Dear Ladies,

Have a great summer, everyone! I look forward to hearing about your experiences when we all gather at our September luncheon. Meanwhile, check out our newsletter calendar for opportunities to meet in smaller groups over the next few months.

Just a motherly reminder, and to quote Baz Luhrmann in his “famous” 1999 song, remember to “always wear sunscreen.” (I’m speaking to myself as well as you!)

~Mary Ann

A word from Shirley Worth

To my dear new friends in Seattle (and surroundings!); You have debunked the myth of “Seattle Freeze” as you have surrounded me with love and support and practical help while I am fighting the “C” or as someone I know calls it, “The FC.” You’ll be glad to know – as I am! – that things are going well, Doc says, “You’re doing great (but I didn’t ask about this metrics).

Seriously, feeling much less worse than I expected, and even had some improvement in my hearing! If you like to follow along with as much writing as I have inspiration and energy for, sign in to my blog at https://shirleydances.wordpress.com and I’ll approve you as a reader.

--Gratefully, Shirley
We are always happy to meet new friends and welcome new members!

When you have fun with like-minded women, long-lasting friendships develop. We have many long-term members, some for 10-20 years, and many who have joined within the past few months!

We are happy to welcome one new member who has recently joined our club:

Mary Ann Timeus
8023 NE 126th Street
Kirkland, WA 98034
Phone: 425-814-4681
Cell: 425-761-8023
Email: matimeus@frontier.com
Birthday: May 26
Mary Ann moved here from Wisconsin in 1967. She is interested in Hiking, Movies and Come for Coffee.

July Birthdays
1 – Anna Aubry
7 – Karrin d’Hondt
9 – Lori Mitchetti
9 – Ruthie Reed
13 – Pam Parker
14 – Lisa Login
20 – Mary Gresser-Burns
24 – Jan Blaud
24 – Marilyn Rambo
26 – Jill Estes
28 – Rachelle Armada

August Birthdays
5 – Shirley Worth
6 – Ginny Vogl
10 – Syneska Bendis
10 – Marion Earl
13 – Kate Griffin
16 – Ginny Buzzell
19 – Barbara Reynolds
22 – Paula Nadalin
23 – Didi Etue
25 – Anne Winborn
27 – Dorothy Sacks
28 – Debbie Mahmoudi

Birthday Gals

We celebrate our members’ birthdays four times a year. Members gather in a small, informal setting to enjoy each other’s company while wishing happy birthday to our friends. Everyone – birthday or not- is invited to come and join in the fun! If you are a new member, don’t be shy, come celebrate with us…

It’s a great way to get to know each other better. Details will be sent via email when each Birthday Gal event is planned.
Hospitality

As women, we have a special way of supporting each other. When we connect this way, our bonds are strengthened. Please contact the Hospitality Committee if you know of someone who needs support or encouragement. Let’s keep our newcomers community strong!

Your Hospitality Team,
Jackie Schilling – (615-587-4859) – jackiems56@aol.com
Ruby Smith – (425-778-6476) – rjs.huskies@frontier.com
Rosemary Wander – (336-541-4726) – RCWNRD@gmail.com
**Activities**

**New Activities:** if you would like to start a group I’d love to hear from you. Please call or email me with your ideas and let’s start having more fun! Lila Finhill – lfinhill@yahoo.com – 425-299-5796.

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**Come Take a Hike**

“Come Take a Hike” currently has no organized activities planned for the summer. If you have any suggestions for a summer or fall hike, please contact Helena Puche. Details will be sent to hiking group members about 10 days before the next hike to be schedule in September. If you’d like to join us, please contact Helena Puche at hpuche@sbcglobal.net. Have a good summer!

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**Bunco, 4th Wednesday Please Note: No July Bunco**

Bunco meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month with a $10 buy-in for prizes. The Bunco group is meeting at The Commons (Third Place Books) in Kenmore, gathering at 10:30 am, with the goal of starting by 11 am. We can handle a total of 12 players. If you would like to receive an invite to play, please send Christine Welch an email at cgwhome@hotmail.com and she will add you to the Bunco list.

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**Gourmet Groups**

Epicureans will meet on Friday, July 28 and August 25, at lunch. Epicureans is our newest Gourmet Group, welcomes new members, and typically meets on the last Friday of each month. If you’d like to join this dynamic group with loads of interesting things planned, please contact Lisa Ireland, Ly15042009@gmail.com or Katharine Crick, klcrick@gmail.com.

