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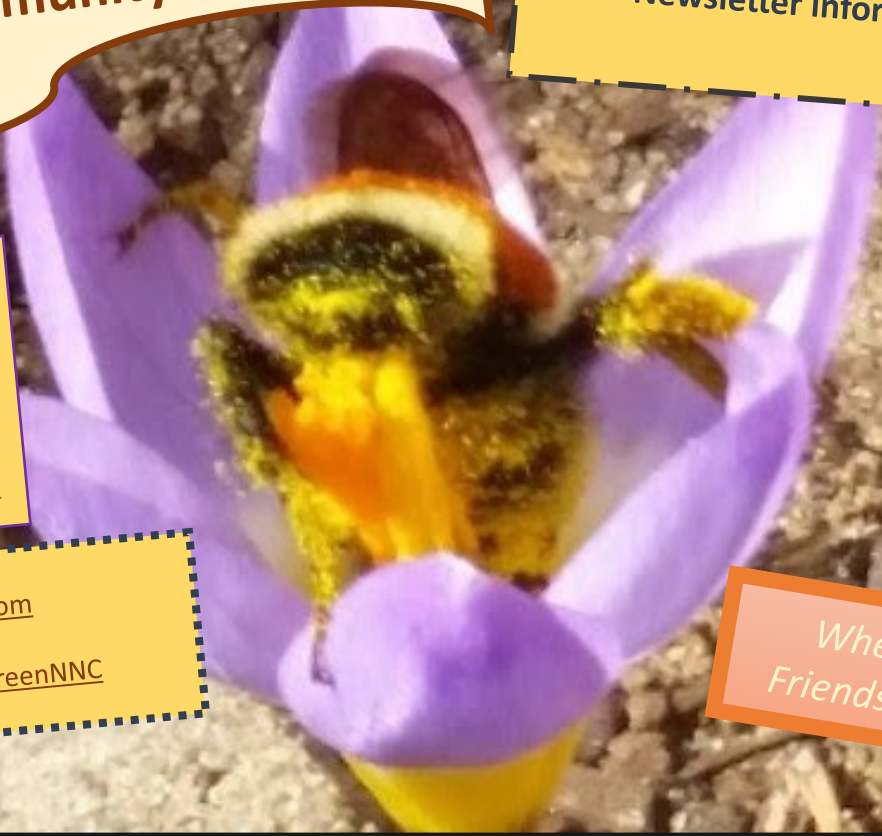
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May/June
Newsletter information.

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Upcoming Happy Hours:

March 17: Hummingbird Club, 1338 County Road 65, Evergreen, 4 – 6 p.m.
For those interested - they are having a St. Patrick’s Day event at a fixed price with live music, daiquiris, and small plates AFTER the ENN Happy Hour, starting at 7p.m.

April 21: Pho Evergreen, 1193 Bergen Parkway, Unit B, Evergreen

May 19: Evergreen Bread and Cocktail Lounge, 1260 Bergen Pkwy #220, Evergreen (elevator available!)



March President's Message

Hello Fellow Newcomers and Neighbors!

I hope you can participate in some way at our March 28 Food Drive to support the important work that EChO does for our community. While the local stores donate meat and produce to them on a regular basis, EChO is continuously in need of non-perishable food, cleaning, and healthcare supplies. Our volunteers will set up tables that day at King Soopers and Safeway. Why not consider doing your weekly shopping on that day, saying hello, and dropping off an item or two on your way out?

It was great to see 63 attendees at the February Happy Hour. I hope to see you at the next one on March 17 at Hummingbird Club, another new venue for us!

ENN continues to grow with membership up nearly 15% over last year. With that growth comes more challenges. I would love a little of your time so that we can continue to grow and provide new opportunities for our club. There are lots of ways to help, either by joining the ENN board, serving on a committee, or becoming a group leader. Interested? Contact me at president@evergreennewcomers.com or Karen Davis at nominating@evergreennewcomers.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Mike

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DON'T FORGET!
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH
ENN FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ECHO PANTRY
Evergreen King Soopers and Safeway
Donations Accepted 10:00 - 2:00

Did you know that during 2025:

- Over 20% of Evergreen families used the Food Pantry to meet their families' needs?
- Over 325 households relied on the Food Pantry each week?
- ENN's food drive for the Pantry raised 1,907 pounds and \$900 in donations?

