

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

June 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” — Marcel Proust

This is our last newsletter until September. I am so grateful to all of our members who have stepped up to make this such a delightful and productive Club year. It is truly a group effort. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the new members who have joined our Board for next year.

I am also grateful to Melissa Bryant at Bistro 221 who has provided the use of the backroom for our Board meetings each month. After the meeting, we enjoy lunch there together. When you go to Bistro 221 for a meal, please thank Melissa for her generosity.

A number of you have given me feedback on last month's Fashion Show. I appreciate that you care enough about our club to take time to talk to me about your experience. The Fashion Show Committee will be meeting soon and will consider your opinions carefully. Thank you.

Our Christmas Family Project supplemental box at the May luncheon contained a bag of beautiful hand knitted scarves. Whoever you are—you are truly a Christmas angel! Be sure to read on about the proposed new bylaws, our June luncheon, the photo contest, and lots more.

If I don't see you this month, have a great summer!

Dues Renewal Time – Please send in your \$25

You received your dues renewal form in the mail in early May, and **72%** of you promptly sent in your checks. Thanks very much!

Please get those checks in before June 30, to save us from having to follow up with those who haven't paid. If you need another copy of the Renewal Form, you can find it online at NewcomersNC.org.

If you've decided not to renew your membership, please let us know. You'll save us from having to make follow up phone calls.

Questions? Contact the Membership Chair.

June Luncheon Meeting

June 28, 2017, at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: **\$23.00 per person**

June Program – One Woman’s Journey: Luzena Stanley Wilson

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.

For most who participated in the California Gold Rush, the tale was often the record of a journey, a search and taking a risk. Never was this truer than with the chronicle of Luzena Stanley Wilson. Luzena traveled with her family from Missouri to California in the fabled days of 1849 in search of a new and better life. In an illustrated lecture, Gary will recount the remarkable story of Luzena: an account of illness, intolerance, fire, flood, wealth, poverty, guts and a triumphant spirit. For his presentation, Gary will draw upon material from his book *Gold Rush Stories: 49 Tales of Seekers, Scoundrels, Loss and Luck*, which will be available for purchase and signing.

June Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Roast Beef and Blue Cheese Sandwich with red onion jam and micro-shaved apples
or

Asian Chicken Waldorf Salad with celery, grapes, caramelized walnuts, apples, and
crispy Asian noodles served with ginger sesame dressing
or

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

All entrées will include cold soup du Jour, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Plated Lemon Blueberry Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert

To Make Reservations for JUNE 28, please make your **\$23.00 check** payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail your check to the Reservation Chair for June. Her address can be found in your emailed newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, JUNE 19**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, JUNE 20**. Please write **JUNE-Beef** or **JUNE-Waldorf** or **JUNE-Polenta** on the

bottom of your check. After Tuesday, June 20, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for June.

Note: Information about the September luncheon will be included in the envelope with your new Roster – mailed to you in August.

More Program Highlights

September 27, 2017 – To be announced.

October 25, 2017 - Newcomers Auctions and Christmas Families Project Fundraiser

We will once again have a contest for the best Halloween costumes. Our fabulous auctioneer, John Renwick, who owns the RE/MAX franchise here in Grass Valley, will be back to make our auction even more successful than ever. Please begin gathering your wonderful contributions for the silent auction, and call with your great ideas for the live auction--new cars, houses in Tahoe or Colorado for loaning to winners, time shares in Hawaii or Florida, etc.

December 6, 2017 -- We are very privileged to have Richard Altenbach, composer and violinist, along with a trio of instrumentalists, playing a selection of Christmas favorites and other music, including an original composition he is writing just for our Club. Richard is the first chair violinist for *InConcert Sierra* and the *Auburn Symphony*. We are very fortunate to have him living in Grass Valley.

January 24, 2018 – Members of the California College of Ayurveda will be here to discuss how alternative medicine can be combined with western medicine to make a person as well as he/she can possibly be.

