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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Baas

It was a very small Thanksgiving for us and I'm sure the same for most of you. The approaching Christmas season will be quiet also. With sadness CNN will not have our annual Christmas dinner dance and each special interest group won't be able to have their annual celebrations. Let's pray that the coming year will see an ending to the COVID and we will all be together again.

Miss seeing everyone. Stay well, Susan



VICE PRESIDENT...MaryAnn Evans



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

We want to get this year behind us!
Stay safe. 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 Nancy Hill & Sue Stark

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

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

SUNSHINE... Carolyn Edwards



Get Well cards sent to Gemma Gylling who had knee surgery, and to our President Susan Baas who had back surgery on Tuesday. Everyone else remains healthy as far as I know, and I do send good thoughts to all members and their families to remain so. Enjoy your day, 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Roz Ogletree-2nd Teresa Chatwood-6th Betty Smith-11th
Edy Sadowski-11th Mara Repke-19th Melinda Belland-20th
Marisa Meier-20th Malerie Padgett-24th Sandy Kinney-25th

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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.**

New Store

From Janet Roberts: New Co-Op Antiques; member Janet Roberts' collection is on display and on sale. I do hope to see everyone soon. Come see me, we wear masks. 74 Cedar St. (downtown area of Cedar) jaromv@yahoo.com, cell: 415/306-1704



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FREE

Member Mary Hyodo has a 52" Sony XBR flat screen TV about 10 years old, works great once it's warmed up (about 20 minutes). You pickup. Call 772-8636 if interested.

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.

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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

TIME FOR TEA ... Sharon Quintana 772-0783



Merry Christmas, tea ladies. I never thought we would not be able to share tea for such a long time. I miss each and every one of you and I can't wait to be together again. I'm wishing you a healthy and happy New Year and the hope we will be sharing tea soon.

"Coffee isn't my cup of tea." Samuel Goldwyn

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



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

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

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



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.

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.]**

No submittal 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.

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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.



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MERRY QUARANTINE!
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From Marlene Buecher: My son Ben rigged this up so I could hand out candy safely on Halloween. I had so much fun and so did the kids.



From Betty Smith: This our new baby great granddaughter Nora Rae who is three months old now. One picture is of her in her "cow" Halloween costume and the other one is the day after Thanksgiving when she and her parents came over for a visit. The 3rd is their Christmas picture. And the 4th is our Thanksgiving dinner for two!!



From Mary Mercurio Hemphill: Happy birthday to all the December ladies!





From Sandy Panattoni: Well, Thanksgiving was pretty quiet, but really nice this year. I made a lot of food (habit) for just the three of us. Son Jake, Brother Gary, and me. We did manage to have a couple of bottles of wine too (LOL). I hope everyone had a great day in spite of all the restrictions. Looking forward to seeing you in 2021 (fingers crossed.)



From Leilani Sickler: Hi, We have a new grandson born November 3, his name is Hogan Hawkeye Sickler. The family is doing well; they are back in Incline Village, Nevada. Can't wait to be able to hold him.



From Mary Hyodo:

Keep Brown Sugar soft by storing with a couple of marshmallows.



Install a regular coat rack low down the wall to store shoes safely off the floor



Use a paper plate to prevent splattering



Water straight from tap becomes cloudy when frozen. To make ice cubes crystal clear, allow a kettle of boiled water to cool slightly and use this to fill your ice cube trays.

Use a large muffin tin to cook stuffed peppers in the oven - it will help keep them upright.



Add half a teaspoon of baking soda to the water when hard-boiling eggs to make the shells incredibly easy to peel off.

Use bread tags to label power cords.
[Editor: this looks like a good idea, must try it next time I feel like getting down on my knees!]



From Gemma Gylling: I recently had knee surgery so that gave me time to finish a project I started for my BFF. She's always wanted a homemade afghan from me so I had time to finish it and got it done in time for Christmas. I sure hope it's what she's expecting because this afghan had lots of intricate stitches and took a long time to do.



Full width of Afghan

Close up of the stitches:



From Nadine Martin: Mike and Anne Flock (a CNN member) recently moved from their home in San Andreas to La Contenta. They had lived in San Andreas for 54 years in the same place. They purchased a home in La Contenta on Peachtree Court. (See pictures.) Mike is a retired coach from Calaveras High and Anne taught 3rd grade at Valley Springs and San Andreas Elementary.



From Pati Hendershot: Her home Christmas décor-partial display-she has many more



Hank's Santas



Dickens Village Place



Dickens Village

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From Laurie Hemmes: Results of CNN members at Tournament of Champions at Poppy Ridge in Livermore. See picture of the three players below.

Lynette Martinez - 5th in flight 2

Pati Hendershot - 3rd in flight 3

Judy Bruenn - 5th in flight 4

We had a great time and met a lot of nice ladies, also enjoyed a quick trip afterwards to downtown Livermore for a bite to eat and a little shopping.



From Judy Bruenn: The La Contenta Niners celebrated CNN member Mary Martin's 80th birthday with a party hosted by her daughters Jeanne and Kelley on the outside deck of La Contenta.



Mary with Kelley and Jeanne

Happy 80th Mary!!



Jeanne with Mom Mary

From Sharon Quintana: catching up with the Quintanas: We have been decorating for Christmas at our house. That has been the highlight of our month. We invite all of you to drive by and check out the lights. Just honk and wave or, if you are feeling adventurous, ring the bell. As long as you are masked, you are welcome to come in and view the Christmas tea pot and tea cup collection and the tree. We can even share a socially distant cuppa on the porch. Here are some pictures of the house. Note, I am not the best photographer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



From Sue Dorman: With the year we've had, we decided to decorate early. Our family had a virtual Thanksgiving; after that we all enjoyed our turkey goodies with lots of leftovers! We so missed being together and needed something to lift our spirits so out came the Christmas decorations! Our Snow People are starting to look as old as we are with some parts not inflating but we thought we'd give them one more year. The tree is up and stockings are hung and we are once again in good spirits (will have some of those too!). Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2021!! Looking forward to getting together with all of you at our Luncheons and Special Interest Groups once this virus is under control...hopefully soon!! Happy Holidays!! Sue



From Joannie Dahlgren: Zooms and zins. We had a rather unique Thanksgiving dinner, as I'm sure many of you did as well. With a little team work and some imagination, we were able to celebrate this old tradition in a new way.

We took our holiday feast to the Sierras for a little cabin-time. And while the turkey was smoked to perfection, and our neighbor shared her famous cranberry sauce and my gravy was my finest, there was something missing.

When our feast for two was carefully packed away for another day we retired to the ambiance of the backyard. The fire pit and a glass of zin to cut the chill of the mountain air were a welcome addition to our evening. But there was still something missing.

Finally, with the laptop carefully balanced atop a patio chair, we began our Thanksgiving Zoom-erang visit with our children and their families.

It was so good to see their beautiful faces and to enjoy the melody of their conversation. And while I didn't want to miss a moment, I had to step away for just a second to say a silent prayer of thanks for their good health. I prayed for peace for our exhausted nation. And I prayed for the hope of a new year. Happy Holidays, CNN



From Ann Soares, Editor: Sending my enormous gratitude to all the members who helped make our December issue another Newsletter that I know all members will greatly enjoy! We have a fabulous club of ladies that has stayed connected thru this nightmare, even though all our activities have been curtailed for almost a year now. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and join in your Hope for a Happy New Year!
Ann