

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

May 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

"Life is an ECHO. What you send out – comes back. What you sow – you reap. What you give – you get. What you see in others – exists in you. Do not judge – so you will not be judged. Radiate and give love, and love comes back to you." – Author unknown

Our annual Fashion Show was the best ever! I want to thank our Fashion Show Committee, our models, and everyone involved in this event for their hard work. It truly takes a lot of collaborative effort and is one of our most fun events! If you would like to be on the committee for next year let me know. We would love to have you on the team!

It is membership renewal time, and we are trying something new this year. Please look for your dues renewal form to arrive in your mailbox. We are collecting dues for the club year, September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017. We ask that you complete your renewal form and put it in the return envelope we will provide. Be sure to enclose your \$25.00 check before mailing it. You certainly don't want to miss out on any of next year's events!

Dues Renewal Forms – in your mailbox!

You were probably surprised to find the annual Dues Renewal Form in your mailbox. We're hoping this will be easier for you, and for us. In case you spilled coffee all over the form, there's another copy at the end of this newsletter.

Thanks in advance for getting those checks headed our way. Be sure to have your dues paid by August 1st so you can be included in the new Roster.

Luncheons will cost more starting in September

Alta Sierra Country Club had to raise their luncheon rates; we wanted to let you know that the cost for our luncheon meetings will be going up in September. We will have the new cost listed in the September newsletter.

May Luncheon Meeting

May 25, 2016 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$18.00 per person

May Program: Sierra Stages at its Best!

Ken Getz of Sierra Stages has once again gathered a group of Nevada County's terrific talent to sing and perform for us. You will recognize some of the wonderful singers and actors who bring us live theatre throughout the year. Listen to a sneak preview of songs from the upcoming summer production of *Little Shop of Horrors* (opening July 14) as well as other favorites from a variety of popular musical shows. See Sierra Stages' new season at 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

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 mail it to the reservation 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 reservation chair for May.

June Luncheon Meeting

June 22, 2016 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$18.00 per person

June Program: Tales of the Gold Rush

Gary Noy, author and historian of the Sierra Nevada and the American West, will present little known tales of the California Gold Rush, featuring stories of the struggles and serendipity of the Old West. Books will be available for purchase.

June Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Lemon Marinated Chicken and Summer Squash Shish Kabobs served over rice

or

Tri-Tip Madera with tender Sautéed Mushrooms, Madera Wine Reduction
and a Sour Cream Demi-glacé served over egg noodles

or

Herbed Cheese Polenta Stackers with Lentils, Corn Crusted Tomatoes,
Tarragon Cream and Manchego Cheese

All entrées will include Alta Sierra Caesar Salad, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Plated Lemon Blueberry Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert

To Make Reservations for June 22, please make your \$18.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop it in the Check Box at the May Luncheon, or mail it to the reservation chair for June.

Checks must be received by **Monday, June 13**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 14**. Please write **June-Chicken, June-Tri-Tip Beef** or **June-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, June 14, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the reservation chair for June.

More Program Highlights

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 26, 2016 – Newcomers Auction and Christmas Families Fundraiser

"Take Home a Bargain" describes this lively auction. The Tree Man is back plus theatre and restaurant certificates, bed and breakfast stays, and a weekend in Santa Cruz, just to name a few of the marvelous items up for bid. Our lively auctioneer is back with more fun, entertainment and excitement. This auction is the cornerstone of the budget that provides many children with a Christmas to remember. Contact the Live Auction Chairs for ideas and large donations. More details will be in the September newsletter.

December 7, 2016 – Bear River Jazz Choir

This unique high school group will present some traditional Christmas Songs and untraditional jazz fun. The group promises a lively program for the holiday season.

January 25, 2017 – The Perfect Storm – Claude Hessele

1991 was the perfect situation for three weather fronts to simultaneously hit the East Coast catching fisherman and boaters in desperate situations. The popular book was followed by a movie (George Clooney) describing the dire straits of people and ships. Nevada County's own Claude Hessele was the helicopter pilot on the Coast Guard cutter that rescued people during hurricane winds. Claude will speak of the Coast Guard's role and the heroic rescues with a National Geographic video capturing the events. Guests are welcome.

February 22, 2017 – Chris Enns Returns

Local author and former performer, Chris Enns, joins Newcomers to entertain us with her tales of Women of the 1800s. Since her last visit, Chris has been on the New York Time's Best Seller list. She is always a delightful entertainer.

