

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

November 2019

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## President's Message

*There is nothing in the world as irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor."*

*~Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol*

WOW! What a fun luncheon and auction we celebrated in October. We made some serious money for our Christmas Families Project and will be able to help little children experience the joys of Christmas.

It goes without saying that our members stepped up, brought their treasures, and other members gave them new homes. We thank you so much for your unique donations and your generous participation. We appreciated having items delivered early. It is such a big help on auction day.

All in all, it was a really fun day. And the costumes, oh the costumes! It is always a surprise to see our members dressed up in such fun and creative ways. Often it's the quiet ones who take on an alter ego and become someone else, if only for a few hours. Congratulations to our costume contest winners!

Just a friendly reminder -- because our monthly meeting would normally be the day before Thanksgiving, we do not hold a November meeting. We extend a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and look forward to seeing you on the FIRST WEDNESDAY in December.

The annual Christmas luncheon on December 4 is not to be missed. It gets you into the holiday spirit and has all the elements of a "special Newcomers experience."

We have invited moms who have been recipients of our Christmas Families Project to speak. For a brief moment we will be able to look at the world through their eyes, learn about their challenges, and share their delight in having their family selected to receive our personally selected gifts. It warms our hearts to know that we have been able to bring a little Christmas magic to little ones who might otherwise have been overlooked. It's really all about the children, but we also thank our members for helping us create some useful gifts for their parents who are always surprised that there is something for them, too.

Our December program always includes music, and this year is no exception. We have invited the Nevada Union High School Madrigal Choir directed by Rod Baggett to perform for us. We look forward to hearing their beautiful voices. All in all, this will really put us in the holiday spirit!

## 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!

### **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

## **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 with 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.

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 mail the checks with your reservation instructions 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.

You may choose to enjoy a bit of both entrées from the buffet, but no "to-go containers" will be provided.

## January Luncheon Meeting

**January 22, 2020 at 11:30 am**  
**Alta Sierra Country Club**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person (please note price change)**

**January Program: Damsel 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. You won't want to miss her interesting and informative talk.

### January Menu

Choice of

**A Cup of Minestrone Soup and One Half Chicken Pesto Sandwich**  
served with sundried tomatoes, spinach and mozzarella cheese on sourdough bread  
or

**A Cup of Minestrone Soup and One Half Traditional Patty Melt** on sourdough bread  
or

**A Bowl of Minestrone Soup** served with a mixed green side salad and a warm roll

All entrées include coffee and tea

Dessert: Chef's Choice

To make reservations for **January 22, 2020**, please make your **\$25.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and **remember to date your check 2020**. Write **Jan-Chicken, Jan-Patty Melt** or **Jan-Soup/Salad** 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 13**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, January 14**. After Tuesday, January 14, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the reservation chair for January.

## **More Program Highlights**

**February 26, 2020 – Stories from a Female Military Commander.** As both a Navy rear admiral (retired) and physician, Dr. Bonnie Potter will speak about her experiences as a female commander in the military.

**March 25, 2020 – Impact of Climate Change.** Dr. Robert Dunbar, Professor of Earth Science at Stanford University and Senior Fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment, is an international expert in climate change and will speak to us about the impact on the environment.

## **Christmas Families Project**

We have already started our season 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 donations plus the club contributions, we are able to project the number of children and families to include in our 2019 program. The numbers are adjusted when the actual auction income is known. In 2019 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 Christmas Families Chairpersons.

If you have additional questions about this program or want to volunteer in some other way, please contact either of the Christmas Families Chairpersons.

## **October Live Auction Review**

Our 2019 Live Auction was amazing, generating \$5,504 for our Christmas Families Project. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who contributed to making it so successful: our donors, Newcomers greeters, runners, spotters and you, our bidders. We would especially like to express our appreciation to our marvelous auctioneer, John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, who made this event both entertaining and profitable.

An enormous thank you goes to our Live Auction Committee Co-Chairs, and to our dedicated committee members who worked diligently all year to bring you fun and interesting items.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the businesses and members of our community who generously donated to our Live Auction.

Aloha Healing Touch Massage	Lazy Dog Chocolateria
Affordable Auto Detailing	Lefty's Grill
Arco AM PM	Music in the Mountains
Auburn's Finest Window Washing	Olive Groove
Baskin Robbins	Onyx Theatre
Bistro 221	Pine Street Burgers/South Pine Café
CA Organics Market & Café	Riebes Auto Parts
Cirino's on Main Street	Sierra Theatres
Community Asian Theatre of the Sierras	Sierra Stages Community Theatre
Come Paint with Us	Terra Bella Salon
Dale's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Tim the Tree Man
Dharma Acupuncture	Timbers at Alta Sierra Country Club
Grass Valley Florist	Truckee River Ranch Lodge & Restaurant
Inconcert Sierra	

## October Silent Auction Review

A huge THANK YOU to the many generous members who donated some wonderful treasures for our 2019 Silent Auction. And another huge THANK YOU to all the bidders who persevered in their bidding until they succeeded in winning their item. The magical combination of donors and bidders made the auction a wonderful success, bringing a total of \$2,004 for the benefit of Christmas Families Project.

Thank you, too, to the many volunteers who processed the donated items, set them out for display and cashiered. The tremendous success would not have been possible without you.

## October Auction – Other Donations

Some of the ladies at the October Luncheon wanted to participate in the Auctions without making a purchase. Those donations added another \$450 to the bottom line.

**The total income generated for our Christmas Families Project is a whopping \$7,958.** Congratulations and hearty thanks to all the workers and donors who made this happen.

If you want to make a cash or check donation, we'll be passing donation baskets at the December 4 luncheon. Please make your check payable to Newcomers. You can also mail your check, marked "CFP donation," to the Treasurer.

## Activities

Our new Activities chair, has enjoyed getting acquainted, on paper and email, with all the Activity groups. Although half of the groups are involved with games or cards, none of these groups are looking for new people. So if there is any interest, a new group could be formed. Next in popularity are the book clubs and cooking groups. Again, if there is interest, another group in

either of these areas could be formed. Many groups that have been listed in the newsletter are no longer open, so ladies from these “filled” groups are invited to give a short "plug" at our luncheons to generate interest in forming a new cooking, book, game, or other type of group. Below are updates:

**Nifty Needlers** will no longer be meeting.

**Kitchen Kut-Ups, Mysteries & More, Writing Group** and **Yarn Art** have space available for additional members.

**Please note:** Flyers for each group are available for you to take at the monthly luncheons. These provide more detailed information about the groups including when they meet and all contact information.

If you have any questions, ideas or are interested in forming a new group, please contact the Activities Chair.

## **Sunshine**

If you know of anyone in need of a comfort or condolence card or contact from the Newcomers Club, please contact the Luncheon Secretary or the Board Secretary.

## **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](http://NewcomersNC.org), where she can find and print a Membership application.