

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

September 2016

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## President's Message

*"When the seasons shift, even the subtle beginning, the scent of a promised change, I feel something stir inside me. Hopefulness? Gratitude? Openness? Whatever it is, it's welcome."*

— Kristin Armstrong

Welcome to all! New beginnings are always exciting. This is the start of our Newcomers Club year. Your board members are looking forward to the new year filled with great programs, fun interest groups, and a successful October auction to fund our annual Christmas Family Project. We will begin working on this project with a flurry of shopping, wrapping, assembling bikes, and putting together the "Santa Bags" for each family. We always need lots of help planning and participating in these activities, so please join in! It is so much fun to be part of the process.

By now you should have received your annual Roster in the mail, thanks to the hard work of our Membership Chair and her assistant. Also, we are most grateful to the assembly team for getting those rosters into the mail to you. Your Roster gives you access to the phone numbers of board members, activity chairs, and all of the club members as of August 10, 2016. Also included are our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. Keep this book handy all year.

As your new President, I am looking forward to getting to know you and putting more names with faces. Being open to suggestions is important to me, so if you have a question or a comment, please contact me or any other board member.

## September Luncheon Meeting

**September 28, 2016**

**11:30 am** (Please arrive after 11:00 to allow for setup.)

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person** (Please note the new price.)

## September Program: Back by Popular Demand, Juni Fisher

Our Newcomers Club new year kicks off with a repeat performance by award winning singer/songwriter, Juni Fisher. Her early years were spent training horses, working on cow-calf operations, and playing guitar around the campfire. She now tours the country full time, delighting audiences with her original songs and storytelling. Her numerous accolades include Western Music Association Female Entertainer of the Year as well as multiple Song of the Year awards. Juni's CDs will be available for purchase before and after our luncheon.

## September Luncheon Menu

Choice of:

Caprese Sirloin Burger Steak with mozzarella, basil, tomatoes, and pesto

or

Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast topped with a blueberry-lime salsa,  
served over rice

or

Cheese Stuffed Bell Peppers with sharp cheddar, risotto  
and a smoked tomato paste

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

Almond Custard Tart with stone fruit and vanilla crème Anglaise for dessert

**To Make Reservations for September 28, please make your \$20.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservations Chair for September. Her information is in your Newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, Sept. 19**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm **Tuesday, Sept. 20**. Please write **Sept-Beef, Sept-Chicken, or Sept-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, Sept. 20, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, the Reservations Chair for September. Her information is in your Newsletter.

## October Luncheon Meeting & Annual Auctions

**October 26, 2016**

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Doors Open at 10:00 am**

**Silent Auction Bidding begins at 10:30 am**

**Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 am**

**Live Auction at 1:00 pm**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person** (Please note the new price.)

## October Program: Our Annual Live and Silent Auctions

Get ready for another fantastic Live Auction! We have been busily working this summer to bring you an extraordinary auction at our October Luncheon. We have over 25 special groupings for you to bid on! Some familiar and very popular items from last year include a three night stay at a Santa Cruz house, Tim the Tree Man, a one night stay at Atlantis Resort and Spa, a house maintenance package, theater tickets paired with restaurants, and four rounds of golf at the Alta Sierra Country Club. We are pleased to offer many exciting new packages such as a one day fly fishing trip for two on the Yuba River, a yard maintenance package, cheese making classes at Wheyward Girl, a medical facial peel, a physical fitness package, a two hour interior design consultation with the much esteemed Denise Wilson, and an auto care package. In addition, Beaucoup Chapeaux has generously donated a one-hour performance of their international music and songs. Returning is our entertaining and enthusiastic auctioneer, John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, to get your bidding juices flowing.

October will be here before we know it, and our Silent Auction Committee is starting to make preparations. Those items tucked away in your cupboards, closets, yards, and garages are valued treasures to our members. PLUS, our Christmas Families Project receives 100% of the proceeds for donated items! Please think of what you can contribute or how you can be involved to continue our success. Last year, our sales were the best ever because of the boost in participation! There is no limit for donated items and no cost to register them. To make registration easier, a bid form for donated items is included on the back of this newsletter. You can print it (**white paper only please**) and have your registration form ready. Please fill out your name, the item description, and value; our team will fill in the rest.

**If you are selling an item, you need a green bid form and those will be available the day of the auction.** There is a two-item limit per member for these items and a \$3 registration fee per item. The monies for these items go directly back to the member. Our October newsletter will include the specifics for registration on the day of the auction.

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

Remember, the proceeds from our October Auctions support our Christmas Families Project. The October Luncheon is open to the public, so invite your friends and bring your checkbooks. We want to make Christmas special for as many children as possible. Last year we supported 131 children and 54 families. Let's see if we can increase that number this year!

Many of our members wear creative and elaborate Halloween costumes to this event. Start planning yours now; you may take home a prize!