October Live Auction

Again, we have been diligently working to collect attractive and irresistible items for our annual October Live Auction. To date, some of our packages are recurring items from last year including the 3-night stay at a house in Santa Cruz; a one night's stay at Atlantis in Reno plus a \$50 gift certificate; a house maintenance package; rounds of golf for four; a pet package; cooking classes and wine club membership at Tess' Kitchen Store; and Tim the Tree Man. A few items new this year are a medical facial peel by Dr. Selene; yard cleanup; roof and gutter cleaning; pest spraying; a car care package; cheese making classes; and a one day guided fly fishing trip for two on the Yuba River. Beaucoup Chapeaux, the popular musical quartet whose spirited performance at our February luncheon delighted our members, has also donated a private performance for your enjoyment.

If you would like to donate an item, please contact the Live Auction Chairs as soon as possible.

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.

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

October Silent Auction

Your involvement is what makes our auction a huge success! As summer approaches and spring-cleaning takes place, please consider donating or re-gifting items tucked away in your cupboards, closets, garage, and yard. **Last year we exceeded our previous years' donations AND our proceeds were the best ever!** Let's keep it up! **There is no cost to register donated items.** Our Christmas Families Program receives 100% of these proceeds. Members may also register and personally sell their treasures. More information will follow in future newsletters.

For questions about donations, registering items, or pick-up and storage of items, please contact one of the Silent Auction Co-Chairs.

Christmas Families Project

Too early to think about Christmas?? The question is: "What does it take to support more children?" Answer: The budget plus club and member support dictates how many children and families we can adopt. We are working with the agencies and clubs to receive the information early for a November 1st launch date. There is a short time between receiving the families and shopping, wrapping and delivery. *Update on one of our families: Thanks to the CFP, a 22 month old is sitting in his Christmas Families high chair and mom is working full time. One of our teenagers is now in a special math and science program at Nevada Union High School.*

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. 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 Christmas Families Chair. 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.

May is "Moms Month," and we want to include some special treats in the goodie bags for our CFP moms. Please bring the following:

Journals

Small notepads or 8"x11" notepads

Pocket Kleenex

Small kitchen items (hot pads, measuring spoons, kitchen towels, etc.)

Small scented candles

If you have other items that you think a mom would appreciate, please bring them as well.

The "goodie bag basket," used to collect items donated at the April Fashion Show luncheon, is missing. If you have any clues to its whereabouts, please let the Christmas Families chairs know.

"Love only grows by sharing. You can only have more for yourself by giving it away to others." — **Brian Tracy**

Activities

Spring brings nicer weather – and maybe more interest in outside activities like the Garden Club that will meet on May 3; Short Walkers; or you might want to join the new hiking group casting out for the first time on May 10. They will be meeting in the parking lot behind the National Hotel and hiking behind the Miner’s Foundry. There is still time to sign up for Qigong or Japanese Flower Arranging. Just call the activity group that fits your interest. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at the luncheons.

The new Bunco group is still forming and welcomes more participants. There is a new group forming to go antiquing or shopping at some unique shops. Let the activities chair know if you are interested.

Membership

We welcome to our four New Members

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

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.

Thank You to our Fashion Show Committee, Helpers, Models, and Stores!

Please patronize the stores that provided us with the lovely fashions. While you are there, mention you are a Newcomer member and appreciate their support.

Blue Moon - 2056 Nevada City Hwy., Grass Valley
Fresh Image - 1039 Sutton Way, Grass Valley
Marilyn's Fashion-a-tions - 866 Lincoln Way, Auburn
Beautiful - 120 W. Main St., Grass Valley
Judi's of Nevada City - 246 Commercial St., Nevada City

Newcomers Club of Nevada County Membership Renewal Form

Dues are for the period: September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017

*Please bring your check and this form to the next luncheon meeting or mail your
\$25 check payable to Newcomers Club, with this form to*

Barbara Quinn, 10716 Arianna Court, Grass Valley CA 95949

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at 477-1404 or Barbara@Quinn.com.

(Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member in good standing who has had an ongoing membership in the Club for at least five years. Lifetime Membership waives payment of dues. To apply, contact Barbara Quinn.)

(Please Print)

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear on your luncheon name tags and in the Roster)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ *(optional)*

Email Address: _____
(as it will be listed in the Roster)

You can deliver my Newsletters by e-mail. Yes _____ No _____

You have my permission to include the information above in our club's Roster and in the Newsletter. Yes _____ No _____

We post photos of our activities online, on our webpage, our Facebook page, and the Chamber of Commerce website. If you do not want your picture published publicly, you need to be proactive. If you do not wish to be photographed, it is your responsibility to notify the photographer when photos are being taken. If you do **not** do so, we will assume we have your permission to publish your photo.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____