

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

March 2018 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."*

*~Stephen Grellet*

Welcome to our March newsletter! I found the above saying in a needlepoint on the wall of a friend's home. It reminded me of some Irish blessings so I included it for this month.

Our programs for the rest of the year are truly spectacular. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our Program Chairs who work so hard to provide such quality luncheon programs. Please read on so you know what is happening for the rest of this year.

Our April 25th Fashion Show, *Fashion Forward - A History of What We Wear*, will be held at Alta Sierra in the dining room and bar areas. With this extra space we will have room for you and your guests so be sure to get your reservations in early. You will find more information later in this newsletter.

I wish you a Happy Spring and the time to show kindness to those you meet along your way!

## March Luncheon Meeting

**March 28, 2018, at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$23.00 per person**

### **March Program: Brent Nixon - Naturalist**

**Brent Nixon** is a well-known naturalist who researches the environment from whales to coral reefs. You can find his research and video footage on National Geographic programs and on his own DVDs. He is often characterized as a David Attenborough type scientist with a Robin Williams sense of humor and a level of energy that matches Jim Carey! Brent has been our most popular "bring him back" speaker. Go to <http://www.naturetalksbybrentnixon.com> for snippets of some presentations. DVDs will be available for sale.

## March Luncheon Menu

Choice of

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

or

**Grilled Icelandic Cod** served with a zucchini ratatouille and mixed potatoes au gratin

or

**Ricotta Stuffed Pasta Shells** served with an herbed Alfredo sauce

All entrées will include creamy tomato basil soup, bread and butter, coffee and tea

Yogurt Cake topped with a currant/raspberry sauce for dessert

**To make reservations for March 28, 2018**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **March-Ham**, or **March-Fish** or **March-Veg** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservations Chair for March.

Checks must be received by **Monday, March 19, 2018**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**. After **Tuesday, March 20, 2018**, 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: *Fashion Forward - A History of What We Wear***

**April 25, 2018 - Doors open at 11:00 am**

**Lunch served beginning at 11:30 am (assigned seating)**

**Fashion Show at 1:00 pm**

**Location: Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person - Note New Price**

Don't miss a fun day of fashion on April 25th! Put on your favorite *Fashion Forward* look and join us for a delightful day of styles and smiles at the Alta Sierra Country Club. New Executive Chef, David Alvarez, will be preparing a delicious lunch for us.

Learn what has influenced the way we currently dress and what is important to make your look *Fashion Forward* in 2018.

Come see what each store selects as their "fashion look," modeled by our own Newcomers members.

Buy chances to win either one "wow" item from each store (on display), **or** one in-store session at your favorite store, plus lunch with two friends at a local restaurant.

The Fashion Show has always been a sell-out, so get your reservations in early.

## April Fashion Show Luncheon Menu

Choice of

**Basil Seared Chicken Breast** served with spinach and sun-dried tomato risotto

or

**Grilled Mahi Mahi** served with a tropical mango salsa with spinach and sun-dried tomato risotto

or

**Roasted Portabella Mushroom Ravioli** served with Sicilian ragout sauce

All entrées will include spinach salad with bacon, peaches, Roma tomatoes, and feta cheese, served with a warm ginger vinaigrette dressing, Miner's bread and butter, coffee and tea

A gourmet dessert plate on each table will include: crème brûlée, chocolate mousse and an assortment of chocolate truffles

## Table Reservation Policy for the April Luncheon

**To make your table reservation(s) for the APRIL 25, 2018, luncheon, please note:**

1. All attendees will have assigned seating.
2. Only ONE (1) guest per member.
3. You may create a group from 2 to 8 people for this event.
4. For tables with fewer than 8 people, your table will be completed with other members.

The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club). **Please ensure that each person's meal choice is noted on her check and on your list of table mates.** Paperclip the group's checks together and place in an envelope.

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. At the luncheon, you will be welcomed by our reservations team and given a seat that has been pre-assigned to you.

Make all checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$25** and write **April-Chicken, April-Fish or April-Veg** on the bottom of your check. Drop your check or group's envelope in the Check Box at the March Luncheon or mail your checks to the Reservations Chair for April.

Checks must be received by **Monday, April 16, 2018**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**. After Tuesday, April 17, 2018, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for April.

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

**May 23, 2018** - Sierra Stages is becoming a Newcomers musical show tradition. Its 2017 production of Chicago was “New York quality” performed by our own unbelievable area talent. In May, we will be entertained with excerpts from its 2018 musicals conducted by Ken Getz.

**June 27, 2018** - For June, Newcomers members and friends are invited to a special outing – a meeting outdoors at the North Star Historic Conservancy. After enjoying our gourmet box lunches and chilled beverages, trained docents will conduct group tours through the North Star House, garden areas and the recently planted Heritage Garden. Plan to spend an enchanting day reliving the early history of our area, viewing all of the improvements made by the Historic Conservancy to this special place, and enjoying being outdoors in the Heritage Garden. Save the date for this unique event, our last luncheon and program before we suspend our meetings for the summer.

## **Activities**

### **New Activity Groups:**

Some members have expressed an interest in reviving the **Canasta Group**. If you are interested in being a part of this very fun group, please call the Activities Chair.

One of our very new members would like to start a new group called **River Walks**, with the goal of exploring the Yuba River. These walks will be no more than five miles in length and no more than 500 feet elevation gain. She would like to start the group in April with a wildflower walk along the Buttermilk Trail. The May walk would be the Point Defiance trail. The hikes could be on the second Wednesday of the month (first choice) or the third Friday of the month. Please contact the Activities Chair if you are interested.

The crochet group has a name: “**Inspired Crochet**.” Meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on March 13th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We will rotate the meetings at the members' homes, but no one should feel obligated to host. Share your work with others and gain inspiration. Show off your latest creation and participate in a joint project making scarves for Christmas Families. There is room for more members. For further information, please contact the Activities Chair.

**Nifty Needlers**, which meets the first Thursday of the month, is looking for two members to join their group. Please contact the Activities Chair for further information.

**Cooking Group: Gourmet Girls** meets the first Friday of the month at 11:00 am. They are looking for one or two new members. Please contact the Activities Chair for additional information.

**Cooking Group: Kitchen Kutups** meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. They are looking for one or two new members. Please contact the Activities Chair for additional information.

**The Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. The group is looking for a person or persons to chair the club. Please contact the Activities Chair for further 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 Activities Chair if you are interested.

**The Monthly Movie Group** has no specific meeting time. Contact the Activities Chair if you would like to be on the notification list to view movies.

If any groups are currently looking for new members or if you would like to start a new group, please contact the Activities Chair.

## **Sunshine**

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

## **New Member Reception**

There will be a Newcomers New Member Reception on Thursday, March 29, 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 various activity groups available. Please RSVP by contacting the New Member Reception Chair.

## **Membership**

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

New Member Applications can also be found near the Check Box at our monthly luncheons.

## **Welcome New Members:**

Our six new members bring our total membership to 286.