

DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

No third Friday meeting in December or January.

The Curriculum Committee has arranged presenters for each of our 2025 presentations. Many thanks to these members who have enlisted exceptional presenters and topics from art to history, for our upcoming year. Please join us for each presentation: we so enjoy your company.

May your journeys be safe and your holidays merry & bright.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynch
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Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2025 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
January No Meeting	No Presentation	
February 21, 2025	Fencing and Wildlife	Kathleen Jermstad
March 21, 2025	Researching Ancestral History for My Historical Fiction Novel, <i>The Bereaved</i>	Julia ParkTracey
April 18, 2025	From There to Here, the Role of the El Dorado Community Foundation	Bill Roby, Amy Pooley
May 16, 2025	How To Get More Out Of Art and Life!	Deborah Pond-Hinde
June 20, 2025	Travels to Bhutan, Nepal & India	Steve and Dickson Schwarzbach
July 18, 2025	Ice Cream Social	
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

SRS Officers and Board Member 2025

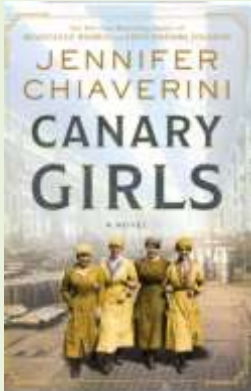
- President Mary Lynch
- Vice President..... Carol Heape
- Secretary..... Linda Westwood
- Treasurer Mark Stanley
- Members at Large Cheryl Purgett, Doretha Moriguchi, Norman Orrick
Rosemary Imes, Keith Atwater

The Genealogy Group **doesn't** meet in December but will again meet starting on January 7th. They meet at the LDS Family History Center (3275 Cedar Ravine Rd, Placerville) on **the 1st Tuesday** of each month 1-3 p.m.

The Book Group meets in both December and January

Canary Girls by Jennifer Chiaverini

December Book



Rosie the Riveter meets *A League of Their Own in New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini’s lively and illuminating novel about the “munitionettes” who built bombs in Britain’s arsenals during World War I, risking their lives for the war effort and discovering camaraderie and courage on the football pitch.

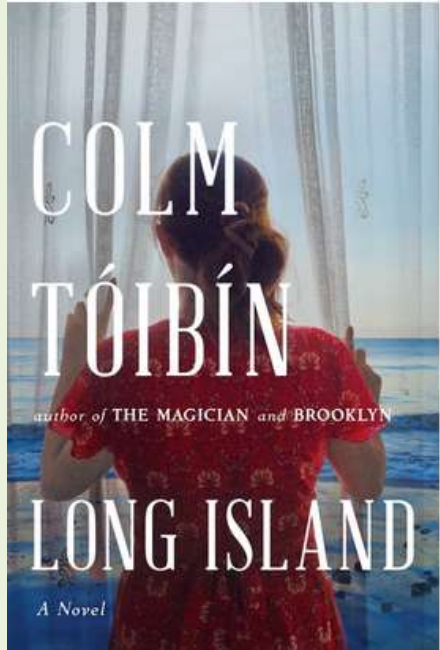
Early in the Great War, men left Britain’s factories in droves to enlist. Struggling to keep up production, arsenals hired women to build the weapons the military urgently needed. “Be the Girl Behind the Man Behind the Gun,” the recruitment posters beckoned.

Thousands of women—cooks, maids, shopgirls, and housewives—answered their nation’s call. These “munitionettes” worked grueling shifts, often seven days a week, handling TNT and other explosives with little protective gear.

The football pitch is the one place where class distinctions and fears for their men fall away. As the war grinds on and tragedy takes its toll, the Canary Girls persist despite the dangers, proud to serve, determined to outlive the war and rejoice in victory and peace.

