

Nevada County Newcomers Club

March 2019

President's Message

"Grace is a power that comes in and transforms a moment to something better."

~Caroline Myss

In our busy lives where there is lots of hustle and bustle, it is good to take a moment to just enjoy our world and all its mysteries. That is what we will be doing at our March meeting as we experience the beauty of the underwater world through the eyes of our speaker, climatologist and environmentalist Tim Duane.

To enhance your experience, we are sending you the following link to view at your leisure. Please enjoy the spectacular beauty of the underwater world - Ocean in 3D.

[Dakuwaqa's Garden - Underwater footage from Fiji & Tonga - YouTube.](#)

You are reminded that we have a special reservation policy for the April Fashion Show. Members only will have an opportunity to make reservations from March 1 through April 1. This policy gives priority to members. The luncheon will have assigned seating. If you wish to have a group seated together, please be sure to send your reservations together with checks indicating your lunch choice.

After April 1, guests may make reservations and members may continue to make reservations on a space available basis. This is one of our most popular luncheon meetings and is often oversubscribed so you are encouraged to reserve early. Our reservations chairperson will establish a waiting list to handle all requests.

Because there is additional expense unique to the fashion show to make it special for everyone, the cost will increase to \$32 per person. See the Fashion Show reservations section for more information.

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 Duane will speak about "The Fate of the World's Coral Reefs" based on his experience as a University of California professor over the past 27 years. He taught at UC Berkeley from 1991-2009 and UC Santa Cruz from 2009-2018. Tim has taught at the University of San Diego School of Law since 2013 and is the author of "Shaping the Sierra: Nature, Culture, and Conflict in the Changing West." He is a graduate of Seven Hills School (1974) and Nevada Union High School (1978) where he served as editor of the *Goldpan*, co-captain of the varsity football team, student body president, and president of the honor society. He holds bachelors, masters, and doctoral

degrees from Stanford University and a law degree from Boalt Hall at UC Berkeley. 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, and 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 and 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 **Mar-Reuben or Mar-Veg Wrap** on the bottom of your check. Mail your \$23.00 check to the Reservations Chair for March.

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 the Reservations Chair for March.

April Luncheon Meeting

April 24, 2019

Doors open at 10:00 am

Lunch at 11:30 am (assigned seating)

Fashion Show at 1:00 pm

Location:

Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost:

\$32.00 per person – note new price

April Program: Fashion Show – “Savvy, Sassy & Sophisticated”

Twenty-five “Savvy, Sassy & Sophisticated” models will be showing off their spring look, layered to accentuate their unique body types, and beautifully dressed from five local stores. These include Beautiful *boutique* and Mill Street Clothing Company in Grass Valley, Judi’s of Nevada City, Marilyn’s Fashionations in Auburn and Whim *be beautiful!* in Penn Valley.

There will be ten fabulous raffle prizes to win including five WOW “must-have” items, presented by each storeowner. There will also be five in-store fashion-consulting sessions followed by lunch at a local restaurant for you and a friend.

The Fashion Show Committee has worked for an entire year to make this fashion show one to remember so be sure to get your reservations in early. Members’ reservations are accepted with their checks for \$32 now, and non-member guests may be accepted after April 1. This event is always a sell out, as we can only seat 204 people. *Please note our new reservation policy in the President's article on the front page of this newsletter, as well as in the information below.*

April Fashion Show Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Traditional Chicken Cordon Bleu with Alfredo cream sauce, chef’s choice of starch and vegetable

or

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

All entrées will include Napa Salad – mixed greens tossed with candied nuts, crisp apples and pears, Gorgonzola cheese and balsamic vinaigrette dressing

Bread and butter, coffee and tea

Chocolate Pot de Crème for dessert

Table Reservation Policy for the April Luncheon

To make your table reservation(s) for the APRIL 24, 2019 luncheon, please note:

1. All attendees will have assigned seating.
2. You may create a group from 2 to 8 people for this event.
3. For tables with fewer than 8 people, your table will be completed with other members.
4. Your guests may reserve seats (and send in their checks) after April 1 on a space available basis. You may request guests sit at your table before April 1 along with your reservation, but seating cannot be guaranteed. Please do not send payment for them until after April 1, assuming seating is approved.

