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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... By Susan Baas

With Thanksgiving approaching and still on isolation orders, I hope every member has a chance to spend some time with family and friends.

Our new year is in sight and it is time to focus on our usual January election. It has been brought to my attention that perhaps we should hold off elections until we can have luncheons again. Without our fundraisers or money matters with the restaurants and food bank, there are not a lot of duties for new officers to perform. I will be sure to file our annual tax form and Marlene will pay for our storage shed and any other matters that arise. CNN will just stay in a kind of Limbo for now.

Thank you to Ann for keeping us involved with her wonderful Newsletter. It's so nice to see what we all are doing and how we're coping in these troubled times. Miss seeing everyone. Stay well, Susan

VICE PRESIDENT... MaryAnn Evans

Not many changes in our lifestyle as I'm sure you are experiencing the same. We did get away and travel to Arizona to visit our son and family. It was great to get away and have a change of pace. And we were able to have close encounters with our grandchildren that we haven't been able to do. In the meantime our youngest son, and his wife surprised us with the news that we have another grandchild on the way. This will make an even dozen for us.

As always you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Someday, hopefully soon, we will be able to get back together again. Have a blessed Thanksgiving, hope you can be with family or friends. 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 October. 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.

Change of email address: Laurie Hemmes now: hemmesva@gmail.com

SUNSHINE... Carolyn Edwards



I have not heard of anyone being ill or having any mishaps in their lives. Hope it stays that way. 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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Diana Bentancourt-1st

Laurel Joliff-4th

Evelyn McAdams-26th

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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 Joliff:** *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 simroadwarrior@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

"There is very little art in making good tea; if the water is boiling, and there is no sparing of the fragrant leaf, the beverage will almost invariably be good."

Isabella Newton, "Mrs. Newton's Book of Household Management"

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



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From Susan Baas: These guys are the only ones who are allowed to have parties.



November 2020 COVID Fall Special Section



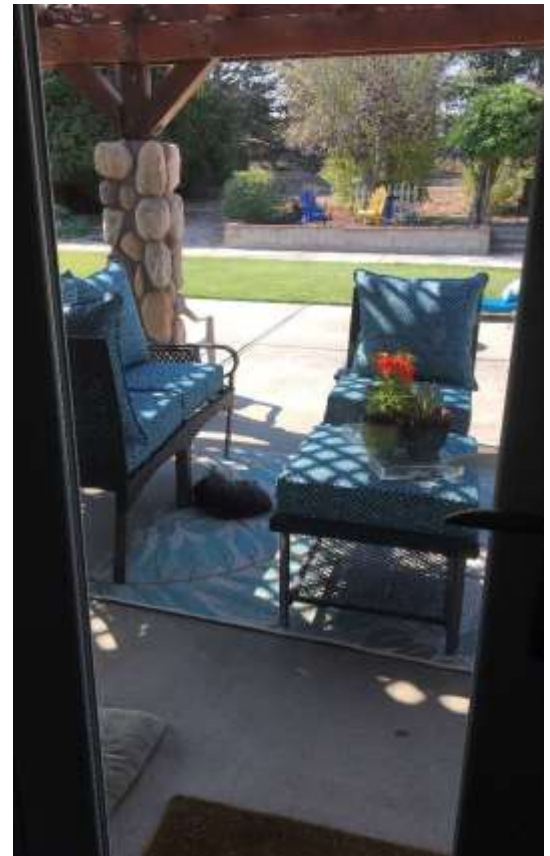
From Betty Smith: This is our new Maine Coon cat "Kitten Caio Maine" who just turned a year old. He is 14 pounds and still growing. He has given us a lot of happiness and fun during this "sheltering in"! We're staying healthy, except last night we spent eight hours in the ER and found that Galan has a kidney stone which, hopefully, he will pass.



From **Mary Mercurio Hemphill:** Wishing you all a Happy Halloween!!



From Linda Trapp: I wanted to say "hi" from our new home. I'm attaching a photo from our afternoon walk along the coastal dunes in Pismo. This boardwalk ends where the Monarch butterflies come in droves to the Eucalyptus grove. I'm also sending a photo of our cat relaxing in the backyard - I was so worried that he wouldn't survive the trip, but he's fine. Hope you are well - I do miss everyone, but this is the right thing to do. We are helping my daughter's family, primarily with schooling, and it's very nice to be near them. I've met some new friends at a church women's picnic, and almost have the unpacking done. Now that we have wi-fi, I can learn Facebook Marketplace and sell the things that just don't fit. I'm not fluent, but it's working well so far. Love to all – Linda



From Carole Finch: This little cowboy, my great nephew, is celebrating his great grandpas 90th birthday, and the new baby girl is my third great grandchild. Soo cute. I'm so over being as busy as their parents! 😊



From Gemma Gylling: This month I decided to take a break from drawing part of the month and do something else. My niece's son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child and it's my niece's first grandchild so I thought I would make something special for the new, up and coming baby. I crocheted a baby blanket with a crocheted applique on it, an elephant. Here's an image of the baby blanket along with a close up of the applique. This was really fun to do so I thought I'd make a few more just in case someone else in the family ends up expecting. I have 2 nieces and one nephew who have recently gotten married. This way, if I start now, I'll have them ready, LOL.

