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September 20th for Group
Recaps and Sept/Oct
Newsletter information.



Your 2024-25 ENN Board

Rebecca Balantine (Secretary); Ceil Razzano (Hospitality);
John Sharp (Activities); Donna Lomax (VP); Mike Ferrari
(President); Katie Lally (Membership); Jo Robinson
(Newsletter). Not pictured - Janet Harting (Treasurer).

Photo by J. Robinson

President's Message

By Mike Ferrari



Hello fellow newcomers and neighbors!

July is the start of a new fiscal year for ENN, so please welcome new board members Janet Harting, John Sharp, and Katie Lally. And, please, a round of applause for those stepping down whose hard work and initiative managed club finances, activities, membership, publicity, and events: Lisa Morton, Frank McVeigh, Jan Cryns, Lisa Everett, and Laura Santana. Let's especially not forget the leadership and vision of Riley Hanback; you may thank him in person next time you join us for Happy Hour.

I, too, am new to the board, and I am thrilled to be part of such a fun and worthwhile organization. As a newcomer myself, I have made more friends in the two years I have lived in Evergreen than the previous 34 years in Connecticut. I credit ENN for much of that thanks to Happy Hours and numerous activity groups. (I just joined my fourth last week!)

I would love to meet and hear from all of you. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you have time to give us a hand, please email me directly at president@evergreennewcomers.com.

See you around!

Mike

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.

Welcome Aboard!



Mike Ferrari, President

A native New Englander, Mike (and his wife, Rebecca Balentine, ENN's Board Secretary) have been in Evergreen for about two years. Mike worked in the publishing industry as merchandise director for several national bookstore chains including Barnes & Noble, Waldenbooks, and Borders. An avid photographer and birder, Mike enjoys meeting people and looks forward to serving on the ENN Board.



John Sharp, Activities

John originally hails from Canada and has recently moved to Evergreen. His career in the hospitality industry started with managing hotels and moved into the development of hotels. In that capacity, he served on many community boards with an emphasis on community engagement. His experience makes him a perfect fit for the Activity Chairman of ENN. John looks forward to meeting all the Activity Leaders.



Katie Lally, Membership

Katie has many years of experience in the non-profit field as well as working for the city of Colorado Springs. With a husband in the Navy, Katie has lived in many places but is happy to call Evergreen home!



Janet Harting, Treasurer

Janet moved to Evergreen from Ohio in 1998. She has worked in the accounting field for many years and is an enthusiastic bridge player. She looks forward to taking over the Treasurer's role in ENN.

A Fond Farewell!



Riley H. has been a member of ENN for seven years and served one year as Vice President before taking over as President in 2019. If you've been to Happy Hour, you've met Riley as he greets everyone as they come through the door!

One of Riley's biggest accomplishments was leading ENN through the Covid years. "We managed to come through with a lot of our membership intact and we learned a lot about Zoom," Riley recalled. "We were fortunate to have a great board and great Activity Leaders who really stepped up!"

Riley also led the club's 60th Anniversary Celebration in 2022. "We had many activities all year culminating in the dedication of a bench in Bergen Park," Riley recalled.

The plaque Riley received at his final ENN Board Meeting doesn't begin to convey our thanks for his dedication. But never fear, Riley will be around and continue to lead our Happy Hours. Thanks, Riley!

Frank M. has been a member of ENN for 14 years, starting as a Wine Group Leader (and introducing many to his favorite Italian wines!) Shortly after, he was asked to take on the Activity Chairman role on the ENN Board, a position he held for over 10 years. Frank was instrumental in establishing our "Leaders' Appreciation Night" as a fun way to thank all our group leaders.



Not only is Frank leaving the Board, but he is also leaving the area, moving back to his home state of Tennessee. We'll miss you, Frank, and thanks for your dedication to ENN!

Two other long-time board members are also stepping down. Jan C. (Membership) and Lisa M. (Treasurer) have spent multiple years on the Board. Jan was instrumental in bringing ENN into the digital age, updating the Membership list and figuring out how to self-print it. She and Lisa worked on establishing CheddarUp, allowing members to pay dues and activity fees with credit cards.

