

Nevada County Newcomers Club

November 2016

President's Message

We make a living by what we get. We make a life out of what we give.

– Winston Churchill

We are about to enter the season of giving – giving thanks, giving presents, giving of ourselves. This time of year is always so busy and many of us in Nevada County Newcomers choose to be even busier by participating in our Christmas Families Project.

One way to spread that spirit of giving throughout the year is to volunteer to help with our major CFP fundraiser: the Live and Silent Auctions. We urgently need members to help with planning now so that our 2017 auctions will be just as successful as this year's. Please consider giving your time to help with this most worthy project. I have found that I always receive more than I give when I volunteer – and it is a ton of fun! If you'd like to take the helm in next year's Live Auction, contact the Silent and Live Auction Chairs.

Don't miss our next luncheon, the annual Christmas Luncheon on December 7. This event will sell out, so make your reservation well before the deadline of November 21. The Bear River High School Jazz Choir will entertain us with traditional songs and special jazz fun. For more details read on!

Our next newsletter will be coming to you in early January.

I sincerely wish each of you a most happy and healthy Holiday Season.

December Luncheon Meeting

December 7, 2016 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Table Reservations Are Available – See Below

December Program: Bear River Jazz Choir

The unique and lively Bear River High School Jazz Choir will entertain us with some traditional Christmas songs and untraditional jazz fun. We'll also welcome a special guest speaker, one of the recipients of a previous Christmas Families Project. Join your friends and plan on getting into the holiday spirit!

December Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Baked Salmon with a whole grain honey mustard glaze, served over rice

or

Tri-tip London Broil marinated, charbroiled, and roasted
with a mushroom Bordelaise 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 a romaine and spinach salad with bacon, peaches, Roma
tomatoes and feta cheese with warm ginger vinaigrette
bread and butter, coffee and tea

Chocolate Pear Williams Torte with poached pears, chocolate mousse
and ganache for dessert

To make reservations for December 7, **please carefully read the information below on our Table Reservation Policy**, then make your \$25.00 checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and **if you are a table “Captain,” provide a list of those who will be at your table along with their food choices** and mail the information with your \$25.00 checks to the Reservation Chair for December.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 21**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm, **Tuesday, November 22**. Please write **Dec-Salmon, Dec-Beef, or Dec-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, November 22, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, contact the Reservation Chair for December.

Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

Back by popular demand is the option to make a table reservation for your group for the December Christmas Luncheon. Here is the information on how to make a group reservation. If you have questions, contact Reservation Chair for December.

You may reserve a table for a group of two to eight people. If there are less than eight in your party, your table will be completed with other attendees to make a full table of eight.

There are three ways for you to make table reservations for yourself or for a group.

1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club for \$25) and lists what each person wants for lunch either on the lower left hand corner of each check or on a group list. Or,

2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees along with their individual lunch requests.

Note: If someone must cancel from a reserved table, it will be up to the Head Person to substitute and collect money accordingly. If this happens prior to the cancellation date, the Head Person will also need to advise the Reservation Chair for December so that the nametag can be corrected. After the cancellation date, there will not be a refund, and substitutes will have to take the “originally” ordered lunch choice.

3) If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club and write your luncheon choice on the bottom of your check. You will be welcomed by our Reservations Team at the Luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned to you.

Please note:

1. All attendees will have assigned seating.
2. **Only ONE (1) Guest per member.**
3. You may create a group from two to eight people for this event.
4. For tables with less than eight people, your table will be completed with other members.
5. Please paperclip your group’s checks together and place in an envelope, OR the Head Person may write one check for the entire group, noting luncheon choices for each individual.
6. Please ensure that each person’s check is made payable to **Newcomers Club** and that each person’s meal is noted on the check(s) or on your list of tablemates.

Christmas Families Project

In the true Christmas Spirit of helping others, Newcomers Club has launched our 2016 Christmas Families Project. Last year, we gave 132 children and 54 Nevada County families smiles on Christmas morning. This year our goal is to help 150 children. We are known as the "Christmas Angels" by the agencies we support: Women of Worth, Child Protective Services, Helping Hands Nurturing Center and the Friendship Club. Our families are those who are working, going to school, or are in a temporary difficult economic situation. We also help some foster children. After screening by the agencies and our committee, the child and family descriptions are given to our Shoppers, and the gifts are then sent to our Wrappers. Additional supplemental items, such as a bicycle and helmet, are sometimes purchased using specially donated funds. Our Donated Items team puts together small gifts for the moms and dads, and we include a small gift certificate.

