



## CNN NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...*Susan Bass***

Dear CNN members, I am doing well and have begun to venture out. Thank you for all your prayers, cards and well wishes during my time of overwhelming maladies. It is great to be back and planning to get CNN up and running again. It will be up to each special interest group leader to get their group starting activities again. Sharon is hosting the Tea Group in April and I hope to start What's Cooking? in May. I'm sure others will join in soon. It will be so nice to spend time together again. ~Susan

### **VICE PRESIDENT...*MaryAnn Evans***

As I recuperate from surgery I feel like I am still in the pandemic, trapped in the house; although I have received both vaccines, as well as I hope you have too. Maybe the light is finally coming to the end of the tunnel. I pray for a blessed Easter season for all. MaryAnn

**From Phyllis Pisano:** I just want to thank those that took the time during my illness and recovery to call, sent cards, and flowers. So much appreciated. What an experience this has been. Love to all, Phyllis Pisano

### **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ...*Sharon Quintana***

Hi Ladies,  
We are now in the red tier. We can gather in small, fully vaccinated groups. Baby steps. At this point, our usual haunts are not open for large groups. I am hoping for a September luncheon. I'll keep you posted. Sharon

## **MEMBERSHIP... by Sue Stark**

With the addition of the new member shown below we now have 65 paid members. Here is the information on our newest member. Please remember to update your CNN Directory:

Carrie Van Pelt

Someday we will be able to have luncheons again.

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.

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.

## **SUNSHINE... Carolyn Edwards**



We are so enjoying spring and all the blossoms and freesias, love this time of year.

CNN sent two cards this month, both to Kathy Hidalgo. Her husband John had a severe stroke and we sent healing prayers, with our thoughts of comfort to Kathy. A card expressing our sympathy was sent later, when sadly John passed away. ~Carolyn

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](mailto:bcedwards@comcast.net).

## **cnnlist**



**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 # 0G06380 Call Laurel at 209/786-2021 or [www.mylifemattersnow.com](http://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](http://www.rubyribbon.com/sherrymcwatters) and my mobile number is (304)389-0112. Also my email is [slmroadwarrior@gmail.com](mailto:slmroadwarrior@gmail.com)

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Barbara Nieman-17<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Hill-19<sup>th</sup>

Kathie Williams-20<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Hidalgo-22<sup>nd</sup>

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### **TIME FOR TEA ... Sharon Quintana 772-0783**



Now that most of us have been vaccinated, it is time to get together and share some tea. On April 21st, at noon, please join me for tea at my house. I will sanitize and assure proper ventilation. Let me know if you plan on attending and what you would like to bring. If the weather is beautiful, the theme will be "Spring". If it rains, the theme will be "April Showers". We will raise a cup to Kathy's husband, John. He was a wonderful host at our Christmas teas and a very kind man. We will miss him.

*"Spring scenery is as beautiful as it could be,  
Flowers in full bloom in the land of tea.  
Beautiful Xishuangbanna is on its soar,  
Puerh tea will show its brilliance once more." --Yang Jiang Ming*

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



The What's Cooking? group has nothing in the oven or on the stove. Susan

### **CANASTA...MaryAnn Evans 772-8630**



No betting allowed during stay-at-home order, just collect your quarters. Cancelled until further notice.

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



Here's hoping we can again get together this year, but we will play it safe till we can. May 2021 see the end of Covid and the beginning of a new social life as we move forward.

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

Gals on the Go has no events planned in the near future.



### **SOCIAL...Judy Bruenn 772-3555**



Until further notice, all future Socials are cancelled. I am sure missing these fun evenings together, and I'm sure you are too. Hopefully, it won't be long before we can resume normal times.

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



2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Pinochle: There will not be any Pinochle played until after this ban is lifted for us old folks, LOL ~Elaine

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday Pinochle:** I am happy to announce that our Fourth Thursday Pinochle Group has had all their vaccinations and we will start our first 8 lady game on 4/22/2021 at 9:00AM. We are all set. The ladies have all responded. I (Sandy H) will be hosting. We have set guidelines for our game. We have asked that if anyone is not feeling well, we will find a Substitute but please call and do not attend. We have had our vaccinations and the ladies feel comfortable to attend. I am truly excited.

## 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.]**

No Recipes this month

## READERS CORNER...MaryAnn Evans 772-8630

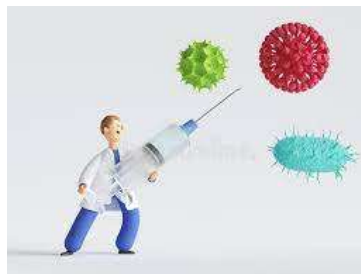


If you are a reader and would like to share your views on a book or an author, please send those to me, MaryAnn Evans, any time before each month's Luncheon.

No Book Reviews this month

## *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 APRIL 2021 Covid Spring Special Section

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**From Kay Mladinich:** Easter blessings to everyone! Isn't it a beautiful week? We are preparing for an Easter dinner at Sandy Panattoni's—just a small group. Hey, parties are coming!!

