



CALAVERAS NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Susan Baas

Our CNN activities for August are postponed until further notice. Hopefully the no-gathering restrictions will be lifted by September. I can't wait to have a luncheon and see all of you. I have not heard of any of our members contracting the virus. Let's all of us keep praying that this will be over soon.

CNN received a nice thank you note from Resource Connection for our donation. They are very thankful for our help in serving our county's needy. No fundraising events are planned for the rest of the year. Luckily our yard is full of beautiful flowers to make staying at home more enjoyable. Miss seeing everyone. Stay well, Susan

IN MEMORIAM FOR CNN CHARTER MEMBER AILEEN CHANEY



Most of the members know we lost Charter member Aileen Chaney on 7/27/20, 92 yrs. old. Here she is at her 90th Birthday Luncheon celebration we gave her. No one ever thought she could be that old! Always neatly coifed, youthfully dressed, with huge sweet smile. In her Thank You note to us, she said: "you've given me a beautiful corsage, wonderful cards, and a delicious birthday cake, but most of all you've given me your friendship over the years, and I can't ask for more than that. CNN has been very special to me"...

VICE PRESIDENT...MaryAnn Evans

Taking advantage of my down time, I have been working on my favorite hobby, needlepoint. This is one of the four canvases finished in the last 4 months.



Now I have been doing a Christmas stocking for a special little baby girl. I am looking for someone to put it together into an actual stocking that can be hung. I will provide the material. Let me know if you know of someone. Thank you.

I continue to think of all of you, and as I see the numbers rising in our County, I pray that you and your families are well. MaryAnn

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS...Sharon Quintana

We are canceling luncheons until further notice. When we are able to gather in large groups again, I will start scheduling luncheon venues and send out the word to begin making reservations. Until then, my friends, stay well and safe.

MEMBERSHIP... by Sue Stark and Nancy Hill

We had no new members. Our membership remains at 103.

If you move, change your phone or email, please let Nancy or Sue know by emailing them (Nancy tatlnd@aol.com , Sue johnstark2445@comcast.net) **or call them** (Nancy 890-0323, Sue 772-8593) **so they can update your information on the CNN Spreadsheet and let the membership know.**

SUNSHINE...Carolyn Edwards



A Sympathy card was sent to the family of our Member Aileen Chaney who passed away July 27. Cards can be sent to her daughters Kathy Carlson, 18545 Rainbow Ln, Pine Grove 95665 and Jan Selby, 17001 Dapple Ct., Pine Grove 95665. Or just to "Aileen Chaney's family", 396 Callaway Ln., Lone, CA 95640.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Kay Mladinich-11th

Adela Hawkins-25th

Anne Flock-26th

Evan Garamendi-27th

Louisa Parenti-28th

Dianne Schaber-Jaggard-28th

Bev Rushing-30th

Wendy Mathis-30th

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EXTRANEWSPAPERS



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](tel:2095597755) 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

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

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

"cnnslit" is a feature available to all CNN members. Member's businesses can be listed, you can post items for sale or wanted, notices of garage sales, upcoming events, or ask for/give referrals for professionals/services in the area, etc. Whenever you would like to post something in the following month's Newsletter, just email information to Editor Ann Soares, annmail7@comcast.net

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

TIME FOR TEA ... Sharon Quintana 772-0783



I am canceling our teas until further notice. Keep joining me for tea at 1:00 each day, if you can. I will be toasting to your good health. Sharon
"When I makes tea I makes tea as old mother Grogan said and when I makes water I makes water." ~ James Joyce

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



2nd Thursday Pinochle: There will not be any Pinochle played until after this ban is lifted for us old folks, LOL ~Elaine
.4th Monday Pinochle: will be put on hold until further notice. Sandy.

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.

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



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

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



Still cancelled. Can't wait till we can play again. Stay safe everyone. ~Marlene

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



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.

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. Nothing was submitted this month.

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: please 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 Ann Soares.

Chicken Fiesta Salad

This is an attractive and zesty all in on dish. If desired, top with shredded cheddar cheese and tortilla chips. Serves 4.

