



# CALAVERAS NEIGHBORS AND NEWCOMERS

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...By Susan Baas - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE!**

Let's get ready for a long hot boring summer.

Our CNN activities for July are postponed until further notice. Hopefully the no-gathering restrictions will be lifted by August. Happily, some RV parks and condo units are opening up so we can get away with cautions. 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 made our yearly donations in June. We donated \$2000.00 each to The Resource Connection's food banks and Common Grounds for Seniors, Meals on Wheels.

Thanks to all our members for making our fund-raising events successful. I'm proud that CNN has enough funds to jump in with financial aid during our local disasters.

Miss seeing everyone. Stay well, Susan

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

When I opened my calendar to schedule an appointment for June you should have seen the look on my face when I saw that it was completely empty!! This is a first in my lifetime. Like many of you I continue to follow all the stay safe rules, wearing a mask and keeping a safe distance. We still play bingo on Friday evenings and enjoy visiting with our neighbors. So as always, I pray for your safety and that soon we will be able to resume some of our activities. 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 in June. Our membership remains at 103.

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 that day at the luncheon or mail to me. Prospective members may attend 2 luncheons as a guest before joining CNN.

**If you move, change your phone or email, please let Nancy or Sue know by emailing them** (Nancy [tatlnd@aol.com](mailto:tatlnd@aol.com) , Sue [johnstark2445@comcast.net](mailto: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.**

## FOOD BANK

No Luncheons. Remember: for every \$10 donation, the food bank can purchase \$100 worth of food. Cash or checks only. Make checks to CUMC. Susan Baas



## SUNSHINE...Carolyn Edwards



A Sympathy card was sent to Kathy Hidalgo upon the loss of her mother. A Get Well card was sent to Betty Dergan who had shoulder surgery. 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).

## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Judy Bruenn-8<sup>th</sup>      Carole Finch-8<sup>th</sup>      Tillie Soyland-13<sup>th</sup>  
Elaine Alves-14<sup>th</sup>      Brenda Howard-19<sup>th</sup>      Nadine Martin-21<sup>st</sup>  
Lynette Martinez-24<sup>th</sup>      Shawn Ball-28<sup>th</sup>      Linda Trapp-30<sup>th</sup>

## cnnslit



**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.

**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](http://www.rubyribbon.com/sherrymcwatters), mobile number (304)389-0112. My personal email is [slmroadwarrior@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

*"There is a great deal of poetry and fine sentiment in a chest of tea."*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## 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: will be put on hold until further notice. Sandy.

## SOCIAL...Judy Bruenn 772-3555



Our June Social to be held at Judy and Ron's Huckaby's home has been cancelled. Until further notice, all future Socials are cancelled, including our Social at the Hogan Dam Overlook in July. 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. This month's submittal is from Ann Soares:

"The German Midwife" by Mandy Robotham, *Historical Fiction*, December 2018

This story started out slow for me, but once it got going it was hard to put down. Setting is 1944, World War II. A young Jewish German midwife is sent to a Nazi prison camp to aid Jewish mothers with childbirth. Reading horrors of labor and birth here are not for the squeamish; the book has 4 detailed labors, most with tragic outcomes. Due to her excellent reputation, midwife Anke is suddenly summoned from hell to the luxurious mountaintop mansion of Hitler and his mistress, to care for the pregnant Eva Braun. Incredibly, amidst the Nazi setting, romance blooms with an SS officer with a heart (fiction remember.) Suspense, inhumanity of Nazis, fear for survival, and caring emotions radiate through the author's very excellent writing.

## 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 **MYSELF☺, MaryAnn**

Like French Fries but do not want to fry with all that oil. I have made these several times and because they are done in the oven with very little oil or salt, can be eaten literally guilt free. They are crispy on the outside and tender in the middle. I cut this recipe by half which serves plenty for two.

This serves 4 people.

4 russet potatoes (6-8 oz. ea.) peeled and cut into 1/2 inch thick fries  
6 tbsp. canola or vegetable oil  
1 tbsp. cornstarch  
1 tsp. salt

Place potatoes in a microwave safe bowl. Wrap tightly with plastic and nuke about 3-5 minutes. About halfway through shake bowl to redistribute potatoes. Transfer to a cooling rack. (The recipe calls to blot the potatoes with a paper towel but I just let them cool and find no need to dry them. Also I place parchment paper on the rack so they don't stick), Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Heat oil in a rimmed baking sheet for about 5-7 minutes. Meanwhile, whisk remaining oil (1 tbsp.) with the cornstarch and salt in a large bowl. Add potatoes, toss to coat. Arrange on the cooking sheet in a single layer. Bake until deep golden brown and crisp, 25 - 35 minutes. Flipping half way through cooking time. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate, blot any existing oil if necessary. Serve.

