

# Newcomers Club of Nevada County

February 2017 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*A smile's not a smile until it wrinkles your face  
A bell's not a bell without ringing  
A home's not a home when there's nobody there  
A song's not a song without singing.*

*Love isn't love till you give it away  
Love isn't love till it's free  
The love in your heart  
Wasn't put there to stay  
Oh love isn't love till you give it away.”*

*--Don Roth and Timmy Tappan (borrowed heavily from Oscar Hammerstein's "Sound of Music")*

We are already planning for next year. Within this month's newsletter is a Member Survey that needs to be filled out and returned before our luncheon on February 22nd. If you do so, you will be eligible for a Free Lunch! Read on for more details. Also this issue of the Newsletter included a list of Roster Changes since September 1st; thanks go to our Membership Committee.

Our program for the February Luncheon is not to be missed. Chris Enns, a New York Times Best Selling Author and well-known local performer, will be sharing stories from her latest book, *Ma Barker*, as well as other tales of women of the West. Chris is a real local treasure and unbelievably entertaining. Come learn about life as it used to be around here. Don't forget to sign up to be with us on February 22nd.

I want to thank our Social Chairs for the past many years, who found it necessary to resign from our Board as Social Chairs. For years now they have been arranging our monthly lunches – Alta Sierra reservations, menu, table set up, and lots more. We are most grateful for all their hard work. Wonderfully, our Live Auction Chairs from last October have stepped up to fill the Social Chair vacancy. Thank you so much!

*Be sure to fill out your Member Survey to be eligible for your FREE LUNCH!*

Have a “Love”ly February and don't forget to give your love away!!

*--Your President*

## February Luncheon Meeting

February 22, 2017, at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$20.00 per person

### February Program: Chris Enns with Stories of Ma Barker and Other Women of the West

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. She will feature her newest book, *Ma Barker*, as she recounts tales of the Barker-Karpis Gang, who with her four sons terrorized the country. Chris always knows the special stories that bring her characters to life. Books will be for sale before and after the meeting.

### February Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Gourmet Beef and Veal Meatballs with Asiago cheese, herbed bread crumbs, house marinara, fresh Parmesan and a touch of basil cream sauce

or

Lingonberry Chicken wrapped with prosciutto ham, seared and served with a lingonberry demi glacé

or

Stuffed Manicotti with roasted veggie ragout and herbed Parmesan risotto

All entrées will include house-made soup du jour, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Strawberry Daiquiri Mousse Pie for dessert

**To Make Reservations for February 22, 2017**, please make your \$20.00 check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and mail it to the Reservation Chair for February.

Checks must be received by **Monday, February 13, 2017**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 14**. Please write **Feb-Meatballs, Feb-Chicken, or Feb-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, February 14, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for February.

## March Luncheon Meeting

March 22, 2017, at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$23.00 per person – **Note INCREASE to \$23.00**

### March Program: Burlesque Show - Bow-Tie Beauties

Haven Carvelli, an accomplished dancer, and her troupe will entertain us with an old-fashioned dance and burlesque show, *Bow-Tie Beauties* (the semi-risqué version). They will perform excerpts from their 2016 hit show at the Miners Foundry.

#### March Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Roasted Pit Ham with brown sugar mustard and a clove glacé served with au gratin sweet potatoes

or

Oven Fried Chicken Breast with black bean mango salsa and cilantro sour cream

or

Tofu Tacos with grilled zucchini and panko eggplant and topped with pico de gallo salsa

All entrees will include house-made soup du jour, bread & butter, coffee and tea

Brandy Pound Cake tossed with fresh berries and whipped cream for dessert

**To Make Reservations for March 22, 2017**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop your **\$23.00** check in the Check Box at the **February 2017 Luncheon** or mail your **\$23.00 (please note cost increase)** check to the Reservation Chair for March.

Checks must be received by **Monday, March 13, 2017**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017**. Please write **March-Ham, March-Chicken** or **March-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, March 14, 2017, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for March.

## **April Fashion Show – “Christmas in April”**

**April 26, 2017** – The Fashion Show Committee has a surprise for all of you. This year’s venue will be the Foothills Event Center, 400 Idaho Maryland Rd. in Grass Valley and will be catered by Emily’s Catering. Five local shops will provide the latest fashions, in all sizes and for all events. Models will be represented by our membership as well as by some of the agencies our CFP supports: Women of Worth, Helping Hands Nurturing Center, Friendship Club and Child Protective Services – as this year’s fashion show will be a fundraiser for the Christmas Families Project. The raffle items promise to be spectacular! With the larger venue, more members and their guests can be accommodated; parking is accessible and plentiful. There will be reserved tables for groups of 2 to 8 people at a cost of \$30 per person. Put this special occasion on your calendars so you don’t miss out!

*--Your Fashion Show Committee*

## **More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!**

**May 24, 2017** – Sierra Stages – Performance by outstanding local vocalists and performers. They will do excerpts from their upcoming productions at the Nevada Theatre, featuring *End Days* (March 2 – 25), *Chicago* (July 13 – August 5) and *Ordinary Days* (October 5 – 28).

**June 28, 2017** – Gold Rush Stories - Local author and historian, Gary Noy, writes about the Sierra Nevada and the American West. Postponed from 2016, his talk will regale us with tales of the Gold Rush era. Books will be available for purchase.

