

Nevada County Newcomers Club

September 2018

President's Message

"There's only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to give it everything."

~Vince Lombardi

End of summer greetings to everyone! I don't know about you, but I'm excited to get back to our normal routine and that includes the Newcomers luncheon on Wednesday, September 26. I trust everyone had a good summer and survived the heat and smoke. I, for one, am glad that the skies are finally clearing, and we can again enjoy our bright blue skies.

I always look forward to the fall with the change of season, cooler nights and the wind-down in my vegetable garden. The melons and butternut squash have been prolific this year.

During the summer your hard-working luncheon chairs met with the Alta Sierra Country Club restaurant managers to set up menus and costs for the next few months. The menus feature a lighter lunch and a reduced price. September and October menus each offer four options, including vegetarian. We would appreciate your feedback on the new luncheon offerings.

This month we will have an interesting program, "Avoiding Fraud and Scams," delivered by Lucas Mijares who is an expert on cyber deception. This helpful information will arm us with the tools needed to better survive our challenging world. How many of us are getting IRS and other scam calls demanding an immediate response? We will learn how to deal with such calls and so much more.

Activity groups are busy meeting, and the board will begin its regular meetings to assure the club is managed to the satisfaction of its members. As always, if you have any comments, feel free to call or email any member of the board. I would like to hear from you.

Here's to doing everything we can to succeed together!

September Luncheon Meeting

September 26, 2018 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Note new price)

September Program: Avoiding Fraud and Scams

Lucas Mijares lives and works locally and will give an informative talk on various scams that are occurring in our community right now, and will share how to spot certain red flags that may indicate a fraudulent encounter. He'll also leave us with resources we can turn to in the event that

we, or our loved ones, are targeted and the steps we can take to help protect ourselves and avoid being scammed. We should all be aware, so don't miss this important and timely program!

September Luncheon Menu

Choice of

One Half a Pesto Chicken Wrap

Chicken, bacon, blended cheese, pesto, lettuce and tomato wrapped in a flour tortilla served with a side of Caesar salad

or

One Half a Tuna Melt Sandwich

Tuna, grilled onions, mayonnaise, aged cheddar cheese on sourdough bread served with a side of Caesar salad

or

Half of a Chicken Caesar Cardini Salad

Romaine lettuce, croutons, Parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing served with a cup of creamy tomato basil soup, bread and butter

or

Large Spring Mix Vegetarian Salad

Greens, sun-dried cherries, candied walnuts and feta cheese served with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing, bread and butter. No soup is included with this selection.

All entrées include coffee and tea

Lemon Bars for dessert

To make reservations for **September 26**, please make your **\$20.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **Sept-Chicken Wrap, Sept-Tuna Melt, Sept-Chicken Caesar Salad** or **Sept-Veg** and mail it to the Reservations Chair for September.

Checks must be received by **Monday, September 17**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, September 18**. After **Tuesday, September 18**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for September.

October Luncheon Meeting & Annual Auctions

October 24, 2018

Alta Sierra Country Club

Doors Open at 10:00 am

Silent Auction Bidding begins at 10:30 am

Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 am

Live Auction at 1:00 pm

Cost: **\$20.00** per person

October Program: Our Annual Live and Silent Auctions

Before we know it October will be here, and hopefully it will bring some cooler, clearer weather. Our Live and Silent Auctions will be held during our luncheon meeting on October 24. These are the major fundraisers for our Christmas Families Project so we hope you will save the date, make a reservation so you can attend, have a great time and support this worthwhile cause.

This year we have had a wonderful committee working on our Live Auction since September 2017. We have had such fun thinking of new items for you to bid on and win—all for a marvelous cause.

Here is a preview of a few new and exciting offerings:

Three nights in Sonoma County Wine Country, Windsor CA. A 3-bedroom, 2-bath house one block from the Windsor Public Golf Course sleeps 6 persons. It is close to well-known wineries and vineyards such as Kendall-Jackson, Dry Creek and Francis Ford Coppola and ten minutes from popular Healdsburg tasting rooms, restaurants and boutiques.

Mystery Dinner for Eight. Our President and Activities Chair are putting together a special “Who Done It?” dinner. Participants will play assigned roles to be in the middle of an Agatha Christie-like scene. Who will survive and who will solve the case?

