



April 2024
Hoof Beats

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President's Message By Keith Hilen

March has marched on, tax day approaches, and of special note to the delight of WOSC members, Burger Night returns on April 4th! With April's arrival, flowers bloom, migratory birds return, and the entire landscape changes as spring takes hold. We are very fortunate to have such a scenic vista of the majestic mountains and the sprawling polo field. Speaking of polo, the Wine Country Polo Club's summer season is almost here, and once their event and tournament dates are published, we will run them in Hoof Beats.

April is also the time our live entertainment resumes, with the perennial favorite harmonica player Bill Noteman coming and bringing his Rockets Band on Prime Rib Night, April 26th. The de Young Museum Outing on April 23rd is nearly full, but there are a couple of slots open.

Club events in March were all quite successful, including Saint Patrick's Day dinner, Prime Rib Night, and of course our wonderful Farm-to-Fork dinners. Some nights have the added bonus of an impromptu songfest led by the talented Michael Hyman on the piano. Jolene's Silk-Dyed Egg Workshop, an annual favorite event, is a class that transforms ordinary eggs into works of art. In March, we also showed our commitment to the community by hosting events for Catholic Charities Caring Rides and The Children's Museum. We will host another event for Catholic Charities in May, as they commemorate their 70th anniversary. Both these remarkable organizations are worthy of support.

Our celebratory Derby Day party, complete with signature mint julep cocktails, is coming up on Saturday, May 4th. Besides enjoying Chef Joe's savory fare, you'll see members in bold, colorful, over-the-top outfits, with statement-making hats, fascinators and seersucker suits being popular choices. This event is a fun way to help fund our club and keep dues costs down, and still be able to bring in exceptional, high-caliber entertainment. We're currently soliciting auction items, and already have several generous donations. Watch for more details to come on what's up for auction. Our wine and liquor locker raffles always do well, so if you have a favorite bottle or two of something special and interesting, please help support your club with a contribution.

If you haven't signed up for the Golf Tournament on June 21st, get your registration form in!

Finances are solid, but we will be dipping into our funds for resurfacing the tennis/pickleball courts, replastering the pool, and covering ongoing repairs. We recently had to fix a large water leak. Fortunately, it was outside and there was no collateral damage, but it did come with a five-figure repair bill. We have to expect these continuing expenses, given the age of our facility. Ongoing appreciation goes to Scott Bartley for helping us to contain costs.

As a reminder, here's our entertainment lineup for the next three months: April 26th, Bill Noteman & the Rockets; May 31st, Tim Hockenberry & Billy Valentine; and June 28th, Drummer Leo Vigil and his band.

I want to wish everyone a very foolish April 1st ... see you at the club!

Social Activities for April & May

April 2	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
April 4	Burger Night
April 5	Friday Night Dinner
April 7	Sunday Brunch
April 9	Tightwad Tuesday
April 10	Complimentary Reception with Cara DeLaRosa, Certified pet loss professional
April 12	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner, Wine Pouring by Dutton Goldfield
April 14	Sunday Brunch
April 16	Tightwad Tuesday
April 18	Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation Dinner (See flier for ticket info)
April 19	Friday Night Dinner
April 21	Sunday Brunch
April 23	Tightwad Tuesday de Young Museum Outing
April 24	Social Committee meeting, 11:30am
April 26	Prime Rib Dinner w/ Bill Noteman, Dan Kosta's Convene Wines, Members only night
April 28	Sunday Brunch
April 30	Tightwad Tuesday Dinner
May 2	Burger Night
May 3	Friday Night Dinner, Cinco de Mayo Celebration
May 4	Derby Day Party!
May 5	Sunday Brunch
May 7	Tightwad Tuesday Fried Chicken Dinner
May 9	Catholic Charities Dinner (See flier for ticket info)
May 10	Friday Night Dinner
May 12	Mother's Day Brunch
May 14	Lunch & Learn with Gaye LeBaron Tightwad Tuesday
May 17	Friday Night Farm-to-Fork Dinner
May 19	Sunday Brunch
May 21	Tightwad Tuesday
May 24	Friday Night Dinner
May 26	Sunday Brunch
May 28	Tightwad Tuesday
May 31	Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner

News from GM Lori ... Special Events!