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**Let’s Get ‘Out & About’ Together**

Do you want to get out more with good company? Our club offers a great pool of women with a wide variety of interests. Please consider initiating an activity or going to an event with some other club members. To widen your circle you are encourage to communicate your activity/event idea via our club email distribution and/or request a notice in an upcoming newsletter. The activity might be a one-time experience such as going to a performance or a class. Or the activity might be a series of similar or different experience such as visiting museums and art galleries, doing garden tours, or taking a yoga class. For assistance in getting started or in reaching out, please contact Lila Finhill – lfinhill@yahoo.com – 425-299-5796.
Activities

Movie Group, Third Tuesday

Get together with friends for a movie. The Movie Group meets each month for a matinee. If you are interested in joining us email Cecilia Corey at cacorey@comcast.net.

Soundbites (for couples)

This is a fun couples group for Newcomer members and their spouses or significant others. Whether you are a new, newer, or long-time member, if you want to get to know other couples who love food and fun events please contact Carol Holser at 425-493-8920 or carol.holser@yahoo.com.

Pub Crawl, First Sunday

Routinely, at 4 p.m. we have a very informal gathering at a Pub around town. We partake of beer, wine, and then have dinner at the chosen pub. Contact Paula and Bill at whithams@comcast.net if you want to join us. We need a head count for the Pub by the last Thursday in the month, so please RSVP.

Golf anyone?

Experienced or novice, or just enjoy walking the golf course? There’s a place for you in this activity. Please relay interest to Christine Welch, cgwhome@hotmail.com or 206-784-0802.

Kirkland Crew

Do you live near the 98033 or 98034 zip codes – or are willing to travel there? Then you’ll want to know about the Kirkland Crew. It’s a fun group of ladies who enjoy getting together over a cup of coffee, a glass of wine, an interesting book, or whatever. And, you are welcome to join them even if you don’t live in Kirkland! Just check out the Come for Coffee and Book Group information in this newsletter.

Football Anyone?

Is anyone interested in going with me to a Seahawk and/or U of W Huskies football game this fall? My partner is not a sports guy, and I’d love to have company rather than go alone. Please contact me if interested: Kate Griffin – kcegiffin@gmail.com – or 310-480-1040.
Activities

Euchre Cards – Saturday July 22 and August TBD

Euchre is an excellent social card game, simple in concept but with a high degree of subtlety in the play. You need to come with a partner – woman or man. It will be a monthly event on Saturday evenings (rotating houses), starting at 6:00 pm until a set time to end the games. Please bring $5 for the final pot, and a dish to share and BYOB. The group could be 12, 16, 20 or 24, depending on the space available to play. The pot is used for several prizes for the highest score, the lowest score, and other. It is a great time for small talk, great food and drinks, a great wonderful way for many people to get acquainted, and have a fun night of laughs and strategic play while rotating tables and partners. Please contact Helena Puche if you are interested. An “evite” will be sent to all interested parties. Join in!
It will be fun! Helena Puche, hpuche@sbcglobal.net or Cell: 630-935-8081.

Canasta, Fourth Monday

A fun card game for three or more players that is easy to learn! We meet at 10:30 a.m. at Third Place Books, 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park. Come join us! Please contact Edith Fleischer at russmom@comcast.net or 425-355-3674.

North-End Mah Jongg, First and Third Thursday

Meets from 10 a.m. until about 3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Group alternates between members’ homes. Beginners are welcome! If you are interested, contact Sharlene Cooper-Carmody at 425-743-5631 or sharlenecooper@comcast.net.

Seattle Mah Jongg, First and Third Friday

Meets at 10 a.m. The group alternates among members’ homes. Please contact Marilyn Crawley at 206-729-3526 or marilyncrawley@gmail.com.
“COME FOR COFFEE”

Enjoy the opportunity to know other Newcomers in a small group setting. Good conversation and the company of new and longtime members guaranteed! Attend the CFC location most convenient for you OR feel free to “mix it up” each month by attending another location to suit your mood or level of exploration.

Southwest Seattle Coffee
July 24; August 28 -- 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Caffé Ladro, 7011 California Ave SW in West Seattle
206-938-8021. Street parking available. Questions?
Terry Constable, constableterry@gmail.com, 503-544-6501 or
Linda Rosewarne, ljrrosewarne2@gmail.com, 262-623-0256

Eastside, Westside, North End Coffees
July 27; August 24 10:00 a.m.

Eastside Coffee (Kirkland) Again, another new location

Lilac Café is located in the heart of Kirkland -- 212 Central Way
(425-828-4252 Free Parking is available on the street: 2 hr., or at the
Kirkland Library, 308 Kirkland Ave: 4 hr. Questions?
Susan Bernstein susan@sbernstein.com or
Ginny Daily dailyjv@comcast.net 425-443-2574.

