

Nevada County Newcomers Club

May 2018 Newsletter

President's Message

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." ~ Lady Bird Johnson

I hope you enjoyed our "Fashion Forward" Fashion Show this year. Thank you to our wonderful Fashion Show Committee, our models, our stores, the Decorations Committee, Alta Sierra Country Club and everyone involved in this amazing event. We all worked together and had fun in the process. Getting involved is a great way to meet people, so see our Fashion Show Chair if you would like to be on our Fashion Show Committee next year. We always need fresh ideas.

You have probably already received your dues renewal form in the mail. We are collecting dues for the club year September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019. Please complete your renewal form, enclose your \$25.00 check, and mail it in the return envelope we provided. We aim to make this coming year even more fun, and you don't want to miss out!

I look forward to seeing you at our May 24 luncheon featuring talent from the always lively and entertaining Sierra Stages performers.

I hope you are getting out to enjoy our wonderful Spring!

Fashion Forward - A Great Success!

The Fashion Show, based on the theme "Fashion Forward - A History of What We Wear," was a truly fun and exciting event. We learned about how fashion has evolved and immersed ourselves in a day of dazzling looks from local merchants – Beautiful Boutique, Judi's of Nevada City, Marilyn's Fashionations, Fresh Image and Mill Street Clothing Company. Models were delighted to share details about what they were wearing to interested fashion seekers.

We were reminded about the importance of fashion to our economy, \$335 billion annually, as well as the contributions of the top leaders in the fashion industry. One example was the history of Levi Strauss and the importance of denim in today's fashion world. Winners of the raffles for the WOW items and the "in-store sessions" (which include lunch with two friends) were ecstatic.

All in all, it was a fabulous "Fashion Forward" day and an opportunity to learn more about a subject we all enjoy.

May Luncheon Meeting

May 23, 2018, at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$23 per person

May Program: Sierra Stages

Sierra Stages is becoming a Newcomers musical show tradition. Its 2017 production of Chicago was “New York quality” performed by our own unbelievable area talent. In May, we will be entertained with excerpts from its 2018 musicals conducted by Ken Getz. This year’s musicals include “A New Brain,” performed in March, and “James and the Giant Peach,” scheduled for July 12-August 4.

May Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Bay Shrimp Louie Salad - bay shrimp, chilled iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, deviled eggs and Thousand Island dressing

or

Chicken Piccata - tender chicken with a white wine/lemon cream sauce with capers

or

Spinach and Artichoke Ravioli served with marinara and Alfredo sauces

All entrées will include Italian Wedding soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Pots de crème with fresh berries and whipped cream for dessert

To make reservations for **May 23**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and write **May-Shrimp**, **May-Chicken** or **May-Veg** on the bottom of your check. Mail it to the Reservation Chair for May.

Checks must be received by **Monday, May 14**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 15**. After Tuesday, May 15, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for May.

June Luncheon and Garden Meeting

June 27, 2018, at 11:30 am

**Location: North Star Historic Conservancy
12075 Auburn Road Grass Valley**

Cost: \$23 per person

June Program: Tour of the North Star House and Gardens

Please mark your calendars for a special outing to take the place of the regular June meeting. Instead of going to Alta Sierra, we are venturing out to the North Star Historic Conservancy located at 12075 Auburn Road, Grass Valley. We don't have different venues very often; don't miss the opportunity to visit this special place that is becoming a favorite venue for weddings and special events.

We will be dining "al fresco" under shade screens and will look forward to a delightful, warm day. We have been working collaboratively with the North Star Historic Conservancy under the guidance of one of our members who is a North Star Historic Conservancy board member and docent leader. She has arranged for several docents to guide us in smaller groups and share their knowledge of the history and restoration of the Julia Morgan designed North Star House and the grounds. The Heritage Garden is in development, and we will see first-hand the progress of this worthy project.

We will be served a gourmet box lunch and chilled beverages from The Back Porch Market in Grass Valley.

June Luncheon Menu

Sandwiches served on freshly baked ciabatta rolls. Choice of

Niman Ranch Ham with Gruyère cheese, spinach, tomato and artichoke cream
cheese spread

or

Diestel Turkey with Manchego cheese, spinach, tomato and quince cream cheese
spread

or

Roasted Portabella Mushroom with tomatoes, spinach and pesto aioli

All sandwiches will include a side Greek salad with cucumbers, Kalamata olives,
grape tomatoes, feta, red bell peppers, parsley and thinly sliced red onion with
Mediterranean vinaigrette

Mini cheesecake with lemon curd swirl for dessert

To make reservations for **June 27**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and write **June-Ham, June-Turkey** or **June-Veg** on the bottom of your check. Drop it in the Check Box at the May luncheon or mail to the Reservation Chair for June.