April

- Burger Night April 4
- Reception with Cara DeLaRosa April 10
- Laguna de Santa Rosa Dinner & Auction April 18
- de Young Museum Outing April 23
- Friday Night Prime Rib Night, April 26
with Bill Noteman (Members only)

May

- Burger Night May 2
- Derby Day 2024 May 4
- Catholic Charities Dinner May 9
- Mother's Day Brunch May 12
- Lunch & Learn with Gaye LeBaron May 14
- Friday Night Prime Rib Dinner May 31

Birthdays!

We send warmest wishes for a Happy Birthday to these wonderful members!

April Birthdays:

Barbara Leder, Barbara Lowell, Carol Ling, Cathy Trione,
Darlene Bath, Dave Myers, Debbie Lane, Heather McLintock, Jan Hufford,
Jan Watters, Jeanne Dinno, Jim Berger, Judy Farrell, Judy Poremba, Kari Briner,
Laura Colgate, Mike Davis, Mike Watters, Mimi May, Nick Anton, and Ty Visscher.

*Happy belated Birthday to Avtar Kumar.

If anyone is missing having their birthday listed, please contact Cheryl Tolin - lidcmt@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 8
5PM**

**MUSEUM OF SONOMA COUNTY @
WILD OAK SADDLE CLUB
SANTA ROSA, CA**

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS
CONTACT: DEVELOPMENT@MUSEUMSC.ORG

WILD OAK SADDLE CLUB

**MUSEUM OF SONOMA COUNTY
ART-HISTORY**

From Bob Briner, Chair Arts & Entertainment

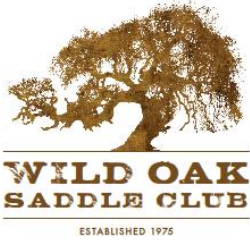
So, what's the big deal about April?

1. April Fools' Day
2. The Easter Bunny
3. Spring weather (soon!)
4. March Madness is over
5. The start of our Saddle Club entertainment season! Our own club member Bill Noteman and his band the Rockets will return on Prime Rib Night, April 26. An amazing harmonica virtuoso and entertaining front man, Bill is skillfully supported by local music legends. These musicians have been burning up the stages of Northern California for decades ... maybe older and greyer, but they still have that same spark. If you're one of the few who have never heard these guys, you're missing an incredibly tight, high energy dance band that will leave you jumpin' on the floor begging them to play one more! *Note, this is a members only night.

BTW - our live entertainment schedule is fully booked on the last Friday of every month through October. We also have a wonderful surprise in store in December to welcome the holiday spirit.



**Bill Noteman and the Rockets
Return for
Prime Rib Night, April 26th**



WOSC Social Committee

Herbert Inestroza, Chair & Karen Schraga, Co-Chair

Wild Oak Saddle Club, "our special getaway!"



Social Committee Meeting:

The 2nd quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11:30am.

Please meet at the club bunkhouse. Thank you.

Thanks to GM Lori, Chefs Joe & Miguel,
and our dedicated staff for all you do for us!



Let the Good Times Roll!
The Sports & Activities Report
from Kari Briner

Mother Nature keeps teasing us with occasional days to enjoy outside Saddle Club activities. We know spring is here ... somewhere! Scott Bartley announced at the recent Board meeting that he hopes to schedule the courts resurfacing this spring. It is a complicated project, more complicated than most of us would imagine ... and will involve multiple vendors. It will be wonderful, and far safer once it is completed.

Remember, we offer Sunday morning pickle ball each week, weather permitting. Robin Crawford leads the charge on this, so reach out to her if you would like to receive the pickle ball email notices.
rncrawford8@gmail.com

For the pet lovers in our membership, there will be a presentation on finding comfort after losing our furry friends; the event will be sponsored by Carol Nast and Debbie Miller on Wednesday, April 10. A difficult, yet important topic. See the flyer in this Hoof Beats for details.