This year, the EChO Food Pantry has been seeing record demand and again needs our help to keep their shelves stocked. ENN volunteers will be collecting donations (food and cash/checks) at both grocery stores as well as handing out EChO's current "shopping lists" (see below) to entering customers. Feel free to bring your donations to either location on March 28th or, if you need alternative donation arrangements, please let Rebecca Balentine know. I'm hoping that together ENN can again make a major dent in hunger in our community!

EChO's "Wish List" – most wanted and needed items:

While non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning supplies are always needed, the following items are in currently in short supply:

- ❖ Canned meat and fish
- ❖ Hearty soups, chilis & stews
- ❖ Cooking oil
- ❖ Coffee & tea
- ❖ Sugar & brown sugar
- ❖ Baking mixes
- ❖ Laundry & dish soap
- ❖ Personal care items
- ❖ Grocery Gift Cards

EVERGREEN NEWCOMERS
AND NEIGHBORS

FOOD DRIVE

FOR ECHO FOOD PANTRY
10-2 PM SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026

SAFEWAY AND KING SOOPERS EVERGREEN

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
LIKE CANNED MEATS/FISH, HEARTY SOUPS AND
CHILIS, GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN ITEMS,
COOKING OIL, COFFEE/TEA, SUGAR, BAKING
MIXES AND SUPPLIES, HEALTHY SNACKS, AS WELL
AS LAUNDRY AND DISH SOAP, DIAPERS, AND
HYGIENE ITEMS ARE WELCOME



ACTIVITIES UPDATE

More Feedback Wanted on New Groups!

RV Group to Start: We plan to start an RV group this year and organize at least one group outing in the summer or fall. Let us know if you're interested by sending an email to: Activities@evergreennewcomers.com.

Easy Walkers Co-Leader Sought: We hope to re-start the Easy Walkers group and need a co-leader! We have a great group of people who want to walk weekly, and we have one member willing to co-lead the group. However, we need another to get the group started. If you're willing, please email Chris Schmenk at the Activities address below.

Hiking Groups Gearing up for Season: Our Summer Hiking Group, Thursday evening Mellow Hikers and Saturday morning Mellow Hikers groups are gearing up for another great season! Let us know if you'd like to join these groups!

Other Groups Suggested by ENN Members:

We'd like to hear from you when you'd like us to start a new group! You can suggest categories, such as a specific activity or game. If we get enough interested members and find a willing leader, we'll start it! Let us know if you'd like to participate in groups previously suggested, including:

- Adventure Group (monthly outings such as white-water rafting, ziplining, etc.)
- History Group
- Writing Group
- Art Group (Art lovers? Creators?)
- Cooking Fast, Healthy Meals

- **High-Altitude Baking**
- **Rummikub (Tile game combining elements of Rummy and Mahjong)**
- **Investment Group (educational on topics like crypto, not a group to pool money to invest)**
- **LGBT+ (Group activities?)**
- **Dinner/Cooking Group (Meal Progression)**
- **Music Group (Eras? Genre?)**
- **Dance Lessons such as Ballroom Dancing (At a studio? Genre/Era?)**

If you would participate in or lead any of these groups, please contact Chris Schmenk at Activities@evergreennewcomers.com. She'll get you connected!



Welcome New Members of ENN!

Suzann Bron	Amy Deuble
Jim Foster	Sue Foster
Kay Green	Walt Green
Brandon Kornhaber	Lisa Leverett
Whit Leverett	Randi London
Kara Parker	Nick Parker
Jim Popejoy	Joe Pratt



*Aren't we a happy bunch?
Pictures of our Happy Hours*

January 20 at the
Charthouse





February 17 at the Bread and Cocktail Lounge



Evergreen Speaks!



Evergreen Speaks! first 2026 event was held on Tuesday, February 3rd. Our speaker was Lynn Caligiuri, the Executive Director of the Mountain Area Land Trust (MALT), presenting on the importance of land preservation and conservation efforts. She has been the Executive Director of MALT since 2023.