March 28, 2018 -- Brent Nixon, world-renowned naturalist and science specialist, as well as a National Geographic photographer, will bring his most recent photographs from all continents. We are lucky to have him return since his spectacular presentation in 2012.

April 25, 2018 -- Fashion Show

May 23, 2018 – We are thrilled to have the very talented actors and singers from Sierra Stages with Ken Getz, pianist, perform for us once again.

2017 – 2018 Newcomers Club Board

The Newcomers Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominations in April, and the election of officers for next year was held at the May luncheon meeting. We are pleased that a number of new members have stepped up to serve on the Board to help our club run smoothly.

We are still searching for someone to work with a committee on the October Live Auction.

The good news is that much of the work has already been done, but we still need a chair or a couple of members who would co-chair and work together on this important committee.

If you are interested, please contact the Vice President.

Photo Contest – deadline is extended

In the rules below, please note the extended deadline and that you are being encouraged to submit two photos, instead of just one.

Do you have a photograph you'd like to enter in the Roster Cover Photo Contest? Here are the contest rules.

1. This Contest is open to all current members of our Newcomers Club.
2. You may submit two photos.
3. Your photo should depict something representing Nevada County.
4. The photo should be of high quality and adapt to portrait mode (8" tall by 5" wide).
5. A three-judge panel will select the winning photo.
6. By entering the contest, you agree to have your photo (whether the winning photo or not) shared on our website and on our Facebook page.
7. Photos should be emailed to the Membership Chair.

October Live Auction

We have been working to collect appealing items for our annual October Live Auction, which raises funds for our Christmas Families Project. Last year our Live Auction was a resounding success, and we would like to continue the momentum. Unfortunately, donations have been slow coming in this year. Your participation is what makes our auction successful. If you or your Activity Group would like to donate a package, we would be so grateful. For example, you might like to put together an **Auction Item**, which could include certificates to the 49er Fun Park, Prosperity Lanes, movie theaters, Baskin Robbins, Lazy Dog Chocolateria and/or the yogurt shops in the area; another **Auction Item** might include gift certificates to some of the businesses in Grass Valley and Nevada City. What would **YOU** like to see in the auction to get your bidding juices flowing? Any suggestions or creative ideas you may have would be greatly appreciated. Please contact one of the Social Chairs.

To date, a few of the items recurring from last year include theater and restaurant certificates, a 3-night stay at a house in Santa Cruz, a one night's stay at Atlantis in Reno plus a \$50 gift certificate, a medical facial peel by Dr. Selene and window washing by Blu Sky. And of course, John Renwick will be returning as our always-entertaining auctioneer. An exciting new item in this year's auction is a week's stay at a condo in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains!

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. Some examples:

For women: bath and beauty items larger than travel size, manicure supplies, kitchen tools and linens, flashlights, journals, notepads and notebooks, cosmetic bags, tote bags.

For men: small tools, flashlights, larger toiletry items, manicure supplies, toiletry bags.

As always, we need toothpaste and floss, socks, stretchy slipper sox, gloves and hats. Whatever you give will be sure to bring joy to these families who are working so hard to provide a better life for their children. You can put your items in the box at each luncheon.

Activities

As we have several new members in our Club, it is time to start working on some new groups. Please call me or email me with your ideas or suggestions. You are only limited by your imaginations. Perhaps you want to start a new book club or a theatergoing group? Trash to Treasures (vintage and thrift store shopping) is looking to start up again, but they need someone who will be willing to organize trips. Perhaps you have a talent or craft-making skill? There may be other members who would also be interested – they just need to meet you! Let's work together to make new friends. Please contact the Activities Chair.

Sunshine

If you know of someone who is in need of comfort and support, please let the Sunshine Chair know, and 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 she can find and print a Membership Application.

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

New Members

Welcome to our three new members. Our membership total has reached 300.