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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Baas

I'm recovering from a laminectomy and spinal fusion. I'm doing well and looking forward to a new year with CNN able to resume our normal activities. Well wishes and happy New Year to all. Susan

***Susan had to return to the hospital since she wrote the above message on Dec. 31; she has developed an infection and is being treated for that.

VICE PRESIDENT...MaryAnn Evans

Happy New Year. Hope your holidays were great in the midst of staying at home with no get togethers. As you can see I am still going strong with needlepoint pictures. My latest is below:



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 last year. Our membership remains at 103. Nancy and I would like to wish each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Hopefully we will be able to get together soon.

****It's time to renew your CNN Membership. Deadline for renewing is March 1.** The cost is \$20 (Checks payable to CNN), or in cash. You can mail it to Sue Stark, 2445 Meadowood Drive, Valley Springs, CA 95252. I hope you will all decide to stay with us for another year. **If you decide to leave us, or have any changes to your information, we would like to know that in an email to Sue Stark at: johnstark2445@comcast.net, so we can update the spreadsheet and Directory contents.**

SUNSHINE...Carolyn Edwards



A card was sent to Kathy Hidalgo who I was told had already recovered from Coronavirus. Always nice to hear of a favorable outcome. A Get Well card was sent to Susan Baas who had to return to the hospital for treatment of infection after surgery. Hope all the rest of the members are keeping with precautions and staying safe. Have a healthy 2021. 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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Cathie Erickson-3rd Susan Jackson-3rd Sherry McWatters-3rd
Sandie Price-5th Audrey Poulo-7th Carolyn Edwards-11th
Lynn Carpenter-17th Carole Foucrault-20th Laurie Hemmes-20th
Sandie Lohsen-20th Madeline Perpignan-29th Dianne Kennady-31st

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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 # 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



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

"Come and share a pot of tea, my home is warm and my friendship's free."
Emilie Barnes

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. Canceled until further notice.

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



Happy New Year to all you trainers. 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. 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.



[See following January 2021 Covid Winter Special Section](#)

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From Bev Rushing: We weren't a very big crowd but we were grateful to have each other for this holiday, and hope that next year there will be more of us to celebrate. Happy healthy 2021 to all our CNN friends. Left to right: Sande, Vinnie, Bev, Tom.



From Sharon Quintana: Happy New Year, friends. I hope your Christmas was as nice as mine. We haven't seen our son since mid-February, so he and his fiancé drove more than two hours to sit on our front porch, masked and socially distant to visit for an hour and a half before returning to San Francisco. Our daughter, who lives in Valley Springs, also came. We were three separate groups visiting and opening Christmas gifts. My Christmas wish was to be with my children and it came true. It was nothing like previous years but all the more precious in this pandemic. Here is to a better New Year.

From Gemma Gylling: Bill and I had a really quiet Christmas so I don't have much to a talk about there. However; I did get a chance to finish another artwork I've been working on, here's the information about the artwork.

While I was in Montana attending a wildlife photography workshop, I had the opportunity to photograph this gorgeous bobcat, while he was playing in the snow. When I got home and started looking through the photos I took, this particular reference photo stood out to me, so I decided to draw it. It's done with 100% colored pencils.

To me... taking my own photos is just as thrilling as it is to draw the animal. I love being outdoors quietly watching the animals and taking hundreds of photos. In my mind, the whole process from front to back is my design.

Title: Snow Much Fun

Size: 12" x 18"

Medium: 100% Colored Pencil on Pastel mat Card

Reference Photo: My own photo



From Sue Dorman: Thought our members might enjoy this picture of our ZOOM Burger night group from the 30th. We've been Zooming for a few months now. Nice to see everyone!



From Carole Finch: Pictures below are: the roses on Dec. 28th! They are amazing, my baking spree till 1 am, and a little bit of Christmas. But the best for last. My grandson graduated from San Jose State with honors. Yeah!





From Judy Bruenn: On a cold, winter Saturday morning before Christmas, CNN members, Judy Bruenn, Joannie Dahlgren, Lynette Martinez and their husbands, Ed, Chris and Dave volunteered their time in helping the Calaveras Rotarians with the Christmas Food Basket Project. They loaded up cars and trucks with turkeys, assorted fruits and vegetables, boxes of dressing mix, can goods and pies for delivery to 200 needy Calaveras families. Lynette and her husband also helped with deliveries.