Carol H. (Nominating) constantly sought out the best talent for the ENN Board and became a friend to those she recruited!

We also thank Laura S. (Programs & Socials), and Lisa E. (Publicity) for the many hours they put in behind the scenes to make ENN a place where fun and friendships happen!

ENN needs your help!

Can you find some time to volunteer to help your club?

We are looking for a **Community Outreach Coordinator** to bring other local non-profit organizations and their programs to the attention of our members.

This is a great way to make new friends and have a little fun at the same time. If you have expertise or even just an interest in this position, we'd love to talk to you!

Contact Mike Ferrari at
President@EvergreenNewcomers.com

or Karen Davis at
Nominating@EvergreenNewcomers.com
if you'd like to hear more.

*Not ready to commit to being a Board Member but would like to know ways to share your talents and help out? **Consider joining a committee.** Most of the Board positions have committees and it's a great way to help out and learn more about ENN.*

Programs and Socials –
Laura Santana

*Summer Casino
Party*



ENN's summer party, **Casino Night**, was held on June 10 at Ebony & Vine Restaurant in Conifer. Everyone that attended got \$500 in casino chips to try their hand at Blackjack, Texas Hold' Em, or roll the dice at the Craps table. The delicious BBQ dinner complete with sides and fruit pie for dessert was enjoyed by all!

At the end of the night, five lucky members won prizes – gift certificates to a few of our local businesses. Laurie, owner of Ebony & Vine, very generously donated the Grand Prize - a \$50 gift certificate to the restaurant. A huge thank you to her for the donation and to her staff for making the event successful & fun!



Photos by L. Santana

(Programs and Socials, continued)

Upcoming performances from Evergreen Players...ENN members can take advantage of discounted tickets for this local performing arts group.

[Evergreen Players Improv Comedy \(EPiC\) show](#). Improv is a form of live theatre in which the plot, characters and dialogue of a game, scene or story are made up in the moment. The EPiC troupe will take a suggestion from the audience as a source of inspiration. Improv is spontaneous, entertaining fun and engages the audience for a truly unique experience.



August 23 & 24 at 7:30pm Center State Theatre, 27608 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen

Coming in October, **[Spirit Level](#)**, a comedy written by Pam Valentine. When a famous crime writer and his wife drown in a boating accident, they are refused entry into heaven. They return to the country cottage where they lived and scare any would-be tenants, until they reluctantly allow a young couple to move in and become drawn into their lives.

Shows every Fri, Sat, & Sun Oct 18-Nov 10 Center State Theatre, 27608 Fireweed Drive, Evergreen

<https://evergreenplayers.org/shows-tickets/>

Use discount code ENN24 to get \$5 off the ticket price

	<p>Happy Hour Tuesday, July 16 Wild Game 4 – 6 pm</p>	
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Activities

Evening Bridge – Pat & Ralph Haines, Leaders



From left to right: Pat H., John G., Sue G., Ron S., Joanne H., Dick H., Linda K., Sandy A., Sheri M., Carol H., Jim H., and Ralph H.

Our Evening Bridge Group generally meets the 3rd Friday Evening of each month. In May, we were hosted by LeeAnne & Richard Powers. In June, we had another lovely evening courtesy of Linda Kirkpatrick. We took the attached photo in June.

There are many more bridge enthusiasts but the number attending each month is determined by the number of tables the host can provide.

Our next gathering will be in July at the home of Sany & Ron Sherbert. Invites are emailed at the beginning of every month and folks plan accordingly.

We are a relaxed group and encourage all levels of play.

This is the final calendar year Pat will coordinate, so we are looking for another happy volunteer to steer our group in 2025. Quite a simple task as all expectations and easy-going people are in place. If you would be interested in coordinating the group, please contact activities@evergreennewcomers.com.

Welcome to our new members!

Tom and Raquel Dolson

Roger Smith

Anne Keen

Bari Cohn

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

Gals' Breakfast – Louise Whiteside, Leader

Our May Gals' Breakfast was held at **Danny Ray's Food and Spirits** in Lakewood. Eight ladies were in attendance.