Westside Coffee (Seattle – Wallingford)
July coffee contact Joan, August TBD

The Bounty (aka Caffe Appassionato) is located at the NW corner
of North 45th and Stone Way in Seattle. (206-549-9149) Parking is
available in the building off Stone Way. Questions?
Joan Stuteville jmstute@gmail.com 206-430-3053

North End Coffee (Edmonds)

Café Louvre, 210 5th Ave S, 425-640-8188. Street parking
available on 5th Ave and nearby side streets. Questions?
Sharon McGinnis, sharon702@gmail.com, 206-518-3180
BOOK CLUBS

First Tuesday Book Club
Date/Time: July 5 and August 1 at 11:30 a.m.
Book: July – Crimes Against a Book Club by Kathy Cooperman
August – City of Dark Magic by Magnus Flyte
Place: To be determined
Discussion leader: Carolyn (July), Terry (August)
RSVP: Paula Whitham, whithams@comcast.net 206-283-9880

Second Tuesday – Non-Fiction Book Club
Date/Time: July 11 and August 8 at 12:00 p.m.
Book: July – Delancey by Molly Wizenburg
August – The Social Animal by David Brooks
Place: Piccolino’s Ristorante, in Ballard, 6415 32nd Ave. NW
RSVP: Nancy Shumate, ngs@mgit.com, 646-413-9782

Third Wednesday – Readers’ Choice Book Club
Please call or email if you are interested in joining this group!
Date/Time: Wednesday, July 19 and August 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Books: July – Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
August – The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Hostess: Jo Dorsch (July) and Christine Welch (August)
Discussion leader:
Jo Dorsch (July), Christine Welch (August)

Third Thursday Book Club
Will not meet July and August but will resume in September

Eastside Book Circle
Date/Time: July 25 and August 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Book: July – You don’t Have to Say You Love Me by Sherman Alexie
August – TBD
Place: Book Tree Bookstore – 609 Market St. Kirkland, WA
Discussion leader: Christopher Jarmick (co-owner, Book Tree Bookstore)
Questions: Carolyn McConnell at carolyn@bobmcconnell.com
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The Newcomers and New Friends of Greater Seattle is a social group for women who want to meet new friends. Our organization includes women from several areas in the Puget Sound region who want to learn about the many attractions and social-recreational activities in the Greater Seattle area.

Disclaimer: Newcomers and New Friends of Greater Seattle is not responsible and assumes no liability for any loss or injury to property or persons who participate in our events.
Elizabeth Stevenson-Collins suggests -- We love **Lopez Island**. It is a one hour ferry ride (delightful) after you leave Anacortes. The island is beautiful & tranquil, people are friendly, and there are hiking trails, lots of biking, great beaches, and good food. They have quite a few B&B’s as well as the waterfront motel and restaurant called the Islander. Our favorite restaurant is the **Bay Café**. Holly’s **B’s Bakery** is a must. We usually stay at the **McKay Harbor Inn**.


Wine specials, pizza, tapas and live music every Wednesday evening from 5-8 p.m. this summer at **Novelty Hill Januik Winery**. Our popular Wednesday Wine’d Down series has returned for the summer. Join us every Wednesday now through August 30th. Located at 14710 Woodinville-Redmond Road NE, Woodinville, WA.

Jan Blaud suggests—an overnight to **San Juan Island**. You get off the ferry at Friday Harbor. On Saturdays from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the **English Camp Parade Grounds** they have Park Rangers and volunteers recreate military and civilian camp life during the island’s early period. They have demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking, games, etc. Then from the English Camp there are many trails. Our favorite was a hike up to the top of the hill for a fantastic view of the entire San Juan Islands. There are wineries to visit and a trip to the beautiful **Pelindaba Lavender Farm** is a real treat. A visit to San Juan Island is not complete until you travel to **Lime Kiln Point State Park** to watch the whales from the lighthouse. Our favorite place to stay is at **Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes**. They have a 10 room hotel, real log cabins, canvas cabins and camping.


Take a ferry to Bainbridge and then drive to **Port Townsend** and stay at local lodging. Interesting Victorian architecture, on the water which usually makes it a bit cooler, good places to walk, marine science center. Best to stay 2-3 nights because there’s enough to visit in the vicinity. Visit **Port Gamble** for lunch on the drive back to the ferry.

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Visitor Center** – Well worth the visit – a free museum focused on global philanthropy, including the many projects and partnerships of the multi-billion dollar foundations.

**Seward Park** – Visit the Audubon Center and/or take a wonderful relaxing walk along the water, or swim, with great views of Mt. Rainier. Path around the perimeter or across the middle of the park have old growth trees seldom seen elsewhere in the northwest.

Great locations outside of the greater Seattle area for an overnight or longer stay – **Leavenworth and Lake Chelan**.

Karen Biermanski suggests – the **Edmonds Summer Market**, every Saturday, from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fifty vendors, lots of flowers, arts and crafts and fresh vegetables and fruit.

For more events around Seattle and the surrounding area visit [http://www.events12.com/seattle](http://www.events12.com/seattle). They have a complete calendar that lists monthly festivals, tours, productions, sporting events and much, much more.