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Next Newsletter Deadline:
August 20 for Group Recaps
and Sept/Oct Newsletter
information.

Welcome to our new Board Members:



Rebecca Balentine

Secretary

Karen Davis
Nominating



Laura Santana

Programs & Socials



Lisa Everett

Publicity



A Bit of Americana by Lee Anne Powers (outgoing Programs and Socials Chairman)



The weather looked terrible. Predictions were that our Evergreen Rodeo Parade was going to get rained on. And we did, but more on that later.

On Saturday, June 17 at 7:45 am, Riley Hanback and I parked in the Sundance Gardens parking lot to meet up with incoming Programs & Socials chair, Laura Santana, and her husband, Paul, who were going to give us a lift to the parade staging area. They had done a lot of preliminary work building framework on their antique truck to hold the two ENN banners. After a bit of confusion, we found our spot in the parade, #59 out of about 79 entries. And fortunately, the other ENN parade walkers found us and by 9 am as we finished decorating Santana's 1957 Chevy truck and Paul's 4 x 4 Jeep. Thanks to Frank McVeigh, Activities Chair, we had beautiful signs to display on the vehicles and to carry which touted the many activity groups ENN offers. Riley and a couple of others brought candy to hand to the parade watchers. And off we went, practically on time at 10 am.



Parade - continued

It was quite lovely walking the parade route, seeing the lake construction up close, and being cheered on by the packed street. I can echo the words of several of our ENN parade walkers that it had been many years since many of us had participated in a parade. Yet I got the same choked-up feeling while walking, full of pride for our community, and our beautiful country.

The last parade I walked was in 1991 when my dad, at age 70, was the Grand Marshal and looked every bit the part atop a steed, as a loudspeaker blasted the Lee Greenwood song, "God Bless the U.S.A." I got goofy and teary-eyed. Who wouldn't with these lyrics? *"And I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the folks who died, Who gave that right to me, And I'd gladly stand up, Next to you and defend her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land...God bless the USA."*



I couldn't have dreamed of a better team of board members to be a part of and how we kept things going during COVID. These people will remain my lifelong friends. And the rain began just as we finished our parade route at 11:30 am. We just made it!

Walking in this parade was the perfect end to my three years on the ENN board. Thank you all for your support and participation. Please give the same to Laura. She's going to be great!

President's Message

by Riley Hanback



Hello Everyone!

On July 1st we began our new 2023-2024 term, closing the book on last year and looking forward to the new year before us. Last year ended on a high note; our Summer Party was an incredible success, with ENN hosting a casino night at Troutdale Tavern.

A big thank you goes out to Lee Anne Powers, Annie Ginsberg, Donna Lomax, Laura and Paul Santana, Lucille Razzano, Carol Hanback, Carol Goss, and Jan Cryns for all of the work in planning and executing the event. Everyone seemed to have a great time, especially the winners at the tables and for the drawings!

The last event of the last term was our participation in the Evergreen Rodeo Parade. Paul and Laura Santana graciously allowed us the use of their truck which had our ENN banners attached, and we had a lot of our members who walked, handing out candy and ENN brochures to the crowd. And fortunately, we finished in time to miss the rain!

Your ENN Board worked diligently last year to fulfill our mission of bringing people together for fun and friendship. We will miss Lee Anne Powers, Annie Ginsberg, and Carol Hanback as they leave the Board, but I would like to extend my appreciation for their efforts and dedication for all they did for ENN.

While we are losing these three incredible women, we are gaining the experience and talents of four talented newcomers for the Board.

Karen Davis will be our Nominating Officer; Lisa Everett will take over as our Publicity Officer; Rebecca Balentine will be our new Secretary; and Laura Santana will be our Programs and Socials Officer. I look forward to working with these people, and those remaining on the

Board, as we work together this year.

So, as we begin this new term, I hope you will take advantage of all of the activities ENN offers to its members. There is something for everyone, so whether it is an activity you have participated in for years, or if it is a new activity you want to try, you will always be welcomed by the warm and friendly people that are our membership. And your ENN Board will work to ensure that this upcoming year continues to hold fun-filled activities for you.

