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Next Newsletter Deadline:
 June 20 for Group
 Recaps and July/August
 Newsletter information.

Upcoming Events

May Happy Hour
 May 14 4-6 pm
 The Wild Game

Casino Night Summer Party
 June 10 5:30 – 9 pm
 Ebony and Vine

See inside for complete details!

President's Message

By Riley Hanback



Well, after four years, this will be my last President's message.

It has been an honor and pleasure to have served such an incredible organization, especially with the phenomenal people I have worked with on the ENN Board. All that has been accomplished these last four years is due to the imagination, creativity, and hard work of your Board members, and I cannot adequately express my gratitude and appreciation for everyone whom I have had the pleasure to work with.

Another benefit of being President has been the opportunity to meet many of the ENN membership. Our organization has a magnificent mix of people who come from everywhere, who seem to have been involved in just about everything, yet share one quality; they enjoy gathering together to eat, drink, and have fun.

At one event, I was in a room with several other men who were doctors, scientists, and engineers. I realized two things; one, I was the stupidest person in the room, and two, they didn't care and made me feel welcomed. That is something I am very proud of regarding ENN - you always make our newest members feel welcomed.

So, I thank you for all the kind words you have said to me over the years; I appreciate those who have worked diligently to promote ENN; and I thank you for making Carol and I feel welcomed since our first visit to an ENN event.

Sincerely,
Riley Hanback

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.



Back by popular demand! Last year's Casino Night was such a great success we are doing it again this year!
Here's the scoop:

**When: Monday, June 10, 2024
5:30 pm – 9:00pm**

**Where: Ebony & Vine Restaurant
27191 Main Street, Conifer**

**\$45 per person for ENN members
\$55 per person for non-members**

<https://summer-casino-party.cheddarup.com>

We'll have some light appetizers and a delicious barbecue buffet with pulled pork and chicken, plus several sides and dessert. There will be a cash bar and we'll have a Casino Night to top it off. Try your luck with 500 chips to start to play **Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em, Roulette or Craps**. Oh! You've run out of chips? No problem. Ask your friendly dealer and you just might get some more! The evening will conclude with multiple drawings for prizes from local businesses.

LEADERS APPRECIATION NIGHT

ENN is known for its great activity groups. With over 25 groups (some with upwards of 50 members!), there's something for everyone – book clubs, outdoor adventures, wine tasting, international travel, cards, food, motorcycles and four-wheeling are just a small sample of what's available.

And who better to honor than the Leaders who keep those groups running?! On April 23, ENN did just that Leaders at Leaders Appreciation Night.

“What’s the Number One reason why people join ENN?” asked Activity Chairman Frank McVeigh.

“It’s because our Activity Groups are so great! And that’s thanks to your dedication and leadership,” Frank told those in attendance.

“ENN wouldn’t be here without you!”



Activity Chairman Frank McVeigh and Hospitality Chair Ceil Razzano toast ENN leaders.



Lisa Morton (with Bill Smallshaw) is not only the ENN Treasurer but she also leads the Bowling Group.

ENN President Riley Hanback echoed Frank’s praise. “When new members come in, we give them to you and you never fail to make sure everyone feels welcome!”

Riley also thanked Frank for his many years of service. “Nine years ago, Frank started this Appreciation Night for our leaders and has been organizing it ever since! That’s dedication!” Riley said.

LEADERS APPRECIATION NIGHT



Sheri Matz (Needlework & Guzzlers Wine Group) joins Kate Brooks (Intl. Travel) and Katy (Ladies' Golf) and Ken Lynch.



Carol Goss (Community Outreach) and Donna Lomax (VP, SOLO Winners & Diners and Canasta) enjoy their evening.



Kevin Kerr (Guys' Breakfast) plans the next breakfast with Louise (Gals' Breakfast) and John Whiteside.



Tony (4 x4) and Rita Oliver invite John Sharp (left) on their next Jeep outing.



Marko Ginsberg (ShutterBugs) finds himself on the other end of the camera for a change!



