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*Where Fun and Friendships Happen*



### ***Upcoming Events***

***Happy Hour***  
*March 18 4-6 p.m. Wild Game*

***ENN Food Drive***  
*April 12 (See page 3 for details)*

***Happy Hour***  
*April 15 4-6 p.m. Revival Brews*

MARCH - APRIL  
2025  
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AND NEIGHBORS  
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**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
April 20th for Group Recaps  
and May/June  
Newsletter information.**

***Save the Date:***  
***Mark your calendar for the***

***ENN Summer Picnic***  
***Sunday, June 22***  
***4 – 7 p.m.,***  
***Marshdale Park***

***Food, games, beer/wine, fun and  
laughter. Additional information to follow.***

**Looking for some new activities?**  
How about  
***Spring Skiing at Loveland***  
***Hiking or Biking***  
***Board Games and more.***  
Check out the new offerings and get  
signed up on pages 5 - 6.

## President's Message

From Mike Ferrari



**Hello fellow newcomers and neighbors!**

In February, 53 members stopped by Creekside Cellars in downtown Evergreen for Happy Hour. We had a lot of fun exploring the vat room and chatting with friends. Don't worry, we will return there when the weather's nice and we can spill out onto the deck.

Speaking of Happy Hours, the next four are at four different places to sample and enjoy:

March 18 — The Wild Game

April 15 — Revival Brews

May 20 — Genessee Pub and BBQ

June 17 — Evermore Wine Bar and Cafe

In April, we are having our annual food drive to benefit the EChO Food Pantry and the great work they do. Please help us help them by stopping by the Evergreen Safeway on Saturday, April 12, from 10a.m. — 2 p.m. to make your donations. You can learn more details here in this newsletter.

Last year we donated 355 lbs. of food and nearly \$400. The drive took place during the 2023 holiday season when many other groups ran their food drive. But the need for food is year-round, so we thought a spring drive would be more helpful. With the community need dramatically increasing, I hope we can reach 500 lbs. or more this year.

Planning is well underway for the summer party, or should I call it a picnic?! We have reserved the pavilion and 4 pickleball courts at Marshdale Park on Sunday, June 22 from 4-7pm. Stop by for some food, drink, conversation, and pickleball, if you're so inclined. All the details will be in the next newsletter.

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.***

**Community Outreach –  
Bob Lally**

EChO welcomes all donations of non-perishable food items. Please check the expiration dates before donating.

**Most needed items:**

Canned meat/fish  
Hearty soups/stews  
Canned/dry beans  
Canned fruits/vegs.  
Cereal  
Baking mixes/sugar  
Cooking Oil  
Coffee/Tea  
Laundry Soap  
Diapers  
Dish/Bar Soap  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Feminine Hygiene  
Deodorant  
Adult Diapers

For a complete list, click [here](#).

**Volunteers Needed:**

If you are available to help at either location or if you have a truck or van we could use on Saturday, April 12, please email Bob at [CommunityOutreach@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:CommunityOutreach@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

**ENN Food Drive  
Saturday, April 12, 2025  
Evergreen Christian Academy**

Located at  
**Church of the Cross  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**New this year** – ENN will also be at  
**Evergreen Safeway  
Saturday, April 12  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

You can do your shopping and pick up items for our community-members-in-need in one trip!

**Can't make it on April 12?** We've got you covered! Donations can be dropped off in a collection bin outside of  
**Evergreen Christian Academy  
28253 Meadow Drive  
(at Church of the Cross)  
Monday, April 7 – Friday, April 11  
6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

A special thanks to Evergreen Christian Academy for partnering with us to make the food drive a success!

Of course, **monetary donations** are also welcome. Checks (made out to EChO) can be dropped off at either location on Saturday. Or you can give online [here](#). **(Please mention ENN on the "dedication" line at the bottom of the screen.)**

**Did You Know....**

...That, in the past year, nearly 20% of Evergreen's households used one of EChO's services – I didn't!

...The most used service is EChO's Food Pantry. People who used to drop in at the end of the month for supplemental food are now appearing weekly and using EChO as their main food source.

