

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

January 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

*"For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
... And to make an end is to make a beginning." ~ T. S. Eliot*

My heartfelt thanks go out to each and every one of you who contributed to our Christmas Families Project last year! A lot has to happen in order to execute this program and make it successful: the Live and Silent Auctions in October; the generous monetary donations which are collected at the December luncheon; receiving the family assignments from our groups (Women of Worth, Nevada County Social Services, Helping Hands Nurturing Center and the Friendship Club); assembling the spreadsheets for each family; assigning those spreadsheets to the shoppers; members shopping and bringing their gifts to the wrapping location; supplemental gifts being assigned and wrapped; wrapping and bagging of the gifts; and finally, delivering the gifts to the designated locations for each group. Also, a lot of behind the scenes work takes place between all of these events. It truly takes a village! Thank you one and all!

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to take on new challenges and make new friends. To that end, I would urge you to look at all of our activity groups to see where you might like to be involved. We have many groups to choose from. If the group you are interested in is full, then I challenge you to start your own group. It is such a great way to meet new people and make new friends. In 2016, we are looking to fill positions in Publicity, our October Live Auction, and our Christmas Families Project. If you are interested in any one of these positions, please contact me.

Next month we will be sending out our annual New Member Survey that will provide you with the opportunity to let us know how you would like to be involved with our Newcomers Club. We would love to have you join us and contribute your talents, thoughts, and ideas to make our group even more dynamic!

January Luncheon Meeting

January 27, 2016, at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club
Cost: \$18.00 per person

January Program: The Way Forward: Retraining Our Workforce

Mary Owens, a local economist, returns with a lively and informative discussion of global economic policy and education needs for the next generation. She will present the second half of her discussion: “Bring Manufacturing Back into the United States.” In addition to her career as a financial planner and branch manager of a local company, she has served as Treasurer for Hospice of the Foothills and the American Red Cross, and is a former Mayor of Auburn.

January Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Lingonberry Chicken Wrapped with Seared Prosciutto Ham, served
with Lingonberry Demi-glace

or

Gourmet Beef and Veal Meatballs with Asiago Cheese, Herbed Bread Crumbs,
House Marinara with fresh Parmesan Cheese and a touch of Basil Cream Sauce

or

Portabella Eggplant Napoleons stacked with fresh Parmesan Cheese, tomatoes, and
basil topped with Marinara and Alfredo Sauces and served with a
Creamy Herbed Risotto

All entrées will include Cream of Mushroom Soup,
bread and butter, coffee and tea

Brandy Pound Cake tossed with Fresh Berries and Whipped Cream for dessert

To Make Reservations for January 27, 2016, please make your \$18.00 check (**DON'T FORGET TO DATE YOUR CHECK 2016**) payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and mail it to the Communications/Reservations Chair for January. Her contact information is listed in your newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, January 18, 2016**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016**. Please write **Jan-Chicken, Jan-Meatballs, or Jan-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After **Tuesday, January 19**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Communications/Reservations Chair for January. Her contact information is listed in your newsletter.

February Luncheon Meeting

February 24, 2016, at 11:30 am

Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$18.00 per person

February Program: BEAUCOUP CHAPEAUX (Many Hats)

Four musicians will entertain us with a variety of international music and songs. The music is part Parisian Bistro, Macedonia Hafana, and Greek Taverna. Throw in a little Italian circus and American jazz; then sing the songs in 8 or 9 different languages and you have Beaucoup Chapeaux. Their music is authentic and promises to be toe tapping in a different style. CDs will be for sale before and after the luncheon. You may check them out on Facebook “Beaucoup Chapeaux.”

February Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Chicken Florentine Crepes with spinach and Mozzarella Cheese
topped with a Sherry Cream Sauce

or

Veal Pot Roast simmered in Root Vegetables with Garlic Mashed Potatoes
and Herbed Pan Reduction Gravy

or

Stuffed Manicotti with Roasted Veggie Ragout and Herbed Parmesan Risotto

All entrées will include Tomato Basil Soup,
bread and butter, coffee and tea

Strawberry Daiquiri Mousse Pie for dessert

To Make Reservations for February 24, 2016, please make your \$18.00 check (**DON'T FORGET TO DATE YOUR CHECK 2016**) payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and drop it in the Check Box at the **January 2016 Luncheon** or mail your \$18.00 check to the Communications/Reservations Chair for February. Her contact information is listed in your newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, February 15, 2016**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016**. Please write **Feb-Chicken, Feb-Veal, or Feb-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After **Tuesday, February 16**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Communications/Reservations Chair for February. Her contact information is listed in your newsletter.

More Program Highlights

Mar 23, 2016: Dr. Kent Lightfoot, anthropologist at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak on Early Man: The Complex-Hunter-Gatherers of California. Dr. Lightfoot is a Guggenheim Fellow who has studied methods of food sources, change, and survival in the Pacific Coastal Area.

April 27, 2016

Annual Fashion Show: “Fresh Fashions in the Foothills”

Calling all fun seekers! The Newcomers Fashion Show Committee is now recruiting for our April 27, 2016, event, “Fresh Fashions in the Foothills.” Models will represent one of five local boutiques: Beautiful, Blue Moon, Fresh Image, Judi’s and Marilyn’s.

