

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

November 2018

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## President's Message

*"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams." ~ Oprah Winfrey*

When I think about our Christmas Families Project I can only think about the adventures that our families must travel to reach the life of their dreams. Feeling that Christmas is too precious for children to miss, selfless moms call asking if there is just a little something that we can provide for their children. What they receive from us is not only a warm and personalized bag full of gifts for their children, but small useful gifts for the parents as well. We realize their gratitude when we hear from a couple of them at our Christmas luncheon who are brave enough to tell us their adventure and how we fulfilled their Christmas dreams.

This adventure for the Newcomers Christmas Families Project began 18 years ago with a total of \$400 when we helped just four children and their families with gift cards. Now we provide Christmas for over 100 children and personalize their gifts with a hope that our efforts will warm their hearts and help them realize their dreams.

Please remember that there is no meeting in November, and the meeting in December will be held earlier than normal on December 5, the first Wednesday. We will be trying a buffet for lunch for the first time. The price of the special December lunch is \$30, and we ask members to reserve tables with friends to help with reservations. We will be passing the Christmas basket for an additional opportunity to support these children. In January we will resume our normal schedule meeting on the fourth Wednesday, January 23. Due to increased costs at Alta Sierra Country Club the price of lunch will be \$23.

Always feel free to take the adventure!

## December Luncheon Meeting

**December 5, 2018 at 11:30 am**

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

## December Program: Richard Altenbach and Family

We are pleased that the very talented Altenbach family is returning to present a special Christmas program. Composer and classical violinist, Richard Altenbach, performs currently as Concertmaster of Auburn Symphony and InConcert Sierra. He has been featured locally as a chamber musician and as soloist for Music in the Mountains, InConcert Sierra, and the Apollo Arts Ensemble. Richard has performed live on the *Academy Awards* and *The Tonight Show*, and has collaborated with Frank Sinatra, YoYo Ma, Barbra Streisand, Mannheim Steamroller and Puff Daddy among many others. 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!

## Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

All attendees will have assigned seating.

You may create a group from two to eight people for this event, a 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. 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.**

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.

### December Buffet Menu

Broccoli and Cheddar soup

**Stuffed Pork Loin** with baby spinach, feta, apples, caramelized red onions and a cherry port reduction with roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables

**Portobello-Eggplant Napoleons** stacked with fresh Parmesan, tomato and basil, topped with marinara sauce

Bread and butter

Mini dessert bar, coffee and tea

To make Reservations for **December 5**, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**, or follow the directions above for group reservations. Mail the checks with your reservation instructions to the Reservation Chair for December.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 19**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 20**. After **Tuesday, November 20**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for December.

Make ALL checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**. Although you may choose to enjoy a bit of both entrées from the buffet, we want to ensure enough servings for everyone, so please write **Dec-Pork** or **Dec-Veg** on the bottom of your check or for each person on your group list.

## January Luncheon Meeting

**January 23, 2019, at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$23.00 per person**

**January Program:** Jim Barrilleaux, retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, commanded the squadron responsible for training all U-2 pilots located at Beale Air Force Base. Jim also flew a wide variety of missions, both domestic and international, for NASA.

### January Luncheon Menu

Choice of

#### **One half Chelli's Tuna Salad**

Romaine lettuce, one scoop of tuna salad, Pico di Gallo and ranch dressing served with a cup of baked potato soup, bread and butter

or

#### **One Half a Crispy Chicken Wrap**

Seasoned chicken, bacon, blended cheese, pesto, lettuce and tomato, wrapped in a flour tortilla and served with a side of French fries

or

#### **One Half a Traditional Garden Burger**

Lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles and avocado served with a side of French fries

All entrées include coffee and tea

New York Cheesecake for dessert

To make reservations for **January 23, 2019**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Remember to date the check **2019**. Write **Jan-Tuna, Jan-Chicken or Jan-Veg Burger** on the bottom of your check. Drop your check in the check Box at the December meeting or mail it to the Reservation Chair for January.

