

# Newcomers Club of Nevada County

January 2017 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*New Years Eve. The evening of little miracles. Peel away the exploding fireworks, roaring countdowns and ridiculous resolutions and what you are left with is hope.*

*Small human hope. The hope of better days, of fresh starts and perhaps, if you are very lucky, a kiss. —Beau Taplin*

We had an extraordinarily successful Christmas Families Project this year!! Thanks to all who put so much of themselves into our wonderful venture.

Don't forget to sign up to come to our January Luncheon Meeting on January 25, 2017, 11:30 am, at Alta Sierra Country Club. The program, *The Perfect Storm*, promises to be ideal for husbands, partners, or friends to attend as well. They are certainly welcome, space permitting!

Getting involved in our activity groups is a great way to get better acquainted with our members. Read about it under the Activities section.

Speaking of getting involved, we still are in great need of folks to head up our 2017 Live and Silent Auctions that benefit our Christmas Family Project. I know many of you handled much bigger projects in your former lives, so please speak with me if you would be willing to help with this. We need your organizational skills and enthusiasm!

I wish all of you a New Year filled with hope, peace and love.

*Your President*

## January Luncheon Meeting

**January 25, 2017, at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person**

### January Program: *The Perfect Storm*

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

## January Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Veal Pot Roast simmered in root vegetables with garlic mashed potatoes  
and herbed pan reduction gravy

or

Stuffed Turkey Roast with house-made sweet potato cornbread and kielbasa sausage

or

Cheese Stuffed Tortellini with slivered peppers, butternut squash and  
pumpkin cream sauce

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

Chocolate Walnut Tartlets with Chantilly whipped cream for dessert

**To Make Reservations for JANUARY 25, 2017**, please make your \$20.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the address listed in your newsletter.

**Please be sure to date your check with 2017.**

Checks must be received by **Monday, January 16, 2017**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 17**. Please write **Jan-Veal or Jan-Turkey or Jan-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, January 17, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chairs listed in your newsletter.

## February Luncheon Meeting

**February 22, 2017, at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$20.00 per person**

**February Program: Chris Enns with Stories of Ma Barker and Other Women of the West**

Chris Enns, a New York Times Best Selling author and well-known local writer and performer, is returning to the Newcomers stage with tales of women of the old west from her latest book, *Ma Barker & Other Tales of the Women in the West*. Books will be for sale before and after the meeting.

## February Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Gourmet Beef and Veal Meatballs with Asiago cheese, herbed bread crumbs, house marinara, fresh Parmesan and a touch of basil cream sauce

or

Lingonberry Chicken wrapped with prosciutto ham, seared and served with a lingonberry demi glace

or

Stuffed Manicotti with roasted veggie ragout and herbed Parmesan risotto

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

Strawberry Daiquiri Mousse Pie for dessert

**To Make Reservations for FEBRUARY 22, 2017**, please make your \$20.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and drop it in the Check Box at the **January 2017 Luncheon** or mail it to the address listed in your newsletter.

**Please be sure to date your check with 2017.**

Checks must be received by **Monday, February 13, 2017**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 14**. Please write **Feb-Meatballs, Feb-Chicken, or Feb-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After **Tuesday, February 14**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chairs listed in your newsletter.

## More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

**Mar 22, 2017** – Come to an old-fashioned dance and burlesque show, *Bow-Tie Beauties* (the semi-risqué version). Haven Carvelli, an accomplished dancer, and her troupe will perform excerpts from their Miners Foundry show.

**April 26, 2017** – Newcomers Club Annual Fashion Show

## 2016 Christmas Families Project - Business Donors

We would like to acknowledge the businesses and individuals who supported us with donations and discounts during this 2016 CFP. We also wish to thank all the ladies who were so generous at the Christmas Luncheon's "pass the basket" event and to all the shoppers and wrappers! It is so humbling to have the community outpouring for such a special project.

