

NORTH COUNTY WIDOWS & WIDOWERS CLUB

FEBRUARY 2026

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NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members,

Thanks to all for renewing your membership for 2026. Your enthusiastic response and support for our Club is much appreciated by the Board and myself. Plans are being made for many fun social events this coming year. We welcome suggestions for events that interest you. Contact Nancy or any of our event assistants.

We want to acknowledge and celebrate your support with a Member's Appreciation Day and St. Paddy's Celebration on March 15, 2026, 2-5 pm. Food and entertainment will be provided. We will also honor Linda Britton for her service to NCWW as our membership chair. See page two for more details.

Don't miss out on the next Stomp 'n' Chomp. We are riding the Coaster from Oceanside to Old Town in San Diego where we will enjoy wandering through historic adobe buildings, artisan shops and museums. We will head home to North County after lunch.

On a sad note, Austin Caywood, has passed away from complications of cancer. He was a long-standing member and always supported our social Club. When we know more about a memorial service, we will share the information with you. We will miss him.

I hope to see you all at our events this month.

Wilma



FEBRUARY Events - Reservation Deadlines See page 2 for detailed information

Event Date	Event	RSVP by	Name & Number
Wed 02/04/26	Book Club	ASAP	Ann Fleming 760-704-1258
Mon 02/09/26	Stomp 'n' Chomp Coaster to SD	02/07/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Wed 02/11/26	Happy Hour Seven Seas Bar & Grill	02/07/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Fri 02/13/26	Elks Dinner Dance Vista	02/05/26	Dottie Hagaman 760-438-5491
Wed 02/25/26	Happy Hour Nucci's	02/21/26	Nancy Pace-Skinner 760-716-9000
Fri 02/27/26	Elks Dinner Dance Oceanside	02/19/26	Dottie Hagaman 760-438-5491

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FEBRUARY EVENTS**Book Club****NOTE: NEW MEETING TIME****WED, 02/04/26 - 2-4 PM**

Welcome book lovers! We meet for appetizers/desserts and beverages at a member's home. This month's selection, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston, is a heartwarming debut novel about a lonely, kind-hearted old man who, facing eviction, is mistaken for a grumpy nursing home resident named Bernard Greer and takes his place, finding a new family and purpose while mending broken fences.

For more information call Ann Fleming 760-704-1258**Stomp 'n' Chomp****MON, 02/09/26 - 10:15 AM-2:45 PM**

(The Coaster Train to Old Town, SD with lunch) Let's take a train ride to SD for lunch and a little time in Old Town. Train tickets are just \$6.50 and are available track side with lunch on your own or with the group at one of several Mexican restaurants in the area..

RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by 02/07/26**Happy Hour - Seven Seas Bar & Grill****WED, 02/11/26 - 3-5 PM**

(324 Main St, Vista,) We are trying a new place in Vista. Great happy hour menu that has much more than just seafood! Friendly staff and welcoming space.

RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by Sat, 02/07/26**Dinner/Dance – Vista Elks Lodge****FRI, 02/13/26 - 5-9 PM**

(Vista Elks Lodge, 1947 E. Vista Way, Vista) Dinner and dancing to live music. Join us for a lively evening of fun, music and dancing. **All non-Elk NCWW members will be charged a \$15 cover charge to defray rising costs.** Please be sure to RSVP and to let Dottie know if you decide not to come. **RSVP with Dottie (760) 438-5491 by Thurs, 02/05/26**

Happy Hour - Nucci's Italian Cafe and Pizza**WED, 02/25/26 - 2:30-4:30 PM**

(1580 S Melrose Dr # 108, Vista) The Nucci's welcome us back for an early happy hour. (We will get you home before dark!)

RSVP with Nancy Pace-Skinner (760) 716-9000 by Sat, 02/21/26**Dinner/Dance – Oceanside Elks Lodge****FRI, 02/27/26 - 5-9 PM**

(Oceanside Elks Lodge, 444 Country Club Ln, Oceanside) Dinner and dancing to live music. Join us for a lively evening of fun, music and dancing. Please be sure to RSVP and to let Dottie know if you cannot make it after you RSVP or for the evening's menu.

RSVP with Dottie (760) 438-5491 by Thurs, 02/19/26The logo features the words "Save the Date" in a decorative, cursive font. "Save" is at the top, "the" is in a small circle to the left of "Date", and "Date" is at the bottom.