Can you believe that ENN has THREE book clubs?! Kris Walters leads the Lend-A-Book Club; Lora Mazzo leads the Non-Fiction Club; and Jan Cryns leads the traditional Book Club 2.

ENN NEEDS YOU!


Just as our Activity Groups rely on great leaders, the ENN Board has also been blessed with great leadership. With a number of Board Members leaving, now is your chance to step up and continue our great ENN tradition. Speaking from experience, I was hesitant to get involved but I have found nothing but support and encouragement from my fellow board members and the same will be extended to you, should you decide to come aboard!

Maybe you have past experiences to share – event planning, publicity, organizational skills – or maybe you’re just interested in getting involved! Everyone on the Board is really welcoming and helpful. **For more info, contact Karen at Nominating@EvergreenNewcomers.com.**

Open Positions:


Community Service – Nominating – Programs & Socials - Publicity

VOLUNTEER !



WHAT IS EXPECTED:

- ✓ 1 year commitment
- ✓ Use of your ideas, talents and abilities
- ✓ Willing to work independently
- ✓ Dependability/availability



WHAT DOES ONE GAIN:

- ✓ Awesome Board co-workers with like interests
- ✓ Meet new people – expand your horizons
- ✓ Fun, Friendship, Involvement, Support
- ✓ Personal satisfaction in making a valuable contribution to your community

Check out ENN's Facebook Page!



It's a great way to keep up on activities! Besides ENN news, recent posts include tulips at the Botanic Garden, a member's trip to see the eclipse, an EGFD meeting on Wildfire Preparation, and Bergen Elementary info.

And if you know of anything fun or informational going on around Evergreen, we'd love for you to post it so we can all enjoy!

Just join in at Evergreen Newcomers and Neighbors.

Speaking of fun, Happy Hours have been a big hit!



ENN's next Happy Hour will be on May 14 from 4 – 6 PM at the Wild Game. Hope to see you there!

Activities

Evening Bridge – Pat & Ralph Haines, Leaders



Our ENN Evening Bridge Group continues to meet every third Friday. We did, however, have to cancel our March gathering at the Wells due to crazy, snowy weather.

In April, we played at Sheri McFarlane’s home where we had three tables of good people enjoying an evening of catching up, goodies, and, of course, challenging cards.

Our May evening bridge will be hosted by LeeAnne & Richard Powers. This is a casual, friendly group that enjoys the crazy ups & downs of each hand. We especially appreciate our generous hosts throughout the year.

Rise and Shine! It’s breakfast time!

Gals Breakfast – Leader, Louise Whiteside



14 ladies met for breakfast at the Parkside Café in March. In April, we took our first trip “down the hill” and enjoyed a lively time at Sunrise Sunset in Lakewood.

New members are invited to join us for breakfast on the last Friday of each month for food, fun and friendship!

Guys Breakfast – Kevin Kerr, Leader

The ENN guy’s breakfast group is an informal breakfast gathering to get to know one another and learn more about our community. We usually have about a dozen members for breakfast. We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 8:30. All are welcome!

Welcome to our new members!

Kelly Selva

Chris & Whitney Frede

Martha Fruehauf

Victoria Jurinak Long

Barbara Grindle

Gary Toole

Ashley Cleveland

Laura Garden & Mike Preston

Jennifer Delacruz

Larry Terrell

Karen Judy & Michael Foley

Shari Brinn

Deb Hurlbut

*Raymond & Stephanie
Trevisan*

Robin Booth

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

SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals) – Marilyn Innerfeld, Leader

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.



In March we strayed from our usual education-focused meeting and chose to have an event to get to know each other better... so we decided to play GAMES! Thanks to a little Google search, we played "Famous People," "How's Yours," "Would You Rather," and "Medusa." Thanks to Fran Nelson for opening her home and offering us fun refreshments.



April went back to our mission to learn – and thanks to Mia Foley, owner of Wisdom Tree (pictured), we learned all about Crystals and how they can heal us emotionally and spiritually.

