

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

March 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." ~ Benjamin Franklin

It is an exciting time of year as we are forming our Nominating Committee, and we are currently looking to fill some Board positions as well as some committee positions. Please don't be afraid to express an interest in participating if we should call on you. It is a great opportunity to get to know other members and become involved. I have worked on or with several committees within our Newcomers Club, and there are two things that I know for sure – 1) you will never be working alone, and 2) I guarantee you will have a good time. I am so grateful that I joined and have become so deeply involved in the Newcomers Club.

I have met so many amazing women, and I have been inspired by their creativity, strength, knowledge and humor. I, too, had to take that first step, and I chose to say "yes" when I was asked to take a place on the Board. I hope you will too!

Please take a moment to fill out our Member Survey that is included in this newsletter. Even if you have submitted one in the past, please fill it out again. We'd like to know about your current interests. The surveys help keep our club running smoothly.

March Luncheon Meeting

March 23, 2016, at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$18.00 per person

March Program: Early Californians: Survival in the Pacific Coastal Area

Dr. Kent Lightfoot, anthropologist at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak on his studies of Native California peoples and their encounters with early European explorers and colonists. A significant component of his research is addressing how lessons from the past may be relevant to addressing current landscape management issues in our public lands, particularly those that are concerned with enhancing the richness and diversity of native species, maintaining high levels of landscape productivity, and mitigating increased fire hazards due to climate change. He is also collaborating on evaluating ecological evidence of early landscape management practices using prescribed burning to enhance biodiversity of useful plants and animals in local habitats.

March Luncheon Menu

Cider Brined Pork Chops with house-made Applesauce and Mashed Potatoes

or

Hong Kong Teriyaki Chicken Breast served over Jasmine Rice

or

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

All entrées will include Chicken Tortilla Soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea, with

Tuxedo Cake for dessert

To Make Reservations for March 23, please make your \$18.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail to the Reservations Chair for March.

Checks must be received by **Monday, March 14**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 15**. Please write **Mar-Pork, Mar-Chicken or Mar-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, March 15, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for March.

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”

Please join us as we celebrate "Fresh Fashions in the Foothills." 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. Be a part of the fun as we explore beautiful Nevada County in photographs, with fresh faces in the best styles from our local boutiques. We will have wonderful raffle prizes plus chances to win centerpieces and store gift certificates, which are included with your lunch purchase. Please 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 paper clip 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 drop your group’s check(s) in the March Check Box or mail your group’s checks, payable to the Newcomers Club, 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

Citrus Baked Salmon with Lemon Caper Cream Sauce served over rice
or
Sirloin Culotte 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 Dessert Tray of Mini Bite Cakes

More Program Highlights

May 25, 2016: Always a great crowd-pleaser, Sierra Stages, under the direction of Ken Getz, will once again delight us with a lively presentation of show tunes from their 2016 productions and other favorites. You will recognize some of Nevada County's most talented singers and actors who bring us live theater throughout the year. Don't miss this special performance especially for our Newcomers Club. See the new season on their website www.sierrastages.org.

June 22, 2016: "Tales of the California Gold Rush" with guest author, Gary Noy.

October Live Auction

Even though it is only March, it is once again time to begin thinking about our October Live Auction! Last year's Live Auction was a tremendous success, and we want to make this year's event even more so. As you are aware, proceeds from the Live Auction support the Newcomers' Christmas Families Project and help to provide a happy Christmas for local children and families who find themselves in difficult situations.

Please contact us NOW if you have suggestions or donations that you think would make our auction exciting and profitable. We are specifically looking for unique, large items with a **minimum value of \$50**. We are also looking for people to become part of our team helping us contact local businesses for donations. Your assistance is very much appreciated. Remember, it takes a village to help us achieve our goal.

To our delight, John Renwick, last year's energetic and entertaining auctioneer, has agreed to return this year.

If you would like to be part of our team or donate an item, please contact the Live Auction Chairs.

Christmas Families Project

This program has grown to a level where the Committee is almost working year round. We rely

so much on the Live Auction to raise money. Please put on your angel wings and volunteer to help the live auction committee.

We have received over 30 thank you notes from our Adopted Families. I would like to share a few with you. The spelling is from the cards.

"Thank you so much for your help this Christmas. It makes my heart happy that we will be able to give our kids something for Christmas. We are truly blessed by your selfless generosity."

"Thank you for the gaint bag of presents...all the geft you gave us...clothes, games like battleship, chess, balls and more. PS my baby brother loved his toys - he is 2 years old."

"It must have took a long time too wrap all those presents."

"I had the best Christmas ever. THANK YOU MEMBERS."

There were also two photos showing a purse with cosmetics and gift card and a little girl with her clothing and thank you signs.

My brother's estate donated an old car to our December 2015 Christmas Families guest speaker. Until then, I did not realize the great need for used vehicles. We want people to work, but they need transportation. If you have an old auto you would like to donate, contact the CFP Chairman. Her information can be found in your newsletter or roster.