Ingredients

2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1 (1.27 ounce) packet dry Fajita Seasoning Mix, divided
1 tablespoon Oil, soybean, salad or Olive
1 (15 ounce) can Black Beans, rinsed and drained
1 (11 ounce) can Mexican style Corn
½ cup salsa
1 (10 ounce) package Mixed Salad Greens
1 Onion, chopped
Avocado, sliced or cubed
1 Tomato, red, ripe

Step 1

Rub chicken evenly with 1/2 the fajita seasoning. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium heat, and cook the chicken 8 minutes on each side, or until juices run clear; set aside.

Step 2

In a large saucepan, mix beans, corn, salsa and other 1/2 of fajita seasoning. Heat over medium heat until warm.

Step 3

Prepare the salad by tossing the greens, onion, avocado and tomato. Top salad with sliced chicken and dress with the bean and corn mixture.

[See Following August 2020 Covid Summer Special Section](#)

AUGUST 2020 COVID SUMMER SPECIAL

**Do not let them take
your temperature
going into the store!
It's a scam! They're
erasing your memory.
I went for bread and
eggs and came home
with Blue Bell Ice
Cream and Snickers.**

From Sandy Panattoni: Well, I'm sure everyone's house is cleaner than it's been in a long time ~ mine included LOL. Here's a great glass cleaning solution I got from Pinterest, with an extra step that works in your shower:

*Heat 2 Cups of white vinegar in a glass measuring cup for 90 seconds.

*Add 2 Tbsp. of Dawn Dish Detergent and stir well. Let cool.

*Put into a spray bottle and use on glass.

For your shower, sprinkle the floor with Baking Soda, then spray vinegar solution on. Let it set for 30-60 minutes, use your scrub brush then rinse.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's clean houses and yards SOON!!

Submitted by a walker in La Contenta: There are many walkers enjoying their walks along the streets of La Contenta. To their surprise, they have been finding decorated rocks as they make their way on their walk. During this time of pandemic, some kind soul has been placing these rocks along the streets. It is a very kind gesture and very uplifting during this rough time. Good things always seem to come out of the bad. A big thank you to whoever is doing this.



From Linda Trapp: We all have been challenged with cabin fever or worse these days. One of the things I've done to be productive was to get started on some Christmas gift projects. I went through all my old photo albums, about 25 of them, and photographed photos of each of my four children's childhood activities and friends, along with some more recent photos of their interests and accomplishments. Collage.com was having a special (there are always photo gift specials somewhere), so I made 4 photo books, 20 pages each, one for each of my children and threw albums away. Here's a photo of the covers of the 4 books. It was fun and easy, and I hope they will each treasure the memories.



I have one other project we did during this stay-at-home season. Bob built a new top for the gazebo (the old one got torn in a windstorm), and I painted a floral design on the fascia boards - fun to do!
Reason I threw away photo albums, we are downsizing - moving to the Central Coast, where my second daughter and her family live. We will have a guest room! I will miss many of you very much, and thank you for the warm memories. –Linda Trapp

From Kay Mladinich: This picture of members Karen Ramsey, Dianne Kennady and Tanda Kulberg was taken when we escaped to the Sacramento River for lunch and catching up.



Other than in the picture, we were practicing safe distancing and wearing masks. Only four in the car so we were not too close together. Connie Porto and Kay also had a wonderful visit with previous Gold Creek neighbor, Marie Aquino in Rio Vista.

Summer is also fun with my 12 year old great granddaughter here during the weekdays. Otherwise a few distant get togethers, a little wine and lots of sorting all those useless items. Or was it a lot of wine and etc. etc.

Forwarded to Carole Finch - thanks for the great Yuks! Subject: Paraprosdokians

First time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Sir Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.

Spread the Laughter, Share the Cheer and let's be Happy, while we're here.

From Betty Smith: Ann, when you mention "hair", I thought I'd send these pictures! I finally went nuts with the length of my hair so whacked (and I mean whacked) about 2" off!



From Joanie Dahlgren: I love the simplicity and the truth of nature. And one of the things I love about Valley Springs is the close proximity to so many of the things that I love! That's why when I think there's nothing to do, and M M M My Carona can't get any more desperate, Mom Nature reminds me that I am but a dot on the big selfie of life. With that song in my heart, I set out to find an alternate way to live in The Covid Summer. SEE PHOTOS OF LOCALES BELOW.

The Eclipse

How cool to be in just the right place at the right time to catch a glimpse of the eclipse that occurred in July. Nature's fireworks.

