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NEWSLETTER

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URGENTLY SEEKING A CREATIVE MEMBER TO TAKE OVER AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As newsletter editor I have had a nice opportunity to use my design training and writing skills, but the time has come to move on to other endeavors. As the VonTrapp family would say..."So long....Farewell....Auf Wiedersehen Goodbye". The Smiths are relocating to Desert Mountain in Arizona where we hope to shovel snow no more and enjoy the Sonoran outdoor life. By July I will have published the ENN Newsletter for 2 years and would like to turn over the job to another creative individual (or even a couple) with an eye for organization and design.

This is an opportunity to help ENN in a fun and creative way. Good writing skills are helpful for editing submitted material and photographs. I am happy to train my replacement by sharing the working template and all file clipart and photos, but **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AS THIS IS MY LAST NEWSLETTER.** Our contributors are well-trained and dependable. 6 newsletters each year is not an overly demanding task and is a way to create something fun and attractive on your computer. Please contact me directly at dianapsmith@gmail.com or newsletter@evergreennewcomersandneighbors.com to volunteer, so our most important means of communication can continue.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Dunlop

I hope this finds everyone doing well, staying safe and using this crazy time productively.

Could Spring really be here? I am hopeful but skeptical after experiencing snows in mid and late May before!

On July 1st my term as President will come to an end and Riley Hanback and the 2020/2021 Board will take over. Over the past three years I have been very fortunate to have had wonderful members on the board that did all the heavy lifting and made my job easy. My thanks to all the board members I have been privileged to serve with over these years!

The last few months have found us dealing with very unusual circumstances and many of our activity groups have had to suspend their meetings. However, some have been resourceful and found ways to continue meeting via ZOOM and other video meeting apps. Hopefully, we will all be able to resume some of our normal routines soon, including catching up with favorite activity groups. See some of the updates that follow and enjoy the cartoons!



ACTIVITIES

SUMMER NATURE HIKES

Chuck Aid Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com

Exploring Evergreen's Natural World Third Wednesday, May-August 3-4 hours

Let's get to know the natural world around us just a little bit better. Join us this summer for a variety of hikes through local public lands from lower foothills to alpine tundra, learning to recognize our local birds, mammals, flowers, and whatever else.



Depending on our route for the day, we will meet at a variety of trailheads at 7 AM. We can also discuss meeting at a local Park-N-Ride and carpooling, and perhaps adjust our start times. Hikes will generally be in the range of 2-4 miles, with elevation gain of less than 1000 feet.

Hopefully, some participants will bring their own expertise, e.g. butterflies, Colorado wildflowers, geomorphology, etc., and can be prevailed upon to share interesting tidbits as well. Bring your field guides, binoculars, and hiking paraphernalia, and let's see what we can find. If we start having too much fun, we can discuss adding additional explorations. Our first outing will hopefully be on May 20.

MOTORCYCLE GROUP

Still hibernating....but beginning to stir.



John Griggs

HIKING GROUP

The ENN Hiking Group hikes together **year-round.**



The **Winter** hike organizers are Sue Daley & Linda Bolinger. The winter hiking has gone week-to-week because of weather concerns. Here is a photo from Evans/Echo Lake (left) and another depicting our version of social distancing (below).



The **Summer** Hiking Group (SHG), which hikes from May through November, will be run this year by Don Rosenthal and Gary Sloan. Organized hikes will begin when public authorities allow group hiking and when the hiking leaders also feel it is safe to lead group hikes. The starting date for organized hikes is uncertain. SHG hikes are typically 4 to 8 miles roundtrip and have elevation gains of 500' to 1500'. If you have not already been contacted about joining the SHG and you want to join, please email Don (donald.rosenthal@gmail.com) and/or Gary (blueridge800@gmail.com).

WINE GROUPS

Frank McVeigh

At least two wine groups have had a virtual wine tasting meeting using conference call technology. Not as much fun as getting together, but certainly better than nothing.

Another wine group actually used this interesting conference call method for their gathering, and had some fun:



IN VINO VERITAS

John Dunlop

The members of In Vino Veritas haven't let a little "social distancing" keep us from getting together and enjoying some wine!! In March and April our group had virtual gatherings via ZOOM. It was great to see everyone and catch up on what each of us has been drinking.

Here are pictures from our virtual gatherings.