Thank you all, and I hope to see you around!

ENN's mission is to provide opportunities for its members to meet others through social events and activity groups.

The ENN membership list is only for the personal use of ENN members and may not be used for commercial or non-ENN purposes.

ENN is open to all residents of the Evergreen area, regardless of length of residency.

ENN SUMMER PARTY – CASINO NIGHT

Troutdale Tavern was the place to be on Tuesday, June 13th, as ENN hosted their annual summer party, this time, with a twist.

Troutdale Tavern, like many restaurants in Evergreen and Conifer, is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. However, Troutdale Tavern opens its doors for local nonprofits to host events and drops the room charge, a great deal, and a place to have an event. So, the **63rd annual ENN Summer Party** took place there with a delicious barbecue buffet and casino tables. It was a blast!



Looks like Jan is on-a-roll at the Craps Table!

We had a full house and the casino gaming tables were packed with enthusiastic gamblers and onlookers. The fun everyone was having was palatable. And many people expressed their pleasure at how good the food was and hope we offer a casino party in the near future. With more tables! Seriously, this was a very fun event. You can tell how much fun everyone was having by the photos!



The Blackjack Table was hopping all night!



Bill Jarvis went "all-in" and came out the big winner at Texas Hold 'Em!

The best part - everyone came away a winner with a great evening of food and fun!

But the winner of the Grand Prize was Riley Hanback! Way to go, Prez!



Welcome to our new members!

Deborah Vernier

Roycee and Kevin Kerr

Roy and Alma Monk

Ashley & Jay Bullard

Somer Walker

Introduce yourself whenever you see any new members at an upcoming ENN activity.

Programs and Socials -

Laura Santana

Hello ENN Members! Your Programs and Socials committee is happy to announce that two talented, local performing arts groups have offered **discount tickets** for their upcoming season to all ENN members. More details to follow, but below is information on their first performances of the season in case you want to save the date!



ENN members and guests have been invited to see a performance of The Evergreen Players improv troupe, known as EPiC (Evergreen Players Improv Comedy), and take advantage of a \$5 discount on each ticket when using the code **ENN23**.

The next EPiC performance is on Friday and Saturday, August 25 & 26 at Center Stage Theatre, 27608 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen, CO. Tickets are \$25 Adult, \$20 for Senior, and \$15 for Students. Visit www.evergreenplayers.org to purchase your tickets and see the complete season lineup of performances. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (720) 515-1528.



For their first performance of the 2023/2024 season, Ovation West will present ***Into the Woods***, a musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. This musical adventure intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests.

Performances will be September 15-October 8. Fridays & Saturdays @ 7:30pm and Sundays @ 2:30pm. Center Stage Theatre, 27608 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen, CO.

Visit <https://ovationwest.org/events-tickets> to purchase your tickets and see the complete lineup of events. ENN members will receive a 15% discount - enter promo code **OvationENN23/24**. If you prefer to make your purchase with a person, directly email tonje@ovationwest.org to set up a time to process your order or call (303) 674-4002 to leave a message.

Community Outreach – Carol Goss



The July 4th Freedom Run was designated as our July 2023 ENN Volunteer Day Opportunity. A huge thank you to all who volunteered! What you did to help make this event possible benefited Mount Evans Home Health Care and Hospice. After the race, we met for brunch at Parkside to celebrate and socialize.

We plan to schedule Volunteer Day service projects this year with Evergreen Fire Rescue, the EChO Shelter Program and Habitat for Humanity. We will also include a firewood collection and delivery day, and a food drive. These will help Evergreen Christian Outreach to meet the growing needs of those in our community. Please look for the announcements for these great community service projects.

Community Outreach has arranged for a tour of the **recently completed Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO)** main facility at 27888 Meadow Drive. Participants will receive a **25% discount coupon** to use that day at the resale store. The tour will take place **on Tuesday, July 11th, from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.**

If possible, please join us for lunch at 12 noon, at Campfire Evergreen, prior to the tour.

Please R.S.V.P if you plan to attend and if you plan to meet for lunch with us prior to the tour.