**Businesses:** K-Mart – Bicycles and Helmets and Car Seat  
JC Penney – Additional Discount  
Sierra Cinemas – Movie Passes  
Quietech Geek Boutique, on Neal Street in Grass Valley – Laptop Support

## Christmas Families Project

More than 152 children had an unbelievably wonderful Christmas this year thanks to the hard work of over 100 Newcomers Club members.

We have grown from supporting 5 children in 2002 to 152 children in 2016!

With advance notification from our agencies this year, we were able to identify an additional 18 children. Through your generosity at the October auction, as well as member and club contributions, we could support these extra children at Christmas.

We delivered 23 bicycles, primarily to first time riders. In addition, extra member donations provided educational devices, electronics and other specialty item presents. Yes, we gave many presents, but remember these children only wear the clothes and enjoy the toys once a year when they arrive from the Newcomers. I hope you know how much your efforts make a difference to these families.

Women of Worth, Child Protective Services, Helping Hands Nurturing Center and the Friendship Club screen our families as those who are trying to support themselves but just need our help at Christmas. We've gotten calls to say that moms and dads were calling, some in tears, to thank us for giving their children a Christmas. One thank you card reads "...how much your thoughtfulness meant to me. It helped make my daughter have the Christmas she deserves, yet I'm not able to afford!! Thank you for giving to our family."

Our CFP committee has done an amazing job putting the project together in just a few short weeks! We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to our shoppers, wrappers, and those who donated special items. All their time and support made this a hugely successful year!

## Goodie Bag Project

The Christmas Goodie Bags were so well received by our children's moms and dads that we would like to continue this into 2017. We will start luncheon collections in February, after we have updated our inventory. You may want to start collecting the following items that we were short of in 2016.

Adult toothbrushes dental floss, small tubes of toothpaste

Males - wool caps, athletic or dress socks, packaged razors, small after shave-cologne-deodorants

Females - journals, ditty/cosmetic bags, small hand creams, perfume, kitchen towels, scarves, candles

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 figurines

Babies < 3yrs - teething rings, rattles, small stuffed animals, drinking cups

This is a lot, but hopefully it gives you something to work on. We know our goodie bag basket will be overflowing in February!

*“Generosity is giving more than you can,  
and pride is taking less than you need.”*

— Kahlil Gibran

## Please Save Wrapping Paper and Boxes

Since wrapping materials represent a major portion of the Christmas Families budget, we are hoping to save a substantial amount next year by having members donate their extra wrappings.

We would appreciate your saving the following items:

**Wrapping Paper, Boxes of any size (primarily for clothing), Christmas Bags, Unused Christmas Cards (for our gift cards and receipts). *If recycled, all items should look like new.***

If you find wrapping materials on sale after the holidays and wish to donate them as well, we would be very grateful.

Please bring your supplies to the January Luncheon, or drop them off at one of the homes listed in your newsletter.

## **Silent Auction Update**

Our Silent Auction Chairs have agreed to help AND mentor the new volunteers for 2017. We have policies and procedures in place plus volunteers for the day of the auction. **WHAT WE NEED NOW ARE NEW CO-CHAIRS!** Our Christmas Families Project depends on this fundraiser. Please consider taking on this position. Call or email the Silent Auction Chairs for more specifics. Thank you!

## **Activities**

We are going to start off fresh this New Year! I will be taking assessments of all the current groups and see where there are openings. If you are interested in joining a current group or starting a new one, please contact the Activities Chair, listed in your Roster.

## **Sunshine**

Our Sunshine Chair, would like to hear if any member is in need of a word of comfort or condolences. Her contact information is in your Roster; she will be happy to send a card.

## **Membership**

If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, please let the Membership Chair know, or direct the interested party to our website, <http://newcomersnc.org>, where you can find and print a Membership Application.

## **New Member Reception – January 10<sup>th</sup>**

The next New Member Reception will be on Tuesday, January 10th, at 2:00 pm, at the home of the Membership Chair. All new members are invited to come and learn more about our Newcomers Club and the various activity groups available. Please R.S.V.P. to the New Member Reception Chair.

## **Welcome to our New Members**

With the addition of our eight new members, we have 282 members.