

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

March 2017 Newsletter

President's Message

*May the wings of the butterfly kiss the sun,
And find your shoulder to light on.
To bring you luck, happiness and riches,
Today, tomorrow and beyond.*

- Irish Blessing

For me, Good Luck in March always involves the opportunity to begin enjoying spring wildflowers. Several varieties have already begun to bloom on the Buttermilk Trail at South Yuba State Park - Bridgeport. They remind me to enjoy everything I can every day.

Perhaps someone you know would be interested in our March 22nd luncheon and the "semi-risqué" (whatever that is) burlesque show, **Bow-Tie Beauties**. Feel free to bring guests, and sign up by March 13, 2017.

The **Fashion Show**, the not-to-be-missed April 26th event, will be something extraordinary! It will be held at Foothills Event Center and benefit our Christmas Families Project. This great new venue gives us plenty of room for our members and all the guests they want to bring - what fun! Bring a whole table of your friends! This is a great way to celebrate spring. Please sign up as early as possible so you don't miss out! Look for Fashion Show details starting on page 2 of this newsletter.

I wish you a lucky month and the time to enjoy spring!

March Luncheon Meeting

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

Cost: \$23.00 per person – Note New Price of \$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. Bring your husbands, if you dare, and prepare yourselves for a raucous good time!

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 entrées will include house-made soup du jour, bread and 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 mail it to the Reservations 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, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for March.

April Fashion Show, “Christmas in April”

April 26, 2017 - Doors open at 10:30 am

Lunch at 11:00 am (assigned seating)

Fashion Show at 12:00 pm

Foothills Event Center - 400 Idaho Maryland Road, Grass Valley (see map on Page 4)

Cost: \$30.00 per person Note New Price

It's **Christmas in April** – a special fashion show with many twists and unique presentations. The Fashion Show will be presented at the Foothills Event Center, an upscale venue with lots of accessible, nearby parking. You will be greeted by a special “Christmas in April” setting complete with miniature Christmas trees and twinkling lights on every table. This larger venue will accommodate many more ladies, so invite your friends and make your reservations early. The event cost is **\$30.00 per person**.

This is your opportunity to support our Christmas Families Project with proceeds going to this very worthy Newcomer’s cause. You could possibly go home with one of the spectacular baskets or auction items; there will even be a chance to win an hour of personal fashion advice, tailored to you, from the shop owners. To be sure, you will be entertained, see some beautiful fashions, and help children have a merrier Christmas.

Models will show the latest fashions from five local shops. You may even meet models from the agencies that we support with our Christmas Families Project.

And, there is another surprise: the way in which the models and commentators will interplay during the show. This event is a sell-out every year, and must not be missed!

April Fashion Show Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Grilled Lemon Herb Chicken Breast, wild rice salad with mixed greens, cranberries, pecans and Gorgonzola cheese

or

Polenta with gluten-free pesto, roasted mushrooms, bell peppers, and Mozzarella cheese

All entrées include bread and butter, coffee and tea

A dessert plate on each table will include:

Lemon Bar, Truffle Brownie, and
Vanilla Bean Cream Puffs

Wine will be available for purchase - Look for the signature Newcomers drink!

If you have questions about the Fashion Show and Luncheon, contact our President.

Table Reservation Policy for the April Luncheon

Please note:

1. All attendees will have assigned seating.
2. You may create a group from 2 to 8 people for this event. Maximum of 8 per table.
3. For reservations with fewer than 8 people, your table will be completed with other members.

There are two ways for you to make table reservations for your group:

1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club in the correct amount) and lists what each person wants for lunch either on the lower left hand corner of each check or on a group list. Paperclip the checks together and place in an envelope.