Thank you for your interest in non-profit organizations that serve our community!



EChO's programs are designed to further their mission to address the basic and urgent needs of people across Evergreen and surrounding areas by offering healthy food, financial assistance, job search assistance, and shelter. They provide additional services, such as mental health counseling from professionals and referrals, to help clients on their way to becoming self-sufficient. Visit their website for more information: <https://evergreenchristianoutreach.org/>

ACTIVITIES

SWAG –

Carol Goss and Harriet Sear, Leaders

Savvy Women and Gals (SWAG) is an educational group. Members help to determine the topics and some even provide presentations. We typically meet in member homes; however, we have some outside group activities throughout the year. We are a very friendly group and always love new faces and new ideas. Many close friendships have developed through SWAG. If you are interested in being included on our email list, please contact Harriet Sear or Carol Goss at Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. A special thank you to all who provided presentations or programs for our SWAG meetings so far this year.

Savvy Women and Gals (SWAG) met on Tuesday, May 16th from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, at Castles and Kitchens, in Conifer. Francesca from Castles and Kitchens presented a class on Morocco/Tunisia cuisine. We had a lot of fun making the dishes and really enjoyed eating the meal we prepared under her direction. The food was delicious!



On June 20th from 1 to 3 PM, SWAG met at the home of Laraine Meyers. Laraine served a lot of yummy refreshments and Barb Conroy presented research information and tips, as well as recipes for high altitude cooking that she has collected over her many years in the mountains. Her presentation answered many questions and other members shared their tips with the group too.



SAVE the DATE: July 18th from 1 to 3PM SWAG will be hosted by Carol Zimmerman at her condo. This meeting will be all about technology, including smart phones, computers, laptops, tablets, ear buds, and in-home computerized systems. Bryan Goar, a college IT student, will address your questions and explain features of devices upon request. Feel free to bring your devices and questions regarding their use.

SAVE the DATE: August 15th from 1 to 3 PM we are considering doing a sculpture walk or ride in the Evergreen area. If anyone has done this before, we would love to hear about your experience.

Check out this new Activity Group!

ENN Shutterbugs

1st & 3rd Friday mornings

LEADER:

Marko Ginsberg

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The goal of ENN ShutterBugs is to have fun with photography, explore our local environment, and become better photographers in the process.

We will meet the first and third Friday mornings of the month.

On the first Friday, we will do a local trip to an area where members of the group will find some great photo ops. If there is any hiking involved, it will be moderate and at a moderate pace. The idea is to spend a pleasant morning with friends and cameras. Locations for the trips will be selected by members present at the previous month's third Friday meeting. Destinations will be chosen to present opportunities to photograph: animals and birds, landscapes, flowers, old stuff, unique structures, and/or any other subject that members are interested in.

On the third Friday we will be meeting at a member's home where we will share images from the last outing and talk photography. The goal is to become better photographers by reviewing our images and discussing composition, techniques, camera settings and features, and photo editing software. Kind corrective criticism of images will be available to those who would like it.

If you are interested in participating in this group, contact the Leader.

Piecemakers Quilting – Sandy Illich, Leader

The Piecemakers raided their stashes (of fabric!) for a service project for ***Caitlin's Smiles***, an organization that encourages children with serious health challenges to explore their uniquely creative talents by taking part in arts and crafts activities. The group provides bags filled with art supplies, games, puzzles, and stuffed animals to children in hospitals and medical centers throughout the Eastern United States.

Following the directions provided, our group made 90 bags ready to bring smiles to the faces of children going through tough times. The project brought a smile to our faces too!



The Piecemakers also displayed some of their quilts on the back of the ENN Truck in the Rodeo Parade.

Laura Santana (Programs & Socials) and our own Lynn Robbins (Piecemakers) hang the quilts on the back of the truck.



ENN POKER NIGHT – Rose Warren, Leader

The ENN Poker Group met at the home of Frank and Kathleen Rimlinger.

Looks like they're getting ready for the Poker Table at ENN's Summer Casino Night Party!

SUMMER HIKING GROUP – Deb Atwood & Don Rosenthal. Leaders



In mid-June, the Hiking Group went to Reynolds Park.