Daughter Mara and I are ankle deep in weeds. I am so thankful I have someone to help with this chore. Gardening could be so much fun if we didn't have the chores!! Everything is growing and preparing to bloom. I enjoy the beautiful green grass on the hillsides, the lupine and golden poppies.

Our big event is coming April 10<sup>th</sup>--a baby shower. My granddaughter, Lynnaya, and Dre are expecting a boy May 5<sup>th</sup>. They are so excited.



**From Betty Smith:** We'll be joining our family for the first time in over a year, for Easter this Sunday. Six of us out of 10 have been vaccinated so apparently we should be okay!! Our great-granddaughter is getting cuter and cuter by the day: trying to do the splits? Oh, woops I guess she was just trying to get her foot in her mouth!! Galan is replacing our back deck, what a job! We try to go for a walk every day, but with my bum hip I don't know how much longer we'll be able to do that! Hope we can all get together soon, I miss you all!!



**From Joannie Dahlgren:** Hey look me over, lend me your ear,  
Fresh out of clover mortgage up to here...  
Now that I have your attention, read this!

If you're wondering what to do on a Tuesday morning in Valley Springs, wonder no more. The La Contenta Niners are having fun and making Herstory every Tuesday rain or shine! If you're thinking that you just don't know how to play, no worries. These ladies are generous with their vast knowledge of the game. And, of course, the club has professional instructors as well. So...

We'll be up like a rosebud, high on the vine  
Don't thumb your nose bud, take a tip from mine!  
We're a little bit short of the elbow room but we will make some room  
And look world, here we come! By Joannie Dahlgren



Left to right: Carolyn Ramsay  
Lynette Martinez, Pati Hendershot,  
Judy Bruenn, Audrey Hurtibus



Left to right: Brenda Howard,  
Cathie Erickson, Evelyn McAdams,  
Patti Alderson

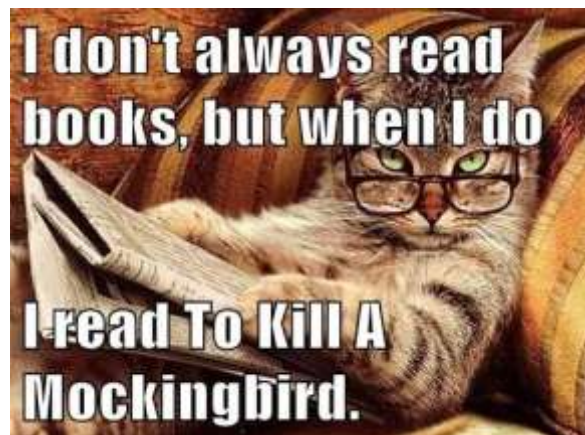
Happy Group!





**From Mary Hyodo:** We've been waiting for a great grandchild but to no avail. We did, however get the cutest little great-grand dog. This is a photo of Bozley, a French Bull dog. He's 8 weeks old, very sweet, quiet and affectionate.

**From Adela Hawkins:** I was golfing on TUESDAY MORNING AT LA CONTENTA WITH THE NINERS. I GOT A PHONE CALL FROM PG&E REP., WHO I ASSUMED WAS GENUINE, ALERTING ME WE WERE GETTING OUR POWER SHUT OFF. AMOUNT DUE \$499.00. My husband takes care of bills. Couldn't get ahold of him. So I left the golf course and proceeded to withdraw cash and go to MARVEL's where rep said I could pay bill. He wanted me to send via a Coin Star machine. I was suspicious it was a scam at that point. I talked to a couple parked next to me and told them my story. They advised me not to send money. Shortly I receive another phone call from same man wondering why I had not sent money. I told him I called police and they identified this as a scam. A word of caution don't believe what those scam artists are telling you. I almost got scammed. Thanks for reading this. I called PGE when I got home. There was not a problem at all. They always send a letter whenever there is a problem first before they disconnect power.



**From Sharon Quintana:** Keeping up with the Quintanas: Wow, spring is certainly here in the Quintana yard. We have 4 baby cottontails who visit, and a bank of trailing rosemary alive with bees. This past Sunday, Leo and I were weeding in the side yard. The sun was warm with a slight breeze blowing and our neighborhood was full of natural music. We could hear the bees in our yard and the neighbor's rooster crowing (yes, he is a bit confused about when dawn arrives). We could also hear the pigs across the way and the goats, sheep, cows and horses who live down the hill. We really do live in God's country. Enjoy these pictures of our rosemary and the side yard.





**From Ann Soares:** Below are pictures of beautiful succulent terrariums my daughter Lee Ann created in a virtual workshop (online) with the help of a skilled professor. Her employer offered it for staff as a Covid year break to relax with something different. She said it was fun and learned better how to set it up, would do again. You just water these twice a month with 3 tablespoons of water. The classes are \$55 for a day, includes all the supplies. Company is in SF, but class is virtual. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-vertical-gardening-workshop-sunday-may-16th-tickets-146668933729?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



Well that does it for our CNN April Newsletter. I think probably we are all getting over this lifestyle we have had to live for over a year. But I am so thankful to those who sent their wonderful content for this issue. It does appear that the future looks better and possibilities look brighter for a more normal life going forward. Just always remember:

**H O P E**

Happy Easter!  
Ann Soares, Editor