Or,

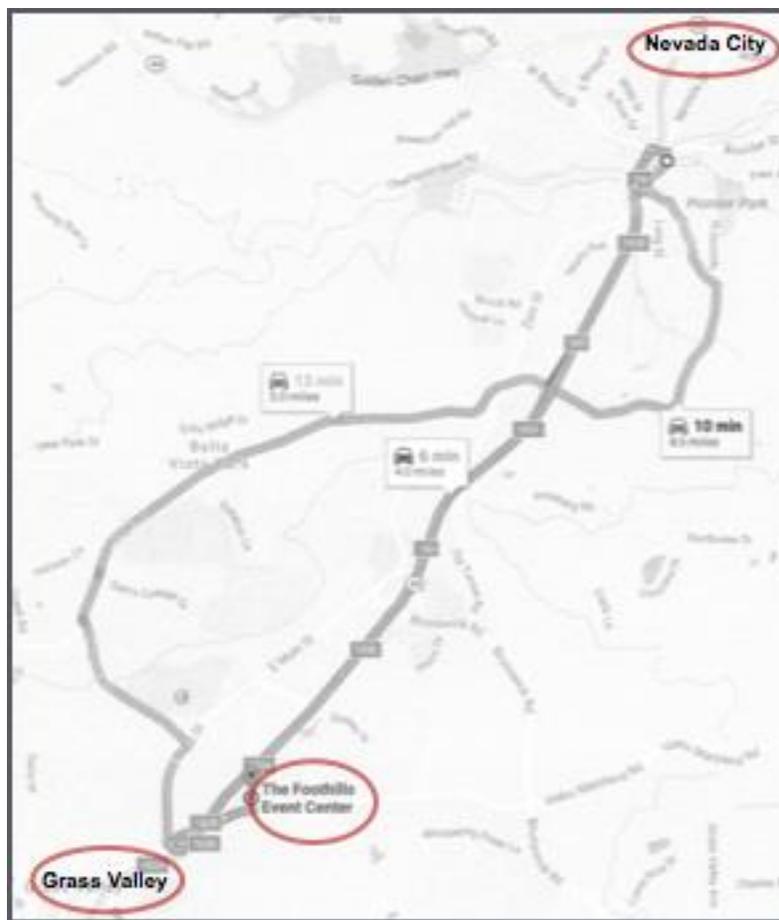
2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees along with each of their lunch requests.

Please ensure that each person's meal choice is noted on the checks or on your list of tablemates.

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.

Make all checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**, and drop your check, or group's envelope, in the check box at the March Luncheon, or mail it to the Reservations Chair for April.

Checks must be received by **Monday, April 17**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 18**. Please write **April-Chicken** or **April-Veg** on the bottom of each check. After Tuesday, April 18, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for April.



Seating at Regular Luncheons

Among the many benefits of belonging to the Newcomers Club is our monthly luncheon where you have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful program and visit with your friends and acquaintances. However, if you arrive with a **group** of friends close to the time when lunch is served (11:30 am), it makes it **very** difficult for the Greeters to find you adjacent seats. Therefore, if two, three, or four of you wish to be seated together, please try to arrive earlier rather than later.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

May 24, 2017 – Sierra Stages returns with their group of 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 – Gary Noy, local author and historian, will regale us with tales from his newest book, *Gold Rush Stories: 49 Tales of Seekers, Scoundrels, Loss and Luck*. 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: a note from our CFP Chair

Thank you to all our members who every year serve as "Angels" to our local families in need. Your generous giving of time, talent, and funds helped over 100 boys and girls have a Christmas to remember last season. This wonderful thank you letter says it all.

Dear Newcomers,

“Thanks to all the wonderful caring community members who helped us this year to provide special presents at Christmastime for 61 of the amazing children and families in our Helping Hands Nurturing Center programs. Your commitment and willingness and the love that was put into every gift made so many parents cry, especially our dads, and so many children were in disbelief because they got what they were most hoping for. Many parents said, “It was like they read our minds.” Many of these families said that they would not have a Christmas at all if it weren’t for the help you provided. The families that we designated for Christmas have put in so much work to get their lives in order, but because they are still in a very vulnerable place, a little kindness meant the world to them. Your kindness gave them an extra boost when they needed it most. Parents were shocked to see the gifts and many were speechless. So many parents shared how having a few items for themselves brought out the child in them. Receiving toys during the holidays and putting smiles on their faces made a real difference in the lives of the families we serve.”