Consultation by a Professional Organizer. Tova Diamond from Everything Has a Place is offering a one-hour consultation on organizing any room or rooms in a home, including a home office or garage. She will provide many ideas on how to organize your home.

We are delighted that John Renwick, owner of the RE/MAX Performance franchise here in Grass Valley and Nevada City, will be returning as our auctioneer. His wife is going to make a basket of wonderful items and donate it for the auction.

Now is the time to donate or re-gift to our 2018 Silent Auction all those new or gently used items taking up space in your cupboards. No clothing please. Our Christmas Families Project is the beneficiary of 100% of the proceeds from your donations. And best of all, there is no charge to donate. Your participation is what will help make this year's auction a success. There are only two early drop off days scheduled at Alta Sierra Country Club: Monday, October 22 from 11:00 am -1:00 pm and Tuesday, October 23 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. If you can't make one of the drop-off dates, you can still bring your items the morning of the Auction.

For questions about donations or drop off or storage of items for the auctions, please contact one of the Silent Auction Chairs.

October Luncheon Menu

Choice of

One Half BLAT Wrap

Bacon, lettuce, avocado and tomato wrapped in a flour tortilla
served with French fries

or

One Half Cobb Salad with a Cup of Soup

Romaine lettuce, chicken, bacon, tomatoes, Gorgonzola cheese, hard-boiled eggs and
avocado served with a blue cheese dressing

or

One Half Shrimp Louie Salad with a Cup of Soup

Bay shrimp, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber, deviled eggs
served with Thousand Island dressing

or

One Half Vegetarian Cobb Salad (no chicken or bacon) with a Cup of Soup

Salads include a cup of French onion soup, bread and butter

All entrées include coffee and tea

Tiramisu for dessert

To make reservations for **OCTOBER 24**, please make your **\$20.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **Oct-BLAT Wrap, Oct-Cobb Salad, Oct-Louie Salad** or **Oct-Veg** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservations Chair for October.

Checks must be received by **Monday, October 15**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 16**. After **Tuesday, October 16**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for October.

Christmas Families Goodie Bag Project

Each year we have requested items from you so the parents of our children will have a special gift as well. You have been so generous, and we have provided toiletries, dental care items and other gifts as well.

The crochet and knitting groups are busy making beautiful scarves and hats for each of our parents. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

This year we have enough toothbrushes and toothpaste but need dental floss. There are plenty of small toiletry items, but we need **larger** items.

Here are some suggestions, although you may think of even better ideas:

Make up, grooming items, lotions, shampoo, manicure and pedicure kits and polish, bath and spa items, stretchy house shoes/slippers, gloves in many sizes, sox, flashlights, tools for home maintenance and kitchen, towels, batteries, wallets, blankets or throws, notepads and pens or pencils.

Please bring your items to the September or October luncheons or contact last year's President before November 1.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

December – We are pleased that the very talented Altenbach family has graciously accepted our invitation to return and will be presenting a special Christmas program. Composer and classical violinist, Richard Altenbach, will play violin, and his beautiful and talented wife Dawn and son Bren (who recently played "James" in *James and the Giant Peach*) will sing. This is sure to be a great program so join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

Activities

New Activity Group:

Hand and Foot meets the third Thursday of the month. This group is new and is looking for more members to join them. Please contact the Activities Chair if you are interested.

Current Activity Groups:

Creative Crochet meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 pm. 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 additional members. Please contact the Activities Chair if you are interested in joining.

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

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

If there are any groups that are currently looking for new members or if you would like to start up 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

All new members are invited to a New Member Reception on Monday, September 17, at 2:00 pm. Invitations will be sent to new members who have indicated interest in such an event. At this reception guests will meet some of the Newcomers board members and other new members. Information will be given about the club and the various activity groups available. If you have questions, contact our New Member Reception Chair.

Membership - Rosters

By now, you all should have received your shiny new Rosters. If you didn't get yours, please contact the Membership Chair.

Getting those 275 Rosters created and delivered to you could not have happened without the help of several very special people. Special thanks go to one of our members for sharing her *Reflections at the Yuba River Bridge* photo with us.

E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions: If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, contact our new Membership chair or direct them to our website, NewcomersNC.org, where you can find and print a Membership Application.

Welcome to our New Members

Welcome to our five new members, who bring our membership total to 276.

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.