Save the date of **May 5** for Lindsey Breslin. She is an ENN member and the Executive Director of **Resilience 1220**. She will be speaking on how communities can cultivate resiliency - a very timely topic for our Evergreen community.

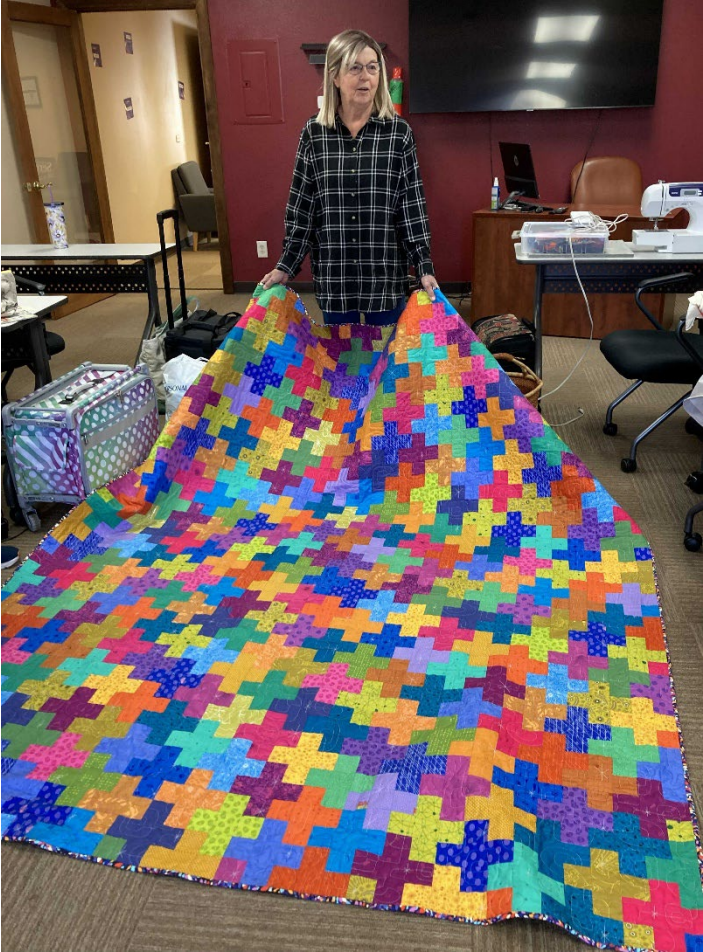
We hope you can join us as our Evergreen neighbors speak on interesting topics at the next Evergreen Speaks! Invite your friends!

A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR DEAR MEMBERS... GLADYS HARTMANN



The Blue Sky Quilters' hearts are broken as we recently learned of the passing of our dear friend Gladys Hartmann. We will miss her so much. She made us laugh until our cheeks and ribs would ache. She loved to quilt and made oh so many that she often gave with love to her friends and family. In this tribute to her, please enjoy these wonderful quilts created by the crooked but steady hands of our brave and kindhearted friend Gladys.





The Literally Amazing Book Club:

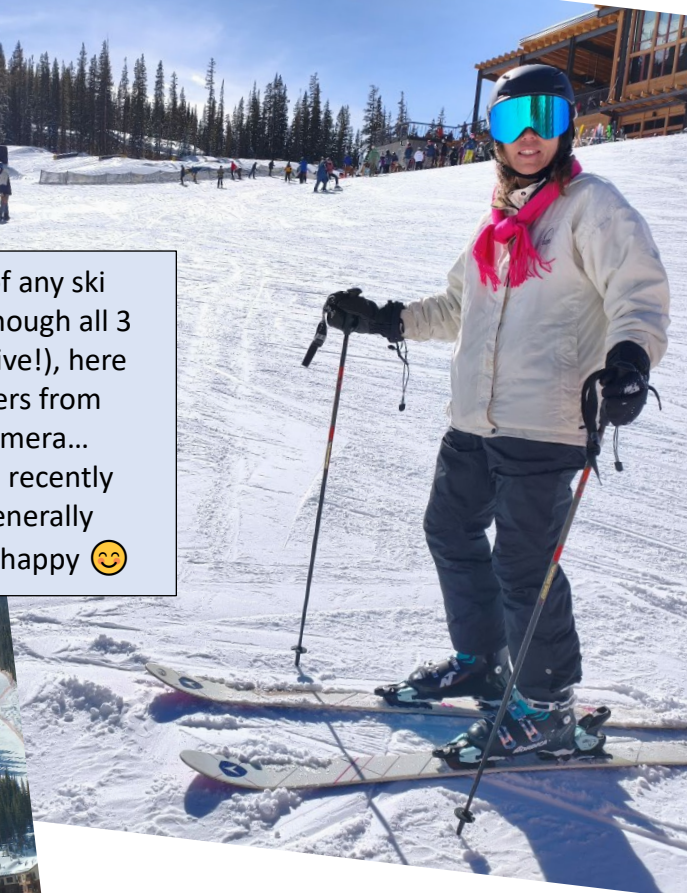
Our January Meeting was held January 15th where we discussed "All Creatures Great and Small" by James Herriot. One of our occasional non-fiction books, it follows an English country veterinarian's life in humorous and heartwarming vignettes. Published over 25 years ago, it has also been a BBC series.