## October Luncheon Menu

Choice of:

Seared Center Cut Pork Loin with sun dried cranberry demi-glacè  
and house-made spicy applesauce

or

Basil Seared Chicken Breast with a sun dried tomato cream sauce

or

Herbed Cheese Polenta Stackers with lentils, corn crusted tomatoes,  
tarragon cream and Manchego cheese

All entrées will include house-made soup du jour, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Pumpkin Pie for dessert

**To Make Reservations for October 26, please make your \$20.00 check** payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop in the Check Box at the September Luncheon, or mail it to the Reservations Chair for October. Her information is in your Newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, October 17**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm, **Tuesday, October 18**. Please write **Oct-Pork, Oct-Chicken, or Oct-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, October 18, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for October. Her information is in your Newsletter.

## 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 her donated River Dogs Grooming package!

### Keeping the Family Together

Another mom and her three sons were gift recipients in our 2015 Christmas Families Project. Mom is working full-time, but struggles to make ends meet. To give the boys fresh and nutritious meals, our members donated a slow cooker and blender. A big thank you to members who provided these children with their only Christmas toys and the few clothes they have.

### Be Part of the 2016 Christmas Families Project

Some of our sub-committees are run by co-chair volunteers who share the sometimes-hecktic workload and the FUN! If you'd like to join in this year, contact the Christmas Families Chair.

## Christmas Families Goodie Bag Project - Calling all Angels!

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!

September is the last month to donate goodie bag items for Christmas 2016. Our goodie bag inventory is fairly full, but we have some item gaps that need to be filled. Please put on your angel wings and bring some of the listed items below to the September luncheon. Newcomers' angels always come through!

- Ladies:** journals, ditty/cosmetic bags, small hand creams, perfumes, kitchen towels, scarves, candles in jars
- Men:** wool caps, athletic or dress socks, packaged razors, small aftershave, cologne, deodorants
- Children:** coloring books, reading books, puzzles
- Girls:** jewelry craft projects, dolls, lip gloss/kid's cosmetics, hair bows/products
- Boys:** small or medium cars, dinosaurs, action figures
- Babies:** (younger than three years) teething rings, rattles, small stuffed animals, drinking cups

**REALLY NEEDED for ADULTS:** toothbrushes, floss, small toothpaste tubes

Good Places to Shop: Dollar Stores, K-Mart, grocery stores, or your own home inventory. Pick some favorites from the above list, and let's fill the Goodie Bag Table to overflowing! Thank you in advance for spreading holiday cheer to our hard-working Christmas Families parents.

## More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

**Dec 7, 2016** – The unique Bear River High School Jazz Choir is ready for some traditional Christmas songs and untraditional jazz fun. We'll also have a special guest speaker, a recipient of our Christmas Families Project. Join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

**Jan 25, 2017** – In 1991, three weather fronts simultaneously hit the East Coast, catching fishermen and boaters in desperate situations. *The Perfect Storm*, starring George Clooney, described the storm and dire straits of mariners. Nevada County's own Claude Hessel, a Coast Guard helicopter pilot, will relate his participation in the heroic rescue that night, followed by a National Geographic film of the event. You are welcome to bring husbands and friends.

## **Activities**

A new group called “Antiquing” (antique shops, thrift shops and lunch) is forming now. The chair for this group listed in the roster, would prefer to assist in setting up the group but have limited participation after it is formed. If there is someone who would be willing to lead this group, please contact our Activities Chair, listed in your Roster.

There has been some interest in starting a new Bunco group. If you are interested in participating, please contact our Activities Chair, or Historian, listed in your Roster.

Are you interested in starting or joining a new cooking group? All of our current groups are full; however, there is always room for another one! Please contact our Activities Chair.

## **Membership**

There will be a Newcomers Club New Member Reception on Thursday, September 15, at 2:00 pm. All new members are invited to come and learn more about the Newcomers Club and the various activity groups available. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the New Member Receptions Chair, listed in your Roster

## **Rosters**

By now, you all should have received your shiny new Rosters. If you didn’t get yours, please contact our Membership Chair.

We would like to thank Bob Ogden, the photographer at the 2016 Fashion Show. A friend of one of our members, Bob kindly allowed us to use his beautiful poppies photo on our front cover.

Thanks also to all the help getting the Rosters finished and proofreading the many pages. And thanks to the helpers who prepped all 263 Rosters to get them ready for the post office and in the mail to you.

If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, let the Membership Chair know or direct them to our website, [NewcomersNC.org](http://NewcomersNC.org) where you can find and print a Membership Application.

Welcome to our three new members. This brings our membership total to 265.

## **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.

**Split Pea Accessories in the Raley’s Shopping Center**

**Uptown Salon on Colfax Avenue**

Payment/Receipt Area

From NL Sept 2016 Winner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Newcomers Club Silent Auction

**Please PRINT**

Item Description \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Name & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Bid Increments** \_\_\_\_\_

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