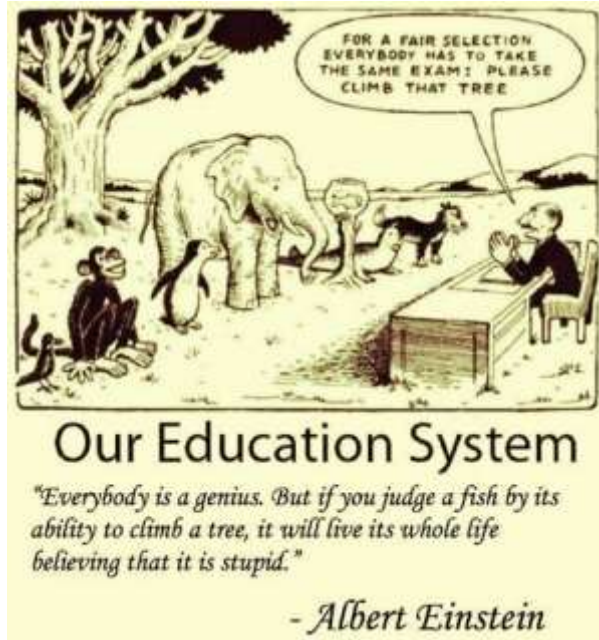


From Nadine Martin: On September 2 we went to the Leger Hotel in Mokelumne Hill for dinner. Mike & Anne Flock, Fay Murphy and Nadine Martin celebrated Darlene Gassmann's 91st birthday. They had outside seating in back yard by the swimming pool, it was very pleasant and we had great service. All the Covid regulations were strongly adhered to.



From Tanda Kulberg: Ok, here's a little tip as we all try to get used to our new normal. The plastic bags in the produce department: I have always just licked my thumb, snap, and no problem opening a bag! No one wants to lick there thumb now, right???? My tip is to go to the wet rack; lettuce, broccoli and so on, just touch the wet produce and presto, problem solved wet fingers! Only problem, just don't let anyone see you patting the produce, you might freak them out. Shouts of, "she touched the produce!" will ring throughout the department!!! Shhhh, I won't tell!! 🌿

From Mary Hyodo: I think everyone should enjoy these:



Also Remember: "Attitude Is Everything"

From Sue Dorman: Well, October was a busy month for us! I finished painting my third bedroom; well, office/computer room. We eliminated part of the desk we had to open it up a little. So, within the last 3 years, everything has been painted inside and out and I won't be venturing up a ladder to paint at least anytime soon! Fred and I went on our annual trip in our MH to Moss Landing for 4 days with some friends. We had food from our favorite eating places (Phil's Fish Market and the Haute Enchilada,) every night! The fish is fresh right off the boat and so delicious!



Before



After



After



Moss Landing



And the highlight of October was our son Sean's wedding! He and Kristin were married in their backyard with a small group of family and friends. We love Kristin very much and are so happy that they found each other! It was an evening wedding with delicious food and plenty of wine and beer to go around!!



From Judy Bruenn: Seven CNN members, along with two others, participated in a 9-hole golf invitational at the Oakdale Country Club on October 20th and took home several wins in the competition. On the front nine, Shannon Todd's team finished first and Lynette Martinez's team tied for 2nd place with a tiebreaker moving them to 3rd place. On the back nine, Cathi Erickson's team placed 1st, Mary Martin's team placed 2nd, and Evelyn McAdams team placed 4th. In the horserace competition, Judy Bruenn and her partner advanced to the finals and finished in 4th place. [Judy says for the horserace, observers bet win, place or show amounts on the participants and follow along on the cart path like on TV.] Although Joannie Dahlgren, Adela Hawkins and Patti Alderson didn't take home any honors, they had a great time.