Sunset over Tuolumne County

So we drove to Tuolumne County where the view of the sunset from Hwy 108 five miles east of Twain Harte is phenomenal. While we were there we were treated to a view of the Newise Comet. Binoculars not needed, however, iPhone was not able to capture anything.

Pinecrest Lake

My husband, like a migrating salmon, has returned to lovely Pinecrest Lake every year since he was a boy. Our children were indoctrinated into the Pinecrest Lake Lovers club when they were babes as well. The lake never fails to bring me joy.

Golfing at Incline

We also drove a few miles north east to Tahoe to enjoy a game of golf at the Incline Mountain Golf Course. Best game of my short career, Judy! I was on in one, and in in one!

So my gym is in my dining room and dining out is a distant dream. I've improved my barbecue and golf skills...a little, read some wonderful books, and finally learned how to use my sewing machine...a little. It hasn't always been easy. I have experienced some painful losses. But I've learned that if I can't hold my loved ones closer in my arms, I will hold them closer in my heart, and remember how lucky I am.



From Nancy Hill:

I have been forcing my family to have tea with me since the COVID 19.



Golfing amid the Pandemic – From Judy Bruenn

Twenty-eight CNN members are currently playing organized golf, of which 7 play with the 18-holers and 18 with the La Contenta Niners. We meet every Tuesday morning. So what changes have we had to make due to COVID? We have a no-gathering policy and only two golfers are allowed in the pro shop at any time. Only one player is allowed in a golf cart unless living in the same household. The restaurant has closed but we are allowed on the outside deck for food and drinks, but observe social distancing. We get lots of Vitamin D out on the course which we hope will protect us from this crazy virus, since we have heard that the virus doesn't do well in the sun. We hope that is correct. The opportunity to play golf keeps me moving and away from the pantry.



Pictured in front on left are Sharon Moyles (CNN 18-hole golf rep, Debbie Weyrauch, and Valerie Padgett (in back). Not present for the picture are Kathy Eaton, Jeanette Pense, Liz Stapleton, and Marlene Watkins.



Pictured above Patti Hendershot, Mary Martin, Laurie Hemmes, Brenda Howard, Cathie Erickson, Judy Bruenn (CNN 9-hole golf rep), Evelyn McAdams, Lynette Martinez, Adela Hawkins, Barbara Niemann, Fay Murphy, and Joannie Dahlgren. Missing are Teresa Chatwood, Claire Todd, Marlene Buecher, Connie Porto, Diane Schaber and Sheri Edwards.

From Sherry McWatters: My husband Kirk Boyce and I, along with CNN member Sandie Lohsen and husband Bill, plus friends Nadja & Dennis Gomes and our blind dog Angel, escaped the heat of Valley Springs, to RV the coast of Oregon and Northern California for two weeks. On our way back we camped in Eureka and visited our GSCCC interim Pastor Ali & wife Karen. Good getaway from our world today.



From Wendy Mathis: At Hospice we are planning our big yearly fundraiser- our art auction. It will be virtual this year and we are have a campaign called "I stand for Hospice" I have been enjoying seeing community members send in their photos of them "standing" and making a pledge.

Here are my 2 girls making their pledge on their hoverboards! I also included a photo from our family vacation to Montana! We were very much socially distanced in all the beautiful wide open spaces!!! Hope everyone is doing well! Take care and miss lunches for sure!



From Susan Baas: A very few samples from my overflowing flowers in my front yard! Makes the staying at home so much easier with this view!



From Sue Dorman: Since we're all staying home, bored out of our minds, I took the time to paint and redecorate the guest bedroom (teal) and master bedroom (terra cotta). Still have the computer room to go! We've been doing ZOOM meetings with the kids and grandkids too! Nice to see their smiling faces! Also planted a garden and have reaped some rewards already, but I'M GETTING CABIN FEVER and need to see my CNN friends!!! Stay safe everyone! Can't wait to see you all again soon!