...The number of household visits to EChO has **doubled** since 2021!

...With schools closed in the summer, many children lose their school lunches and EChO tries to meet that additional need.

... The need is great and all donations stay in our own mountain community!

## Welcome Aboard!

**Chris Schmenk** was elected to the ENN Board of Directors at the February meeting. Chris will assume the role of Co-Chair for Activity Groups, working together with me to provide continuity, which is so important to the Activities role in ENN. We are both very excited and looking forward to working as a team to provide faster responses and to develop new fun Activities as ENN evolves and grows.

John Sharp  
ENN Activities Co-Chair



Chris and Mike Schmenk moved to Evergreen in 2023 from Ohio to be closer to their children and two grandsons in Denver.

Chris is a retired attorney whose prior experience includes private practice, business and corporate law, and government service at the state and local levels. Chris works part-time as an economic development and government relations consultant through an Ohio firm, and Mike is a CPA who also still works part-time.

Chris and Mike joined ENN to make new friends and get involved in the Evergreen community. They recently joined the International ENN group, and Chris signed up for the Summer Hiking Group. Chris is the new Group Leader of the Euchre card group which launched this month. Chris enjoys skiing, hiking, jogging, road biking and reading.

### *New Members*

Dave & Suzy Barlow

Alex & Natalie Bryant

Rob & Ruthie Bushnell

Matt & Jaime Dirr

John & Carol Rapp

Brian & Becky Williams

Jeanne DeVries

Sheryl Flater

Katherine Harding

Michael Phillipps

Marianne Temple

Phil & Mary Hudson

*Take a minute and introduce yourself whenever you see any new members at an upcoming ENN activity.*

## New Activity Groups:

### WINTER IS NOT OVER YET! HOW ABOUT SOME MARCH SKIING? SKI LOVELAND

#### NEW ENN GROUP STARTING MARCH 10th

Interested in end of season skiing at Loveland? This group will meet weekly on Mondays at 7:30 am at the Bergen Park RTD park & ride area to carpool. Hap Bruce has volunteered to be the Group Leader. If interested, let us know, and we will ask Hap to contact you. Sounds like fun!

[Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com).

### THAT SAID, SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER → → WHY NOT SIGN UP FOR A NEW ACTIVITY?

#### MELLOW HIKERS

**New Group weekly - May to October**

**2 to 4 miles ↔ rolling terrain ↔ 250 to 500 elevation change**

Spring is around the corner, so come join the Mellow Hikers! This new group is for hikers with moderate fitness levels looking for a good but not overly-strenuous workout. Weekly hikes will range from 2-4 miles in length, on terrain with rolling climbs, and elevation changes will typically be 250-500 feet. Hikes mainly will be in the Evergreen/Conifer areas and will be suitable for most members

#### BIKING

Let's bring back "BIKE WITH US" - a former ENN Activity. Requests have been received for a road biking Group. The Members and the Group Leader will select the routes and distance. Suggested - 10-mile rides.

#### BOARD GAMES & CRIBBAGE

Board games and cribbage activity increased about 20% during Covid. The interest continues. Multiple opportunities for fun evenings with a variety of games.

## New Activity Groups Continued:

### RESTAURANT WINE GROUP

ENN has a history of dining Groups. Some Members have suggested a Restaurant wine Group as opposed to the current Wine Groups hosted in Members' homes. In addition to Evergreen, the Group would include Denver area restaurants. Probably a smaller Group meeting in alternate months. Currently 121 ENN Members participate in 8 hosted Wine Groups.

### JAZZ APPRECIATION

Any Jazz fans out there? Are you interested in participating in a Jazz Appreciation group with monthly evening meetings to listen to, and appreciate, some great jazz? The suggested format is a small Group of 10 to 15 Members meeting at host homes. Let us know and we will make it happen.