The fun begins with an advance fitting at your store, continues with a brief rehearsal at the Alta Sierra Country Club, and culminates with the models lunching together before “show time” on the big day. Professional photos will also be available for the first time this year.

If you would like to join us and bring in “Fresh Fashions for 2016,” please contact our model liaison as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the fashion show!

Sincerely,
The Fashion Show Committee

2015 Christmas Families Project

Congratulations, Newcomers! You adopted 132 children for Christmas - 52 more than in 2014. Our families are screened and all fit our program goal which is to provide a “helping hand up” not a “hand out.” These are moms and dads who are trying to succeed by working, attending school, or gaining new skills; and, sometimes doing all three. Financially struggling, they need some help at Christmas. We also helped foster children living in private or group homes; some waiting for adoption and others finally living in a stable environment. Thanks to all

of you, the proceeds from the October Auctions helped us start the program a month earlier than usual. Working with Child Protective Services (CPS), Helping Hands Nurturing Center (HHNC), Women of Worth (WOW), and the Friendship Club (FC), we received the “wish lists” and a little family information (while keeping their privacy). Each child received at least one present from his or her “wish list.” We also distributed member-donated toys, guitars, VCRs, microwaves, keyboards, TVs, new twin beds, an automobile, fishing equipment, and dog grooming supplies for one mom who will be setting up her own shop.

In her President’s Message, our president described how our cycle works. We receive our families’ information, allocate a budget, assign shoppers, and wrap and deliver the presents. Kmart, JC Penney, and other stores gave us fantastic discounts. Members carefully wrapped all the gifts in one of our member’s basement. The husband of one of our members assembled the bicycles. A special ingredient was the fantastic Christmas Families Committee of over 100 members who worked very hard to make all of the components function smoothly. Sometimes, during a chaotic day, we wondered how it would all come together; but Newcomers always deliver.

You may have read some articles in The Union newspaper about other groups supporting Child Protective Services (CPS). Newcomers supported one third of Nevada County’s over 150 children enrolled in CPS. Newcomers was left out of two Union newspaper articles, but CPS wants us to know that it appreciates us and thinks we’re special. On the front page of The Union on Christmas Day, there was a 'Helping Hands Nurturing Center' article, and Newcomers was quoted!!! Our president and I stopped by HHNC on “Santa Day” to see a room buzzing with many very happy small children. We received big personal thank you’s from Women of Worth and the Friendship Club.

I am always heartened by the stories and feedback from the recipients.

One family, who struggles to stay afloat, recently encountered a homeless boy on the sidewalk. Even though they are struggling, they are now making sure he has food to eat.

A 5-year-old boy, who didn’t want to leave his bicycle to eat Christmas dinner, agreed to eat if he could leave his helmet on!

You are all truly Christmas Angels who have provided a very special Christmas and many happy memories for so many children. THANK YOU FROM ALL 132 CHILDREN and their moms and dads.

Thanks from the CFP Chairperson

Activities

Newcomers Club is known for our fun activity groups. There are lots to choose from – book groups, bridge, cooking, and more. Look in your roster to find the activity or activities of your choice and contact the group leader for more details. If you are interested in something new, please contact the Activities Coordinator and we can work together. You'll find her contact information in your Roster. Look in future newsletters for a member survey about interest in a special tour of Beale Air Force Base. Please be thinking about whether you would like to participate. More later!

BRIDGE PLAYERS! We are forming a new Bridge group to start in January. We will be playing on the second Wednesday of each month – place to be determined. If you are interested in joining this new group, please contact the Bridge Activities Chair. Her contact information can be found in your Roster.

HIKERS! We are looking to see if there is enough interest to form a hiking club; nothing too strenuous, just getting out and becoming familiar with some of the wonderful trails we have in this region. Please contact the Activities Coordinator.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

This proposal is an addition to the Bylaws.

Article VIII, Elected Officers and Appointive Standing Committee Chairs and Their Duties

Section 5 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have custody of all Club funds and make disbursements as directed by the Board; maintain an accurate record of all receipts, disbursements and funds of the Club; furnish copies of each month's transactions to the President and the Secretary; countersign all checks with either the President or the designated officer; prepare and submit to the Board for approval a financial guideline and budget; be responsible for pursuing reimbursement from members for non-cancelled lunches after the cancellation date and any checks returned from the bank for "insufficient funds."

Add the following:

The Board may appoint an Assistant Treasurer who shall perform such duties as assigned by the Treasurer.

Rationale:

The Treasurer has sole responsibility for all club funds. At times, when she is away for an extended period of time, transactions for the club must await her return. There are times when funds are received, but there is a delay in depositing funds or paying bills due to the Treasurer's

absence. This addition would allow the Board the flexibility to appoint an Assistant Treasurer, if needed, to act at the direction of the Treasurer. The Treasurer would remain responsible for all club funds, but the assistant could complete necessary tasks in a timely manner.

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, 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.

If you have read the Newsletter up to this point, **PRINT** your name and the words, **JANUARY ECONOMY**, on a 3 x 5 card or a similar size piece of paper and drop it in the box in the lobby as you arrive for the January luncheon. Your name will be placed in a drawing. A lucky lady will win a free Newcomers lunch! You must be present to win.

Membership

E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions: If you've changed your e-mail address or have questions about membership, please contact the Membership Chair. Her contact information can be found in your Roster.

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to our three new members. This brings our current membership total to 282.