

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

November 2017

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## President's Message

Are you ready to polish your halo and be a Christmas Angel? Nevada County Newcomers Club members are gearing up for the holidays with our Christmas Families Project. This newsletter is full of ideas about how you can help during this especially busy time of year. So read on and volunteer to be part of the fun. I hope you enjoyed participating in our October Auction Luncheon. Many thanks to all who helped make this event so wonderful.

Be sure to come to our next luncheon, the annual Christmas Luncheon, on December 6. This event will sell out so make your reservation before the deadline of November 20. We are privileged to have Richard Altenbach (a world-renowned violinist) and friends performing a piece of music composed just for us as well as holiday favorites. 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 with this little thought:

*"Life is full of give and take. Give thanks and take nothing for granted."*

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## December Luncheon Meeting

**December 6, 2017, at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$25 per person**

### **December Program: Richard Altenbach**

Richard Altenbach, formerly 1st Violinist of the Los Angeles Chamber, LA Opera, Joffrey Ballet, and Houston Symphony Orchestras, and currently first chair for the InConcert Sierra Orchestra and the Auburn Symphony, is preparing a beautiful musical program with three or four other musicians. He is composing one of the works especially for us. Richard has performed live on the Academy Awards (including 2014) and *The Tonight Show*, and has collaborated with Frank Sinatra, YoYo Ma, Barbra Streisand, Mannheim Steamroller and Puff Daddy among many others. We are fortunate he is bringing this program to Newcomers. Join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

## December Luncheon Menu

Choice of

**Citrus Baked Salmon** with a lemon caper cream sauce served with  
herbed mixed potatoes

or

**Tri-Tip London Broil** marinated, charbroiled and roasted with a mushroom Bordelaise  
sauce served with herbed mixed potatoes

or

**Cheese Stuffed Tortellini** with slivered peppers, butternut squash and a  
pumpkin cream sauce

All entrées include cream of mushroom soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Chocolate Walnut Tartlets with Chantilly whipped cream for dessert

To make a single reservation for December 6, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$25.00** and mail it to the Reservation Chair for December. Her information can be found in your Newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 20**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 21**. Please write **Dec-Salmon, Dec-Beef** or **Dec-Veg** on the bottom of the check, or on a list of attendees if you are a Head Person making the reservations for a group. After Tuesday, November 21, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for December. Her information can be found in your Newsletter.

## Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

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.

You may create a group from two to eight people for this event - maximum of eight per table. For reservations with fewer than eight, your table will be completed with other members.

There are two ways 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. Mail the checks together as directed above.

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.**

**Note: All attendees will have assigned seating.  
Only ONE (1) Guest per member**

**Note:** If someone must cancel from a reserved table prior to the cancellation date, the Head Person will need to advise the Reservation Chair for December. Her information can be found in your Newsletter. After the cancellation date, there will not be a refund, and any substitute will have to take the “originally” ordered lunch choice.

## **January Luncheon Meeting**

**January 25, 2018, at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$23.00 per person  
January Program: Supplemental and Alternative Medicine**

Attended by medical physicians, therapists and others, the California College of Ayurveda provides training and information on pain relief beyond prescription drugs. Much of mainstream medicine already incorporates alternative practices such as acupuncture and chiropractic into its treatment protocols.

Ayurveda representatives Amanda Parish and Tiffany Rousseau-Robinson will provide information on some of the alternatives available to assist in relieving pain like that which occurs from Lyme disease. This should be an interesting departure from the more formal medical presentations we've had in the past.

### **January Luncheon Menu**

Choice of

**Meat Loaf Tournedos** – meatloaf medallions wrapped in bacon and served with a bourbon peppercorn demi-glace and rice pilaf

**Panko Crusted Chicken Parmesan** with provolone and Parmesan cheese, served with house marinara, rice pilaf and fresh garlic bread

**Portabella Eggplant Napoleons** stacked with fresh Parmesan, tomatoes and basil, topped with marinara and Alfredo sauces and served with a creamy herbed risotto

All entrées will include Navy Bean soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Tuxedo Cake, a chocolate sponge cake with cocoa buttermilk and whipped cream frosting, for dessert

To make reservations for January 24, 2018, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$23.00**, and drop in the Check Box at the December Luncheon, or mail your \$23.00 check to the Reservation Chair for January. Her information can be found in your Newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, January 15, 2018**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**. Please write **Jan-Beef or Jan-Chicken or Jan-Veg** on the bottom of your check. After Tuesday, January 16, 2018, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, contact the Reservation Chair for January. Her information can be found in your Newsletter.

## **Christmas Families Project**

The first of November is “launch day” for the Newcomers Christmas Families Project. Our program’s philosophy is a “helping hand up,” not a “hand out” for those families who find they do not have money for their children’s Christmas gifts. Estimating the auction donation plus the club contributions, we are able to project the number of children and families to include in our 2017 program. The numbers are adjusted when the actual auction income is known. In 2017, we will again support Helping Hands Nurturing Center, Friendship Club and Women of Worth.

Each family is agency-screened to meet our objectives, and each family is reviewed by the Committee Co-Chairs, the Spreadsheet and Budget Control Co-Chairs, and subsequently by the Committee of Shoppers and Wrappers. Specially donated items are added, and every attempt is made to provide each child a memorable Christmas.

The Newcomers Christmas Families Project is one of the largest Nevada County Christmas programs in support of children. In this personalized program, as “Christmas Angels,” our aim is to provide each child at least one item from his or her “List to Santa.”

**Note:** We are always in need of Shoppers and Wrappers. If you can volunteer, please contact The Shoppers Chair and the Wrappers Chairs. Their information can be found in your Newsletter.

