

Nevada County Newcomers Club

October 2019

President's Message

"You've got to ask! Asking is, in my opinion, the world's most powerful and neglected secret to success and happiness." ~Percy Ross

In October we hold our popular silent and live auctions. They are the source of funding for our heartwarming Christmas Families Project that involves many of our club members in the fall. We always look forward to the treasures our members donate that make this one of the more unique auctions in our community. We have learned that bringing items before the day of the auction helps immensely with set up. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the drop-off schedule. Questions can be directed to the auction chairs. Please come to this fabulous luncheon, bring a friend and bid on something wonderful!

You are invited to come to the October meeting in costume. It is amazing how creative our members can be when offered a chance to assume another identity while in costume. I ask you to participate! There will be prizes for the best costumes, and judges will be roaming the room to find the best ones.

We are pleased to tell you that we have scheduled all our regular meetings at the Alta Sierra Country Club for this club year. There will be a small price increase beginning in January, but our restaurant coordinators have assured us that our dates are firm for this year.

It's not too early to be thinking about how you can help with the Christmas Families Project. We always need shoppers who are given an allowance per child and his or her "wish-list." Once shopping has been completed, we need wrappers to help wrap all the gifts and pack them for each family unit. This is a big undertaking for our club. We welcome new members joining in the fun of helping needy families and making new friends in the process. We'll soon be soliciting volunteers, so I ask you to help!

October Luncheon Meeting & Annual Auctions

October 23, 2019

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 begins at 12:45 pm

Cost: \$23.00 per person

October Program: Our Annual Live and Silent Auctions

The Newcomers Club **Live Auction** is an exciting and fun-filled event that supports our Christmas Families Project. Together we can create another special, magical Christmas for children and families in our community. Last year, with your generosity, we supported over 153 children. The live auction boasts a dream list that you won't want to miss, offering treasures that will amaze and tempt you! Remember, the auction is open to everyone, so invite your family and friends. John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, will return as our auctioneer, bringing his efficient, dynamic, fast-paced entertaining energy to this event. Don't forget your wish list and checkbook. (We're unable to process credit card payments.)

Please remember there will be no refunds for your Live and Silent Auctions purchases.

Here are a few of the treasures on the auction block that may tickle your fancy:

Come Paint with Us at the Foothills Event Center

Olive and vinegar tasting at The Olive Groove

Onyx Theater tickets and a gift certificate to California Organics Market and Café

A fun day in Grass Valley—gift certificates to the 49er Fun Park, Prosperity Lanes and Baskin-Robbins

Affordable Auto Detailing with an emergency kit from Riebes Auto Parts

Handcrafted cozies (bowl covers)

Four-night stay at a condo in North Lake Tahoe

Cleanup session with Tim the Tree Man

A massage from Aloha Healing Touch Massage and a facial from Terra Bella Salon

Sierra Cinemas tickets and a gift certificate to Lazy Dog Chocolateria

Sierra Stages tickets with a gift certificate to Bistro 221

A week's stay at a condo in North Carolina

InConcert Sierra tickets with a gift certificate to Sergio's Caffé

A fresh autumn bouquet by Grass Valley Florist

Truckee River rafting trip with lunch at River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant

A basket of hand-knitted scarves

Window washing certificate from Auburn's Finest Window Washing

CATS tickets with a gift certificate to Lefty's Grill

Taste of Nevada County with gift certificates to Lefty's Grill, Cirino's at Main Street and the Timbers Bar & Grill at Alta Sierra Country Club

Bird Girl garden statue

Two acupuncture sessions at Dharma Acupuncture

Handcrafted table runner, napkins and placemats

Affordable Auto Detail with Arco gift card

A heartfelt thank you to the committee members who have worked tirelessly to bring about the best live auction ever.

The **Silent Auction** is just three weeks from now. We are dependent on YOU, the members, to help make it a giant success again this year. Please look around and set aside new or nearly new items that can be sold at the auction. As always, no clothing please. There will be two drop-off opportunities on Monday, October 21, from 2 pm to 4 pm, and Tuesday, October 22, between 10 am and noon, at the front door portico at Alta Sierra. We thank you in advance for supporting our Christmas Families Project. If you have questions about donations, drop-off, or storage of items for the auction, please contact the Silent Auction Chairs.