Long Island by Colm Tóibín

January Book



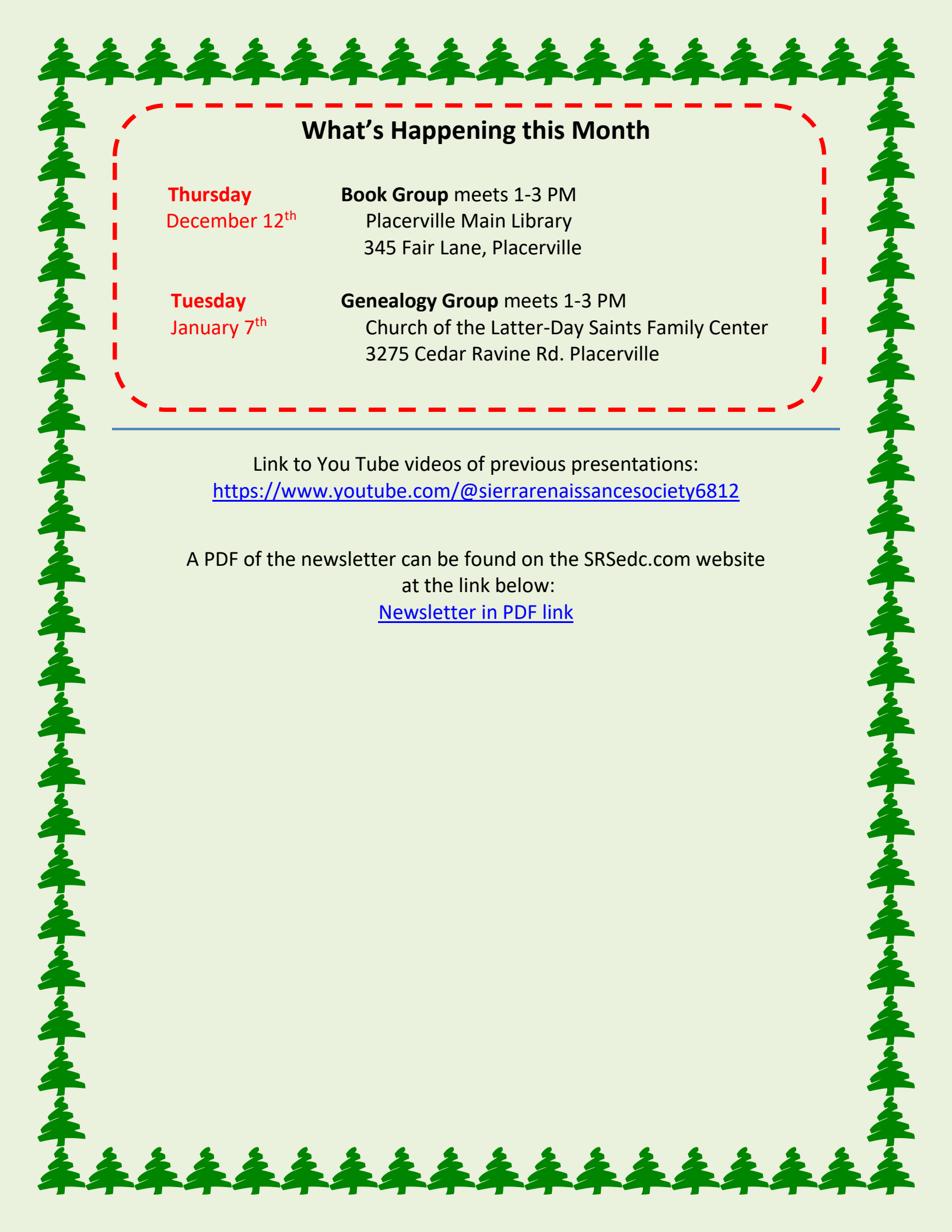
Long Island the sequel to *Brooklyn*: Eilis Lacey is Irish, married to Tony Fiorello, a plumber and one of four Italian American brothers, all of whom live in neighboring houses on a cul-de-sac in Lindenhurst, Long Island, with their wives and children and Tony's parents, a huge extended family that lives and works, eats and plays together. It is the spring of 1976 and Eilis, now in her forties with two teenage children, has no one to rely on in this still-new country. Though her ties to Ireland remain stronger than those that hold her to her new land and home, she has not returned in decades. One day, when Tony is at his job and Eilis is in her home office doing her accounting, an Irishman comes to the door asking for her by name. He tells her that his wife is pregnant with Tony's child and that when the baby is born, he will not raise it but instead deposit it on Eilis's doorstep. It is what Eilis does—and what she refuses to do—in response to this stunning news that makes Tóibín's novel so riveting.

For those who have yet not paid your dues for 2025, they are due.

It's **Renewal Time** for 2025. If you haven't renewed already, you have three options: pay by check or cash at the February meeting, send a check to EDCF, PO Box 1388, Placerville, Ca. 95667 by the end of February. Please: make check payable to EDCF and put Sierra Renaissance Society on the memo line, or go the EDCF website pay by Credit card. The URL is listed below.

The dues remain at \$20 for the year and we thank you for your support

Link  [Renew your membership online](#)



What's Happening this Month

Thursday
December 12th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM
Placerville Main Library
345 Fair Lane, Placerville

Tuesday
January 7th

Genealogy Group meets 1-3 PM
Church of the Latter-Day Saints Family Center
3275 Cedar Ravine Rd. Placerville

Link to You Tube videos of previous presentations:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

A PDF of the newsletter can be found on the SRSedc.com website
at the link below:

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