

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

February 2019

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## President's Message

*"Genius is talent set on fire by courage."*

*~Henry Van Dyke*

In February we will host writer Josh Weil who will share his wit and creativity. We will learn a lot about his genius. It could be another rainy day but we will certainly be warmed up by what he has to tell us. And you never know, this might be just the encouragement you need to get started on that novel you have been contemplating.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information about our upcoming Fashion Show in April. We are aware that the Fashion Show is often over-subscribed. To honor our members first, we have set a new reservation policy to apply only to the Fashion Show. Early reservations are encouraged. Your March newsletter will include all the specific details you'll need to get your reservations made in time.

MEMBERS ONLY may make reservations before April 1. After April 1 members may still make reservations and reservations for guests are welcome at that time. All will be on a first come, first served basis. All reservations must be accompanied by a check, and if a group wishes to sit together they must submit their reservations and checks at the same time. If some in your party are guests, a member reservation can be made by the April 1 deadline and a subsequent reservation can be submitted after April 1. A waiting list will be established and questions will be answered by Fashion Show Reservations Chair.

Our annual member survey form is at the back of this newsletter. All returned surveys will be entered in a drawing so mail or bring your copy to the February luncheon and join in the competition for a "free lunch" as the prize. These surveys help our club learn what you'd like to do, ideas you have that could work for our club, and serve as a talent search for members who want to become more involved.

Happy Valentines Day my genius friends.

## February Luncheon Meeting

**February 27, 2019, at 11:30 am**

**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$23.00 per person**

**February Program: The Challenges of Writing and Interacting in a Polarized and Depersonalized World**

Josh Weil, an award-winning author whose books have been published internationally, will speak to us about the challenges of writing in this increasingly depersonalized world. In his presentation Josh will discuss how online media and social media have changed communication. This will be a very different interactive presentation, a perfect opportunity for our Book Club members and others who are interested in communication in this media driven society or for those who just want to enjoy an entertaining program. Josh has received many awards including the Sue Kaufman Prize from the American Academy of Arts and his books have been listed in the *New York Times* Editor's Choices. He has been a recipient of fellowships from the Fulbright Foundation. Books will be for sale.

## February Luncheon Menu

Choice of

### **One Half Bay Shrimp Louie (or Chicken) Salad**

Iceberg lettuce, Bay Shrimp (or chicken), tomatoes, cucumber, deviled eggs, served with Thousand Island dressing

or

### **One Half of a Tuna Melt with Bow-Tie Pasta Salad**

Tuna, grilled onions, mayonnaise, aged Cheddar cheese served on sourdough bread with a side of bow-tie pasta salad

or

### **One Half of a Sautéed Veggie Wrap with Bow-Tie Pasta**

Bell peppers, mushrooms, onions, avocado and spinach served in a flour tortilla wrap

Bay Shrimp (or Chicken) Salad will include a cup of chicken with rice soup, bread and butter

All entrées include coffee and tea

Cherry Cheesecake for dessert

To make reservations for **February 27, 2019**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, and **date your check with 2019**. Write **Feb-Shrimp (or Chicken), Feb-Tuna or Feb-Veg Wrap** on the bottom of your check. Mail your \$23.00 check to the February Reservations Chair.

Checks must be received by **Monday, February 18, 2019**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, February 19**. After **Tuesday, February 19**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the February Reservations Chair.

## March Luncheon Meeting

March 27, 2019 at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$23.00 per person

### March Program: Tim Duane, Ph.D – Climatologist / Environmentalist

Tim, a professor and researcher at University of California, Santa Cruz, researches oceans and coral throughout the world. He will speak to us about his research and the impact of changes affecting our daily lives and the climate. You won't want to miss this informative talk.

#### March Luncheon Menu

Choice of

##### **One Half of a Reuben Sandwich**

Corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, Thousand Island dressing  
served on marbled rye bread with a side of French fries

or

##### **One Half of a Veggie Pesto Wrap**

Mixed vegetables avocado lettuce, tomato, blended cheeses in a spinach tortilla  
served with a side of French fries

All entrées include coffee and tea

Strawberry Cream Cheese Mousse for dessert

To make reservations for **March 27, 2019**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and write **Feb-Reuben, or Feb-Veg Wrap** on the bottom of your check. Drop your check in the Check Box at the February meeting or mail your \$23.00 check to the March Reservations Chair.

Checks must be received by **Monday, March 18, 2019**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 19**. After **Tuesday, March 19**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call to the March Reservations Chair.

## Christmas Families Project 2018 Update

In our January newsletter we neglected to thank the women in the Yarn Art group who crocheted 120 scarves and 35 hats for our Christmas Families Project. Not only did they donate their time and talents but they covered the costs of materials as well. It is our understanding that the cost

for the scarves alone was \$5 to \$6 each! This group truly provided a welcome gift of warmth for our families.

We also want to thank our very treasured member for allowing us to have the use of the downstairs area of her home so that we could wrap and bag all the wonderful presents. We truly appreciate having a safe, warm and welcoming place to complete this task!

