

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

June 2018 Newsletter

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## President's Message

*If you have good thoughts, they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.*                      *–Roald Dahl*

I thought this quote very apt since we enjoyed songs from the musical version of Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach* during the Sierra Stages performance at our May luncheon. I hope you all get to see this show this summer at the Nevada Theater.

This is our last newsletter until September. We do not meet for luncheons in July or August. And this is my last letter to you as President. Thanks to so many who have made this such a fun two years. I couldn't have done it without you. It is truly a group effort. A special thank you goes to the newly elected officers and to the members who have joined our board for next year.

Melissa Bryant at Bistro 221 in Nevada City has continued to let us use her back room for our board meetings each month. We enjoy lunch together after the meeting. When you go to Bistro 221 for a meal, please thank Melissa for her generosity.

Our Christmas Families Project supplemental box will be at the June luncheon. Thanks to all of you who contributed in May.

Be sure to read on about our June luncheon, activities and lots more.

If I don't get to see you this month, have a great summer!

## June Luncheon and North Star Garden Tour

**June 27, 2018, at 11:30 am**

**Cost: \$23 per person**

**Location: North Star Historic Conservancy  
12075 Auburn Road Grass Valley**

(If you have not been there, you can find it on Google Maps. It's easy to find – just go past the Fairgrounds on McCourtney Road. Turn left onto Auburn Road (at the CHP Building corner opposite the Fairgrounds Gate #3). In approximately one mile, turn left at the sign for North Star Historic Conservancy. As you enter the historic grounds, travel up and around to the main building. Parking is in the front and extended beyond for parking overflow. There are several spaces for disabled parking, and a driveway for drop off.)

## June Program: Tour of the North Star House and Gardens

Plan to gather with your Newcomers Club friends for our final luncheon of the year as we venture out from our usual location at the Alta Sierra Country Club to the beautiful grounds of the North Star Historic Conservancy located at 12075 Auburn Road, Grass Valley. We don't have different venues very often; don't miss this opportunity to visit a special place that is becoming a favorite local venue for weddings and special events.

Grass Valley's popular BackPorch Market will cater our gourmet picnic lunch, and we will be able to enjoy dining "al fresco" under shade screens. The North Star Historic Conservancy board will present a very informative program. We will then have smaller group tours of the Julia Morgan designed North Star House and the grounds, guided by docents who will share their knowledge of the history and restoration of this beautiful place. The Heritage Garden is in development, and we will see first-hand the progress of this worthy project.

### June Luncheon Menu

Sandwiches served on freshly baked ciabatta rolls. Choice of

**Niman Ranch Ham** with Gruyère cheese, spinach, tomato and artichoke cream cheese spread

or

**Diestel Turkey** with Manchego cheese, spinach, tomato and quince cream cheese spread

or

**Roasted Portabella Mushroom** with tomatoes, spinach and pesto aioli

All sandwiches will include a side Greek salad with cucumbers, Kalamata olives, grape tomatoes, feta, red bell peppers, parsley and thinly sliced red onion with Mediterranean vinaigrette

Mini cheesecake with lemon curd swirl for dessert

To make reservations for **June 27**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and write **June-Ham, June-Turkey** or **June-Veg** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservations Chair for June.

Checks must be received by **Monday, June 18**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 19**. After Tuesday, June 19, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair for June.

## **Parents' Supplemental Goodies for our Christmas Families**

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. This spring we are focusing on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

What little item can you think of for these occasions?

For Women: Bath and beauty items larger than travel size; manicure supplies; kitchen tools and linens; beauty supplies; flashlights; journals; cosmetic bags; tote bags.

For Men: Small tools; flashlights; larger toiletry items; manicure supplies; toiletry bags; sox.

We also need dental floss; stretchy slipper sox; gloves and hats.

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. You can put your items in or near the box with Christmas wrap on it at our June Luncheon.

Thanks for your generosity.

## **Fashion Forward – A Great Success!**

You can re-visit one of our most popular annual events, the truly fun and exciting April fashion show. Just go to our website, [www.newcomersnc.org](http://www.newcomersnc.org), and click on News, then choose the April 2018 Fashion Show to see the descriptions of the fashions, the array of photos depicting the fashions, the models, the audience, and all who made it all happen!

A huge thank you goes to our photographers for making this available to our members.

## **Upcoming Programs**

### **2018 Silent Auction**

We are looking forward to seeing all the treasures that you are collecting for our Silent Auction, scheduled for October 23. Donating your valuable items, giving them a new home with someone who is looking for just that perfect treasure, will help us reach our goal of making this year's fundraiser the best one yet.

Again this year, you will have the opportunity to drop off your donated items early. If you have any questions, please call one of the members of the Silent Auction Committee.

# Activities

## New Activity Groups

For more information about the groups open for new members below, contact the chair for that activity, listed in your Roster, or contact the Activities Chair.

If there are any groups that are currently looking for new members and not mentioned below, or if you would like to start up a new group, please contact our Activities Chair.

There is interest in reviving the **Canasta Group**.

There is 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 with no more than 500 feet elevation gain. They will take place on the third Friday of each month.

The “Inspired Crochet” group has changed its name to **Creative Crochet**. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month. Share your work with others and gain inspiration. Show off your latest creation and participate in a joint project making scarves for the Christmas Families. There is room for **three** more members.

**Nifty Needlers** meets the first Thursday of the month and is looking for **one** member to join the group.

**Cooking Group: Kitchen Kutups** meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. They are looking for **two** new members.

**The Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. They are looking for a person or persons to chair the group for further information. There is always room for new members. The meetings are usually held at private gardens, nurseries or other places where they can have a speaker. There is always someone, often the owner of the garden or nursery, who will give a talk.

**Knotty Knitters** would like to start up again. Interested members will need to determine a new meeting place and time.

**The Monthly Movie Group** has no specific meeting time. Claudette Paige has been heading up this group but is moving from the area.

## Sunshine

Please contact our Sunshine Chair, if you know of a member who is in need of comfort or condolences.

## **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 be found near the Check Box at our monthly luncheons.

## **Welcome New Members**

Welcome to our five new members. Our membership total is now 306.

## **Dues Renewal Form**

In case you didn't receive your Dues Renewal Form in the mail, or spilled coffee all over it, there's another copy available on the Website, under Membership. Thank you in advance for getting those checks headed our way.

If you've decided not to continue your membership, please let us know.