Join in the fun: Shop for those adorable children or wrap presents (rumor has it that wrapping stations have cookies, coffee, and cold drinks).

If you would like to participate, contact the following chairpersons.

Donated Items

Shoppers

Wrappers

Supplemental Donations

Wrapping Supplies

To help us control our expenses, please save your "as new" boxes, wrapping paper, tissue paper, scotch tape, or Christmas bags, and contact the wrapping chair or bring them to the December luncheon meeting. We can also use laptop PCs, art supplies, and other working electronic games and devices.

For any other questions, contact the Christmas Families Chair.

October Live Auction

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you who contributed to this year's Live Auction: our Auction donors, the Newcomers Greeters, and you, our Bidders. We would especially like to express our appreciation to our enthusiastic Auctioneer, John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, who made this event both entertaining and profitable. This year the Live Auction earned \$8,530, which supports our 2016 Christmas Families Project.

We would like to extend our thanks to the generous businesses and members of our community who selflessly donated to our Live Auction.

Local Businesses

Affordable Auto Detailing
Alta Sierra Country Club
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Beaucoup Chapeaux
Bistro 221
Blu Sky Window Cleaning
Broad Street Inn
CATS Theatre
Certified Automotive Repair
Denise Wilson Interior Design
Dr. Selene
The Flying Broom
Grass Valley Pest & Weed Control
Herbert's Overhead Maintenance
High Hand Nursery
InConcert Sierra
Incredible Pets

Lefty's Grill
LeGacy Productions
Moule Paint and Glass
Platinum Landscapes
Reflections Salon & Spa
Riebes Auto Parts
River Dogs
Sierra Stages
Suds Bros Car Wash
Taste of Thai
Tess' Kitchen Store
A Doghouse
Tim the Tree Man
Trkac
Two Room Inn
Wheyward Girl Creamery
Wild Birds Unlimited

Thanks to each of the 34 individuals who helped make the Live Auction such a huge success this year!

October Silent Auction

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of you. The Silent Auction made \$969 this year! Your participation makes this event a huge success PLUS you help support our Christmas Families Project and the less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

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 Perfect Storm*, starring George Clooney, described the storm and 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 an 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 (noting the correct year) payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop it in the Check Box at the **DECEMBER LUNCHEON** or mail it to the Reservation Chair for January.

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 Reservation Chair for January.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

Feb 22, 2017 – 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.

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 Miner's Foundry show.

April 26, 2017 – Newcomers Club Annual Fashion Show

Activities

We are still looking for a couple more ladies to join the new Bunco group.

We want to start a card group. We have no particular games in mind; they will be decided by the group.

The Happy Cookers are looking for up to two new members. They meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 10:00 am. If you are interested, please contact the Happy Cookers chair.

We are looking for members to sign up for a brand-new group, Trash to Treasure (thrift and vintage store shopping). The group will meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.

We are also interested in starting a new cooking group. If you are interested in either of these new groups, please contact the Activities Chair.

If you are interested in starting a new activity group or joining an existing one, please contact the Activities Chair.

Sunshine

If you know of a member who has been ill or who might need comfort or condolences, please contact our Sunshine Chair

Membership

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

New Member Reception – January 10th

The next New Member Reception will be on Tuesday, January 10, at 2:00 pm. 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 six New Members. This brings our total membership to 274.

Website – NewcomersNC.org Website Help Needed

Every month the website gets updated with information from the newsletter. We would like to turn that job over to someone who has web experience.

We already have a wonderful webmaster who handles the back end and keeps things working smoothly. The help needed will be the monthly cutting and pasting in WordPress to keep the website current. If you are eager to learn WordPress, we could teach you.

If this is something you might be able to help with, please contact the Membership Chair.

Thank You to our Generous Contributors and Supporters

Please patronize the businesses that provide us with donations. While you are there, mention you are a Newcomer member and appreciate their support.

Tomas Borsky, O.D., Eye to Eye Optometric Practice