

Nevada County Newcomers Club

September 2017

President's Message

"There's something about autumn that wakes up our senses and reminds us to live." – author unknown

Welcome back to our Newcomers Club! This time of year is exciting for me because I think of it as a time of new beginnings. Our new board will be sharing our hopes and plans with you shortly.

You have all received your 2017-18 Roster of Members, which includes a listing of our board members and our members, as well as our bylaws. Many thanks to the Membership Chair for all her work on this roster. It requires such patience, so much time, and incredible skill to pull this off—and she does it so well!

Our club can only be fun and helpful to you, the members, if you make it so. We always need new ideas, so please contact me or another board member soon with your suggestions. We would love to have your help with any of our projects!

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our luncheon on September 27th.

September Luncheon Meeting

September 27, 2017 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$23.00 per person

September Program: Sister Swing

Swing into the Newcomers Club 2017-18 season with "Sister Swing," a fresh, exciting trio of singers that has captured the vintage sound of the girl groups of the 1930s and 1940s, and brought it to the 21st century. Heavily influenced by the 3-part harmonies of groups like the Andrews Sisters and the Boswell Sisters, Sister Swing brings a new sound to an old style. These three ladies - Leigh Hannah, Valerie Marston and Paula Chafey-Merrill - genuinely have a good time on stage that always transcends to their audience!

September Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Hong Kong Teriyaki Chicken Breast served over jasmine rice

or

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

or

Stuffed Avocado with Bay Shrimp Salad served with ranch avocado dressing

ONLY the Stuffed Avocado Salad includes French onion soup; other entrées include Romaine and spinach salad with bacon, peaches, Roma tomatoes and feta cheese served with warm ginger vinaigrette dressing

All entrées include bread and butter, coffee and tea

Plated Lemon Blueberry Ice Cream Sandwiches for dessert

To Make Reservations for September 27, please make your \$23.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservation Chair for this month. Her information is listed in your newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, Sept. 18**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm **Tuesday, Sept. 19**. Please write **Sept-Chicken, Sept-Veg** or **Sept-Salad** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, Sept. 19, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for this month.

Roster Cover Photo Contest – And the Winners Are...

Tied for 3rd: Goose and Babies & Horses at the Ranch

2nd Place: Path by the Canal

1st Place: Spring Iris

Thanks to everyone who participated!

October Luncheon Meeting & Annual Auctions

October 25, 2017

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: \$23.00 per person

October Program: Our Annual Live and Silent Auctions

Again this summer, we have been busily working to bring you an outstanding live auction at our October Luncheon. To date, we have over seventeen special groupings for you to bid on! Some familiar and very popular items from last year include a three night stay at a home in Santa Cruz, Tim the Tree Man, a one night stay at Atlantis Resort and Spa, an expanded house maintenance package, theater tickets paired with restaurants, and a flyover of the local area with pilot Bruce Marlow. One of the exciting new packages this year is a week's stay at Chetola Resort in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina! John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, will be returning as our entertaining and enthusiastic auctioneer. For information or to donate live auction items, please contact the Live Auction Chairs.

October will be here before we know it...let's make 2017 a memorable year!

In 2016, our silent auction sales and participation were down. Please consider donating or re-gifting items tucked away in your cupboards, closets, garages and yards. **THERE IS NO COST TO REGISTER DONATED ITEMS**, and our Christmas Families Project receives 100% of these proceeds! Members may also register and sell their personal treasures. There is a limit of two items and a registration fee of \$3 per item. More information will follow in the October newsletter. Your involvement is what makes this event a huge success.

For questions about donations, registering items, or pick-up and storage of items for the silent auction, please contact the Silent Auction Chairs.

In 2018, the Silent Auction will have new leadership. New volunteers have already come forward and will be mentored this year. Consider getting involved and supporting the new leadership for this event. It's a fun, enjoyable way to participate, and helps develop new friendships. New faces, ideas and enthusiasm are great for business and our community!

October Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Tri-Tip Madeira with tender sautéed mushrooms, Madeira wine reduction and a sour cream demi-glacé served with buttered mashed potatoes

or

Stuffed Pork Loin with baby spinach, feta, seared apples, caramelized red onions and mint pear au jus served with buttered mashed potatoes

or

Stuffed Manicotti with roasted veggie ragout and herbed Parmesan risotto

All entrées will include butternut squash soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Pumpkin Pie for dessert

To Make Reservations for OCTOBER 25, please make your \$23.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and drop it in the Check Box at the September Luncheon or mail it to the Reservation Chair for this month. Her information is listed in your newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, October 16**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 17**. Please write **Oct-Beef or Oct-Pork or Oct-Manicotti** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, October 17, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for this month.

Christmas Families 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.

There will be a box in the foyer at our luncheons for any items you would like to donate to help the parents of our children.

This time of year you may find gloves and hats on sale. Sox and slipper sox are always appreciated. As usual we need cosmetic bags for women and toiletry bags for men.

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. Thanks for your generosity.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

Dec. 6, 2017 – Richard Altenbach, classical violinist and first chair for the InConcert Sierra Orchestra and the Auburn Symphony, is preparing a beautiful musical program with three or four other musicians and perhaps a soloist. He is composing one of the works especially for us. How fortunate for us that he is bringing this program to Newcomers. Join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

Jan. 24, 2018 – Supplemental and Alternative Medicine - Debra and Tiffany will give us information on some of the alternatives to assist in pain relief, such as that which occurs from Lyme disease. Attended by medical physicians, therapists, and others, The California College of Ayurveda provides training and information on pain relief beyond prescription drugs.

February 21, 2018 – Niel Fischer, California Registered Professional Forester, will speak on our Northern California forests, fire control, the drought, and the respite from the drought. He is both a Director of the California Fire Safe Council, and a former Director of the California Licensed Foresters Association.

Activities

Welcome to the start of the Newcomers Club 2017-18 year!

We have several new members and we would like to work on starting some new groups. Please call me or email me with your ideas or suggestions. You are only limited by your imagination! Perhaps you want to start a new book club or a theater going 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 a member who is ill or might be in need of some comfort or condolences, please contact our Sunshine Chair.

Membership - Rosters

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

Getting those 265 Rosters created and delivered to you could not have happened without the help of many ladies. Special thanks go to our Photo Contest Winner for sharing her Spring Iris photo with us.

E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions: If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, contact our new Membership Chair, or direct them to our website, NewcomersNC.org where you can find and print a Membership Application.

Welcome to our New Members

We welcome our 8 new members. We're starting the new club year with 267 members.

Luncheon Raffles

The luncheon raffles are an important part of the Newcomers Club budget. They support all of our activities. There are four to five prizes raffled at each luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each, or \$5 for six tickets, or \$10 for fifteen.