LEND A BOOK

Marion Dries

Our ENN alternative to the Evergreen Library is also closed, but we look forward to the next gathering (whenever that is possible) where we lend books that we recommend to the group with no date of return. After the member gives a brief synopsis of a book, anyone may "borrow" it and return when finished. All this give-and-take is recorded by your Lend-a-Book coordinator. If you would like to join us, we usually meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 AM for breakfast and sharing.

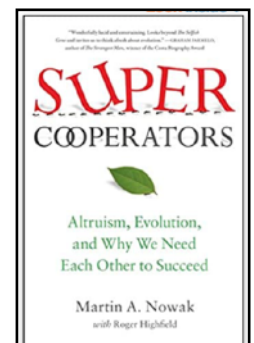


NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP

Elaine Morse

The NonFiction Book Group met via Zoom on April 1st. The book discussed was "Say Nothing" by Patrick Radden Keefe, a historical examination of a murder during the early 1970s unrest in Northern Ireland.

Our next virtual book discussion is "**Super Cooperators: Altruism, Evolution, and Why We Need Each Other to Succeed**" by **Martin A. Nowak** (2012) on May 6th. The author, one of the world's experts on evolution and game theory, working here with bestselling science writer Roger Highfield, turns an important aspect of evolutionary theory on its head to explain why **cooperation, not competition**, has always been the key to the evolution of complexity.



BOOK GROUP 2

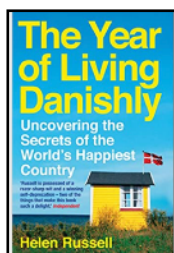
Jan Cryns

Book Club #2 met via GotoMeeting on March 19th to discuss "**Washington Black**" by **Esi Edugyan**, a historical novel about a slave that had a few adventures along the way to his freedom. It was a small group, but as we all download and adapt to new technologies we hope for a bigger turnout in April. Thanks to Kit Hoekstra-Brown for setting it up!

We met again online on April 16th to discuss **Cuba Libre** by **Toney Perrottet**, the surprising story of Che Guevara, Fidel Castro, and the 1956-1959 Cuban Revolution. In this wildly entertaining and meticulously researched account, historian and journalist Tony Perrottet unravels the human drama behind history's most improbable revolution: a scruffy handful of self-taught revolutionaries—many of them kids just out of college, literature majors, and art students, and including a number of extraordinary women—who defeated 40,000 professional soldiers to overthrow the US-backed dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista.



For May 21st Meeting:
The Year of Living Danishly
by Helen Russell



For June 18th Meeting:
Empire of the Summer Moon
by ES Gwynne



SERENDIPITY 2.0

Carol Hanback

Although Serendipity 2.0 won't be getting together as a group in April, I'm listing some websites that offer tours of Spring Gardens and Musical concerts for your Stay-At-Home enjoyment.

Understandably, the Evergreen Symphony Orchestra has cancelled the two remaining concerts of the season. Instead, they will be offering visual performances, talks, and presentations on their FACEBOOK PAGE (Evergreen Chamber Orchestra) with "Musical Moments" at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

The website CLASSICAL.MUSIC.COM is streaming concerts & operas online under the caption "How To Watch Concerts from Home" featuring individual pianists, the Bavarian Opera, and orchestras from Berlin, Boston, Budapest, London, the Met, Moscow and Shanghai. What great choices!

Those of us longing for Spring will enjoy a tour of 7 SOUTHERN BOTANICAL GARDENS YOU CAN VIRTUALLY TOUR TO CELEBRATE the START OF SPRING, found on the website SOUTHERNLIVING.COM. Featured locations are: Biltmore Estates, NC; Washington, DC; Miami, FL; Sarasota, FL; OK City, OK; Richmond, VA; and the Washington, DC Cherry Blossom Festival.



In the past we've attended the MAY SPRING TEA at Hiwan Homestead, however I've learned that the museum will remain CLOSED until July.

At this point I'm not making any plans for a May activity, but if possible, rest assured that I'll think of something fun, even if it's in June!

Trips to an **Escape Room** and to **the Denver Botanic Gardens** are upcoming. Consider joining us for these and more adventures in 2020. We' love to have you!

DAYTIME MAH JONG.

Mindy Nitkin

Daytime Mah Jong has found a way to play online. We are always happy to welcome new players. I can even offer a class on Zoom if there is interest.