Our February 19th meeting was the biggest turnout yet! We met at the library to discuss "The River We Remember" by William Kent Krueger. Set in a small town in Minnesota post-World War 2, the body of a prominent but unpopular local man washes up on the shore of a Minnesota river. After accident and suicide are ruled out, the investigation bares troubled histories and secrets of the townsfolk.

For our March meeting, we are reading "The Last Flight" by Julie Clark.



In the absence of any ski group photos (though all 3 groups were active!), here some placeholders from Kathrin's own camera... Snow conditions recently improved and generally made the skiers happy 😊





Group Leader Simone Simpson says:

The **Evening Mah Jongg** meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays at the leader's house at 6:30pm. The leader lives off of Kerr Gulch Road, and directions will be sent to you once you contact the activities person (Chris Schmenk). We usually have between 6 and 12 people playing. We are a relaxed group and talking is definitely allowed. Our group has a twist - almost 1/2 of our members are men. We also teach beginners who would like to learn. Hope to see everyone interested in trying it out.

The **Ladies' Golf Group** reports:

Pretty windy today, Tuesday, Feb 24!!!! It's been rather different to see the fairways already green due to all of the warm weather that we have been having. It's like we should be playing now!!!!

Please let me know, if you are a member of ENN and not presently signed up, that you are planning to join the Wednesday's ENN Ladies Intermediate/Advanced golf group. It will probably be the first day in May, of course depending on weather.

As always, look forward soon to Evergreen Golf!



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Non-Fiction Book Group LOOKAHEAD:

Date: Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00PM
Book: The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu

Date: Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00PM
Book: Abundance by Ezra Klein & Derek Thompson

Our January 2026 **Gals' Breakfast** was a great success, with 16 ladies present at the Conifer Cafe, 25597 Conifer Road. We all enjoyed an excellent meal and especially good service from the staff at this beautiful Cafe.

By popular request, our February gathering was held at the Hummingbird Club, 1338 County Road 65, where we enjoyed a Louisiana (Cajun-style) breakfast.

New members are invited to join us for breakfast on the last Friday of each month at varying restaurants in the Evergreen and Metropolitan Denver areas.



Welcome new wine group, the Grape Nuts (& Barley Hoppers)! This group will meet every 2nd Friday or Saturday. The monthly host will set the theme for the evening. Their expectation is to enjoy sharing our favorite wines, learning about new wines, participate in wine / food pairing dinners and explore the offerings at various commercial establishments in our area such as restaurants, wine bars, wineries, meaderies, distilleries and breweries. This group is led by Trish Wilson, on the right of this picture.



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
Grape Nuts (& Barley Hoppers)	Trish Wilson	2nd Friday or Saturday
Guzzlers	Roger & Sheri Matz	3rd Saturday
EverPour	Belinda Aber	2nd Wednesday
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

Witness the Growth!

SWAG

First the big news... we are changing! Our new name, by member vote, is now **Strong Women Always Growing**... still **SWAG** but more representative of how we have evolved and who we really are. The change was due to newer members commenting on how they didn't understand what SWAG really stood for, so hopefully this clarifies everything. Besides, change is fun!