## More Program Highlights

**April 24, 2019 – Fashion Show.** Always a special event, our annual fashion show's theme this year is "Savvy, Sassy & Sophisticated." Discover the new you and how to layer your look to best fit your body type. Store owners will bring one WOW item to be raffled off --five raffles you will want to win. Five other raffles will each include the opportunity to receive an in-store consultation from your favorite store plus a gift certificate for lunch at a local restaurant for you and a friend. Now that's a fun day of fashion to win!

Please note our new reservation policy in the President's article on the front page of this newsletter. We can seat only 204 and our members are our first priority, so get those reservations in as soon as you get the details in your March Newsletter.

**May 22, 2019 – Ken Getz and Sierra Stages Performs.** Sierra Stages will be back again with their popular presentation. This may be our last year for the wonderful performances under the direction of Ken Getz. Our best local artists will share music from their new 2019 theater offerings including songs from "Hand to God," "You're Gonna Love Tomorrow" and "Cabaret." Sierra Stages three-show season tickets are now on sale for 2019.

**June 26, 2019 – To be announced.**

## Activities

### New Activity Groups

#### **Attention writers or would-be writers:**

Have you been putting off writing your memoirs, perhaps a story about a special experience, or an article about your favorite topic? Try this writing group to get your creative juices flowing. This group will provide both motivation and the opportunity for sharing work with fellow members. No pressure, just fun and informative – so if writing or more writing is on your Bucket List, the time is now. Day and time will be determined by members. If you're interested, please contact the Activities Chair.

**The New Monthly Movie Group** - One of our newest members, is going to be our new Monthly Movie Group leader. This group will go to the movies in the early afternoon on the second Monday of a month beginning March 11. About one week ahead of Movie Monday, the Leader will send a list of three movies for the Movie Group to choose from. The movie receiving the most votes received by reply email will be the movie we will attend. After the movie we may go someplace nearby for coffee and a nosh and talk about the movie and any upcoming movies we would like to see. If you are interested in joining this group, please email the Activities Chair.

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

### **Current Activity Groups**

**The Garden Club** – meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am. They are looking for a new person or persons to chair their group. Please contact the Garden Club Chair for further information. There is always room for new members. The meetings are usually held at either 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.

**Yarn Art** - has openings for all you creative knitters and crocheters. Join us. Share your projects and help create scarves for the Christmas Families Project. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. The next meeting is Feb. 13. Contact the Activities Chair for more information.

### **Member Survey – Win a Free Lunch!**

Here's an easy way you can win the drawing for a free lunch! Just fill out the Member Survey attached to the end of this newsletter. Even if you have submitted one in the past, please fill it out again. We'd like to know about your current interests. The surveys help keep our club running smoothly. Please drop it in the mail or bring it with you to the February luncheon, and your name will be placed in the drawing. One lucky lady will win a free Newcomers lunch! You need not be present to win.

### **Sunshine**

If you know any members who are in need of a thinking of you, a get well or a sympathy card please contact our Sunshine Chair.

### **Membership**

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

### **Welcome to our New Members**

We're happy to welcome 8 new members this month.

## **A C.F.P. Thank You Invitation from Helping Hands Nurturing Ctr.**

We are so very grateful for you! Please join us for appetizers and drinks in your honor so we can properly thank you!

Date: **February 21, 2019**

Time: **4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Location: Helping Hands Nurturing Center, 248 Mill Street, Grass Valley

**Please RSVP by February 11 to Shona, 559-2313.**

This event is open to all members of Newcomers Club, and to anyone who helps make Christmas happen for our families. It's a wonderful opportunity to visit the facility and meet the people who work so hard for the benefit of our Christmas Families.

### **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.

# Newcomers Club Member Survey – (This Survey is optional.)

We invite you to join our support teams and enjoy camaraderie, friendship and most importantly Fun! You all have many exceptional talents and we need your help.

**Even if you have submitted this form in the past, please fill it out again. Thanks!**

Check the items you like and are interested in and those about which you would like more information. Bring your completed survey to a meeting or send it to:

**Ann Barbaro, 11107 Copper Drive, Grass Valley CA 95945**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Yes ∴ Please tell  
I'm interested ∴ me more

## Arts and Crafts:

- Decorating for monthly luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to Know Members:

- Greeting members and guests at luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Taking reservations and checks for luncheons \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Coordinating new activity groups \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_

## Planning and Helping:

- Organizing and planning monthly programs \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Preparing minutes at board meetings or luncheon meetings \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Helping prepare our monthly newsletters \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Budgeting, accounting and membership \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contacting local merchants for monthly raffle prizes \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Submitting articles to local newspapers – Publicity \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Taking and sharing photos - Historian \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sending out cards to members – Sunshine \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Event Planning:

- Annual October Live Auction & Silent Auction \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Annual Fashion Show \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Families Project: shopping \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Families Project: wrapping presents \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Families Project: supplements for moms & dads \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Working with local merchants for special requests \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Community plays and arts programs \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_

## Computer Help: Are you familiar with?

- Word Processing (or Word) \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Spreadsheets (or Excel) \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_
- Website updates or email distribution \_\_\_\_\_ ∴ \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Opinion:

- What types of events would you like to see presented? \_\_\_\_\_
- Suggestions for speakers, subjects, or entertainment? \_\_\_\_\_

For additional space, please use the back of this page. Thank you for your support!