**Free Member's Appreciation and St. Paddy's Day
Social
at Palomar Estates East
Sun, 03/15/26, 2-5 PM**



Come celebrate you and St. Paddy's Day on Sunday, March 15 at Palomar Estates East, 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos. Join us to enjoy music, dancing, St. Patrick's Day fun, and an early catered dinner.

Although there is no charge, please RSVP with Nancy at 760-716-9000, so we can order enough food. (Also, please let Nancy know if you will be unable to attend after RSVPing.)



Doris Gannon and Patrick Satcher

Be sure to say hello to our newest members
(and our guests)!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/03	Christine Bernardo	02/22	Marty Burman
02/04	Geri Sweatt	02/22	Tom Dugan
02/05	Roberta Peters	02/22	Sylvia Moreno
02/12	Frank Booth	02/24	Rose Benalcazar
02/20	Dowene Gregory	02/26	Jennifer Birkenstock
02/21	Mike Smith	Many happy returns!	

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Do you have a lot of "stuff" you aren't sure you want to keep? You are not alone!

Several members have expressed interest in reading and discussing a book by a Swedish author, Margareta Magnusson. She wrote **The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning** which is a guide to decluttering your life (known as *döstädning*) to ease the burden on your family after you're gone, but it's also a great way to simplify life now. (And I, for one, could use some simplifying!)

The book offers a practical and humorous approach to getting rid of unnecessary belongings, focusing on what truly matters and making the process uplifting rather than overwhelming. It encourages you to tackle clutter at any age.

If this sounds like something you're interested in, call Nancy at 760 716-9000 for more info.



Dance Lessons

Want to learn to dance? Join several of our NCWW members who are learning to ballroom dance!

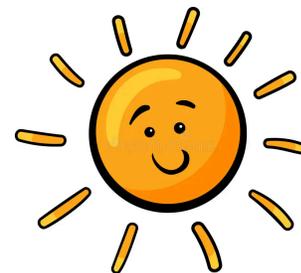
Lessons are offered at the Gloria McClellan Senior Center, 1400 Vale Terrace Dr, Vista by Palomar Smooth

Dancers on Mondays (every week). Beginners lessons are 7-8 PM, and intermediate lessons are 8-9 PM. The cost is \$10/week for one lesson or \$15/week for both.

(Visit www.palomarsmoothdancers.com for more info or call their president, Penny Elliot, at (760) 917-5763.

NCWW Board Positions

If you are considering volunteering for the board for any of the positions, please contact a board member and let us know. Thank you.



Do you know someone who could use a little sunshine?

Sending Erin O'Neill our healing thoughts and prayers.

Sad to announce the passing of long-time member and friend, Austin Caywood. We will let everyone know about plans for a memorial service when we know more.

If you know someone who could use uplifting, please let Diane Phillips know. Call 760-419-1655.



February 2026



See page 2 for more details about the events on the calendar.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Meet & Greet for new members are on 4th Mondays	2	3	4 Book Club 2-4 PM	5 RSVP for Elks Dinner Dance - Vista	6	7 RSVP for Happy Hour & Stomp 'n' Chomp
8	9 Stomp 'n' Chomp (Coaster - O'side to Old Town) 10:15-2:45	10	11 Happy Hour Seven Seas Bar & Grill 3-5 PM	12	13 Elks Dinner Dance Vista 5:00-9:00 PM	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
15	16 NCWW Board Meeting 1-3 PM	17	18	19 RSVP for Elks Dinner Dance - Oceanside	20	21 RSVP for Happy Hour
22	23 Meet & Greet for new members	24	25 Happy Hour Nucci's 2:30-4:30 PM (Earlier time)	26	27 Elks Dinner Dance Oceanside 5:00-9:00 PM	28

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A NCWW EVENT OR ACTIVITY, JOIN US AT THE MEETING!
 PLEASE JOIN US AT THE BOARD MEETING USUALLY ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 1:00 – 3:00 PM
 at Palomar Estates East, 650 S Rancho Santa Fe Rd, San Marcos
 TO HELP US PLAN, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT YOU WILL ATTEND - WILMA WILHELM – 760-473-3534. THANK YOU.