Our Tuesday, April 23 trip to the de Young Museum is almost full. We have arranged a chartered bus to take 20 guests to the Irving Penn exhibit. Please reach out to Kari Vigeland-Briner if you're interested in joining this special outing.

The annual golf outing on Friday, June 21 is full. Joanne Philips is the coordinator of what is always a fun event. You can email Joanne at tanzielewis@gmail.com to be placed on the waitlist.

And, finally ... attention bridge players. The mens' bridge group is welcoming subs. They meet twice a month on Thursday mornings. Please contact Herb Donaldson at barbherb@gmail.com for details.



Lots happening for us all to enjoy! A full calendar of our activities is available on the Activities page of our website. See you at the Club!

Kari Vigeland-Briner ~ Kvigeland04@gmail.com

LUNCH

Daily Soup – Cup \$6

Chicken Kale Caesar Salad \$18

Grilled chicken, julienned dino kale, parmesan cheese, sourdough croutons, toasted almonds, and granny smith apples tossed with lemon vinaigrette

Lori's Salad \$18

Baby greens and romaine lettuce tossed in white balsamic vinaigrette with house-made applewood smoked bacon, oven roasted turkey breast, grilled shrimp, avocado, grape tomatoes, and hard-boiled egg

Grilled Salmon Salad \$21

Grilled salmon, garden greens, capers, olives, cucumber, and pickled red onions with a creamy lemon-dill vinaigrette

Half Sandwich / Soup / Salad \$18

Ham and Swiss on grilled artisan sourdough, cup of the daily soup, and a small garden salad

Blackened Shrimp Tacos \$18

Blackened shrimp, cabbage, mango salsa, and chipotle cream on local artisan tortillas

California Turkey Melt \$18

Oven roasted turkey breast on grilled sourdough with cheddar cheese, house-made applewood smoked bacon, grilled onions, avocado, and tomato

Grilled Reuben \$18

Corned beef brisket, thousand island dressing, house-made cabbage slaw, and Swiss cheese on grilled artisan marbled rye

Bacon Cheddar Wagyu Burger \$18

House-made applewood smoked bacon, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and house-made dill pickles on a grilled bun

Impossible Burger (plant based) available +\$3

Sandwiches and Tacos served with fries, garlic fries, truffle fries, fruit cup, or small garden salad

An 18% gratuity will be added to all bills Split plate charge \$3

“Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.”

Tightwad Tuesday

Clubhouse opens at 5:30pm

\$22.00 + tax per person

April 2nd, 2024

Fried Chicken

Garden Salad

Baby Greens, Radishes, Strawberries, Shaved Carrot,
Lemon Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Buttermilk Biscuits

Dessert:

Red Velvet Cake

April 9th, 2024

Yellow Curry with Chicken

Pad Thai with Pork and Shrimp

Thai Salad

Cabbage, Green Papaya, Edamame,
Ginger-Peanut Vinaigrette

Stir-Fried Gai Lan

Jasmine Rice

Dessert:

Thai Fried Bananas

April 16, 2024

Pasta Night

Pasta with Chicken Alfredo

Pasta with Meatballs in Marinara

Cheese Tortellini with Pesto Cream Sauce

Caesar Salad

Roasted Vegetables

Garlic Bread

Dessert:

Strawberry Cheesecake

April 23rd, 2024

Meatloaf with Brown Sugar Glaze

Garden Salad

Dried Cranberries, Baby Greens, Shaved Squash,
Pears, and a Balsamic Vinaigrette

Roasted Vegetables

Mashed Red Skin Potatoes

Dessert:

Triple Berry Crisp with Whipped Cream

April 30th, 2024

Beer Battered Fish and Chips

Garden Salad

Baby Greens, Butter Lettuce, Shaved radishes, and
Strawberries, with Champagne Vinaigrette

Fruit Salad

Cole Slaw

Dessert:

Lemon Bread Pudding with Whipped Cream

Friday Night Dinner

Clubhouse opens 5:30pm

Dinner 6:45pm

\$50.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$40.00 + tax per person without alcohol

April 5th, 2024 Family Style Dinner

Grilled Rack of Spring Lamb
Grilled Chicken and Marsala
Mushroom Reduction

Crispy Pancetta, Local Casarecce Pasta

Fried Oyster Salad

Romaine, Baby Greens, Avocado, Pickled Red Onions, Point Reyes Blue Cheese, with a Buttermilk and Chive Dressing

Spring Vegetable Ratatouille

Dessert:

Strawberry Tart with Whipped

April 12th, 2024 Family Style Dinner Farm to Fork

Sourcing the Best local ingredients;
menu will be announced Tuesday,
April 9th.