Checks must be received by **Monday, January 14**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 15**. After **Tuesday, January 15**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for January.

## **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 2018 program. The numbers are adjusted when the actual auction income is known. In 2018, 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 or the Wrappers Chair.

We can use donations of extra boxes for 2018 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 in Grass Valley will erase and update it for its new teenaged owner. Please contact one of the Christmas Families Chairs.

## **Christmas Families Goodie Bag Project**

The Donations committee of the Christmas Families Project thanks each one of you for your participation in gathering donations for the parents of the children in the program. If you have more to donate please contact the Christmas Families Chairs, and we will make arrangements to pick up your donations.

## **October Live Auction Review**

We extend a GIANT THANK YOU to everyone who contributed so much to making our Live Auction so much fun: our donors, the Newcomers greeters, runners and spotters, and all of you, our bidders. Our special appreciation goes out to our wonderful auctioneer, John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, who entertained us so well while we were spending our money. We couldn’t do this without the support of our community and business donors—thank you so very much!

This year’s Live Auction, our most profitable yet, made \$9,560 to fund the Christmas Families Project.

Thank you to our Live Auction Committee co-chairs and to our incredible committee.

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

Tess' Kitchen Store  
Grass Valley Florist  
Community Asian Theater of the Sierra Stone  
House Restaurant  
The Flying Broom  
Sierra Cinemas, Inc.  
Sierra Stages Community Theater  
Bistro 221  
RE/MAX Performance  
Bruce Marlow  
Baskin Robbins  
InConcert Sierra  
Sergio's Caffè  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Dale's Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning  
Everything Has A Place  
LeGacy Productions  
Lefty's Grill  
Affordable Auto Detailing  
Peppermill Resort Spa Casino  
Soroptimist International of the Sierra Foothills  
Reel Anglers Fly Shop  
Music in the Mountains  
Emeritus Vineyards  
Tim the Tree Man  
Barton Cox Media Productions  
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa  
Wheyward Girl Creamery

## October Silent Auction Review

Our sincere thanks to the many generous members who donated treasures for the 2018 Silent Auction and to all the bidders who enabled our auction to be a success, bringing in proceeds of \$1,719! Also a big thank you to our small army of volunteers who set up tables, displayed items and cashiered to make the auction run like a well-oiled machine.

## Activities

### New Activity Groups

**Caring Friends** - The Caring Friends activity group will consist of eight to ten members willing and available to help when a member of Newcomers is in need. We have many single members who, at any time, could have a serious fall, be diagnosed with an illness, or be unable to take care of routine tasks. Even if a member has a husband, he may not be in a position to be a caregiver and that is where our group would come in. Our Vice President is the lead person and will receive the phone calls and then allocate a job to an available group member (dog walkers, rides to appointments, meals when needed, grocery shopping or whatever help that person needs). The group will meet for lunch every two months to check to see how things are going and whom they are helping at that particular time. We do have an aging membership, and at any time someone might need our help. Also, they would not feel that it was an imposition to ask, as that would be the whole purpose of the group. Interested members who would like to join this group should contact our Vice President.

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

## **Current Activity Groups**

**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 Garden Club Leader 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.

**The Bridge Group** that formerly met on the third Friday of the month has changed the meeting day to the second Friday of the month.

**Creative Crochet Group** is now **Yarn Art**. We have joined forces with the knitters and together we hope to increase our production of scarves & hats for the Christmas Families Project in 2019. This year we completed 120 Scarves and 32 hats. It was a valiant effort by all who participated! In addition to this project we all work on our own creations, share new patterns and have lots of fun.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Our next get-together is November 14. Please join us or get on our email list by contacting the Creative Crochet Leader listed in your Roster.

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 of a member who is in need of a sympathy, get well or thinking of you card, please notify our Sunshine Chair, and she'll get one in the mail.

## **Membership**

**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](http://NewcomersNC.org), where they can find and print a Membership Application.

## **Welcome to our New Members**

We welcome three new members this month. Our current membership total is 286.

## **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.