

# Newcomers Club of Nevada County

April 2016 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." -Denis Waitley*

The rains are decreasing and spring is popping out all over! Spring is here! It is, without a doubt, my favorite time of year!

Our April Fashion Show is just around the corner. This is one of only two times per year that you can make reservations. I would urge you to review the guidelines on making table reservations and get your checks in early. This event will sell out and you don't want to miss it! The Fashion Show Committee has been hard at work to make this show a unique experience. The theme this year is Fresh Fashions from the Foothills.

We are working hard to open up new activity groups for you to participate in and new programs to entertain you at our luncheons. We would love your continued support and participation, for that is what makes our Newcomers Club so successful.

I will look forward to seeing you at the "Fresh Fashions from the Foothills" Fashion show.

## April Fashion Show

**April 27, 2016, at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

**Table Reservations Available – Please read instructions below**

### **April Program: Annual Fashion Show** **"Fresh Fashions in the Foothills"**

"Fresh Fashions in the Foothills" is the theme of our annual Newcomers Club fashion show. We will be featuring the latest fashions from Beautiful, Blue Moon, Fresh Image, Judi's of Nevada City and Marilyn's Fashion-a-tions of Auburn, modeled by our very own members, with a few surprises! Be a part of the fun as we explore beautiful Nevada County in photographs, with fresh faces and fresh fashion tips from our local boutiques. We will have wonderful raffle prizes plus chances to win centerpieces and store gift certificates, all included with your lunch purchase. Grab your friends and send in your luncheon reservations early as we always sell out. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

## Table Reservation Policy for the April Luncheon

You again have the option to make a table reservation for your group for the April Fashion Show Luncheon. Below is the information on how to make a group reservation. If you have questions, contact the Reservations Chair for April.

You may make a reservation for a group of two to eight people. If there are less than eight in your party, your table will be completed with other attendees to make a full table of eight. There are two ways for you to make table reservations for your group.

- 1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club in the correct amount) and lists what each person wants for lunch either on the lower left hand corner of each check or on a group list. Or,
- 2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees along with each of their lunch requests.

**Note:** If someone must cancel from a reserved table, it will be up to the Head Person to substitute and collect money accordingly. If this happens prior to the cancellation date, the Head Person will also need to advise the communications person of the month so that the name tag can be corrected. After the cancellation date, there will not be a refund, and substitutes will have to take the “originally” ordered lunch choice.

- 3) If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club and write your luncheon choice on the bottom of your check. You will be welcomed by our Reservations team at the Luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned for you.

### **To make your table reservation(s) for the Annual Fashion Show:**

1. All attendees will have assigned seating.
2. **Only ONE (1) guest per member.**
3. You may create a group from two to eight people for this event.
4. For tables with less than eight people, other members will complete your table.
5. Please paperclip your group’s checks together and place in an envelope.
6. **Please ensure that each person’s meal is noted on the check(s) or on your list of tablemates.**

Make all checks payable to **Newcomers Club**, and mail your group’s checks to the Reservations Chair for April.

Checks must be received by **Monday, April 18**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 19**. Please write **Apr-Salmon, Apr-Beef or Apr-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, April 19, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for April.

## April Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Citrus Baked Salmon with Lemon Caper Cream Sauce served over rice

or

Sirloin Coulotte Steak with a Gorgonzola Cream Sauce and Caramelized Vidalia Onions

or

Stuffed Bell Peppers with Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Risotto, and a Smoked Tomato Paste

All entrées will include Bacon Spinach Salad with shaved Radish and Scallions served with a Creamy Garlic Cucumber Dressing, bread and butter, coffee and tea, with

A Tray of Mini Bite Cakes for dessert

## May Luncheon Meeting

**May 25, 2016 at 11:30 am**

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$18.00 per person**

### **May Program: Sierra Stages at their Best!**

Ken Getz has once again gathered a group of Nevada County's terrific talent to sing and perform for us. Listen to a sneak preview of songs from the upcoming summer production of *Little Shop of Horrors* (opening July 14) as well as favorites from a variety of popular musical shows. Newcomers Club has always been a great audience, and Ken will be directing several performers from previous shows eagerly returning to delight us. Don't miss this special performance! See the new season on their website [www.sierrastages.org](http://www.sierrastages.org).

## May Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast topped with Blueberry Lime Salsa, served over rice  
or

Meatloaf Tournedos wrapped in bacon and served  
with Bourbon-Peppercorn Demi-glacé

or

Tofu Tacos with Grilled Zucchini and Panko Eggplant, topped with Pico de Gallo

All entrées will include White Bean Mixed Green Salad served with Prosciutto  
Vinaigrette and Parmesan Croutons, bread & butter, coffee and tea, with

Almond Custard Tart with Stone Fruit and Vanilla Crème Anglaise for dessert

**To Make Reservations for May 25**, please make your \$18.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop it in the Check Box at the April Luncheon, or mail it to the Reservations Chair for May.