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 March, we're looking to help keep our moms and dads healthy by providing these items for their goodie bags.

Toothbrushes - all sizes
Toothpaste and floss
Shampoo
Skin care lotion

Bath supplies for men and women
Cotton swabs
Toiletry bags to hold men's goodies
Cosmetic bags to hold women's goodies

Shopping at sales? Look for gloves and knit hats/caps for all sizes. Remember, our goodie bags go out in December!

*May your troubles be less and your blessing be more.
And nothing but happiness come through your door.
-Irish Blessing*

Silent Auction Update

Recruiting All Interested Members, New or Longstanding... New Co-Chairs Needed!

Hey There, Hi There, Ho There, you're as welcome as can be... to join the Silent Auction Committee! Monies earned help fund our Christmas Families Program. This October event is filled with fabulous fun, lots of energy and opportunities to form great friendships. 2017 still has our seasoned co-chairs at the helm, but this is their final year. Their entire team will help mentor and assist new recruits. The most difficult part of the job has already been done...policies and procedures. Assist them, learn their system, and then brainstorm your own fresh ideas. There is always room for improvement!

Please consider volunteering, and contact either one of them if you would like additional information.

Live Auction Update

Even though it is only March, it is time again to begin thinking of our October Live Auction. As you know, proceeds from the auction support the Newcomers' Christmas Families Project. If you wish to donate an item, it should have a **minimum value of \$50**.

We know many of you would like to support the Live Auction, but don't have the time or feel uncomfortable asking for donations. Please consider giving a monetary gift which will be used to enhance some of our donated items. Any size donation will be greatly appreciated.

You may bring a monetary donation to the March Luncheon and drop it in the Live Auction Donation box in the foyer. If you are donating by check, please make it payable to the Live Auction chair whose last name is first in the alphabet. You'll find her name at the top of page 5 in your Roster.

If you have suggestions for auction packages or donations that you think would make our auction exciting and profitable, please contact our President.

Activities

The bunco group that meets on the first Thursday at 1:00 of each month is actively seeking subs. Subs do not have to host. Please contact the Leader of this group, whose information is listed on page 6 of your roster.

Trash to Treasure needs a coordinator. Please contact our Activities Chair if you are interested in either joining and/or acting as coordinator for the group.

As always, you are welcome to start a new activity group. You are only limited by your imagination! Please contact our Activities Chair.

Sunshine

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

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. This Contest is open to all current members of our Newcomers Club.
2. Each member may submit one photo.
3. Your photo should depict something representing 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 three-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 Membership Chair by April 1, 2017.

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.

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

Nominating Committee

It's that time of year again. The Newcomer's Nominating Committee is seeking interested women to help fill board positions and standing committee chairs. We have clear descriptions of all the jobs and their respective responsibilities. The board consists of a fun bunch of dedicated women who work hard to keep our club working smoothly. If you have an interest in helping out and want to find out more, please contact our Vice-President. The Nominating Committee must have a complete list of nominees to present at the April Board Meeting on April 10, so please contact us as soon as you can. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let the Vice President know.

New Member Reception

There will be a **New Member Reception on Wednesday, April 5, at 2:00 pm** at the home of the New Member Reception Chair. All new members are invited to come and learn more about the Newcomers Club and the many activity groups available. Please R.S.V.P. to the New Member Reception Chair.

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to our six new members. Our membership total is now 290.

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. There will be a special raffle at the April Fashion Show, which directly benefits the Christmas Families Project.

We are grateful to the local merchants who support the raffles by providing donated or discounted items. **Weiss Brothers Nursery, Tess' Kitchen Store, Foothill Mercantile, Hearth and Home**, and author **Chris Enss**, our February guest speaker, contributed to our February raffle.

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

Thank you to all the members who support our organization by buying raffle tickets.