### 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 Judy Bruenn, 772-3555. Sharon and Judy are CNN members/golfers who can give you information/contacts on joining these groups.



**CONTINUE ON TO SEE THE CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES OF CNN**





## ***CNN Congratulates the Class of 2020 Graduates***

### ***Susan and Ted Baas's Granddaughter***



Our granddaughter, Lucinda Mayumi Solyan, is a 2020 Graduate of Nevada Union High School. She hopes to attend Sierra Community College of Nevada County, but doesn't know if it will be open or on-line. Her plans are not firm.

### ***Judy and Ed Bruenn's Granddaughter***



Audrey Eleanor Bruenn is a 2020 graduate of Turlock High School, Turlock, CA. There were 600+ graduates in Audrey's class. The class was broken up into groups of 10 and each group was able to have a ceremony attended only by their Parents. They were individually called up on stage and the principal handed each one their diploma. After leaving the gym, staff members applauded with cheers and balloons. Over 60 ceremonies were held throughout the week. Watching it virtually still brought tears to Judy's eyes.

Audrey is an animal lover. She has 3 dogs and 2 cats and is a former 4H member. She hopes to attend Merced Jr. College in the fall and is interested in agriculture and culinary arts.



### ***Marlene and Bill Buecher's Grandchildren***



Ellie just graduated from SOTA (School of the Arts) High School in San Francisco. She will be attending San Francisco City College in the fall.

Andy just graduated from Toyon Middle School and will be attending Calaveras High School. Also pictured is Boris, the new puppy.

### ***Judy and Ron Huckaby's Grandson***



Our grandson's name is Evan Dwayne Huckaby.

Evan graduated from Fred C. Beyer High School in Modesto, CA.

He has officially enlisted in the US Army branch of the military and is looking forward to serving his country with pride.



### *Valerie and Danny Padgett's Son*



Valerie's son, Joe (full name, Joseph Michael Olsen) graduated from Freedom High School in Oakley. They had a "drive through" graduation last Thursday, June 18th but, interestingly enough, there is no actual graduation date on his diploma-just gives the month and year. Funny! We are so sad that he didn't get to walk with his class, attend his Senior Ball or experience any of the final fun months that lead up to graduation but we are so amazed and proud of how he has taken it all in stride and didn't let it bother him. His dream is to do hair and makeup for the stars (a dream I have no doubt he will make come true) so his next step will be attending beauty college! We couldn't be more proud of the person he has become and just know he is going to do great things!

### *Phyllis and Mike Pisano's Granddaughter*



This is our 6 year old Granddaughter, Masha, and her dad.

Masha graduated from St. Simons in Los Altos, Ca. Kindergarten Class of 2020. Masha has many interests. She paints, and many of her Art works can be found hanging in our home. She loves t-ball, golf, and gymnastics. Masha plays the piano and loves Unicorns, rainbows, and "Frozen".

Masha is Multilingual. She speaks English, Russian and some Spanish. We are so proud of her.



***“Proud Grama” Sandy Panattoni’s Grandson***



My grandson, Dylan (Paul Jr & Nickie's son) got his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Degree from Cal Poly Pomona. We are so proud of his accomplishments and dedication.

***Ann Soares’ Granddaughter***



Sydney Rose Soares is my Granddaughter; she was a senior at Amador Valley H.S. in Pleasanton, CA when the Corona Virus stole away all the Classes of 2020’s Graduation activities and Commencement programs. When she eventually got over the disappointment, I’m proud of the way that she and others finally took it in stride, and the school managed to arrange as much as possible thru streaming, drive thru reception of Diplomas and City fireworks. No way to virtually hold that Senior Ball though ☹️

Syd will be attending San Diego State University in the fall, either in San Diego (maybe) or in her bedroom at home ☹️ Major will be Kinesiology, study of the body’s mechanics and anatomy in relation to movement, used for sports & rehab, strength and conditioning, physical therapy, etc. Sydney has been a very good athlete during all her school days.