**Chris and John are waiting to hear from YOU!**

If you're interested in joining, contact [Activities@evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@evergreennewcomers.com)

### HELP WANTED

#### Group Leader for new Hiking Group

#### Step up to Lead the Mellow Hikers!

Love to get outside, enjoy nature and also get some exercise? We're seeking a leader for the new Mellow Hikers group!

#### Leaders should:

- Have knowledge of trails in the Evergreen/Conifer areas
- Be willing to plan and lead weekly hikes of 2 – 4 miles over moderate terrain
- Be welcoming to fellow hikers and ensure they have a good time

If you are ready to lead this new group,  
please contact:

[Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com)

### THANKS FOR SIGNING UP!

#### New Activities since July 2024:

Easy Walkers  
Epic Ski Group  
Euchre  
Screwtops Wine Group  
Uncorked Wine Group

## ACTIVITY GROUPS

### Ladies Golf – Katy Lynch, Leader

It was interesting Monday, Feb 24, to see outside of the Evergreen Bakery in Bergen Park an aspen tree with buds opening up.... Is spring going to be that early! We're looking forward to new players for our **ENN Ladies Intermediate/Advanced Golf**. We'll be starting in May, depending when the Evergreen Golf Course opens up.



### Poker – Rose and John Warren, Leaders

Poker is a friendly game at ENN.

There is a potluck before the game. Each person then contributes \$5 and the top three winners split the pot!

If you are interested, but don't know how to play, we will gladly teach you. We welcome couples and singles.

The game is always on a Friday chosen by the host/hostess, who also chooses which Friday and how many players the home can accommodate.

Give us a try – we **bet** you'll love it!



### Gals' Breakfast – Louise Whiteside, Leader

The Gals' Breakfast group met for our first breakfast of the year on Friday, January 31, at the Parkside Cafe. Eleven ladies enjoyed a delicious breakfast and some lively post-holiday conversation.

On February 28, we met at Dandelions Café. Join us on the last Friday of each month!



Photo by J. Robinson

**4 x 4  
News**

**The 4 x 4 Group** is heading into its 24th season this spring. Founded in 2002 by Bob Ogden and Colette Lambert as Co-Leaders, the Group has a great history of uninterrupted outings, which even Covid could not disturb.

Bob is the sole remaining charter member. After Colette retired from jeeping in 2021, Bob asked Tony Oliver to become his Co-Leader. Tony is always accompanied by his ace co-pilot, his wife Rita, who handles maps, GPS, radio calls and acts as a “Spotter” to guide everyone over very technical terrain. Even the brave have learned to follow Rita’s hand signals! Typically, the season schedule, from May to October, includes 10 Saturday excursions and two 4-night weekend adventures.

Since 2014 the Group has given the **Tony and Rita Award** (that name a story for another day) to any Member with perfect attendance in a given year. The winners for 2024, with 100% attendance, were **Dale and Pat Williamson**.

The Group has held a Winter Party, hosted at various homes, every year since 2005 (except Covid 2021). This February an award was presented to **Art and Heidi Smithson** in recognition of their hosting the event for 8 winters. Following dinner, the Group was treated to an awe-inspiring presentation of DVD’s and Blue-rays of the 2005 to 2019 seasons, all created by members of the group.

Of course, the photography was superb and the close encounters with boulders, trees, and cliffs were, at times, heart-stopping!

A special thank you to Bob and Tony for their roles as Co-Leaders and kudos to Art and Heidi for making their home available over the years.

The 4 x 4 Group is the epitome of camaraderie, friendship, good times, and old-fashioned FUN!

Heidi and Art are recognized for their generous hospitality!



Pat presented Bob with an original oil painting which he created in appreciation for Bob’s 23 years as leader.



Dale and Pat receive their perfect attendance award.



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

Hello ENN!

**SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)** 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.

The SWAG ladies have been busy in the new year!

In January we enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Luke Burns, the Nutritional Health Coach at Natural Grocers, where we learned “Dysbiosis: Lifting the Lid on Digestive Discomfort.”

Refreshments were provided by Natural Grocers and, by popular demand, we plan to continue learning at Natural Grocer's at least once each year.



