

# Nevada County Newcomers Club

January 2020

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## President's Message

*"A strong woman looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink."*

~ Gina Carey

It's 2020 – I remember when we were worried that our computers wouldn't be able to change from 1999 to 2000 - seems like just yesterday. But here we are, facing a new decade and embracing positive changes and new learning experiences. It is my hope that we will all face challenges with courage and optimism.

We had such a heartwarming Christmas luncheon where we heard from two incredible young women who told us how their lives have turned around for the better. One is recovering from drug addiction and all the horrible side effects, while the other, a victim of domestic violence, now works with women in similar circumstances as a staff member at Women of Worth. Their young families received gifts from our Christmas Families Project, and their testimonies about the despair they were experiencing as well as the absolute joy the Christmas Families Project has brought to their families touched our hearts. My eyes were a bit moist, I must admit. To hear the young girl play the saxophone we gave her last year (as one of our special items) was the "icing on the Christmas cake."

We passed the Christmas baskets, and our generous members filled them with \$1,578.25. Thanks everyone!!

Thanks also to all the Christmas Families Project volunteers. It takes many hands to help 117 children have a joyous Christmas. Your time and support are deeply appreciated!

We really need help for the October 2020 Live Auction! This annual event raises the majority of the funds for the Christmas Families Project, but due to health and other personal matters, our previous chairwomen cannot continue and the work must start soon to be ready for October. There is a hard-working Live Auction team already in place. We have had two co-chairs for the past several auctions so the task can be shared. If you would be willing to help, please call me or our Vice President to discuss the tasks, and we can connect you with others who know all the details of the work to be done. Please consider stepping up to help with this important work to assure our Christmas Families Project is funded. We are working on some changes to make the job easier.

We resume our monthly meetings beginning the fourth Wednesday of January, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and look forward to sharing this challenging new year with all of you!

## January Luncheon Meeting

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

Cost: **\$23.00** per person (please note price change)

### January Program: Damsel in Defense

Lori Osmond will talk about situational awareness and how we can protect ourselves as well as our families. Although some of you may have heard Lori, or another member of Damsel in Defense, speak at other venues, Lori has designed this presentation just for Newcomers. Her organization supports sex slavery rescue homes in Cambodia and Thailand, and she will share stories of her trip to the Cambodian group home. You won't want to miss her interesting and informative talk. Products will not be for sale at the luncheon, but product order sheets will be available for all attendees.

### 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 and a Mixed Green Salad**

served with a warm roll

All entrées include coffee and tea

Bread Pudding with Jack Daniel's Frosting for dessert

To make reservations for **January 22, 2020**, please make your **\$23.00** 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. 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.

## February Luncheon Meeting

February 26, 2020 at 11:30 am  
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: **\$23.00** per person (please note price change)

### February Program: Stories from a Female Navy Commander

Dr. Bonnie Potter is a “first in her field.” She will talk about her experiences as a woman in the military. She was the first woman commander of a hospital ship in the Gulf War and broke barriers for women in the military as well as her medical profession. She is a true leader and role model for present and future generations. A presentation not to miss!

### February Menu

Choice of

**A Cup of Baked Potato Soup\*** and **One Half Ham and Cheese Sandwich**  
on sourdough bread

or

**A Cup of Baked Potato Soup\*** and **One Half Traditional Cobb Salad**

or

**A Bowl of Baked Potato Soup** and **One Half Caesar Salad**  
with a warm roll

\*Topped with bits of bacon

All entrées include coffee and tea

A Valentine Chocolate Surprise for dessert

To make reservations for **February 26, 2020**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and **remember to date your check 2020**. Write **Feb-Ham, Feb-Cobb** or **Feb-Soup/Salad** on the bottom of your check. Drop your check in the check box at the January meeting or mail it to the Reservation Chair for February.

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

## More Program Highlights

**March 25, 2020 – Bald Eagles and Climate Change Effects on Wildlife** – Some of you have heard Brent Nixon perform or seen his work on National Geographic. He is a naturalist, researcher, photographer, and performer whose presentations are amazing. He will give us an in depth look into the lives of bald eagles, their behaviors and future, as our climate and their habitat change.

**April 22, 2020 – Annual Fashion Show** – This year’s theme is “Color Me Spring.” See article on Page 5.

**May 27, 2020 – Sierra Stages Presents** – This popular theater group will introduce us to music from their 2020 summer show "Sweeney Todd" and perform other Broadway show tunes. Don't miss Newcomers very own “Broadway Musical!”

## Christmas Families Project

Wow! What a year this has been for the Christmas Families Project. Thanks to your generous donations of time and money, we have been able to provide a special Christmas to 117 children and 50 families!

Our Christmas luncheon was very special as well! We had two guest speakers, from Helping Hands Nurturing Center and from Women of Worth. Both of these young women offered heartfelt words about our group and the agencies that support them. A very special surprise was having the recipient of the alto saxophone last year come and play for us! We'd like to extend a special thanks to them all for participating in our luncheon program this year. One other note of gratitude goes out to the Decorations Committee, as the centerpieces on the tables were amazing. Thank you one and all!

We also want to thank everyone on the CFP Committee and the Knitting Group for their generous donations to help make this program a success. We would be remiss not to include our thanks to the Elves who were responsible for assembling our requested bicycles and getting them ready for delivery to our families. It is truly magical the way this whole project comes together – it takes a village, and you are all so appreciated.

Looking forward to next year, we are in need of gift boxes and gift bags in small, medium and large sizes and gift tag stickers. Your donations of these items can be brought to the January luncheon or you may contact either of the Christmas Family Chairpersons and they will make arrangements to take receipt of your items.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important program.

## **2019 Christmas Families Project – Donors**

The Special Items Team would like to thank the following donors for their help with the CFP this year:

JC Penney provided a 25% discount off clothing and toys.

One of our Newcomers' families donated a bike and helmet.

Another Newcomer Family donated two Razor scooters and helmets.

Another Newcomer Family's German friends donated two Razor scooters.

One of our members donated an American Girl doll.

Another donated a Portacrib for a HHNC family.

Thanks to the team leaders, as well as the Special Needs Coordinator.

Thanks also to our Fashion Show Chair who called members to provide help and direction and who assisted in making the Special Items purchases.

## **October Silent Auction Review**

The Silent Auction co-chairs would like to thank their helpers for making this past auction one of the best. It takes lots of last minute help, so special thanks go to those who helped out that day.

## **Color Me Spring**

Our annual Newcomers Fashion Show will be held April 22, 2020 at Alta Sierra.

**FIRST CALL TO MODEL!**

Would you like to model in our Spring Fashion Show? If you would like to be one of our fashionable models, we want YOU! We need models of ALL sizes to show fashions from our local stores. Call or email us if you would like to be a part of this fun day of fashion. Sign up sheets will also be available at our January luncheon. Soon spring will be in the air with lots of colorful fashion! Contact our Ways and Means Chair or our Fashion Show Chair.

## **Activities**

It's a new year and time to think about new interests or expanding ones you already have! Cooking and book groups are very popular. If the activity group you're interested in is full, a new group can easily be formed. Help is available!

Mysteries & More, Writing Group and Yarn Art have space available.

Please note the following changes:

- The Movie Group will now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- There is a new chair of the Garden Club.

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 our 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 Sunshine Chair.

## **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.

## **Welcome to our New Members**

We now have 275 members.