We can use donations of extra boxes for 2017 wrapping. Please save those Christmas boxes, bags and tissue paper for 2018; we have ample wrapping paper. These donations save us money that goes toward children’s Christmas presents.

If you have updated your tablet, iPad or laptop, donate your old one now, and Quietech Associates, Grass Valley, will erase and update it for its new teenaged owner. Please contact the Christmas Families Chairs. Their information can be found in your Newsletter.

### **A Few Stories from Christmas Families Project by Rosalie, CFP Chair**

Three-year old Trinity, of our 2017 Fashion Show, fell in love with the special pink bike used for a prop. Her old used bike is not moving well, so I would not be surprised if the Newcomers Angels might find one for mom to put under the tree this year.

Newcomers Club has just received a special “thank you” present from the mother of one of our 2016 Christmas families. A victim of domestic violence, she is now employed and managing her hours so she can care for her children. Some lucky person will receive her donated basket at the December Newcomers Club Christmas Program.

One of our families, who gave us the homemade pickled garden vegetables we auctioned off last year, is now self-sufficient and no longer needs a special “Christmas Angel.”

**NOTE:** Shona from Helping Hands Nurturing Center is inviting all Newcomers members to attend its Open House on November 15 from 4-6 pm. The Center is located at 248 Mill Street, Grass Valley. Shona would like to thank all the Newcomers for their support.

## **October Live Auction Review**

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all of you who contributed to this year’s Live Auction: our Auction donors, the Newcomers greeters, runners and spotters, 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 grossed \$7,460, which supports our 2017 Christmas Families Project.

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

### **We thank the following Local Businesses and all the Individual Donors.**

Alta Sierra Country Club	Prospector’s Nursery
Atlantis Resort Casino Spa	Reel Anglers Fly Shop
Baskin Robbins	Sergio’s Caffé
Bistro 221	Sierra Cinemas
Blu Sky Window Washing	Sierra Master Chorale Quartet
Casa Las Katarinas	Sierra Stages Community Theater
Community Asian Theater of the Sierra	Sierra Starr Vineyard
Dale’s Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Soroptimist Int’l of the Sierra Foothills
Empire Shoes	Tess’ Kitchen Store
Foothill Mercantile	The Flying Broom, Inc.
Grass Valley Florist	The Olive Groove
InConcert Sierra	Tim the Tree Man
Legacy Productions	Tuscany Gardens
Music in the Mountains	Yuba Blue
New Moon Caf�	

## **October Silent Auction Review**

Our 2017 Silent Auction was a huge success, generating over \$1100 in funds...you ladies ROCK! Our thanks go to every team member who has volunteered in the last 10 years, along

with all our members and guests who have participated in the Silent Auction. The new team that will be taking over helped immensely this year; their enthusiasm, energy and ideas were fantastic! Everyone attending has provided support, encouragement and enthusiasm over the years. It has been a blessing for us to help our organization and our community. It's been an honor and a privilege!

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

**February 28, 2018** – Niel Fischer, California Registered Professional Forester, will speak on our Northern California forests, fire control, the drought, and the respite from the drought. He is the Director of the California Fire Safe Council and the former Director of the California Licensed Foresters Association.

**March 28, 2018** – He's back! Brent Nixon, performer, environmentalist and professional photographer, is returning. Many of you remember Brent from his performance on Bears and Whales. When not filming the endangered environment and its inhabitants, Brent performs for Celebrity Cruises and sells his filming to *National Geographic Magazine*. His latest contribution to *National Geographic* is "Saving the Coral Reefs." Our Program Chair found him filming the black tailed shark in French Polynesia on his way to finding the green turtles nesting in Hawaii. This is a popular event so book early!

**April 25, 2018** – **Annual Fashion Show – back at Alta Sierra!** Back to its usual place at Alta Sierra Country Club, the annual Fashion Show will be a really fun experience. The theme is a tantalizing one – *Fashion Forward, a History of What We Wear*. This will be a chance to travel through time when fashion began (narration), and sequence our steps (models) to the relaxed and comfortable fashions of today. Plan to come and bring a friend on this trip through fashion.

**May 23, 2018** – Sierra Stages is becoming a musical show tradition. Their 2017 production of Chicago was New York quality performed by our own unbelievable area talent. Totally delighted by their 2017 production of Chicago, we will be entertained by excerpts from their 2018 musicals conducted by Ken Getz. You cannot afford to miss their surprise 2018 program!

## **Activities**

The following groups are currently looking for new members:

**Cooking Club: Gourmet Girls** – meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Please contact the Activity Chair listed in your roster for additional information.

**The Garden Club** – meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. The members are looking for a new person or persons to chair the group. Please contact the Activity Chair listed in your roster for additional information.

**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 Activity Chair listed in your roster for additional information.

**The Monthly Movie Group** – no specific meeting time as it depends on the movie selected to view. Our wonderful Movie Group chair heads up this group, and you can contact her so that she can put you on her email list.

If any groups are currently looking for new members, or if you would like to start up a new group, please contact the Activity Chair listed in your roster for additional information.

## **Christmas Families 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.

There will be a box in the foyer at our luncheons for any items you would like to donate to help the parents of our children.

This time of year you may find gloves and hats on sale. Sox and slipper sox are always appreciated. As usual we need cosmetic bags for women and toiletry bags for men.

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. Thanks for your generosity.

## **Sunshine**

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

## **Membership**

**E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions:** If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, contact our Membership Chair, or direct them to our website, [NewcomersNC.org](http://NewcomersNC.org) where they can find and print a Membership Application.

## **New Members**

We welcome our 8 New Members. They bring our membership total to 275.

## **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 off at each luncheon. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six tickets, or \$10 for fifteen. Please patronize the businesses that provide us with donations. While you are there, mention to these businesses that you are a Newcomers Club member and appreciate their support.