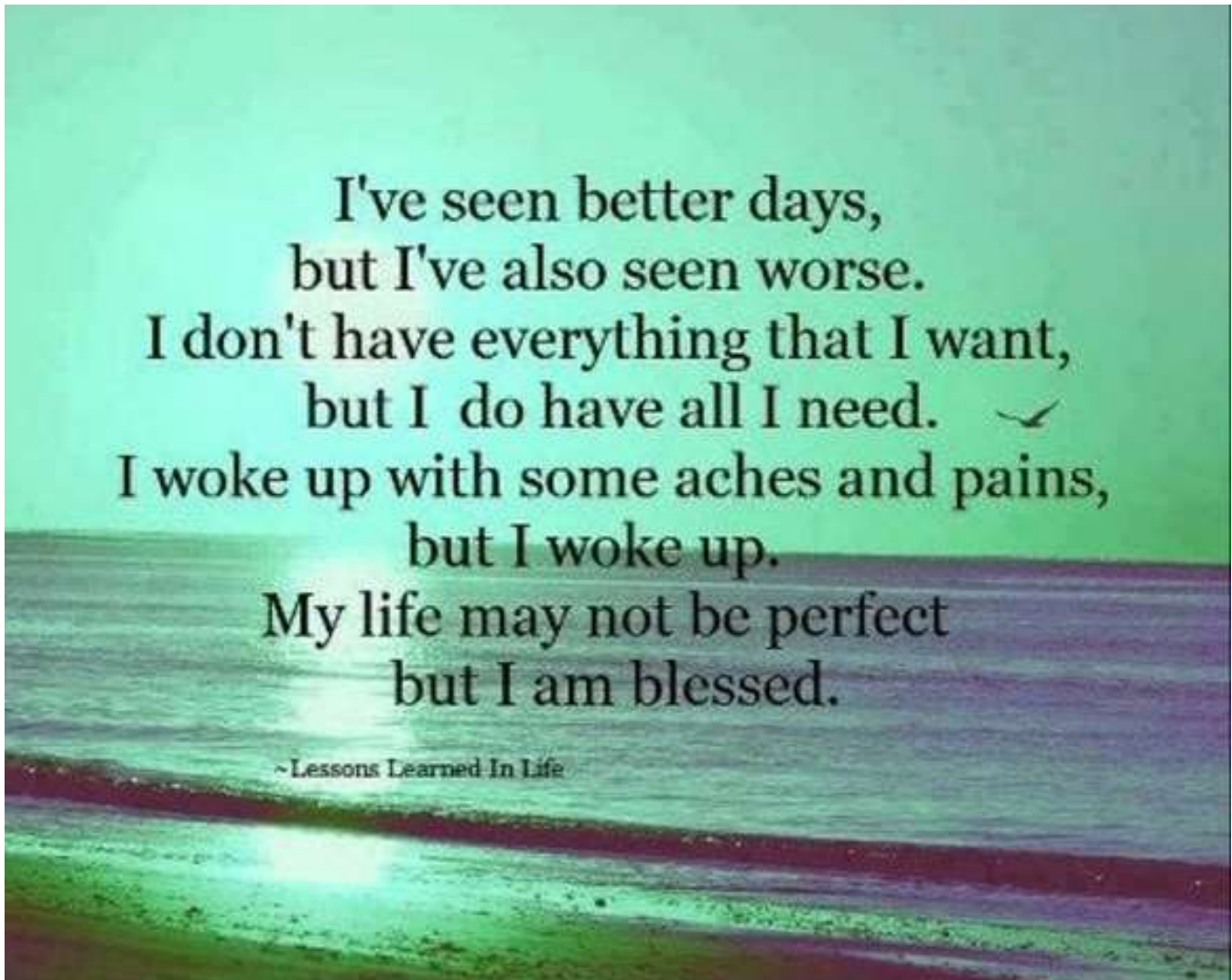
From Ann Soares: Just a funny little story about how I spent my time a few weeks ago: I had told my daughter Lee Ann I was going to take my ballot over to the County Elections office to make sure it didn't get lost! She said oh we want to do that too! I said let's bring a lunch and eat somewhere nearby before she has get back to work. So she drove down at noon from Arnold, where she is working remotely, with her and Dean's ballots. We put our three ballots in the lock box and headed to the San Andreas library to see if there was any shade to sit in; she had brought their dog along, "he was being needy." In the back there was shady parking and a lovely little Japanese (garden?) area, with a picnic bench. So here are a couple of pictures of our memorable bag lunch Ballot Day Luncheon, it was so nice.



From Sharon Quintana: Welcome to Halloween at the Quintana's. No guests, no trick or treaters, or family to see, we just decorate for ourselves like every year. Next is Thanksgiving, put away the ghosts and witches and bring out the Pilgrims and cornucopia. Then Christmas decorating while watching Hallmark Christmas movies. Miss all of you, Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving. Hugs, Sharon



Last Contribution from Mary Hyodo:



TO ALL CNN MEMBERS: Looks like we did it again! Thank you so much to all the participants for creating another wonderful collection of many members' thoughts, happenings, activities and pictures. I know every one of us is grateful to belong to such a great club, making the most of this difficult time! May we all feel more connected through everything we see here! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
Til next time, Ann Soares, Editor