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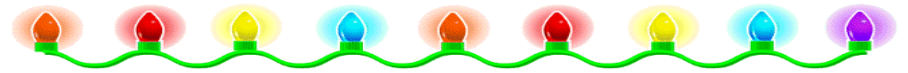
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Next Newsletter Deadline:
December 20 for Group
Recaps and Jan/Feb
Newsletter information.



***Break out your cocktail attire and your dancing
shoes for the ENN Holiday Party!***

SPIRITS AND SPARKLES AT THE CLUB

Thursday, Dec.7, 2023

Evergreen Elks Club

Full Details on Page 2

Registration Deadline: Nov. 24, 2023





Spirits and Sparkles at The Club

Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Evergreen Elks Lodge (aka The Club)

**Break out your cocktail attire and dancing shoes for the annual
ENN Holiday Party!**

Let's get together for cocktails, conversation, appetizers and dancing!

Cover charge for ENN members will be \$50 per person, non-ENN members will be \$60 per person and will include the following:

- No host - Cash bar available all night (with 2 bartenders)
- Champagne toast (or other non-alcoholic beverage)
- No sit-down dinner, but a great variety of appetizers* served by local caterer, La Cuisine of Evergreen
- Music presented by local DJ Larry Donner
- Door prizes

Reservations are limited so register now!!

To register via Social Media using a credit card:

- ❖ Go directly to our Cheddar Up registration page: <https://spirits-sparkles-at-the-club-16930.cheddarup.com>
- ❖ Go to ENN's website, www.evergreennewcomers.com and click the "Spirits & Sparkles" link on the home page
- ❖ Go to ENN's private Facebook Group page and click on the link in the "Spirits & Sparkles" mention
- ❖ Or, send attendee names with your check payable to ENN, PO BOX 2197 Evergreen, CO 80437. **PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY PARTY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE!**

Email programsandsocials@evergreennewcomers.com if you have any questions!

*Appetizers served will include:

Filet of beef skewers with horseradish drizzle • Caprese skewers • Roasted Pork Loin with fig compote and brie cheese on a toast point • Bacon wrapped dates stuffed with goat cheese with balsamic drizzle • Charcuterie Board with cured Italian meats and imported cheeses • Cedar Plank Salmon with capers, herb cream cheese & crackers • Satay of chicken skewers • Lemon pesto shrimp skewers • Fresh vegetable tray with dip • Brownie and cheesecake bites for dessert

President's Message

by Riley Hanback



Hello everyone!

We will soon be entering the holiday seasons, where we will celebrate Thanksgiving, New Years, and several holidays of various faiths. Regardless of how we will celebrate, this season will be filled with lots of food, celebrations, and gathering together with family and friends.

The next few months will be filled with a lot of activities, but I do hope you will be able to join us for our ENN events, as we gather with our ENN friends and also as we give back to our community.

As many of you have seen, Thursday, December 7th will be the date of our ENN Winter Party. This will be another wonderful event hosted by our Programs and Socials Chair, Laura Santana, and the many volunteers who have been working diligently to make this party an incredible extravaganza! From what has been reported to the ENN Board, I am excited for this event and anticipate a wonderful evening for everyone. I do hope you will be able to join us at the Elks Club for our Winter Party.

On Saturday, December 9th, ENN will host its annual Food Drive at the Hiwan/Church of the Cross parking lot from 10 AM to noon. We have had such tremendous results since we started doing this during the beginning of Covid, and it has benefited EChO in helping those in our community who are feeling the strain of their dwindling food budget. More information will be forthcoming, but please

keep us in mind, and help to provide food for those who are struggling.

During this season, whether you will be traveling or having visitors, it is my sincere hope that you will have a wonderful holiday season. Regardless of how you celebrate or commemorate, we have so much to be thankful for; we live in a wonderful town and we are a part of an incredible group! May you have a safe and festive holiday time, and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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.

2022 KICK OFF KOFFEE



Our Hospitality Director, Lucille R., did an amazing job with the free refreshments offered. And Excellent Coffee! Thanks, Ceil.

Our ENN Membership Chair Person, Jan C., was quite busy all morning. Thanks to Annie G. for helping out, too.

Community Outreach had a spectacular large display, garnering amazing attention. Carol G. always does such a great job!

And of course, none of this would be possible without our amazing Activities Chairman, Frank M.

Next year, tell your friends and neighbors, and encourage them to come with you to the Kickoff! It's a fun and tasty event, and definitely worth your time!

September 23rd was a great day for ENN in many different ways. Our wonderful Activity Groups got the opportunity to showcase their groups and fun events, and to answer lots of questions from 65 current and new ENN members.

The Activity Group leaders got a grand total of 97 sign-ups from interested members - many signing up for more than one activity. FANTASTIC!

CONGRATULATIONS to our door prize winner of a free one-year membership in ENN.

Many New and Non-members came to learn about ENN and its Activities, and a number of them joined ENN. WELCOME!

Several members took advantage of the opportunity to renew their memberships (save-a-stamp) while visiting socially with other members, saying hello to ENN friends, enjoying free refreshments (and excellent coffee) while inquiring about many activities. Most members came to learn more about many of the Activity Groups in ENN.