The La Contenta Niners golf group, of which several ladies are CNN members, recently made personal donations, amounting to \$603.50, to the California Foster Family Program in San Andreas. They did this in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts among each other. Adela Hawkins, also a Niner and CNN member, had this to say about it: "On behalf of all the Foster parents in Calaveras and Amador counties and the foster children who are placed by E.A. Foster agency, we acknowledge the generosity of my fellow La Contenta golf club members. Every one of you is appreciated. Your contribution will be used to make sure each child has a new back pack for school. God bless you all. I am proud to belong to the group and be associated with such wonderful, giving ladies."

From Ann Soares: After having a lovely family, socially distanced, Thanksgiving at daughter Lee Ann and Dean's place in the mountains, I knew at my age with the virus surging, I shouldn't be trying that for Christmas. So most of family opened presents together on Christmas Eve on Zoom, our usual gathering time. Then we also used Zoom for New Year's Eve toasting time. Better than nothing! Dean works for Cal Trans up Hwy. 4, was on 12 hr. shifts on Holiday week, so no celebrating for him!



Christmas Eve



New Year's Eve

From Mary Hyodo:

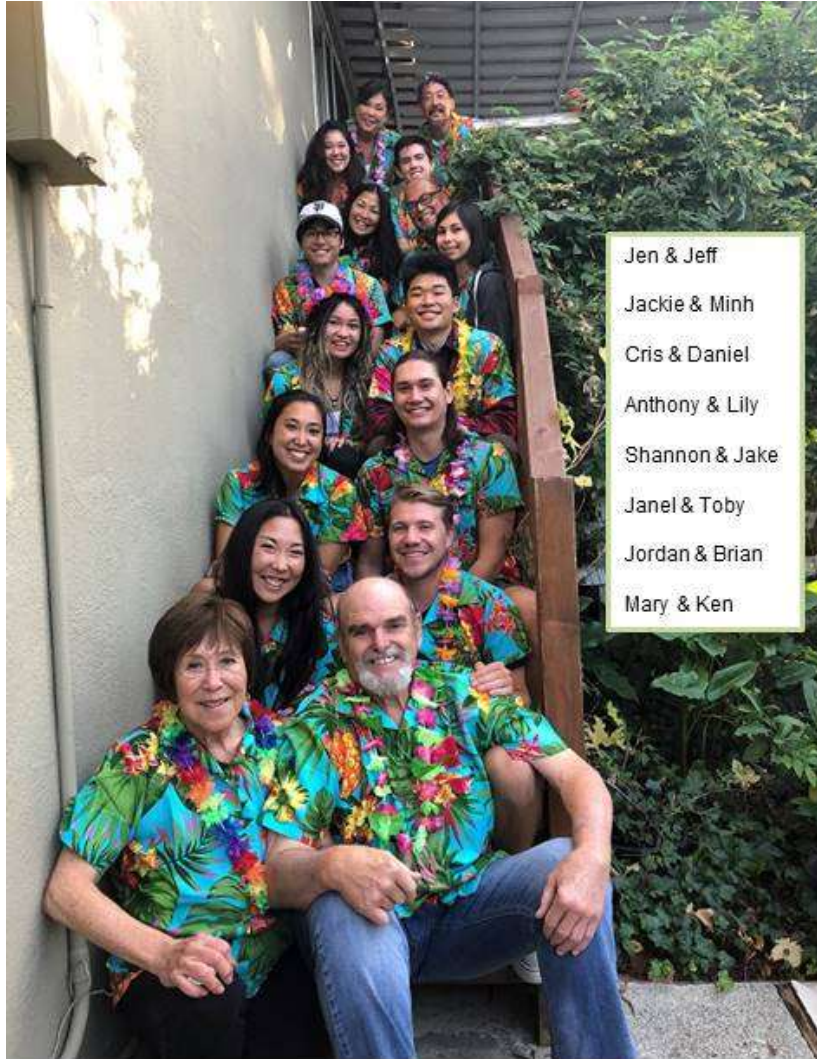
This photo is of a 150 foot ferris wheel in San Francisco Golden Gate Park for their 150th anniversary which coincided with our anniversary. Most of family went and we had a wonderful time.