Checks must be received by **Monday, June 18**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 19**. After Tuesday, June 19, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for June.

Upcoming Programs

2018 Silent Auction

Time for some Spring Cleaning! That also means it's time to give some thought to what you would like to donate to the Silent Auction. Yes, we know it's not until the October luncheon, but it is never too early to think how you can help with the Christmas Families Project. New and gently used items are accepted. Re-gifting is a great idea. No clothing please. One hundred percent of Silent Auction monies go towards the Christmas Families Project.

Again this year, you will have the opportunity to drop off your donated items early. If you have any questions, please call one of the members of the Silent Auction Committee. Please watch for more details in future newsletters.

A Note from Our Program Chairs

Our treasured Program Chairs are starting to book the luncheon programs for the 2018-2019 season. Some of the program ideas come from our members. Be assured that all are reviewed, and some are chosen for our six luncheons based on a wide interest audience. Advertising and non-profit solicitations are not included, but appropriate flyers or cards may be placed on the Community Table.

Activities

New Activity Groups:

There is interest in reviving the **Canasta Group**. If you are interested in being a part of this very fun group, please contact the Activities Chair.

One of our new members has started a new group called **River Walks**, with the goal of exploring the Yuba River. These walks will be no more than five miles in length with no more than 500 feet elevation gain. They will take place on the third Friday of each month. The next walk is scheduled for Friday, May 18, and will be either Point Defiance or Black Swan. If you are interested, please contact the Activities Chair.

The "Inspired Crochet" group has changed its name to **Creative Crochet**. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month. Share your work with others and gain inspiration. Show off your latest creation and participate in a joint project making scarves for Christmas Families. There is room for **three** more members. Please contact the Activities Chair.

Nifty Needlers meets the first Thursday of the month and is looking for **one** member to join its group. Please contact the Activities Chair for further information.

Cooking Group: Kitchen Kutups meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. They are looking for **two** new members. Please contact the Activities Chair for additional information.

The Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. They are looking for a person or persons to chair the group. Please contact the Activities Chair for further information. There is always room for new members. The meetings are usually held at private gardens, nurseries or other places where they can have a speaker. There is always someone, often the owner of the garden or nursery, who will give a talk.

Knotty Knitters would like to start up again. They were meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am. They need new members and a new location. Please contact the Activities Chair if you are interested.

The Monthly Movie Group has no specific meeting time. Our current Chairperson will be heading up this group until May. Please contact the Activities Chair if you would like to be on her notification list to view movies.

If there are any groups that are currently looking for new members not mentioned above, or if you would like to start up a new group, please contact the Activities Chair.

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. For May and June we would like to focus on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

What little items can you think of for these occasions?

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.

We also need dental floss (we have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste), socks, stretchy slipper socks, 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 unwrapped items in or near the box wrapped in Christmas paper at each luncheon.

Sunshine

Please contact our Sunshine Chair, if you know of a member who is in need of comfort or condolences.

Photo Contest for the Cover of the New Roster

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

1. You must be a current member of our Newcomers Club.
2. You may submit 1-2 photos.
3. Your photo should depict something to do with or happening in Nevada County.
4. The photo should be of high quality and adapt to portrait mode (8" tall by 5" wide).
5. The winning photo will be selected by a 3-judge panel.
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 our Treasurer, by June 1, 2018.

Nominations for the 2018/2019 Newcomers Club Board

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee. Five officers have been proposed as nominees to the 2018/2019 Newcomers Club Board of Directors.

Standing committee chairs have also been nominated for the upcoming club year. The election will be held at the May luncheon meeting, and officers will assume their duties in September.

Membership

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

New Member Applications can be found near the Check Box at our monthly luncheons.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our eight new members.

Dues Renewal Form

In case you didn't receive your Dues Renewal Form in the mail, or spilled coffee all over it, there's another copy at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for getting those checks headed our way.

Newcomers Club of Nevada County Membership Renewal Form

Dues are for the period: September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019

*Please bring your check and this form to the next luncheon meeting or mail your
\$25 check payable to Newcomers Club, with this form to*

Ann Barbaro, 11107 Copper Drive, Grass Valley CA 95945

If you have any questions, please contact Ann at 432-9954 or ann.barbaro@att.net.

(Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member in good standing who has had an ongoing membership in the club for at least five years. Lifetime Membership waives payment of dues. To apply, contact Ann Barbaro.)

(Please Print)

Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear on your luncheon name tags and in the Roster)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____ *(optional)*

Email Address: _____
(as it will be listed in the Roster)

You can deliver my Newsletters by e-mail. Yes _____ No _____

You have my permission to include the information above in our club's Roster and in the Newsletter.
Yes _____ No _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____