April 19th, 2024 Mixed Grill Night

Hand Carved Grilled Steaks, BBQ
Chicken, Ribs, Grilled Fish, and
Sausages

Butter Lettuce Salad

Grilled Asparagus Platter

Potato Wedges

Dessert:

Kozlowski Farm's Pie with Vanilla

April 26th, 2024 Family Style Prime Rib Dinner Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, *au jus* Grilled Branzino Bass with a Parmesan Beurre Blanc

Spring Pea Salad

Sweet Peas and Shoots, Asparagus, Radish,
Crumbled Feta, and a Raspberry Vinaigrette

Spring Vegetable Ratatouille

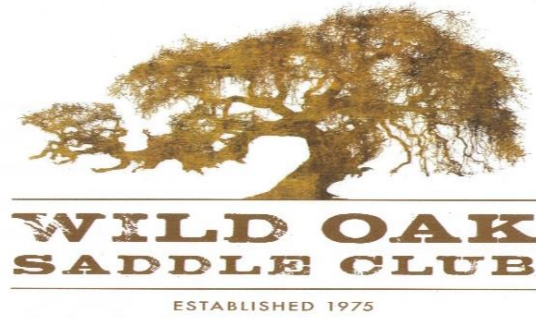
Pesto Mashed Potatoes

Dessert:

Assorted Dessert Minis

\$70.00 + tax per person with alcohol

\$60.00 + tax per person without alcohol



Burger Night

Thursday April 4th, 2024

Clubhouse opens at 5:00,

Burgers at 6:15



Come Join us for Burgers with all the Fixings!

- Wine Pour & Full Bar During Cocktail Time

5:00-6:15pm

- Ice Cream Sandwiches
- \$30 + tax per person

Reservations Required

(707) 539-8634 - Reservation voice mail
or reservations@wildoaksaddclub.com

At Some Point in Life,
Most Everyone Has Faced the Loss of a Loved Pet
On Wednesday, April 10, 2024 from 5:00–6:30pm on the Club Patio
Join Us for a Complimentary Wine & Cheese Reception

Our Guest is Cara DeLaRosa

Certified Pet Loss Grief Coach & Animal Hospice Professional

There will be a brief presentation with Q&A to follow



“I guide you in honoring your beloved animals through their end-of-life and beyond. I believe when we do this to the best of our ability, we greatly reduce the impact of our grieving process.”

707.331.4841

CaraDeLaRosa.com

- * How to Best Care for Your Aging Pet
- * Training for Medication Assistance
- * Detailed Quality of Life Roadmap for Your Pet

Cara DeLaRosa

Cara specializes in veterinary end-of-life care and provides quality of life evaluations, animal hospice support and pet loss grief support sessions for families locally and across the United States. She facilitates detailed quality of life evaluations, hospice care and emotional support for clients, as well as assisting with veterinary end-of-life euthanasia.

Cara is a Member of the Pet Loss Professionals Alliance and the International Association of Animal Hospice and Palliative Care.

Join your WOSC pet lover friends for this special time together!
Club members Carol Nast and Debbie Miller

Reservations, please for the reception (707) 539-8634
or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com



Taking Flight

A BENEFIT FOR THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA FOUNDATION

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Wild Oak Saddle Club

Santa Rosa, CA

LIVE AUCTION ★ DINNER ★ WINE ★ MUSIC

As the voice for Sonoma County's most spectacular wetlands for over 35 years, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation works to improve water quality and the vitality of the Laguna, inspire connection to nature and our watershed, and support the restoration of rare and endangered species.