Christmas Families Monthly Goodie Bag Project

Many moms and dads of the children in our Christmas Family Project are going to have clean, shiny teeth thanks to the generosity of our members who donated almost 40 toothbrushes for the Mom and Dad Christmas Goodie Bags. If you missed the February luncheon or forgot to bring your toothbrushes, you may bring them to the March luncheon. Let's give every mom and dad in our Christmas Families Project a clean toothy grin for Christmas!

March Goodie Bags feature four fun-to-shop-for items that are suitable for both men and women. Please bring some of one or some of all of the following to the luncheon:

Ditty Bags - aka cosmetic bags - clear bags are nice because both men and women can use them. You may also consider "pretty" bags for the ladies and solid bags for the men.

Manicure Items - kits, clippers, emery boards, tweezers

Packs of Disposable Razors

It's fun to be a Santa all year round!

Activities

Last week there were 18 new members at our second new members' reception. They were full of enthusiasm and looking forward to Newcomer activities. They gave kudos to our incredibly kind,

thoughtful, genuinely friendly community and are happy to be in Nevada County. New members offered two new activity opportunities. Please contact the Activities Chair for more information about these groups.

Japanese Flower Arranging – are you interested in joining a new group?

Qigong – are you interested in joining a new group?

Bunco - Nine new members showed an interest in Bunco, and their names and email addresses have been passed on to the already formed groups.

If you have yet to join an activity group, here are the ones with openings:

Subs are always welcome for

Bridge Tuesday 10 am

Mahjong, Bunco 1st Thursday

Hand & Foot 2nd Wednesday, 1:00

Happy Cookers, 3rd Monday

Book Club 3rd Wednesday

Monthly Movie Group invites you to join them

For further information, call the Activity Chair listed in your newsletter or roster.

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.

Website – NewcomersNC.org

Do you have a friend who might be interested in becoming a member of Newcomers? If so, the best place for her to see what we are about is our website, www.NewcomersNC.org. The website contains information on our charter, clubs, luncheons and special programs. It also contains the membership application form along with instructions on how to join.

If you personally haven't checked out the website, you should! We won't be listing member contact information online, so you'll still need to refer to your newsletter for instructions on mailing your reservation checks, etc. But . . . if you want to know what programs are coming up, or what we'll be having for dessert at the upcoming luncheon, visit the website for a quick answer.

Membership

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

Newcomers Club of Nevada County has launched a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/NewcomersNC

You can always check the page for our current newsletter and interesting photos, articles, and luncheon information. Like, Share and Follow if you wish.

We would like to post photos of our activities on our web page, our Facebook page, and the Chamber of Commerce website. **If you do not want your picture posted anywhere**, you need to contact the photographer. If you notice someone taking your picture and do not want to be in it, please make sure you mention it to the photographer.

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.

Baskin Robbins

KC Nails

**Mary Mary
My Favorite Things**

Mountain Pastimes

Sport Clips

Wild Birds Unlimited

Newcomers Club Member Survey 2016 - *(This survey is optional.)*

We would like to invite you to join any of our support teams and enjoy camaraderie, friendship and most importantly, Fun! Because you all have many exceptional talents and skills, we ask you to complete the survey below.

Even if you have submitted this form in the past, please fill out it out again. Thanks!

Check the items you like and are interested in and those about which you would like more information. Your completed survey can be brought to a meeting or mailed or emailed to the Membership Chair.

Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Arts and Crafts: _____ Yes : Please tell
I'm interested : me more

- Decorating for Monthly Luncheons _____ :

Communicating and Getting To Know Members:

- Welcoming Members and Guests at Luncheons _____ :
- Taking Reservations and Checks for Luncheons _____ :
- Coordinating new Activity Groups _____ :

Planning and Helping:

- Organizing and Planning Monthly Programs _____ :
- Preparing Minutes at Board Meetings or Luncheon Meetings _____ :
- Helping Prepare our Monthly Newsletter _____ :
- Budgeting and Accounting _____ :
- Contacting Local Merchants for Monthly Raffle Prizes _____ :
- Submitting Articles to Local Newspapers - Publicity _____ :
- Taking and Sharing Photos - Historian _____ :
- Sending out Cards to Members – Sunshine _____ :

Special Event Planning:

- Annual October Live Auction and Silent Auction _____ :
- Annual Fashion Show _____ :
- Christmas Families Project: Shopping _____ :
- Christmas Families Project: Wrapping Presents _____ :
- Working with Local Merchants for Special Requests _____ :
- Community Plays and Arts Programs _____ :

Computer Help: What programs are you familiar with?

- Word _____ :
- Excel _____ :
- Website updates or email distribution _____ :

Your opinion:

- What types of events would you like to see presented? _____
- Do you like luncheons at locations other than Alta Sierra? _____
- Suggestions for Speakers, Subjects, or Entertainment _____

Your ideas, suggestions or comments are appreciated - please use the back of this page.

Thank you for your enthusiastic response and support!!!