From Sharon Quintana: A poem from Sharon's brother-in-law David Quintana:

SHELTER IN PLACE

I look out my window
I see people walking
I see people talking
I pray for the lives lost
I pray for the angels in
white giving every
ounce to fight the
FIGHT

I know this pandemic
has made our lives
hectic

Please be strong
for our sisters and
brothers and one
another

We need to be vigilant
not ignorant

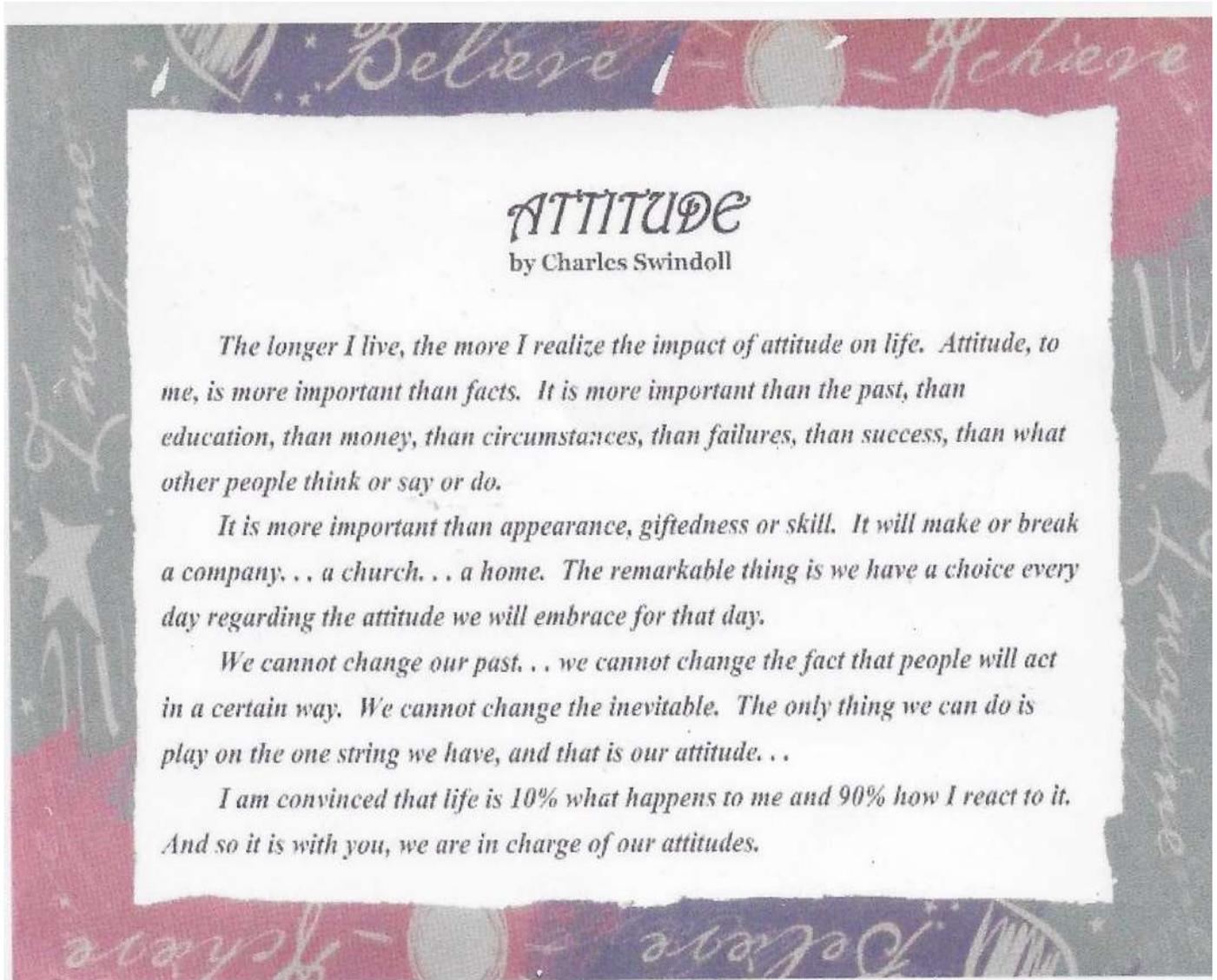
Please wear a mask
it's not a big task
Practice social
distancing all the time
6 ft. apart

and we'll be fine
Keep the faith and
we will see a move
toward a sense of

NORMALCY

AND LASTLY

From Ann Soares: One of my favorite thoughts, especially appropriate at this time.



Thank you to [all](#) who sent in their GREAT stories and pictures for our Special Section. I know everyone in CNN is going to have their spirits lifted by looking at these fabulous pages. [Let's all hang in there together!](#) Ann Soares, Editor