The Head Person for your group collects all the members’ 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. You will be welcomed by our reservations team at the luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned for you.

Make all checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$32** and write **April-Chicken** or **April-Portobello** 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 Reservation Chair for April.

Checks must be received by **Monday, April 15, 2019**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**. After **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for April.

More Program Highlights

May 22, 2019 – Ken Getz and Sierra Stages Performs. Sierra Stages will be back again with another 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 – When Your Loved One Passes Away, Are You Ready? This will be an informative meeting, a practical approach to help you transition when you have lost a loved one (spouse or partner). Two of our Newcomers members who are making this painful life adjustment will discuss some helpful tips on making life easier when dealing with all the paperwork after losing a spouse or partner. They will encourage input from others as well. These members are not attorneys, but women with valuable experiences to share. They will discuss getting documents (and the ones you didn't think about) in order, what information you need to have in hand, and actions you need to take and when. Discussion leaders will interact and share heartwarming experiences that will help you prepare for and endure the difficult tasks involved after loss. Helpful handouts will be provided to all who attend.

Christmas Families Project

A big thank you to Shona and her staff at Helping Hands Nurturing Center for their Open House on February 21. It was a fun event with beautiful food and a chance to get to know everyone. We also learned more about the important work they are doing with families in Nevada County, and we are so pleased they are a part of our Christmas Families Project. It fills our hearts to partner with such a terrific organization.

Activities

New Activity Groups

Writing Group – The new Writing Group has gotten off to a good start, but would love to have a few more members. The group generally meets twice a month on Wednesday afternoons (sometimes Fridays) at 1 pm to share their writing, get suggestions for improvement, or tips on classes or articles of interest. They are somewhat flexible with meeting times, as they are new and want to accommodate all members. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact the Activities Chair.

The New Monthly Movie Group – One of our newest members has stepped up and will be the new Monthly Movie Group activity leader. This group will go to the movies early afternoon on the second Monday of each month beginning March 11. About one week ahead of the movie, the leader will email 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 attended. After the movie, group members may go somewhere close by for coffee and a nosh and talk about the movie and any movies coming up that they would like to see. Since this is a new group with a new leader, adjustments will be made based on your feedback so please let us know what you think. If you are interested in joining this group, please email the Activity Group 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 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.

Mostly Mysteries Book Club (NOTE change in date of meetings) now meets the first Monday of each month at 1:30 pm. Meeting location changes monthly. This group has space for new members, and they are a warm and welcoming group.

The Mexican Train Group meets the fourth Friday of the month from 1 to 3:00/3:30 pm. Hosting rotates among the group's members. Mexican Train is a fun dominoes game played with a little strategy and a lot of luck, allowing for plenty of time during the round for chatting and enjoying each other's company. The object of the game is to play all your dominoes or at least as many high-point dominoes as possible during each round as you take turns building lines of end-matching dominoes that run around the table. The rules of the game are easy to understand and follow, and the game is played simply for fun, with the low scorer being the winner. Those interested in joining us for a fun afternoon should contact the Activity Group Leader.

One of the two **Hand and Foot Groups** meets the third Thursday of the month (September through June) from 1:00 to (approximately) 3:30 pm. This group takes turns meeting at different members' homes. In addition, a member will assist the hostess by providing (or assisting) with refreshments. Or, the hostess can opt to handle the afternoon snacks herself. They are currently looking for two additional full-time members and two to three more subs. For more information, please contact the Leader of the Thursday Hand & Foot group listed in your Roster.

If any groups are currently looking for new members or if you would like to start up a new group, please contact the Activity Group Leader.

Sunshine

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

New Member Reception

There will be a Newcomers New Member Reception on Thursday, March 14 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 R.S.V.P. to the New Member Reception 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, where she can find and print a Membership Application.

Welcome to our New Members

We welcome our five new members. Our membership total is now 299.

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.