This important work is possible through of the generosity of our community.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

\$275

Email Sierra@LagunaFoundation.org
to purchase today - limited seating!

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Special de Young Museum Tour for WOSC

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Irving Penn: Summer of Love Exhibition

- ▶ Charters bus; Group limited to 20
- ▶ Leaving WOSC promptly at 9:00am, Returning at 3:00pm
- ▶ **Exhibition Curator Emma Acker will lead our group on a special, guided tour**
- ▶ First come-first served signups; Members will be invoiced on their monthly statement
- ▶ Price: \$90 - Includes transportation, ticket to special exhibit and general admission

Irving Penn: Summer of Love

Major retrospective of one of the 20th century's leading photographers features San Francisco's 1967 Summer of Love. Widely regarded as one of the 20th century's greatest photographers, Penn was renowned for his pared-down aesthetic, exemplary printmaking, and artistic experimentation.

A regular contributor to *Vogue* magazine for more than six decades, he revolutionized fashion photography in the post-war period, positioning models against neutral backdrops. Best known for his psychologically penetrating portraits, Penn was a prolific artist whose career spanned 70 years. Organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and presented exclusively on the West Coast at the de Young Museum, the exhibition brings together approximately 175 works. Exhibition curator Emma Acker is forgoing the usual fee charged when a curator leads a tour, as opposed to a docent. She is very authoritative and entertaining. This is a truly special opportunity!

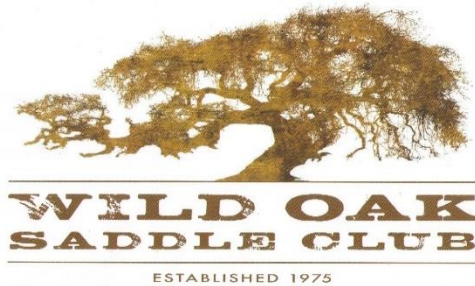


Irving Penn, Rock Groups

Big Brother and the Holding Company and The Grateful Dead, San Francisco, 1967

<https://www.famsf.org/press-room/major-irving-penn-retrospective-features-summer-of-love-photographs>

Reservations: (707) 539-8634 or reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com



Burger Night

Thursday May 2nd, 2024

Clubhouse opens at 5:00,

Burgers at 6:15



Come Join us for Burgers with all the Fixings!

- Wine Pour & Full Bar During Cocktail Time

5:00-6:15pm

- Ice Cream Sandwiches
- \$30 + tax per person

Reservations Required

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WOSC Derby Day, May 4, 2024

Planning is underway for the club's spectacular Derby Day party which will be on Saturday, May 4 with the most prestigious horse race in the world shown on our big-screen TV. Donations for auction items are already starting to come in to the club.

Members, please think about what you could donate ... perhaps a bottle of nice wine for the Wine Locker, or spirits for the Spirits Locker: Vodka, Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Tequila or Brandy. We also are requesting Silent and Live Auction items—artwork, dinners, limo service, wine flights, crystal, or other luxury or designer goods.

Contact Derby Day event Chair Jolene Cortright – jolene@century21.com or see Lori if you have a donation. **We would appreciate receiving donations by April 15th.**



Kentucky Derby Day Party & Lunch

Saturday, May 4th

Join us for WOSC's
Annual Fundraiser



- Open Bar at 1:15pm; Betting with John & Pud
- Mint Juleps & Delicious Chef Joe Menu
- Call to Lunch at 2:30pm
- Wine Locker & Spirits Raffle
- Special Silent & Live Auction Items!

\$75+ per person

Reservations Required

(707) 539-8634 or

reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com

Sneak peek on Live Auction Items:

*Fabulous Palm Springs Getaway, donated by John Gray & Brian Robinson

*Excursion to the Mendocino Stanford Inn, donated by Barbara Katona & Dr. Paul Simpson

*Beautiful custom jewelry from Ty Visscher of Bennett Valley Jewelers

Derby Day Fun



Belonging

A CATHOLIC CHARITIES FUNDRAISING DINNER

MAY 9, 2024 5:00-8:30PM
WILD OAK SADDLE CLUB
550 WILD OAK DRIVE, SANTA ROSA



*"If we have no peace it is because we have forgotten
that we belong to each other." - Mother Teresa*

Please **Save the Date** for ***Belonging***, the marquee fundraising event that commemorates the 70th Anniversary for Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa.