In February, we were taken on a tour of EChO to learn about the Food Bank, client services, the Resale shop, the woodlot, volunteer opportunities, and other services for community members in need. Our deepest thanks to Dale Flanders, the Executive Director of EChO, for the important information he shared during our visit, and to Carol Goss for setting this up for us. Thanks as well to Carol and Susan Hall for providing the lovely refreshments!

March is being planned and we can look forward to being more hands-on and creating our own Vision Boards... details to come!

SWAG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3 pm. We are always seeking new ideas, new members and new energy! If you want to join our group, please email [Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com). Come and make new friends!

**Blue Sky Quilters –  
Sandy Illich, Leader**

The **Blue Sky Quilters** have been busy sewing this winter with lots of new and beautiful quilts, some for family and friends, some for People Comforters, and some for ourselves!

We meet every 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10 a.m. at Keller Williams near Bergen Park.

Linda's Churn Dash quilt really pops because of her color selection!



Mindy's Diamonds are so soothing!



Wow! Georgia's Kaleidoscopes are amazing!



Georgia's space panel quilt is "out of this world"!



Gladys says her "Triangles" quilt isn't as hard as it looks – we don't believe her!



Diane finished this cute Circus panel quilt!



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

With the unpredictability of winter weather and road conditions, **Lend-a-Book** met in January and February at the (centrally-located-with-a-plowed-parking-lot) Evergreen Library.

The study room we used was neat and spacious and served our needs, but we're definitely looking forward to getting back to gathering in the convivial comfort of members' homes!

Lend-a-Book meets the third Monday of the month, 10:00 - 12:00. We're an easy-going, non-traditional book club that exchanges books and enjoys time spent with friends. Join us! Contact [Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com) for more information.



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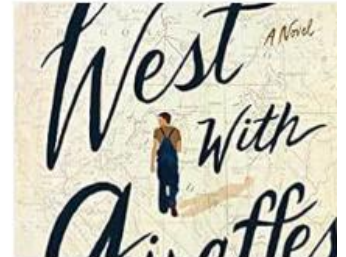


**The Non-fiction Book Club** met on March 5 at 7:00pm to discuss **The Book of Charlie** by David von Drehle. "**The Book of Charlie** is a gospel of grit—the inspiring story of one man’s journey through a century of upheaval. The history that unfolds through Charlie’s story reminds you that the United States has always been a divided nation, a questing nation, an inventive nation—a nation of Charlies in the rollercoaster pursuit of a good and meaningful life."

Our discussions are always lively and draw from a wide breadth of experience. If you would like to join us, please contact Lora at [Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com) .

Photo by L. Mazza

### Literally Amazing Book Club - Jan Cryns, Leader



**The Literally Amazing Book Club** met January 16th at the home of Katie Lally to discuss the book **Phone Booth at the Edge of the World** by Laura Imai Messina. This is the story of a survivor of Japan's 2011 Tsunami who would travel to a garden in Japan, where there was a phone booth where people could use the "wind phone" to talk to lost loved ones.

On February 20th, we discussed the book **West with Giraffes** by Lynda Rutledge, a novel inspired by the incredible story of two giraffes that made headlines and won hearts in Depression-era America. It explores being changed by the grace of animals, and the kindness of strangers.

For our March meeting, we are reading **The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue** about a woman who, in a moment of desperation, makes a terrible deal with the Devil that haunts her for centuries.

Photos by A. Ginsberg

### Non-fiction Book Club – Lora Mazza, Leader



### Motorcycle Group - John Griggs, Leader

The Motorcycle Group is still hibernating!