Our group is growing! January and February brought an average of 20+ ladies to each of our events. Our January meeting was at Natural Grocers where the presenter, Lucas Burns - Natural Grocer's Nutritional Health Coach, talked about how to keep our bones healthy and he also supplied refreshments. February's meeting was at Mt. Evans Home Health Care & Hospice, where we engaged in a presentation about End-of-Life Healthcare Planning, shared by Nancy Balter and Amy Synnestvedt, followed by fascinating questions and conversations by the participants. Warmest thanks to Fran Nelson and Mary Pat DeWald for the lovely refreshments!

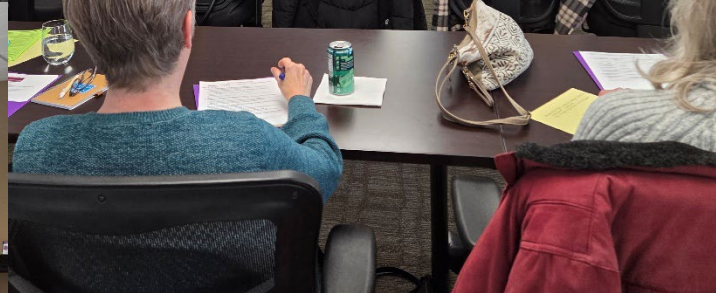
Next month (March), someone from the Jefferson County Open Space will speak about pine beetles and protecting our trees. Future events include hands-on flower arranging, gardening at altitude, how working with horses help our youth, genealogy, and more!

SWAG (Strong Women Always Growing) is a fun and educational ladies' group that focuses on learning about our community, local businesses, and non-profits as well as other interesting topics. We always ensure that our meetings include refreshments and socialization, plus that month's educational topic. SWAG meets on 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 reach out to Activities@EvergreenNewcomers.com

Come and make new friends!



SWAG January meeting about Nutritional Health



SWAG February meeting about Home Health Care and Hospice

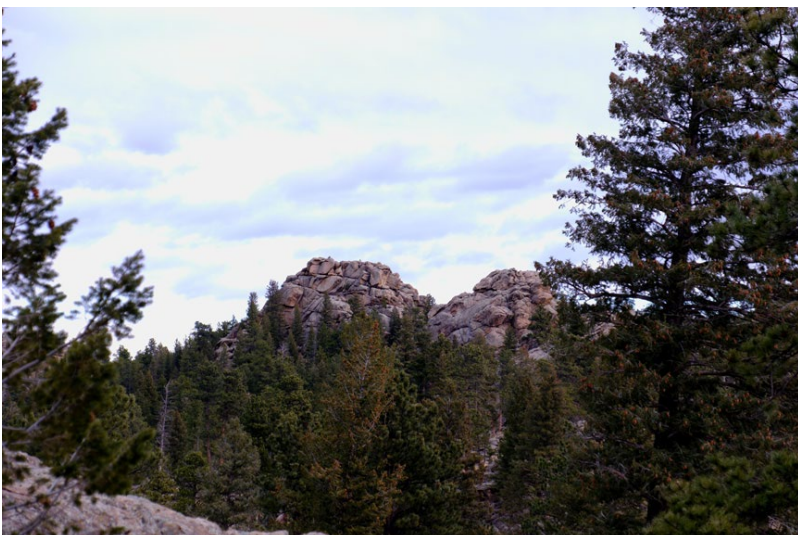
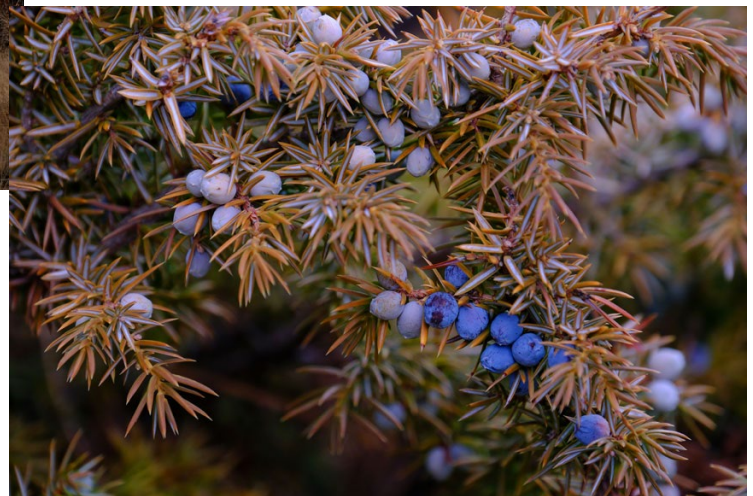
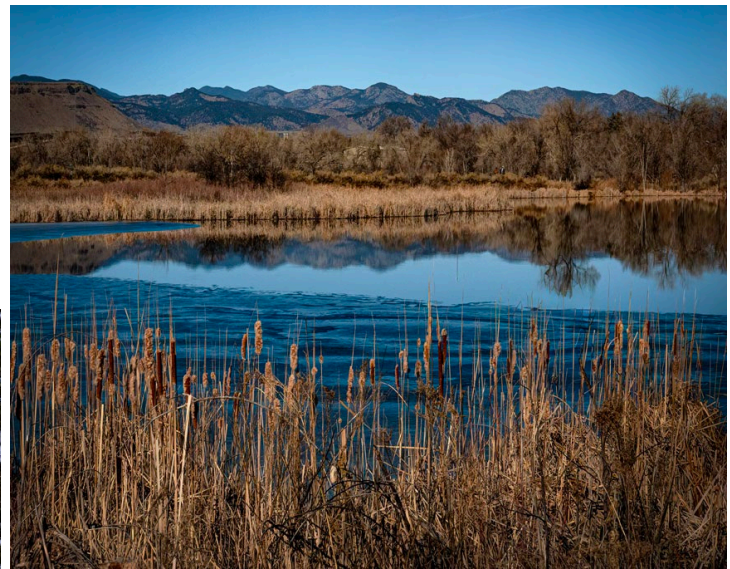