Don't forget to use your ENN Discount!



Evergreen Players present *NEVERMORE*

A musical about the imaginary life and mysterious death of Edgar Allan Poe. This steampunk musical combines haunting music and poetic storytelling to reveal the internal and external struggles of Poe's life.

Performances Friday-Sunday, October 20th – November 12th

To purchase your tickets for this performance, **visit**
<https://evergreenplayers.org/shows-tickets/> **and enter promo code ENN23**
to receive your discount of \$5 per ticket.

Happy Hour

Tuesday, November 14

4 – 6 pm

Wild Game



ENN Food Drive for EChO

Saturday, December 9th

Hiwan Church of the Cross

10 am – Noon

**Details will follow later.
What a great way to help
those in our own
community!**

Community Outreach – Carol Goss

The ENN EChO Shelter Program Volunteer Food Prep Morning

A huge thank you to Linda Sexton, Lori Main, MaryPat DeWald, Pam Talley, Jo Robinson, Sandy Illich, Kim Becker, Cassie Fishbein, Harriet Sear and Donna Lomax for making the ENN Volunteer Morning at the EChO Shelter Program an enormous success today! Those that attended enjoyed a continental breakfast, were impressed with the tour of the shelter, laughed and had fun preparing and packaging meals, and enjoyed a champagne lunch while tasting their work. A special thank you to Donna and Harriet for organizing the team in the kitchen and for keeping the schedule flowing. **Through team effort, over 70 meals** were prepared and placed in the freezer for the shelter guests; the shelter opens Sunday, October 1st.

A big thank you to Tim Clancy, Shelter Manager, for the tour and his part in making this such a successful event. If you are interested in finding out more about the shelter do not hesitate to call Tim at 720-673-4363 or email him at tim@evergreenchristianoutreach.org. The EChO Shelter Program is a cold weather shelter program that provides food, shelter, fellowship and other support for those in our community that are without housing.



The ENN Zoom Panel of Service Organizations took place on Thursday evening, September 28th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

The Zoom Panel included:

- Blue Spruce Kiwanis, Kristy Tolan, President
- Rotary Club of Evergreen, Kay D'Evelyn LaMontagne, Past President
- Elks Lodge of Evergreen, Shannon Huffman, Public Relations Chair

Those that participated learned how much these organizations contribute to the Evergreen community and beyond. They provide an amazing number of services to those in need in our community. The zoom link to the recording follows:

Zoom Panel of Evergreen Service Organizations Recording

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Welcome to two new activity groups!

Midweek IKON Ski Group

Leader: Pam Talley

Activities @EvergreenNewcomers.com

Ski Tuesdays and/or Thursdays (Seasonal)



Looking to restart the ski group possibly a fixed Tuesday or Thursday, weekly ski group leaving from the Bergen Park RTD park & ride area (to car pool) at 7:30 AM going to various IKON Resorts from December to March. Knowing that there are likely varying skill levels, group members should be OK with breaking off as needed/desired and meeting up for lunch. I personally am an intermediate skier, accustomed to skiing alone sometimes, when my more expert family members want to ski on harder terrain.

We can share the lead or work with someone else who would like to have a similar group going to EPIC Resorts on the opposite day.

You don't need to be an Olympic athlete, just want to get out early for fresh tracks, deep powder, moguls and a mix of exercise and socializing. There are wonderful ski areas to visit; the best skiing in the world is right here in Colorado.

We will start with Tuesday or Thursday trips with the option to adjust for snow days/conditions, and member interest requests, depending on group interest and availability. We will email and confirm weekly target destinations in advance as weather & snow conditions become clear. We will try to get out early on weekdays to miss traffic and get fresh tracks. All ENN members are welcome, and the agenda or schedule can be adjusted for member interest.



Mah Jong: Daytime

Fridays 10am-12noon

Leader: Mindy Nitkin

ALL ARE WELCOME! The leader has been playing Mah Jong for about 5 years and is happy to both teach the game to new players and coordinate a weekly game for veteran players.

(There is also an Evening Mah Jong group if you can't make it during the day.)

Activities

To join any activity, send an email to the group leader at:

activities@evergreennewcomers.com.

You will be contacted by the leader.

ACTIVITIES

SWAG – Marilyn Innerfeld, Leader

Hello All! SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals) is happy to report that our annual Holiday Project recipient this year is the EChO Shelter where we are donating gift cards and needed items for the people who use the facilities through the winter. If you are interested in participating, please reach out and I will include your donation.

SWAG is a fun group that focuses on learning about our community, local businesses, and non-profits as well as other interesting topics. We always begin our meetings with refreshments and socialization, followed by that month's educational topic. SWAG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3pm.



Our September meeting was at the Blue Spruce Chocolates in Kittredge where we enjoyed lunch from the Big Mountain Eatery food truck followed by learning how to make chocolates and splurging on free chocolate tastings.



We had such a large turnout we needed to have two separate groups participate in the chocolate tour!