Back Row from left to right:
Randy Labac, Don Fishbein, Ralph Chiarella, Don Rosenthal, Linda Bolinger, Tricia Rosenthal, Don Hartmann, and Bill Atwood
Kneeling:
Gerry Volgenau, Debbie Atwood

In early June, the ENN Summer Hiking Group went to Elk Falls in Staunton State Park.

ENN members from left to right are:
Don Cullen, Sandy Glasmire, Jerry Volgenau, Mary McGhee, Debbie Atwood, Tricia Rosenthal and Bill Atwood.



Guys' Breakfast – John Russell , Leader

In the last two months, 10 to 12 guys enjoyed breakfast at the Parkside Cafe and the Conifer Cafe.

In July, we had breakfast at the Conifer Cafe.

Breakfasts are the second Tuesday of each month. All guys are welcome and if you would like to join us, drop me an email and I'll put you on the distribution list.

I try to give the restaurants a rough headcount so they are prepared for us, but drop-ins are always welcomed .

There is no agenda at breakfast; just interesting conversations!



Gals' Breakfast – Louise Whiteside,

Our Gals' Breakfast group met for breakfast at the Evergreen Bread Lounge. We all agreed, it was a winner (especially the biscuits and gravy!)

On Friday, June 23, we met at the Parkside Cafe, 1338 CO Road 65, Evergreen, CO. Six ladies were present for a great breakfast.

New members are always welcome to join us!



July Happy Hour
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
4 – 6 pm
at The Wild Game



Book Club #2 – Jan Cryns, Leader

We met in May to discuss ***Circe*** by Madeline Miller, the storytelling of the mythical Greek character's life.

In June, we discussed ***Barbarian Day, A Surfing Life*** by William Finnegan, the 2016 Pulitzer Prize winner for autobiography.

At our upcoming meetings, we will discuss ***The Paris Years of Thomas Jefferson*** by William Howard Adams in July and ***The River*** by Peter Heller about an Alaskan canoe trip by two college students whose leisurely trip is upended by a wildfire headed their way.



Activities

To join any activity, send an email to the group leader at: activities@evergreennewcomers.com.

You will be contacted by the leader.

ENN GIVES BACK:



ENN, you answered the call!

When our Community Outreach Chairman Carol Goss put out a request for volunteers to place (and later, to remove) flags at Ft. Logan Veteran's Cemetery in Denver in the annual **Flags for Fallen Vets**, many of you stepped forward.

Ft Logan is one of eleven National Veteran's Cemeteries in three states where **Flags for Fallen Vets** places flags on the day before Memorial Day, to honor our essential fallen veterans who have helped to retain our freedom in America. This amazing organization places over 600,000 flags in those eleven cemeteries each year.

Led by our Activities Chairman, Frank McVeigh, our ENN volunteers joined others in placing 106,787 flags this year in all 86 sections of the 214-acre cemetery. The event drew 2500 Volunteers this year from around the state to place the flags and 70 volunteer Section Leaders to provide guidance and assistance.

We hope to have even more volunteers next year at this annual event!

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Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden Tony Oliver	Various Saturdays & occasional mid-week day trips; long weekend trips (Seasonal)
Book Group #2	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
Book Group #3 (non-fiction / co-ed)	Elaine Morse	1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Daytime	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday, 12 Noon
Bridge Evening	Pat Haines	3rd Friday
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Fellow Knitters!	Victoria Bresnan	2nd Wednesday, 3 PM, flexible
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10:00 AM
Guys' Breakfast	John Russell	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Kris Sitarski	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Piecemakers Quilting	Sandy Illich	2nd & 4th Monday, 10 AM
Poker Night	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
Shutterbugs	Marko Ginsberg	1st & 3rd Friday Mornings
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Harriet Sear, Carol Goss	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
Summer Hiking Group (SHG)	Debbie Atwood, Don Rosenthal	Thursday Mornings; May-October
SOLO Winers & Diners	Donna Lomax	Monthly - dates/times vary
The Wine Tasters	Pat Williamson	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
Wine Tasting	Frank McVeigh	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening