

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

May 2019

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## President's Message

*"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."*  
~Albert Pike

We enjoyed another spectacular fashion show in April while learning about what makes us look our most "Savvy, Sassy and Sophisticated." Who would have thought that adding layers would have such stupendous results, or combining comfort and style would add such sass to our wardrobes? Thank you so much to the Fashion Show committee ably led by our own fashion expert. And it was all possible because the shop owners agreed to help us in so many ways. They offered the real shopping experience where you could actually touch the fabric, try on the fashions, and get their expert advice. Thanks so much to Judi's of Nevada City, Mill Street Clothing Company and Beautiful *boutique* in Grass Valley, *Whim be beautiful!* in Penn Valley and Marilyn's Fashionations in Auburn.

In May we will be electing officers for the upcoming club year, and the board members who work hard to keep our club functioning will be introduced. It is now time to renew your Newcomers membership. Dues vouchers are being sent out this month. In case you misplaced your Renewal Form, another one is attached to this newsletter.

Also, in May we will have special musical entertainment by one of our favorites, Sierra Stages. For our last luncheon in June we have planned an interesting and informative discussion on preparing for the loss of a loved one. This meeting will be accompanied by a salad buffet lunch.

We continue to welcome new members and hope everyone is finding opportunities to make new friends while having fun doing it! Activities information is available at our lunch meetings thanks to our Activities chair, Stacey Nicolai.

Your comments and ideas are always welcome. Please feel free to call me or share your ideas with any board member.

## Savvy, Sassy and Sophisticated - A Great Success!

Twenty-five models from five local stores were the *Stars of the Show*, each beautifully dressed to enhance her unique body type. Our Emcee did a wonderful job of explaining how each model's look was a success, layer by layer. In addition, our membership chair gave a special introduction of our five storeowners as they presented the ten winners of the raffle prizes from their stores. All in all it was a "Savvy, Sassy and Sophisticated" day of fashion.

## May Luncheon Meeting

May 22, 2019 at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$23.00 per person

### May Program: Sierra Stages Performance

Under the direction of Ken Getz, local vocalists return for what may be their last Newcomers Club performance to delight us with songs from Broadway shows, particularly those from Sierra Stages' selected performances. Look for their 2019 upcoming productions, including "Cabaret," "The Thanksgiving Play," and "You're Gonna Love Tomorrow." Sierra Stages, Legacy, CATS and InConcert Sierra production companies have long supported the Newcomers' Auction and Christmas Families programs.

### May Luncheon Menu

Choice of

**One Half of a Chinese Chicken Salad**

with house made crispy noodles and Asian ginger-sesame dressing served with a veggie spring roll and dipping sauce on the side

or

**One Half of a Grilled Cheese Sandwich**

with aged cheddar cheese on sourdough bread served with a cup of tomato soup

All entrées include coffee and tea

Tropical sorbet with a fortune cookie garnish for dessert

To make reservations for **May 22, 2019**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and write **May-Chicken Salad or May-Grilled Cheese** on the bottom of your check. Mail it to the Reservation Chair for May.

Checks must be received by **Monday, May 13, 2019**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 14**. After **Tuesday, May 14**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for May.

## June Luncheon Meeting

**June 26, 2019 at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$23.00 per person**

### **June Program: 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 preparing for or 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.

### **June Luncheon Menu**

#### **Gourmet Salad Bar Buffet**

Includes grilled, diced chicken, bay shrimp, olives, diced tomatoes, diced red onion, hard boiled eggs, garbanzo beans, shredded cheddar cheese, mushrooms, cucumbers and croutons, served with tortilla chips

Choice of balsamic, ranch and bleu cheese dressings

All entrées will include coffee and tea

Lemon Bars for dessert

To make reservations for **June 26, 2019**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop it in the check box at the May luncheon or mail it to the Reservation Chair for June.

Checks must be received by **Monday, June 17, 2019**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 18**. After **Tuesday, June 18**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for June.

## **Program Highlights for 2019-2020**

Rosalie and Julie have been busy booking programs for the 2019-2020 season. The September program will feature David Woods Bartley, a dynamic speaker, storyteller and trainer, who will shed light on the issues of mental illness and mental health. In December the Nevada Union Senior Choir, under the direction of Rod Bagget, will present our Christmas program. In February retired Rear Admiral Bonnie Totter will share her experiences as a woman and physician in the military and commanding a hospital ship during the Gulf War. In March Dr. Rob Dunbar, a Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment, will discuss his research on the environment and the earth's climate. More to come – outstanding job, ladies!

## **October Live Auction**

It may seem early to be thinking of our annual Live Auction coming up in October, but the Live Auction team has been busy collecting exciting items for you to consider. To date, some of our packages, which are recurring from last year, include theater tickets paired with a restaurant, a quilted wall hanging, car detailing, a week's stay at a condo in North Carolina and tree services provided by Tim the Tree Man. Some of the new items for 2019 are a massage at Aloha Healing Touch Massage, a facial at Terra Bella Salon, several baskets of hand crafted items, window washing by Auburn's Finest Window Washing, and a 4-night stay at a condo in Lake Tahoe. Of course, John Renwick will be returning as our vibrant and always-entertaining auctioneer.

## **Christmas Families Project**

The Supplemental Donations team for our Christmas Families Project is asking for donations for the parents of the children we serve each holiday season. We would like to begin collecting items for this program at our May meeting.

Things we need:

- Women's cosmetic ditty bags and men's toiletry bags
- Toiletries from hotels you may visit
- Toothpaste, dental floss
- Infant and/or toddler toothbrushes

NOTE: We have an overabundance of adult and children's toothbrushes, and no more are needed.

Additional suggestions for small items for the ditty bags for both men and women:

- Small flashlights, key rings
- Cosmetics, nail polish
- Manicure or pedicure sets
- Combs, small hair care items

Possibilities for larger items to give as presents for both men and women (this could be anything you might give as a Mother's Day or Father's Day gift):

- Shampoo, lotions, bath or shower items—larger than travel size
- Costume jewelry
- Kitchen items, tools

Hats, gloves  
Socks, slipper sox  
Flashlights  
Wallets, purses, tote bags, backpacks  
First aid or emergency items  
Playing cards or other games  
Other special gifts

NOTE: We cannot use sized clothing or shoes, as we don't know the exact sizes of our parents.

Please bring your donations to our May, June, September, or October meetings.  
Thank you so very much for your participation.

## 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? This writing group provides both motivation and the opportunity for sharing work with fellow members - no pressure, just fun and informative. The group generally meets once a month on Friday afternoons. The next meeting date is Friday, May 17 at 1:30 pm. They are a small group and would love to have more members.

**The New Monthly Movie Group** - This group will go to the movies early afternoon on the second Monday of each month. About one week ahead of the movie, we will email a list of three movies for the group to consider. The movie receiving the most votes received by reply email will be the movie the group attends. 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.

### 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. 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, 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 1:00 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.

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 one additional full-time member and two to three more subs.

If I have missed 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At our monthly luncheons flyers will be available for you to take that describe more fully what the various activity groups do, when they meet and who to contact for more information.

## **Sunshine**

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

## **Photo Contest for the Cover of the New Roster**

Do you have a photograph you'd like to enter in the Roster Cover Photo Contest? Here are the contest rules.

1. You must be a current member of our Newcomers Club.
2. You may submit 1-2 photos.
3. Your photo should depict something to do with or happening in Nevada County.
4. The photo should be of high quality and adapt to portrait mode (8" tall by 5" wide).
5. The winning photo will be selected by a three-judge panel.
6. By entering the contest, you agree to have your photo (whether the winning photo or not) shared on our website and on our Facebook page.
7. Photos should be emailed to our Membership Chair by June 1, 2019.

## **Nominations for the 2019/2020 Newcomers Club Board**

We would like to extend our thanks to Nominating Committee for nominations for the 2019/2020 Newcomers Club Board of Directors.

Standing committee chairs have also been nominated for the upcoming club year. The election will be held at the May luncheon meeting, and officers will assume their duties in September.

## **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 now have 306 members.

## **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 at the end of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for getting those checks headed our way.

## **Luncheon Raffles**

The luncheon raffles are an important part of the Newcomers Club budget. The proceeds support all of our activities. Our Ways and Means Committee strives to include fun and appealing prizes to be taken home by four or five lucky winners at each luncheon. This month could include you! Tickets are \$1 each, or \$5 for six tickets, or \$10 for fifteen.

# Newcomers Club - Revised Annual Membership Renewal Form

**Dues are for the period September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020**

As soon as possible, please bring this form with your check to the next luncheon meeting, or mail this form and your **\$25 check** payable to **Newcomers Club** to  
**Ann Barbaro, 11107 Copper Drive, Grass Valley CA 95945**

*If you have any questions, please contact Ann at 707-477-5941 or [ann.barbaro@att.net](mailto:ann.barbaro@att.net).  
To be listed in the Roster, we need to receive your check by July 31.*

*(Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member in good standing who has had an ongoing membership in the Club for at least five years. Lifetime Membership waives payment of dues. To apply, contact Ann Barbaro.)*

1) Name - Please Print:

*(As you would like it to appear on your luncheon name tags and in the Roster)*

2) If you'd like to have your birthday (MM/DD) listed in the next Roster, enter it here:

*(Your name and birthdate will also appear in the Newsletter near the month of your birthday.)*

3) If you have a preferred phone number, list that number in Section 5 and circle it. We'll make that phone number bold in the next Roster.

4) If your current Roster information is correct, check here  and go to Section 6.

5) *If you have NEW information for the next Roster, please print the new information below.*

*New Street Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*New City:* \_\_\_\_\_ *New Zip Code:* \_\_\_\_\_

*New Home Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_ *New Spouse's Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*New Cell Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_ *(optional)(circle your preferred phone #)*

*New Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*(as it will be listed in the Roster)*

6) You can deliver my Newsletters by e-mail. Yes  No

You have my permission to include my information in our club's Roster and in the Newsletter.

Yes  No

We post photos of our activities online, on our webpage, our Facebook page, and the Chamber of Commerce website. If you do not want your picture published publicly, you need to be proactive. If you do not wish to be photographed, it is your responsibility to notify the photographer when photos are being taken. If you do **not** do so, we will assume we have your permission to publish your photo.

Signature:

Date: