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Happy New Year!

*It's hard to believe that ENN has been
around for 62 years!*

*And, as this issue shows, we're still
going strong. If your New Year's
resolution is to be more active and
make new friends, there's something
for everyone at ENN!*

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Next Newsletter Deadline:

February 20 for Group
Recaps and March/April
Newsletter information.



One of our newest groups is up and skiing!

*Check out the IKON Ski Group and the many
other activity groups on pages 8 through 16.*

President's Message

By Riley Hanback



I hope that each of you had a wonderful Holiday Season and enjoyed bringing in the New Year. While 2023 was a wonderful year that seemed to go by too fast, I, along with your ENN Board, look forward to 2024 and all the fun it offers. We had many wonderful experiences last year, and we want to continue to live up to our motto: *Fun and Friendships!*

During the months of January and February, your ENN Board will be working diligently to make this new year a time filled with opportunity for meeting new people, getting together with old friends, and looking to make our time together unique and enjoyable. This will include our Happy Hours, our Summer and Winter Parties, and other activities to be with our ENN friends.

This is also the time where your ENN Board, and especially our Nominating Chairwoman Karen Davis, will be looking to fill the positions on the Board that will open in July. There are several of our current Board members who will be leaving us, so this will be an important time for the Board to identify individuals who would be interested in serving. ENN is an incredible organization, and it needs people on the Board who can continue working for the membership. The Nominating Committee will be soliciting names for people to serve, so if you are approached, please give your consideration in helping us. Please realize that if you are approached, it is because someone felt you would be an excellent candidate.

So, as we continue into 2024, it is the hope of the ENN Board that you will have an incredible year, and we hope to see you at our ENN activities.

Happy New Year,

Riley Hanback
ENN President

Oh, What a Night!



ENN's Holiday Party "Spirits & Sparkles at the Club" was a sell out! 60 VIP members attended the event which was held at the Evergreen Elks Lodge on December 7.

After getting checked in and their VIP wristband put on, the Papparazzi (aka Annie Ginsberg) was there to commemorate the evening with a photo



More pics on Page 5.

“The Club” was alive with conversation, cocktails in neon cups and delicious food. Local DJ Larry Donner provided the music.



After a champagne toast from ENN President Riley Hanback, the party really got started! The music of Michael Jackson, Kool & the Gang, and the Commodores (among others) got some of the crowd up on the dance floor until the end of the evening - the Chicken Dance and YMCA were especially popular!



Santa brought “Naughty or Nice” lottery tickets and those on the “Nice” list took home some beautiful door prizes!



More Spirits & Sparkles!



**Programs & Socials –
Laura Santana**

Upcoming events from our local performing arts groups...

The Evergreen Players Improv Comedy Group (known as EPiC) will be performing on Feb 2 & 3 at the Center Stage Theater located at 27608 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen. To purchase tickets for all of their shows, go to their website <https://evergreenplayers.org/shows-tickets/>. **Don't forget to put in your ENN discount code ENN23 to receive \$5 off per ticket.**

Ovation West is offering free Classic Movie nights once a month in addition to their Concert Series and Theatre performances. Visit their website for all upcoming shows <https://ovationwest.org/events/category/see-a-show>. **Use promo code promo code OvationENN23/24 to receive a 15% discount on tickets.**

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy 2024!

Laura Santana
Programs & Socials Chair
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Happy Hour

Tuesday, January 16

The Wild Game

4 – 6 pm



Welcome to our New Members!

*Kathy Kramer
Bob Hiseler
Lori Chaikin
Jeff Ritter
Anna Kowalski
Susan Hall
Roger Howell
Patsy Noble
Georgia Taylor
Jill and Jason Annitto
Shari and Chip Pew
Lydia and Lou
Mazzullo
Kathy and Dan
Fillenwarth*

Introduce yourself when you see any of our newest members at an upcoming ENN activity!

ENN Gives Back Community Outreach – Carol Goss

Our ENN Firewood Drive was moved to November 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., due to icy road conditions on October 28th.

This was a fun and productive morning. We loaded and delivered about 4 cords of wood to Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO) to help meet the winter heating needs of their clients. Anne Davis, the EChO Director in charge of firewood donations, was very pleased with our donations, as well as with our enthusiastic, hardworking and speedy volunteers.

A special thank you to **Lisa Everett, Denny Romer, Amy Deuble, Wes and Kate Brooks, Monte Poague, John Illich, Paul Regan, and Paul and Laura Santana**, for their part in making this a successful firewood drive. An extra thank you to **Monte Poague, Paul Regan and Laura and Paul Santana** for using their vehicles to haul the firewood, and to **Denny Romer, Wes Brooks, John Illich and Paul Regan** for their firewood donations.

After our work, we celebrated with brunch at the Blackbird Café and Tavern in Kittredge. We hope to do this again next summer.



ENN Food Drive moved to Dec. 16.

The fourth annual ENN Food Drive was a great success, even though we had to postpone the date due to icy road conditions. Thank to those members who took their donations directly to EChO.

We had a sunny morning on December 16th and our ENN members were very generous, as usual. We collected 290 items that weighed in at 355 pounds, and almost \$400 in cash donations.

A huge thank you to all of you that participated in the 2023 ENN Food Drive!

Activities

Lots of “Fun and Friendship” at Holiday Parties this month!

SWAG – Marilyn Innerfeld, Leader

Hello All! **SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)** had a wonderful end-of-year event where we all made donations to the ECHO Shelter, including pajamas, underwear, socks, jackets, and tons of gift cards for Walmart and other locations. We also really got to know each other better by playing “Two Truths and a Lie,” a fun game that made us laugh a lot and also admire the adventures many of our members experienced in years gone by. Thank you to Barb Conroy for hosting us all in her lovely home and making us all feel welcome! We each brought food (appetizers and desserts) which were quite yummy (and not at all dietetic!), making this an event we look forward to each year.



Our next event, on **January 16, 2024**, is a class at **Natural Grocers** where we will learn “**Natural Hacks for Memory Support.**” Refreshments will be provided by Natural Grocers, and they are excited to make “salmon cakes” and other goodies good for brain health. Let me know if you would like to join us!

What adventure is planned for February? I am looking to have us all experience either Yoga for Seniors, Chair Yoga or even a Pilates class. Isn't February a great time to move our winter bodies and loosen up a bit? I will be keeping our members posted, but if you are interested, let me know!

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.** 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!

**IKON Ski Group –
Pamela Talley,**

Our first trip was to Copper Mountain on 12/19.

We skied early season greens and blues.

We go every Tuesday to an Ikon pass mountain.

Join us!



**Evening Bridge –
Pat and Ralph Haines, Leaders**

Our Evening Bridge group was all set to again celebrate our annual holiday bash with potluck dinner and cards hosted by Pat and Ralph Haines. Twenty folks were all set when, alas, the Grinch hit the scene with the nasty Flu virus. Shucks! Undaunted, this lively group will merely readjust and celebrate instead in January. Stay tuned...

Would you like to join a Bridge Group but need to brush up your game? Check this out!

FREE BRIDGE LESSONS at the Conifer Library starting Feb, 5, 2024

- Beginning Bridge Class Part 2
- Beginning and returning players: This stimulating, eight-week series includes bidding, play and defense. Each session consists of lesson, practice hands and Q&A.
- The library is offering a free course consisting of eight 2-hour classes meeting once a week on **Monday evenings at 5 pm starting on Feb. 5, 2024.**
- The Evergreen Library is closed so the classes will be held at the Conifer Library.
- Located in: Conifer Senior High School
10441 County Hwy 73, Conifer, CO 80433
- This is the second class in the series, but you need not have taken the first class to attend.
- It would be helpful to have played bridge before.
- No book is required, but the lessons are based on the book:
Play of the Hand in the 21st Century (ACBL Bridge Series)
- Instructor: **Ralph Haines** (ENN's own!)
Longtime Evergreen resident and "Life Master" bridge player
ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) certified bridge instructor



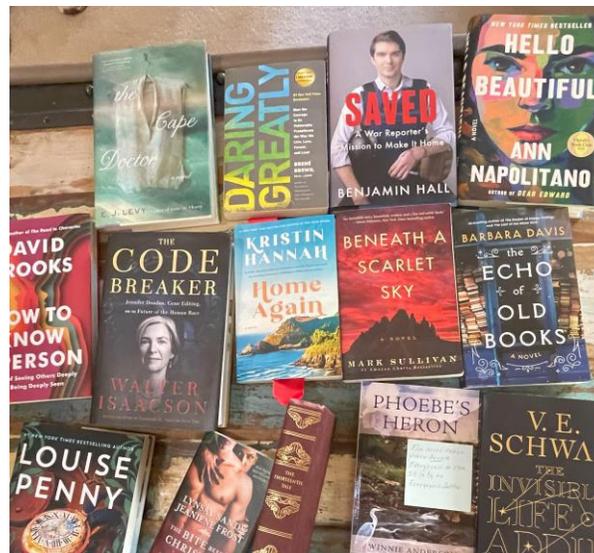
Book Club 2 –
Jan Cryns, Leader

At our November meeting, we discussed *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb, his first book about a person of color trying to make it in the world of classical music and a stolen Stradivarius.



Our December meeting was our Holiday Party, where we exchange books we love. We had a wonderful turnout and a lot of fun!

We are looking forward to our January read *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, her latest work about an Appalachian kid who becomes mired in the foster system.



Piecemakers Quilting –
Sandy Illich, Leader

The Evergreen Piecemakers gathered for our annual Holiday Party in December. We had a lovely pot luck lunch and a lot of fun with a gift swap. Some of our recent quilts are shown here. Lots of talent in this group!

Nothing says winter more warmly than Carol's amazing snowflake quilt!

Hey, Deb, you're an All-Star with this stellar quilt!



Lynn is ready for baking in the New Year with her gorgeous apron!

Linda's pink and peach quilt was totally HAND quilted! Unbelievable!

SOLO Winers and Diners – Donna Lomax, Leader

SOLO Wine & Diners met at Donna's house for a casual afternoon dinner and ornament exchange on Dec. 2. Everyone enjoyed themselves: good food and great conversation. The "white elephant ornament exchange" was a great add on to the Christmas fest.

(From left to right: Karen D. Sheri M., Carol G., Carol H., Linda D., and Harriet S.)



Lend-A-Book - Kris Walters, Leader

No books this month – just fun! Thanks to Maureen for hosting at her festive home. I mean, the nutcrackers are just the beginning! Carol brought a delicious mulled fruit concoction that we all enjoyed. Brunch and desserts were followed by our annual gift exchange. Lots of “stealing” and everyone got a great present. What fabulous way to end the year!

Gals’ Breakfast – Louise Whiteside, Leader

Gals’ Breakfast, scheduled for November 24 at the Conifer Cafe, was canceled due to snow.

Our “makeup” and “end-of-year” breakfast was held on Friday, December 15. We had a great turn-out and are looking forward to a new year of fun!

New members are always welcome to join us for a great breakfast and a fun social gathering.



**ShutterBugs -
Marko Ginsberg, Leader**

ShutterBugs is one of the newest activity groups in ENN. We focus on taking pictures in and around the Evergreen area and improving our photographic skills. Each month we have a photo shoot and a sharing meeting.

This year we had seven photo shoots and sharing meetings. Most of us are primarily interested in nature photography; however, we also had photo shoots involving sculptures, an old barn, and old trains.

We are a diverse group in both experience and points of view. This diversity is reflected in the images that we capture and share. Looking at the images from one of our shoots, it is sometimes hard to believe we were all at the same place!

Here are some of our images from the December Shoot at the Colorado Railway Museum:



ShutterBugs (continued)



ShutterBugs (continued)



In Hibernation...

Motorcycles -
John Griggs, Leader



(Kind of) In Hibernation...

Women's Golf –
Katy Lynch, Leader

Happy New Year....because now is a good time to start practicing golf, especially in the house with the putter!

Email me if you would like to join this year's Ladies Intermediate/Advanced golf to be played on Wednesday mornings as always.



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.

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To contact any group leader, send email to Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com. You will receive a direct response from the leader.

ENN ACTIVITY GROUPS

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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