Checks must be received by **Monday, May 16**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 17**. Please write **May-Chicken, May-Meatloaf** or **May-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, May 17, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for May.

## More Program Highlights

**June 22, 2016:** “Tales of the California Gold Rush” with guest author, Gary Noy. This well-known author and historian of the Sierra Nevada and American West will present unfamiliar tales of the California Gold Rush including stories of scoundrels and the struggles and serendipity of the Old West. Books will be available for purchase.

**September 28, 2016** – Back by Popular Demand: Juni Fisher!

Our Newcomers Club’s new year will kick off with a repeat performance by this popular singer/songwriter and recipient of 10 awards from the Western Music Association, including the Crescendo Award and the Songwriter of the Year and the Entertainer of the Year Awards. In addition, in 2005 the Academy of Western Artists named her Female Performer of the Year. Juni's unique song and storytelling styles span the genres from Celtic songs to Western ballads, from popular to American folk music. You will enjoy her upbeat and unique style.

## October Live Auction

We know many of you would like to support the October Live Auction, but don't have the time or feel comfortable asking for donations from local merchants. So please consider giving a monetary gift, which we will use to enhance some of our donated items. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated.

You may bring your donation to the April Luncheon and drop it in the box in the foyer. If you are donating by check, please make it payable to the Co-Chair of the Auction.

We would also appreciate any suggestions or creative ideas you may have to make our Christmas Families fundraiser an even more exciting event.

## **Christmas Families Project**

It might be early, but if our budget allows, we will duplicate our large 2015 program that gave 131 children a special Newcomers' Christmas. The goal of the Christmas Families Project (CFP) is to help those who are trying to support their families. They work or are gaining new skills but have no resources for Christmas. CFP also supports a large number of Nevada County's approximately 260 foster children.

Many of our Newcomers Club shoppers and wrappers are eager to volunteer again in 2016. We are expanding our committees to include even more of our members this year. We need volunteers to help with scheduling shoppers and wrappers; acquiring special items like bikes that extend beyond the designated budget; and with writing and submitting publicity articles. If you're interested in getting involved in these areas, please call the CFP chairperson. She will explain the basic responsibilities and refer you to the correct Co-Chair for additional information.

## **Christmas Families Monthly Goodie Bag Project**

Our Christmas Goodie Bags are a little something extra we provide for the moms and dads of the children enrolled in our Christmas Families Project. In February, we collected toothbrushes so those toothy Christmas smiles would be shiny and clean. In March, we collected cosmetic bags, manicure items, and disposable razors. Nail clippers, tweezers, and other cosmetic items are everyday items for us; but for struggling families, they are luxury items. Thank you for the overwhelming response; your generosity is amazing!

It's time to put on your angel wings for April and bring some of the following to the Fashion Show luncheon:

### **Small Flashlights**

**Slipper Sox** - socks that "slip on" and have rubber non-slip soles

**Magnetic List Pads** - the kind that stick to the fridge

**Ballpoint Pens or Mechanical Pencils** (with lead)

If you missed a luncheon, it's not too late to bring February and March items. A basket will be on the table to the right of the entrance to receive your goodies.

*"Christmas is love in action.  
Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas."*

## Activities

Activities – doing fun things with fun people. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the luncheons for members to sign up to join a new group. Maybe now is a good time for you to get more involved. You will be guaranteed new friends and fun times.

Our most recent group of members has formed a new Bunco group.

If you are interested in Mahjong. They get together the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10 am, and subs are always welcome.

The Gourmet Gals cooking group is looking for one more member.

A Qigong group is being formed.

A Japanese Flower Arranging group is also being started.

The new Hiking Group is looking for new members.

And, if you have an idea for a new group, please call the Activities Chair.

The fun is out there waiting for you.

## Sunshine

If you know of a member who has been ill or who might be in need of comfort or condolences, please contact our Sunshine Chair so we can let that member know we are thinking of her.

## Membership

**E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions:** If you've changed your e-mail address or have questions about membership, please contact the Membership Chair.

Remember, our club has a website, [www.NewcomersNC.org](http://www.NewcomersNC.org). There you'll find information on our charter, activity groups, luncheons and special programs. It also contains the membership application form along with instructions on how to join. Newcomers Club of Nevada County also has a Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/NewcomersNC](http://www.facebook.com/NewcomersNC). You can check the page for our current newsletter and interesting photos, articles, and luncheon information. Like, Share, and Follow if you wish.

## We Welcome our Newest Member

Our membership total is now 294.

## **Thank You to our Generous Contributors and Supporters**

Please patronize the businesses that provide us with donations. While you are there, mention that you are a Newcomer member and appreciate their support.

**Casa Las Katarinas**

**Lazy Dog Chocolateria**

**Neva Co Artisan Boutique**