

Nevada County Newcomers Club

March 2020

President's Message

*"A healthy vision of the future is not possible without an accurate knowledge of the past."
~ Daisaku Ikeda*

This month, I'm looking forward to learning more about the effects of the past on the birds and animals in our world, and being introduced to a vision of the future through the eyes of our always entertaining speaker Brent Nixon. His professional approach is especially stimulating, and he always teaches us new facts that we may not otherwise learn. Bring your spouse and friends, as this is a unique speaker who always amazes!

Our upcoming **Fashion Show in April** is going to be another very special and unique event. We encourage members to invite guests and reserve tables early. **We will welcome everyone on a first-come, first-served basis so the earlier you reserve, the better.** We are pleased to tell you that Antonio, owner of Antonio Ayestarán Custom Catering and known for his culinary talents, will cater our luncheon this year. Our Fashion Show is an opportunity to learn even more about fashion, and this year the new learning experience is all about color. We will feature special raffles from all five participating shops. Who knows, you may win the opportunity for you and a friend to have lunch at one of our great restaurants after your fashion experience.

Concerning the luncheons (except April and December), placing napkins on chairs to reserve them when there are no seats available is a disservice to our members who arrive and cannot find seats. Please, let's all be more welcoming. If you are not sure whether someone is coming, please make the seat available to someone who has come.

Since many activity groups are at capacity, we are looking for ways to develop new groups. Also, the bridge groups always welcome backups. Please contact our Activities Chairperson for assistance.

Looking at our past, how we have evolved, and looking to the future, we will be bringing Bylaws Amendments to our March meeting to reflect on our activities and their impact on our community. If you have questions, I am happy to discuss them with you. Just call me.

March Luncheon Meeting

March 25, 2020 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

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

March Program: Bald Eagles and the Impact of Climate Change on Wildlife

Some of you have heard Brent Nixon perform or seen his work on National Geographic television. He is a naturalist, researcher, photographer and performer whose presentations are amazing and entertaining. He will give us an in-depth look into the lives of bald eagles, their behaviors and future as our climate and their habitats change. This is sure to be an animated, entertaining and informative presentation.

March Menu

Choice of

A Cup of Creamy Tomato with Basil Soup and One Half Grilled Cheese Sandwich
on sourdough bread

or

A Cup of Creamy Tomato with Basil Soup and One Half Tuna Melt
on sourdough bread

or

A Cup of Creamy Tomato with Basil Soup and a Napa Cabbage Salad
with mixed greens, candied nuts, grapes, gorgonzola cheese
and balsamic vinaigrette dressing served with a warm roll

All entrées include coffee and tea

Apple Tart for dessert

To make reservations for **March 25, 2020**, please make your **\$23.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Write **March-Cheese, March-Tuna Melt** or **March-Veg/Salad** on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservation Chair for March.

Checks must be received by **Monday, March 16**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, March 17**. After **Tuesday, March 17**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for March.

April Luncheon Meeting

April 22, 2020 **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: \$33.00 per person – note price

April Program: Fashion Show – “Color Me Spring”

Make your reservations NOW! You can make a single reservation for yourself, for a few of your friends who want to sit together, or for an entire table of friends. Seating is first come, first served, and everyone will be placed at a table in advance. This event usually sells out, so get your reservations in early!

We are excited to announce that the esteemed Antonio Ayestarán Custom Catering will be catering our luncheon. In addition, gorgeous centerpieces will decorate the tables at Alta Sierra Country Club.

You won't want to miss this day of *spring color and fashion* from five great stores: JCPenney, Beautiful *boutique* and La Te Da of Grass Valley, Marilyn's Fashionations of Auburn and *Whim be beautiful!* of Penn Valley.

Our own Newcomers members will be modeling the colors they love. Storeowners have been to “Market” and are excited about all that spring has to offer this year. We have TEN Big Raffles, which include a “Wow” selection from each of the five stores. And for the winners, each store will present its display of “colorful fashion” for you and a friend to see in its store, followed by lunch at one of our fantastic restaurants.

Do not hesitate. Make your reservations now. We don't want you to miss out on this fabulous Fashion Show!

April Fashion Show Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Cobb Salad with crisp greens,
topped with diced chicken breast, hardboiled egg,
bleu cheese and diced tomatoes
(Bacon Bits, ranch and balsamic vinaigrette on the side)

or

Greek Salad (*Antonio's favorite vegetarian salad*),
greens tossed with balsamic Dijon vinaigrette,
artichoke hearts, Kalamata olives, cucumbers,
roasted red peppers, red onion,
and feta cheese

Bread and butter, coffee and tea

“Hidden Surprise” for dessert

Table Reservation Policy for the April Luncheon

To make your table reservation(s) for the APRIL 22, 2020 luncheon, please note:

1. **Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A wait list will be developed when the maximum is reached.**
2. All attendees will have assigned seating.
3. You may create a group from 2 to 8 people for this event.
4. For tables with fewer than 8 people, your table will be completed with other members.

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 tablemates.** 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 **\$33** and write **April-Cobb** or **April-Veg** on the bottom of your check. Drop it 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 13, 2020**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**. After **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**, 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 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"!

June 24, 2020 – To be announced.

Activities

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

Please note the following changes:

- Movie Group now meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- There is a new chair of the Garden Club.
- There is a new chair of Mexican Train.
- The Bridge Group, that used to meet on the 2nd Friday, now meets on the 3rd Friday.

Anyone interested in being in a **cooking group**, please contact the Activities Chair.

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 either of the Secretaries.

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.