EVENING BRIDGE

Pat Haines

ENN Evening Bridge is suspended indefinitely. We ALL miss it, however. As to staying in touch, some nevertheless have shared what they do to keep productive:

- Bought two new happy parakeets - Pat
- Spring Cleaning and sewing masks - Sandy B.
- Walking & baking - Kathleen & Richard
- Trail maintenance - Randy
- 2000 pc jigsaw puzzle - Jean & Mike
- Neighborhood strolling with a friend distanced 6+feet away - Sue G. & Carole B. & anyone else?
- Raking pine needles - almost EVERYONE!
- Exchanging good book ideas - almost EVERYONE!
- Home Improvement Projects - almost EVERYONE!



GALS' BREAKFAST Louise Whiteside

We had to cancel our March and April breakfast meetings because of the COVID-19 virus and we have had no phone or e-mail contacts. But, going forward, all members, including those new to ENN, are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and some fun gal-talk once a month on varied days of the week. I'm hoping the "social distancing" order will be past history by May, as our group would enjoy having breakfast "down the hill" (e.g., in Lakewood, Littleton, or further afield).



GUYS' BREAKFAST John Dunlop

In March we had over 20 guys gather for breakfast at DW's 285 Diner in Conifer. Luckily, this was right before the restaurants were closed. For the time being our breakfasts have been canceled until they reopen and can again handle groups like ours. For more information or to get on the Guys Breakfast email list, please email John Dunlop at jdunlop3rd@gmail.com.

SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)

Carol Goss & Harriet Sear

Our **March** meeting with John Whiteside about **Nutrition and Longevity** and April's **Power of Positive Touch** with Karis Meskimen will have to be rescheduled.

Many SWAG members expressed an interest in having a Zoom session, so on April 27th we had our first virtual meeting when we shared our sequestration experiences. We discussed activities and sources for entertainment, inspiration and education during this pandemic stay-at-home order. It was a perfect way to share ideas and stay in touch with each other. As one member shared, "I am looking forward to meeting all of you. This is on my calendar, which is BLANK, except for this.....haha!"

QUILTING

Sue Daley & Sandy Illich

Here are pictures of our last show-and-tell in March. We hope to meet by zoom in April. Georgia Dickey's daughter works at the Veteran hospital and asked our group to make cloth masks for them. We made 170 and they were much appreciated. We stand ready to make more should they need them. Several in our group made masks for other hospitals and facilities as well.



The 2020 ENN Summer Party has been postponed due to the Coronavirus.

Keep those boots dusted. We will corral ya'll when the saloon reopens!

The following list of ENN activities appears on our website. There you can click on the name of any activity on the list and you will be taken to a sub-page with an expanded description of that specific activity. We welcome your ideas for new activities and new leaders!

**ENN Activity Groups: Chairman Frank McVeigh, 303-670-1919,
Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com**

Current ENN membership is required for participation in any activity.		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden Collette Lambert	Various Saturdays (Seasonal)
Black Diamond Skiing	TBA	Tuesdays (seasonal)
Book Group #2	Jan Cryns	Third Thursday, 1 PM
Book Group #3 (non-fiction / co-ed)	Elaine Morse	Dates Vary
Bowling	Laurie & Tim Limbert	2nd Monday, 7 PM
Bridge Daytime	Sue Greenwell	2nd & 4th Thursday
Bridge Evening	Pat Haines	3rd Friday
Canasta	TBA	Wednesday 1-3:30 PM
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Dates/Times vary
Guys' Breakfast	John Dunlop	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
Hiking Group	Don Rosenthal (summer) Gary Sloan (summer) Sue Daley (winter)	Summer days TBA, weather permitting Winter Wednesdays, weather permitting
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	Dates/Times vary
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend a Book	Marion Dries	3rd Monday, 9:30 AM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Wednesdays, 10 AM
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Nature Hikes	Chuck Aid	3rd Wednesday, May-August
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Poker Night	Rose Warren	Dates/Times vary
Quilting	Sue Daley Sandy Illich	2nd Monday, 10 AM
Serendipity 2.0	Carol Hanback	Monthly - dates/times vary
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Harriet Sear Carol Goss	4th Monday, 10 AM
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
The Wine Tasters	Pat Williamson	1st Saturday evening, Alternate Months
Wine Tasting	Frank McVeigh	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening

To contact any Activity Group, please send an email to Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com.
The desired group will receive your message and respond directly to you.