ShutterBugs have fun with photography while exploring great places to take pictures and becoming better photographers.

On the first Friday of the month, we meet at a location with opportunities to photograph wildlife, landscapes, flowers, old stuff, and unique buildings. On the third Friday, we meet at the Evergreen Library and share images from the previous outing, talk photography, and plan the next month's activities.

Each month we also have a photographic challenge to improve our skills. Past challenges have included specific subjects, all post processing the same image, low light photography, and special camera techniques.

In January we photographed the Three Sisters area and in February we explored the Wheat Ridge Greenbelt Open Space.







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ENN ACTIVITY GROUPS

Activity	Leaders	Schedule
14er Mountaineering	Rob Wilson	Various Saturdays
4 X 4	Bob Ogden & Tony Oliver	Various Sat.'s & occasional mid-week day trips; long wknd trips (Seasonal)
Blue Sky Quilters	Sandy Illich	2nd & 4th Monday, 9 AM
Bowling	Lisa Morton	1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
Bridge Evening	Jean Wells & Joanne Hill	3rd Friday Evening
Canasta	Donna Lomax	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1-3:30 PM
Easy Walkers	TBD	2nd Wednesday, 9 AM
Euchre	Chris Schmenk	Thursday of choice, 6:30 – 9 PM
Gals' Breakfast	Louise Whiteside	Last Friday, 10 AM
Guys' Breakfast	Kevin Kerr	2nd Tuesday, 8:30 AM
Happy Hour	Lori Main	3rd Tuesday, 4 – 6 PM
Ladies Golf	Katy Lynch	Wednesday (seasonal)
Lend-A-Book	Simone Simpson	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
Mellow Hikers - Weekday	Mary and Phil Hudson	4th Thursday, 5:30 PM
Mellow Hikers – Weekend	Jen Delacruz	2nd Saturday, 9 AM
Mexican Train	Lori Chaikin	1st and 3rd Wed., 1-3:30 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	Mondays (Seasonal)
Sporting Clays	Alan Palestine	3rd or 4th Tuesday
Summer Hiking Group (SHG)	Paul Butters and assistants Pam Talley and Mike Schmenk	Thursday Mornings; May-October
SWAG (Strong Women Always Growing)	Marilyn Innerfeld, Barb Conroy	3rd Tuesday, 1 PM - 3 PM
Wine Groups (10)	See listing on page 15	1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturdays

Current ENN Membership is required for participation in any activity.