SWAG – continued

Our October meeting was at the new Evergreen Nature Center and we enjoyed the tour Melissa Leasia gave us. We learned a lot about nature in the Evergreen area, plus the history of the Audubon Society from Emma Vasicek's slide show presentation.

November's meeting is an opportunity to get to know one another better. We bring our donations along with appetizers and desserts and have plans for fun activities, allowing each person to share a bit about herself. It's set for November 14th (to avoid Thanksgiving week), and all are welcome!

Our next event, on January 16, 2024, is a class at Natural Grocers where we will learn about our brains and our memory as we age (I especially look forward to this one!) Refreshments will be provided by Natural Grocers. Let me know if you would like to join us!

We are always seeking new ideas, new members and new energy! If you want to join our group, please contact either Frank McVeigh or ask for me, Marilyn Innerfeld, when you email Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. Come and make new friends!

Ladies' Golf – Katy Lynch, Leader



As always, this was a great season for the Ladies Intermediate/Advanced golf at the Evergreen Golf Course.

The course was in great condition with all of the spring rains!!!

Just email me if you would like to be included with the group next year.

Motorcycles – John Griggs, Leader

The ENN Motorcycle Group held its October ride on Saturday, October 21. Ten riders participated starting with breakfast at the Blackbird Cafe in Kittredge, followed by a beautiful day's ride to Nederland and beyond.



Pictured left to right: Sue Foster, Jim Foster, Jerry Beth Owen, Gary Owen, John Illich, Jan Battiste, John Griggs, Sally Griggs, Jax Baker. Not pictured is Gary Holmes.

Book Club #2 – Jan Cryns, Leader

At our September meeting, we discussed ***Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty*** which chronicles the family history of Anderson Cooper's mother's infamous family. ***The Change*** by Kirsten Miller was the book we discussed in October. It's not what anyone expected! Women empowered by "the change" uncover and seek justice for murdered young women unexpectedly found in their Long Island oceanfront town.

Our discussion in November will be ***The Violin Conspiracy*** by Brendan Slocumb. It's about a young man's dream of becoming a renowned musician that cannot be sidetracked despite poverty, racism, and the theft of his hand-me-down violin which turns out to be a priceless Stradivarius.



Piecemakers Quilting – Sandy Illich, Leader

The Evergreen Piecemakers gathered for our fall quilting retreat at Linda Bollinger's house. It was a big group, with 12 of us squeezing into her lower level. We sewed and ate and laughed for two days. It was lots of fun with a very talented and wonderful group of friends.

The Piecemakers meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at Keller Williams in Bergen Park. We work on our own projects, and quilts we make together for local charity auctions.



Guys' Breakfast –

Kevin Kerr, Leader

We had about a dozen members meet in October for breakfast at the Parkside Café in Bergen Park.

Our next breakfast will be November 14th, at the Conifer Café. We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 8:30 am.

If you are interested in joining the group, please send an email to me at Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com

A big "Thank You" to Kevin for stepping in and offering to lead the Guys' Breakfast Group!

Gals' Breakfast –

Louise Whiteside, Leader

The September Gals' Breakfast was held at Primo's Cafe, 30403 Kings Valley Drive, Conifer, CO. Six ladies enjoyed a great breakfast and interesting conversation

We tried out a new restaurant for our October 27 meeting - Danny Ray's Food and Spirits, 11353 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO.

New members are invited to join us for our monthly breakfasts, held at varying locations in the Evergreen and Denver area. Come and join old and new friends for a fun get-together!

ShutterBugs -

Marko Ginsberg, Leader

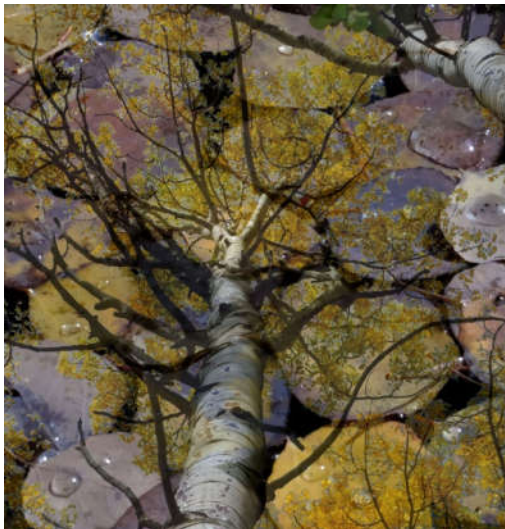
THE SHUTTERBUGS CAPTURE FALL COLORS!

The ShutterBugs activity group is all about digital photography in and around Evergreen. While we are having fun taking images, we are also improving our photographic skills. We are a diverse group in experience levels, the equipment we use, and backgrounds.

These fall images demonstrate just how our diversity colors how we see the world around us!



ShutterBugs (continued)



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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
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10:00 AM
Guys' Breakfast	Kevin Kerr	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 Jong (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Mah Jong (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Fridays, 10 AM - Noon
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
Ski Group (IKON)	Pam Talley	Tuesdays or Thursdays (Seasonal)
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Marilyn Innerfeld	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