Our June breakfast was held at **Le Peep Restaurant** in Lakewood

New members are invited to join us for breakfast at varying locations on the last Friday of each month. Please come and enjoy delicious food and friendly gatherings!

Motorcycles - John Griggs, Leader

The ENN Motorcycle Group had a great ride on Saturday, June 22. Eight riders (Jax B., Gary and Jerry Beth O., Steve T., Jason A., John and Sally G.) on six bikes launched at 8:00 heading south; we stopped at the Shaggy Sheep Cookhouse in Grant for a great breakfast.

Then on to Jefferson and we followed the Tarryall Creek to Lake George. Then on to Woodland Park and an ice cream stop in Deckers before heading home. Great weather, great roads, and great friends!

Our next ride will be Saturday, July 20. We'll meet at the Blackbird Cafe at 8:00 for breakfast and launch from there about 9:00.



Photo by J. Griggs

Poker – Rose Warren, Leader



ENN Poker is a fun (not at all serious) group that has a bodacious potluck and play Texas Hold'em. We play at different homes on various Fridays once a month. The hosts get to choose which Friday and how many they can accommodate. Food assignments are sent to those who answer the invitation to play so that the main dish is not always brought by the same players. Come join us to eat hardy and have fun playing cards!



Photos by R. Warren

Activities

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

You will be contacted by the leader.

**Piecemakers Quilting –
Sandy Illich, Leader**

Summer projects are in full swing!

Look at these beauties (the quilts and
their creators!)

Photos by S. Illich



Amazing stars by Rache!!



A donation to All People Quilt completed by Tricia.



A beautiful quilt for a grandchild by Carol.



Summer Lemons by Georgia (the good).

Solo W&D met at **Keys on the Green** in June for a great dining experience last month. Food and company were awesome and we didn't even have to pay for parking. (Don't get me started!) We'd love to have you join us.



L-R: Janet, Harriet, Debbie, Linda, Victoria, Brenda, Carla, Lori, Carol H., Sheri, Donna, Aliya, and Roxie. Photographer - Carol G.

**SOLO Winers and Diners –
Donna Lomax, Leader**



Photo by Carol G.

SOLO Winers and Diners met at **Genesee BBQ and Pub** for our July get together. The food was wonderful, perfect weather for patio seating, and **we had 14 people in attendance.**

**Lend-A-Book –
Lisa Everett, Leader**

We sadly say good-bye to Kris W. who has been our fearless leader for several years. An avid reader, Kris led us on many adventures! Fortunately, Lisa E. has taken on our group and we always look forward to her recommendations!

We're a different kind of book club - read whatever you want and at your own pace. Then share a recap of the book and lend it to others in the group. No late fees or deadlines and an amazing range of books!

Here are a few that we discussed last month:



Photo (c) L. Everett

**Book Club 2 –
Jan Cryns, Leader**



Our latest reads were **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett and **Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Both books covered some difficult topics and lead to lively discussions!

For our July meeting we will be reading and discussing **The Secret Book of Flora Lee** by Patti Callahan Henry. A fantasy land is created by Hazel, the older sister, to distract her younger sister, Flora, from the terrors of World War 2 in England. Many years after the younger sister has disappeared, her fantasy land appears in a book by an American author. Hazel is overwhelmed by the possibility that Flora is alive. If not, who has knowledge of the secret stories told to Flora?

**ShutterBugs –
Marko Ginsberg, Leader**

The ShutterBugs activity group recently celebrated one year of operation! We have participated in 12 shoots and 12 sharing meetings. Through lots of practice shooting, reviewing our images before sharing with others, some kind, critical suggestions from others during our sharing meetings, and a chance to view the approach of other ShutterBuggers to the same shooting situation we all have gotten better at photography. We are looking forward to our next year of operation.

On this occasion we are taking the opportunity to share some of our favorite images with other members of ENN. Many are from our group shoots, but others are images we have captured wandering around Colorado on our own. We hope you enjoy them!



ShutterBugs (continued)



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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	Lisa Everett	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	Carrie Garczynski	Multiple Social Groups - 3rd Saturday evening