Photos by J. Griggs

## WINE GROUPS

*ENN members appreciate a good bottle of wine and enjoy the good company of fellow members! Here is a listing of the current ENN Wine Groups:*

Corkscrews	Donn & Cassie Fishbein	3rd Saturday
Guzzlers	Roger & Sheri Matz	3rd Saturday
In Vino Veritas	Bob Fudge	3rd Saturday
Les Dégustateurs	Carrie Garczynski	1st Saturday (alt. mos.)
The Screwtops	Jen Delacruz	2nd Saturday
SOLO Winers & Diners	Donna Lomax	1st Saturday
Uncorked	Ray Trevisan	2nd Saturday
Winos	Colette Lambert	3rd Saturday

If you are interested in joining a wine group, contact

[Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com)

## Activities

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

at: [Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com](mailto:Activities@Evergreennewcomers.com)

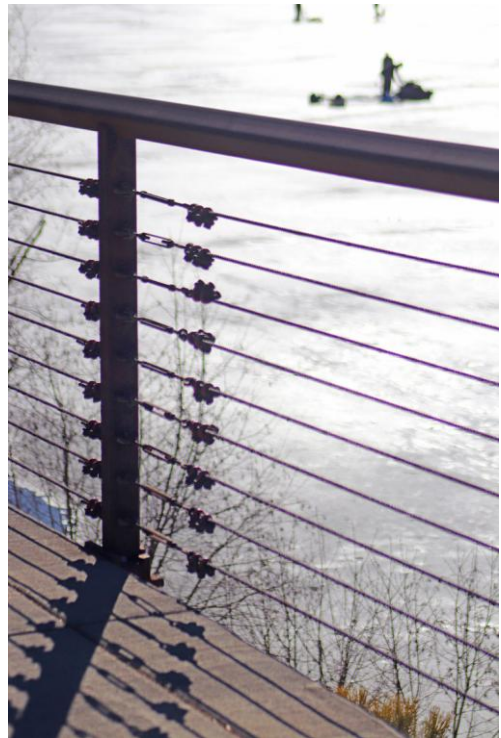
You will be contacted by the leader.

**ShutterBugs –  
Marko Ginsberg, Leader**

The February Shoot for ShutterBugs took place in and around downtown Evergreen. Most of us concentrated on Evergreen Lake. Our monthly challenge was *images taken at dusk or dawn*. Here are some of the images we liked from our sharing meeting.



ShutterBugs, continued



## ENN Board of Directors 2024 - 2025

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ENN ACTIVITY GROUPS		
Activity	Leaders	Schedule
4 X 4	Bob Ogden & Tony Oliver	Various Saturdays & occasional mid-week day trips; long weekend trips (Seasonal)
Blue Sky Quilters	Sandy Illich	2nd & 4th Monday, 10 AM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Daytime		
Bridge Evening	Jean Wells & Joanne Hill	3rd Friday Evening
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Easy Walkers	Annie Ginsberg	2nd Wednesday, 9 AM
Euchre	Chris Schmenk	
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10 AM
Guys' Breakfast	Kevin Kerr	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
Happy Hour	Riley Hanback	3rd Tuesday, 4 – 6 PM
International ENN	Wes & Kate Brooks	3rd Thursday, 5:30 PM
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Lisa Everett	3rd Monday, 10 AM
Literally Amazing Book Club	Jan Cryns	3rd Thursday, 1 PM
Mah Jongg (daytime)	Mindy Nitkin	Fridays, 10 AM - Noon
Mah Jongg (evening)	Simone Simpson	Mondays, 6:30 PM
Motorcycles	John Griggs	Various Saturdays (seasonal)
Needlework	Sheri Matz	1st Monday, 10 AM
Nonfiction Book Club	Lora Mazza	1st Wednesday, 7 PM
Poker Night	Rose and John Warren	Fridays, Monthly
Shutterbugs	Marko Ginsberg	1st & 3rd Friday Mornings
Ski Group (EPIC)	Rob Wilson	Thursdays (Seasonal)
Ski Group (IKON)	Pam Talley	Tuesdays (Seasonal)
Ski Group (Loveland)	Hap Bruce	Monday (Seasonal)
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
Summer Hiking Group (SHG)	Debbie Atwood, Don Rosenthal	Thursday Mornings; May-October
SWAG (Savvy Women and Gals)	Marilyn Innerfeld	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Wine Groups (8)	See listing on page 12	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturdays

*Current ENN Membership is required for participation in any activity.*