21, at 11:00. Snacks and dessert are provided, bring a bag lunch if you prefer. **Be sure to call or email Susan to RSVP:** 786-9898, baasfthills@caltel.com. Or, if you need details please call or e-mail MaryAnn Evans, 772 8630 or gmevans123@comcast.net

SOCIAL...Judy Bruenn 772-3555



We are back. Our first CNN **Social** of the year will be at Judy and Ed Bruenn's home, at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 18th. Their home is at 260 St. Andrews Rd., V.S. The social will be held outside with food pickup inside.

Please call at 772-3555, or email them at ejbruenn@yahoo.com, if you plan to attend. Please don't wait until the last minute. Our hosts need a few days to prepare. Everyone is asked to **bring an appetizer and whatever they prefer to drink including soda and water.** Glasses (plastic is okay), plates, ice, and napkins are provided by our hosts.

I am in need of volunteer hosts for the remainder of this year's Socials. They are always held on the third Friday of each month. As a host, you are only required to have glasses, plates, napkins and ice. The social can be held inside or outside and the number of guests usually run around 20 to 40 people. Guests are asked to bring an appetizer and whatever they prefer to drink including soda and water. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible so I can prepare a schedule. My home phone number is 772-3555 and my email is ejbruenn@yahoo.com

GALS ON THE GO...Cathie Erickson 772-2835



Gals on the Go has no events planned at this time.

READERS CORNER...MaryAnn Evans 772-8630



If you are a reader and would like to share your views on a book or an author, **please send those to me, MaryAnn Evans**, any time before each month's Luncheon. This month's book review is from Mary Antus:

"Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict

This is one of the many books I have read during our time of quarantine. This Historical Fiction about Clementine Churchill was a very enjoyable read and I would definitely recommend it. The book gave insight into her relationship, not only with her husband Winston Churchill, but also the relationship between Churchill and Roosevelt during World War II. I have read several of this author's works and have thoroughly enjoyed them all.

RECIPES AND MORE...MaryAnn Evans 772-8630



Ladies, we want to hear from you regarding favorite recipes, cooking tips, and/or just to share kitchen experiences. **Please send your info to me (MaryAnn)** any time before each month's Luncheon. **[EDITOR'S NOTE: be sure you send your recipe typed, NOT a copy of a page from a magazine, cookbook or newspaper.]** This month's submittal is from Sue Stark:

Spicy Black-Eyed Pea Salad

Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
½ clove garlic, finely grated
Pinch cayenne
Kosher salt
¼ cup olive oil
Two 15.5-ounce cans black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
1 cup mixed-color grape tomatoes, halved
½ green bell pepper, medium-diced (slightly smaller than ½ inch pieces)
½ red bell pepper, medium diced
2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
¼ cup finely chopped red onion
2 Tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

Combine the vinegar, garlic, cayenne and 1/2teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Whisk in the olive oil.

Add the black-eyed peas, tomatoes, peppers, celery, onion and parsley and toss to combine.

Season with salt to taste.

Recipe courtesy of Trisha Yearwood on the Food Network. 12/30/20

Local Information for Golfers

This is NOT a CNN group, but if you are a golfer new to the area and are interested in joining a 9 or 18 hole ladies golf group at La Contenta Golf course, call member Sharon Moyles (18 hole), 772-7147 or for the 9 Hole group, call member Laurie Hemmes, cell: 510/205-3743. Sharon and Laurie are CNN members/golfers who can give you information/contacts on joining these groups.



See following **JUNE 2021 SUMMER COMING OUT** Section

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From Sharon Quintana: Garden update: Our small vegetable garden is coming along. Last night we had some baby zucchini. It tastes so much better than what you buy in the store. By next week, we should be able to have yellow squash. Then it begins, steamed squash, squash casserole, zucchini bread, zucchini cake, zucchini cookies, grilled zucchini, midnight visits to the neighbor's porch, etc. Hopefully, the tomatoes will produce before the end of July. There is nothing as good as a BLT made from tomatoes fresh from the garden. mmm. Here is a picture of our small veggie garden.



From Tanda Kulberg: this is a picture of my granddaughter, Taylor Jamison. She will be graduating from Heritage High School in Brentwood. She's going on to study to be a veterinary assistant for large animals. She is 18 years old and lives in Castro Valley. We're very proud of her!

From Betty Smith: Well, my hip replacement appears to have been successful! I am 14 days post op and feeling pretty good and better every day. I'm sooo glad it's over. Last week, we went on our first RV rally with our club, and it was so wonderful all being together with no masks as we have all been vaccinated!! Galan has been so wonderful and patient helping me get my pants on, etc. This is probably TMI, but he even shaved my right leg for me yesterday! Hopefully, that will be the last time!!! Can't wait to start walking our beautiful hills again!!

From Sandy Panattoni: Well, I took the plunge. Got on a plane (with a mask), went to SC - which is a "your choice" state for masks, and had a blast at a wedding with my son, Jake and a wonderful group of friends. Boy, does it feel good to get out and do something fun! I sat at a bar and ordered a drink. I had pancakes in a restaurant. Woo hoo! This was a rough year for us all, and I'm so glad to have such wonderful friends here who made the time bearable.



Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to our June Newsletter. Yes, it's a short but beautiful Special Section. Maybe our last? Ann Soares, Editor