The group was fully engaged and great questions were asked and answered... plus we were able to purchase the crystals and rocks that called to us! Harriet Sear and Carol Goss graciously offered their home and put out a beautiful spread. It was a wonderful gathering.



In May we will be guests at Resilience 1220, an organization in Evergreen that helps teens cope with grief through free therapy, art expression, and outdoor challenges; plus, they work with gifted individuals, offers LGBTQ+ support, and so much more!

SWAG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3pm. 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!

Book Club 2 – Jan Cryns, Leader

In March we discussed ***Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*** by Heather Webber, a captivating blend of magical realism, heartwarming romance, and small-town Southern charm.

Our book in April was Michelle Obama's latest book ***The Light We Carry***. Her stories and points about the light within each of us sparked a fantastic discussion!

In May, we return to our usual fiction selections. The book for discussion is ***Tom Lake: A Novel*** by Ann Patchett. With her daughters home during the pandemic to help harvest the Michigan family cherry orchard, Lara is asked to tell them about Peter Duke, a now famous actor she shared a stage and a romance years ago at a theater company called Tom Lake. She and her daughters examine their lives as they come together again as family during the pandemic.



Back in the Saddle! With Spring finally here, some of our Activity Groups are coming out of hibernation!

Motorcycles – John Griggs, Leader

Finally, the Motorcycle Group is beginning to stir. Our first ride of the year will be Saturday, May 18. We'll meet at the Blackbird Cafe in Kittredge for breakfast at 8:30 and then launch from there about 9:30. Our June ride will be June 15; more details to follow. Please plan to join us.

4 X 4 – Bob Ogden & Tony Oliver, Leaders

Get that Jeep ready! We hope to be up and running in mid-May.

Ladies Golf – Katy Lynch, Leader

Still waiting for Denver Parks and the Evergreen Golf Course to work out their new reservation system. Hopefully, we'll be back on the links soon!

**Piecemakers Quilting –
Sandy Illich, Leader**



Sandy Illich made this stunning quilt! There's a very lucky baby out there somewhere!



We had an amazing turnout at our last meeting and decided it would be a great time to take a group picture!

In addition to numerous individual projects, we are currently doing a “Block of the Month” quilt – it’s fun to see how differently they all turn out!

We are also working on our next charity quilt. Members each made a block and we are now sashing them together. Stay tuned!

Activities

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

You will be contacted by the leader.

**ShutterBugs –
Marko Ginsberg, Leader**

Photography has always mirrored the technology of its time. Over the years we have moved from the bulky, heavy, glass plate using tripod mounted view cameras of the early years through various types of film camera systems to our modern digital system cameras.

So, what is it like to be a photographer in the digital age? Our cameras have lots of buttons, switches, wheels, dials, and menus. The number of choices is often overwhelming. And after we take our images, we are faced with some very capable but complex software to adjust them. Even printing our images presents us with more choices. What media should we use: paper, glass, canvas, wood, metal, or online digital?

HELP! I just want to take good pictures! Along comes ShutterBugs! 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. The group meets twice a month: on the first Friday for a photo shoot, and on the third Friday for sharing our images and discussing photography.

Our shoots are usually nature oriented; however, we are open to photographing anything the group finds interesting. During our first year of operation, in addition to nature photography, we had shoots focused on: outdoor sculptures, old buildings, old railroad equipment, and old farm equipment.

As we share our images the conversations center around the goal of the photographer in taking an image and kind suggestions for ways in which the image might be improved. Composition and point of view are common subjects; however sometimes we digress into discussions of what the impact on an image of the specific value chosen for a camera setting was.

We are a diverse group in skill levels and backgrounds and approach our art from many different perspectives. Our diversity is one of the key factors in how we learn from each other. It's great to see different approaches to the same subject.

These images are from our April 2024 shoot. Believe it or not – we were all at the same place at the same time!



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)	Lora Mazza	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 Walters	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Mah Jongg (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