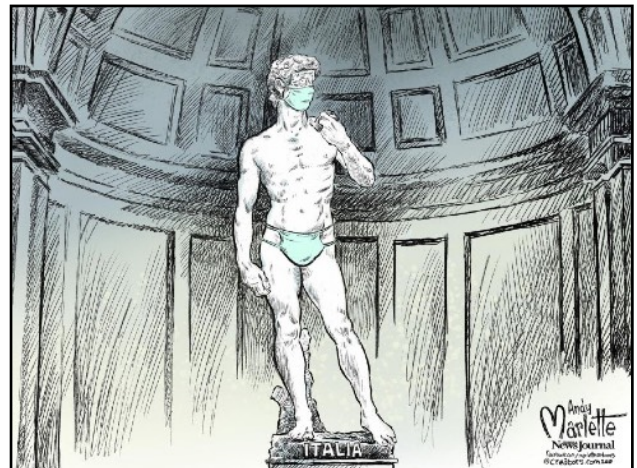
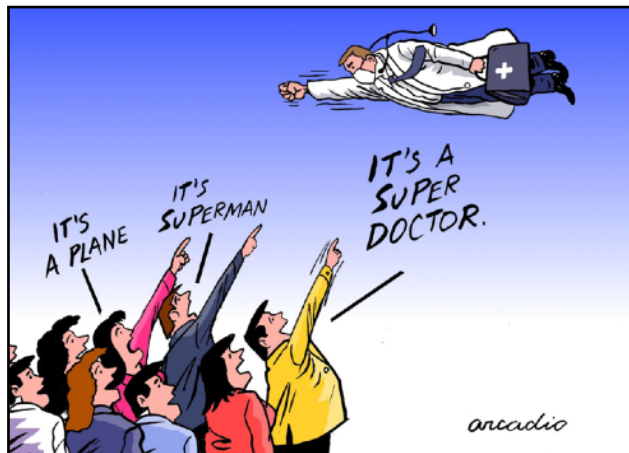
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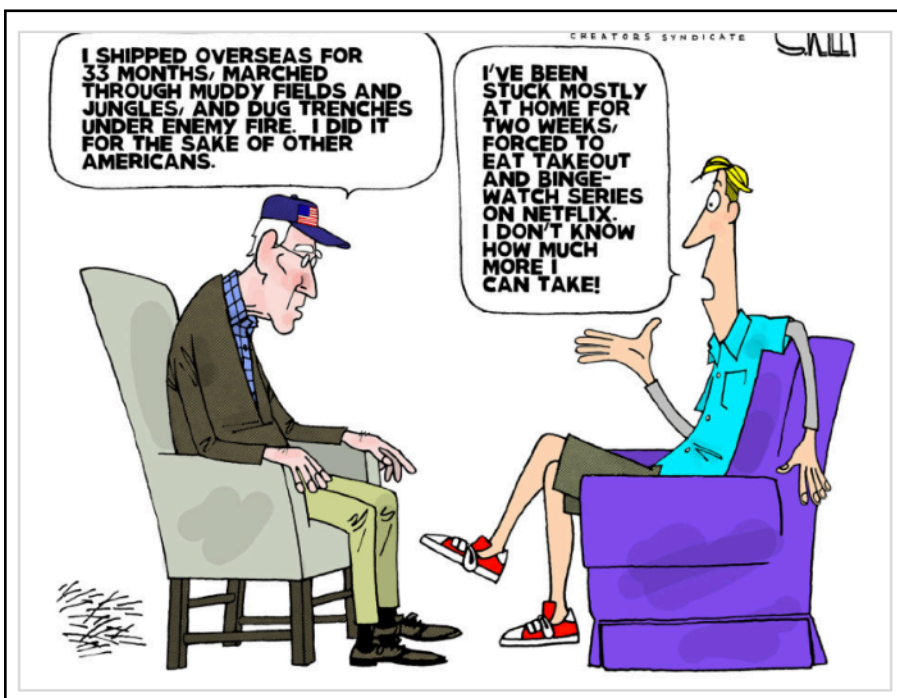
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ENN HAPPY HOUR at The Wild Game....suspended until we get the all-clear. In the meantime....



Some timely cartoons to stay on the lighter side.....





Face masks are apparently more important than pants when it comes to health and safety. A group of [sunbathing](#) nudists in the Czech Republic were recently told they needed to cover up, just not in the way that most would expect. While they were completely free to remain nude, local ordinances required that they keep their mouths covered due to the global [coronavirus](#) outbreak.