October Luncheon Menu

Choice of

One Half Order of Spinach Fettuccine

served with a meatball and marinara sauce and a side Caesar salad
or

One Half Order of Spinach Fettuccine (no meatball)

served with marinara sauce and a side Caesar salad
or

One Half Croissant with Turkey

and brie, sliced apple, sprouts and mayonnaise
served with a cup of butternut squash soup

All entrées include coffee and tea

A Halloween-themed dessert

To Make Reservations for **October 23**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **Oct-Fett/Meatball or Oct-Fett/Veggie or Oct-Turkey** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservation Chair for October.

Checks must be received by **Monday, October 14**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 15**. After **Tuesday, October 15**, 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 Project

Wow! It is almost time for our Christmas Families Project to begin in earnest. We have already begun to get our committee members together for a planning meeting and will be asking for volunteer shoppers and wrappers very soon. Look for a news update in our November newsletter. In the meantime, please be sure to come to the October luncheon for our annual live and silent auctions. This is our major fundraiser for this project, and without your participation it won't happen. We want to make this the best year ever! If you have any questions, please contact either of the Christmas Families Chairs.

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 small gifts.

The crochet and knitting groups have made beautiful scarves 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 to include:

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

Time is running out! Please bring your items to the October Luncheon.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

December Luncheon Meeting

December 4, 2019 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$30.00 per person

December Program: A Holiday Music Event

The Nevada Union Senior Madrigal Choir, under the direction of Rod Baggett, has been invited annually to perform throughout the country and abroad. They will bring their outstanding talent home to Alta Sierra for our enjoyment this holiday season with a beautiful selection of festive songs.

Our program will also include two recipients of our Christmas Families Project, sharing how our program has supported them in their journeys to self-sufficiency. In years past, this has been a tearful, heartfelt expression of gratitude by women in our community who have been impacted by our members' generosity.

This is sure to be a joyous 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). 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.

If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club. 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

Tomato Bisque Soup

Chicken Tapenade stuffed with kalamata olives, sun dried tomatoes and feta cheese with a balsamic drizzle

Angel Hair Pasta tossed in garlic olive oil with cherry tomatoes and kalamata olives

Zucchini and Squash Vegetable Medley

All entrées include rolls and butter, coffee and tea

A Holiday-themed dessert

To make Reservations for **December 4**, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00**, or follow the directions above for group reservations, and drop the checks with your reservation instructions into the check box at the October luncheon, or mail them to the Reservation Chair for December.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 18**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 19**. After **Tuesday, November 19**, 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**. You may choose to enjoy a bit of both entrées from the buffet, but no “to-go containers” will be provided.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

January 22, 2020 – Damsels in Defense. Lori Osmond will talk about situational awareness and how to protect ourselves as well as our families. She will also share stories of her trip to the Cambodian group home, which is supported by her organization for girls who were saved from the sex slavery industry.

February 26, 2020 – Stories from a Female Military Commander. Navy Rear Admiral (Retired) and Physician Dr. Bonnie Potter. Dr. Potter will speak on her experiences as a female commander in the military.

Activities

Writing Group

The writing group consists of members with diverse interests and writing projects, from poetry to memoirs to nonfiction. They meet once a month to share what they have written and get feedback from fellow members. It is a low-key, helpful and fun group. They meet at 1:30 pm once a month with dates determined in advance by the members. The next meeting is Friday, November 8. New members are welcome. If you're interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the Writing Group leader listed in your roster.

Please Note: At the monthly luncheons there will be flyers available for you to take which describe more fully what the various activity groups do and when they meet. Contact information is on them as well.

If any groups are currently looking for new members, or if you would like to start a new group, please contact the Activities Chair listed in your roster.

Sunshine

At the most recent Newcomers Club Board meeting, the Board Secretary and the Luncheon Secretary were appointed as Co-chairs of Sunshine. We ask members to please let one of them know of anyone in need of a comfort or condolence card or contact from the Newcomers Club.

Membership

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

Welcome to our New Members

We currently have 270 members.