[Editor's Note: For Those of us who grew up In the Bay Area like me, this ferris wheel at Playland is very familiar I'm sure! ~Ann]



Also thought I'd share my Christmas photo I sent out during the holidays. **[See next page]** This page is filled with photos from our family including fifteen grandchildren and some of their significant others. On the left is Ken and I with 2 daughters, their spouses and children and significant others. This photo was taken in October when it was our anniversary. We were supposed to go to Maui to celebrate with all the family, but because of Covid-19, we had to cancel. So daughter Jennifer surprised us with a luau at her home. We were ALL tested negative for covid before we got together. She got us all matching shirts, leis and wonderful luau food.

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Audrey



Holly (Henry)



Mike, Blake, Tia, Dalen
Joshua, Trisha, Nikki, Andy



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Also from Mary Hyodo: Just thought I'd share a nice source for nursery plants. The place is called **Gribaudo Farms in Lodi**. Attached are some samples of poinsettias. The 3rd picture is the one Ken bought for me for Christmas called Cinnamon. I look at it every day (on my dining room table) and I love it.



From Wendy Mathis: Hi Ann, would you please share our upcoming Hospice drawing? I usually love showing you all the prizes at the luncheon. Here is the information, Wendy, Amador Calaveras Hospice, Community Relations Director & CNN member

Take a Chance on Love this Valentine's Day
Hospice of Amador & Calaveras
12th Annual Valentine's Day Drawing!
Win 1 of 8 amazing prizes!

COMPLETE LIVING TRUST PACKAGE:
 Includes Last Wills & Testaments; Revocable Trust; Durable Power of Attorney; Advanced Healthcare Directives; HIPAA Waivers and; one(1) Trust Transfer Deed. Donated by Burton & Swett Law Firm. Value: Value: \$2,000.*

YOSEMITE CABIN:
 Yosemite Cabin: 3 nights in a four-bedroom cabin at the Redwoods in Yosemite. Donated by The Harder Family. Value: \$2,000.*

DAY AT THE LAKE:
 One full day rental on beautiful New Melones Lake on a 40' Super Cruiser. Donated by New Melones Lake Marina. Value \$765.*

LOCAL GOLF PACKAGE: Rounds of golf donated by Castle Oaks, Greenhorn Creek Resort, Sequoia Woods Country Club and The Golf Club at Copper Valley. Value: \$800.*

AIRPLANE RIDE AND PICNIC: One-hour scenic flight for 2 and gourmet picnic at the Calaveras Airport. Donated by Kathy Zancanella. Value: \$500*

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: Admission to one ARK 2000 Open House for a family of 6. Donated by The Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) Value: \$300.*

DOUBLE DAY-CATION: 2-\$50 Free Slot Play, and 4-\$50 dining certificates to Louie Oliver's. Donated by Harrah's Northern California. Value: \$300*

GRAND PRIZE!
 19th Century Diamond & Aquamarine Pendant. Donated By: Stan Lukowicz, Mother Lode Real Investors. Value: \$8,900.*

THANKS TO OUR DRAWING SPONSORS:
 Small Town Food + Wine & Murphys Hotel

* Estimated Value / Prizes are not-transferable / No Cash Value

Our 12th Annual 'Take a Chance on Love' Valentine's Day Drawing will be held at our Jackson Thrift Store on Friday, Feb. 12th at 3:00 pm with KVGC broadcasting our winning tickets live as they're drawn!

TICKETS \$10 Each or purchase \$100 and get 20 tickets PLUS a free dessert from Murphys Hotel OR a free appetizer from Small Town Food + Wine.

CALL (209) 223-5500 TODAY TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY PHONE!

Well, that does it for the Month of January. Once again I can't thank enough all the contributors of this wonderful content we have enjoyed here, and I know you must be as grateful and impressed as I am for what we have seen! Of course we want to keep up our hopes for the virus vaccine's success, so maybe before too long we will see our ACTIVITIES information filling our Newsletters! Best Wishes for a healthy New Year!
 Ann Soares, Editor