*Our Program Chairs are already lining up the 2017-2018 potential programs. They promise a variety of subjects including medicine, current events, and other subjects of interest. They appreciate your referrals and apologize if they were not chosen, as selection is based on a diverse group interest.*

## **Christmas Families Project**

“*Luggage* on a teenager’s wish list?” Another wish came true. One of our 2016 children, and her luggage, will be on her way to Europe as an exchange student. “A *microscope* on a young preteen’s wish list?” Our Special Items team came through, and we now have a budding scientist whose goal is the special math and sciences schools at Nevada Union. Twenty-three bicycles and helmets are flying around Nevada County (95% with training wheels), due to your \$2,230 donations from our Christmas Luncheon “Pass the Basket” collection. Numerous other donations arrived from members, friends and family. Thanks also to our two guest Christmas Luncheon speakers who shared their personal stories and how our program helped them during a crucial Christmas.

From a mom: “What kind people you are. My family will have a much brighter holiday this year because of you. Just when I start thinking that the world has become cold and heartless, people like you come along and give with incredible kindness. God bless you!”

The CFP continues to break records: One hundred fifty-two children and seventy-four families received presents in 2016.

We were pleased to have an article on our Christmas Families Project (with picture) appear in the Monday, January 23rd, issue of *The Union* (pg. 2). We want to extend a big thanks to all of you for your generosity, time and support of this program.

## **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. In February, we're looking to "spread the love" by providing some romantic items for our mom's and dad's goodie bags.

Consider bringing these "love"ly items to the February luncheon:

Candles in a jar

Plug in aroma lamps

Perfume

Small hand creams

Small after shave/cologne

Packaged razors

Deodorant for men

Deodorant for women

*At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet.*

*-Plato*

## **Silent Auction Update**

Our co-chairs for the past 10 years have agreed to help AND mentor the new volunteers for 2017. We have policies and procedures in place plus volunteers for the day of the auction. **What We Need Now Are New Co-Chairs!** Our Christmas Families Project depends on this fundraiser. Please consider taking on this position. Call or email the Silent Auction Chairs for more specifics. Thank you!

## **Live Auction Update**

Our Live Auction Chairs from last year are also looking for new co-chairs for this year's Live Auction. They have agreed to help AND advise the new volunteers and have policies and procedures in place to make a smooth transition. Our Christmas Families Project depends on this fundraiser. In the past two years, we have raised more funds than ever before so the Newcomers Club was able to help **over 150 children in 2016. We hope to continue giving that many children a special Christmas in 2017.** Please consider taking on this position with a friend. Call or email the Live Auction Chairs for more information.

## Activities

Many activity groups have openings. Contact the leader for each group. Her information is listed in your Roster.

**Book Clubs** – Page Turners (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) and Mysteries and More (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)

**Bridge Groups** – (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday) - are accepting subs and may have an opening coming up.

**Bunco Groups** – (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) are full at the current time, but they are looking for subs.

**Canasta Groups** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) – are currently full but are always looking for subs

**Cooking Groups** - Gourmet Girls (1st Friday) are currently looking for subs  
Happy Cookers (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) have room for one or two more interested ladies

**Garden Club** - (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) always welcomes new members and is looking for someone to chair the group. They currently have activities planned through June of this year.

**Knotty Knitters** - (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) are looking for members. They would be willing to merge with other handwork groups (needlepoint or stitchery)

**Mahjong** - (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

**Baby Mahjong** - (4<sup>th</sup> Friday) always has room for new members.

**Monthly Movie Group** - (meeting times vary) always has room for new members

**Short Walkers** - (Mondays at 8:30 at Gate 1 at the Fairgrounds) would love to have new members. You are welcome to bring your dog with you.

**Trash to Treasure** - (Vintage/antique shopping) (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday) would love new members.

One of our members would like to form a new bridge group. If you are interested, please call or the Bridge Activities Chair listed in your Roster on page 4.

You are always welcome to start a new group if you wish. There is some current interest in starting a gaming group (interest in card, dice or board games). Please contact the Activities Chair.

## Sunshine

Reminder: Our Sunshine Chair is ready to send notes of get well or condolence. If you know anyone in need, contact her

## **Member Survey – Win a Free Lunch!**

If you've read the Newsletter up to this point, you're likely looking for the information on how you can win the drawing for a free lunch. It's easy; just fill out the **Member Survey** attached to the end of this newsletter. *Even if you have submitted one in the past, please fill it out again.* We'd like to know about your current interests. The surveys help keep our club running smoothly. Please drop it in the mail or bring it with you to the February luncheon, and your name will be placed in the drawing. One lucky lady will win a free Newcomers lunch! And, this time, you need not be present to win.

## **Photo Contest for the Cover of the New Roster**

Do you have a photograph that you would like to enter in the contest for the cover for the new Roster? The cover photo will be in portrait mode (8" tall by 5" wide), will need to be of high quality, and should depict something that represents Nevada County. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

## **Membership**

If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, please let our Membership Chair know. Or, direct the interested party to our website, <http://newcomersnc.org>, where she can find and print a Membership Application.

## **E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions**

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

## **Welcome to our New Members**

Our four more new members this month bring our membership total to 286.