

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

June 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

Friendship is not about whom you have known the longest or who cares the best. It is about who came and never left. ~ Anonymous

Well, my friends, my term as President is coming to its conclusion. It has been an honor to serve as President of the Newcomers Club. I have met so many wonderful and amazing women and have been a part of so many fun events such as the Fashion Show, the October Live and Silent Auctions and the Christmas Families Project. Of course I will continue to be a part of these events, but it will be in a different capacity. I am humbled and inspired by the willingness of everyone to pull together and participate in our various groups. It takes passion, energy, love and a desire to “think outside the box” to keep our club moving in a forward direction, and you ladies have that in spades! Thank you so much for your support these last few years. I hope you will continue to support your new board in any way that you can. If you are thinking about joining a committee or group, get off the fence and do it; I can promise you will not regret it!

Dues Renewal Forms – in your mailbox!

Thanks to all of you who've already paid your dues for the coming year. Mailing the renewal forms this year seems to have worked out well. In the first three weeks, 65% of you returned your forms and checks. Thanks Ladies!

You can bring your dues and the renewal form to the June Luncheon or drop them in the mail.

If you need another renewal form, you can find it at NewcomersNC.org – Membership Tab – Dues Renewal Form.

If you've decided not to renew your membership, please let us know.

Luncheons will cost more starting in September

Alta Sierra Country Club has raised their luncheon rates to \$23. The cost to our members for our luncheon meetings will be going up in September to \$20. We plan to offset this deficit with the balance that currently remains in our Luncheon Reserve account making your membership in the Newcomers Club an even better value than ever before!

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

We're going out with a bang for our final Newcomers Club luncheon this year! Grab your friends for the grand finale and come prepared to be captivated by a master storyteller, Gary Noy, author and historian of the Sierra Nevada. He'll recount little known and often humorous stories of searchers and miscreants from his upcoming book, *Gold Rush Stories: 49 Tales of Seekers, Scoundrels, Loss and Luck*. 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 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-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 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, Songwriter of the Year and Entertainer of the Year. Juni combines her unique song and storytelling styles to span the genres from Celtic songs to Western ballads, from popular to American folk music. Her upbeat performance will keep you grinning and tapping your feet!

October 26, 2016 – Newcomers Auctions and Christmas Families Project Fundraiser

"Take Home a Bargain" describes this lively auction. Tim 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 entertaining auctioneer, John Renwick, is back as well, with more fun, entertainment and excitement. This auction is the cornerstone of the budget that provides many children with a Christmas to remember.

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 festive 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 (starring 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 their heroic rescues with a National Geographic video capturing the events. Guests are welcome.

October Silent Auction

Our Silent Auction will be here before you know it...please, think of what you can do! We've already received some calls for donations this year...HURRAY! Your involvement is what makes our auction a huge success. Donating items and inviting friends to the luncheon pays off; last year our sales were the best ever due to the boost in participation. Let's keep this up! Please donate or re-gift items tucked away in your cupboards, closets, yards, garage, etc. There is no cost to register donated items. Our Christmas Families Project receives 100% of the proceeds.

Also, members may register and personally sell their treasures. There is a two item limit per member and a \$3.00 registration fee per item. The money for these items goes directly back to the member.

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

October Live Auction

Our list of items for the October 26 Live Auction is nearly complete. We have over 20 special and interesting packages for you to bid on, including a medical facial peel by Dr. Selene, cheese-making classes for two at Wheyward Girl Creamery, an interior design consultation by Denise Wilson, and a physical fitness package! The October Luncheon is open to the public, so invite your friends and bring your checkbooks. We want to make this year's Live Auction the best ever, and support even more children than we did in 2015!

Christmas Families Project

Paying It Forward

Two years ago, the Newcomers Christmas Families Project helped a single mom and her children. With hard work and tenacity, that mom is now a small pet grooming business owner. You'll have an opportunity at our October Auction to bid on the River Dog Grooming package she has donated to pay the love forward!

Keeping the Family Together

Another mom and her family were gift recipients in our 2015 Christmas Families Project. Mom is working full-time and struggles to make ends meet. This family is looking for a permanent home. To give the family fresh and nutritious meals, our members donated a slow cooker and a blender. A donated rug and plant are making their temporary room a real home. Mom gives a big thank you to members who provided her children with their only Christmas toys and the majority of the few clothes they have. We've seen a cute video of a young child with a smile on his face, playing his Christmas guitar and singing!

Be Part of the 2016 Christmas Families Project

Our CFP Committee members are already meeting with our partner agencies for an early start to a smooth program. Some of our sub-committees are run by co-chair volunteers who share the sometimes hectic workload, and the FUN. If you'd like to join in this year, contact the CFP Chair.

Christmas Families Monthly Goodie Bag Project

2016 has been very rewarding for the Goodie Bag Project. Thanks to all the angels in our membership, the moms and dads of the children enrolled in our Christmas Families Project are going to have something from Santa as well. Thank you all for caring!

In May, we celebrated Mother's Day by bringing special items for the moms. In June, we'll be celebrating Father's Day by bringing some of the following to our June luncheon:

Travel Size after-shave, shaving gel, deodorant

Small Tools (measuring tape, screwdriver or wrench set)

Packages of screws, nails, picture hangers, zip ties, etc.

Socks for men

If you missed the Fashion Show luncheon, it's not too late to bring items for moms. A basket will be on the table to the right of the entrance to receive your goodies. Some "mom suggestions" include small notepads, pocket Kleenex, small kitchen utensils, and small scented candles.

“The best gift you can give yourself is to give to someone else.”

— **Manuel Corazzari**

Activities

We are still welcoming more members to form a new Bunco group; please let us know of your interest. A new group of Shoppers (antique shops, thrift shops, and lunch) is forming. Let us know if you are interested; we have an experienced shopper who will help get it organized!

Space is still available in the Japanese Flower Arranging class, and the Qigong class with sessions centrally located in Grass Valley.

The upcoming Garden Club meeting on June 7 may be its last one! We need one or two members to step in and lead this active group. You can contact the Garden Club Chairs for more information on how you can help.

Call the Activities Chair for other activities inquiries.

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 Generous Contributors and Supporters

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

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