It will be a truly inspiring evening of dinner, music, cocktails and a celebration of our mission in serving *Love For All* for seven decades.

May 9, 2024

5:00 – 8:30pm

Wild Oak Saddle Club

Tickets are \$150. Seating at the exclusive Wild Oak Saddle Club is extremely limited, and we anticipate this event to sell out quickly.

If you'd like to make an early reservation or hear more about the exciting plans for **Belonging**, please don't hesitate to contact events@srcharities.org.

Mother's Day Brunch Sunday, May 12th



Brunch Buffet with Omelet Station

Poached Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce

Spring Vegetable Quiche

Ham and Swiss Croissant

Fresh Fruit Salad

Spring Baby Greens Salad

Eggs Benedict

Scrambled Eggs with Cheddar

House Smoked Bacon

Chicken Apple Sausage

Cinnamon French Toast

Breakfast Potatoes

Chocolate Croissants

Omelet Station

New York Strip Steak with Horseradish Cream

Oven Roasted Salmon with Lemon Dill Cream

Assorted Mini Desserts

\$50 + (tax) per person with alcohol \$45 + (tax) per person without alcohol,

\$35 + (tax) per person, ages 12-20 \$25 + (tax) per person, kids under the age of 12

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Q&A with Gaye LeBaron

Historian & Celebrity Author



Sonoma County Woman of the Year, 2015

Renowned *Press Democrat* columnist, historian, author, humorist, and Saddle Club member Gaye LeBaron is coming to Lunch & Learn on Thursday, May 16th. After several years as a reporter, Gaye wrote her first column for *The Press Democrat* in 1959 and was the daily columnist until her semi-retirement in 2001. At that time, she continued to contribute a “historical perspective” column twice monthly, fully retiring in 2022. Across an extraordinary 65-year career, Gaye told the stories of Sonoma County.

Gaye is the author, with three other researchers, of a two-volume local history, “Santa Rosa, a 19th Century Town,” and “Santa Rosa a 20th Century Town,” and, with Vermont author Bart Casey, “The Wonder Seekers of Fountaingrove,” which is a history of Santa Rosa’s 19th century Utopia.

She lectured for 35 years on Sonoma County history in SRJC’s Community Education program and has taught several courses for SSU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Gaye’s letters and papers from some 40 years as a daily columnist are archived in Special Collections at the Schulz Library at SSU. What a treasure she is to our club and our community!

Lunch at 11:45, with Q&A to follow

Bring your questions, because you won’t want to miss hearing Gaye’s insights!

Advance Reservations, please (707) 539-8634, reservations@wildoaksaddleclub.com
or sign up in the Reservation Book in the Club Living Room



13th Annual Wild Oak Saddle Club

Spring Golf Social

Friday, June 21, 2024

Where: Sugarloaf Course, Oakmont (formerly Oakmont East)

Format: 18 Hole Scramble (Best Ball). Limited to 44 players.

Time: Check-In and putting contest at 11:30, Shotgun start at 1:00pm

Fee: \$80 per player or \$20 to only attend the post tourney social

Foursomes: Arrange your own or we can help you find players.

Guests welcome!

Registration Forms: Available for download on the WOSC website on the Members Area/Activities page. Send your form and payment via USPS to Joanne Phillips or leave it in the designated receptacle in Lori's office. Checks should be made out to **John Theilade**. Forms are also printed in neon green and available at WOSC clubhouse.

Post Tourney Social: In the Pool Area at approximately 4:30. Sips, snacks & lots of prizes!

Friday Night Dinner at the Club: Often a favorite option. Members will make their own reservations for themselves & guests.

Volunteers and Sponsors: Welcome in lots of ways. Contact Joanne Phillips.

For questions and where to mail your registration form:

Joanne Phillips - tanzielewis@gmail.com - 918-230-8539

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