

Nevada County Newcomers Club

June 2020

President's Message

"Never shall I forget the days I spent with you. Continue to be my friend, as you will always find me yours."

~ Ludwig Van Beethoven

I want to express my sincere thanks for the honor of serving as your President the past two years. What makes our club special is the absolute joy of friendship that we experience in our activity groups and at our luncheon meetings.

These two years would not have been successful without the dedication and commitment of the board members including the standing committees and chairpersons. They keep the President on her toes! They are the true "work horses" who make our club work so well. I sincerely appreciate their support and hard work.

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold our monthly meeting in June at the Alta Sierra Country Club. We tried our best, but there were just too many obstacles to overcome. We appreciate the special amenities that make Alta Sierra a perfect venue for our meetings; however, they do not anticipate being open for large groups like our club until mid or late July. They are open for small groups with a limited lunch menu. We encourage you to stop by and support them. So, the fun day that we had planned may be re-scheduled for the next club year.

Our fiscal year is from September through August, and we are usually "in recess" July and August. This year we had to be "in recess" from March until September through no fault of our own.

Since we have had no physical meetings since February, we have unfinished business to complete. In a new and creative way we are going to attempt voting using a ballot process in the newsletter you will have received in either email or postal mail within the next few days. **Voting will include the board recommended slate of officers for the next club year (see p. 3) and an opportunity to vote on Bylaws Amendments (see pp. 6-7 of newsletter mailed/emailed to members).** You will need to mail in the ballot, which is at the end of the newsletter. We encourage everyone to respond by June 15. We will send the results to our members by email and will include them in the September Newsletter as well.

We remind everyone that dues are payable beginning in May, and your early payment is very much appreciated. Dues are delinquent on June 30. The dues invoice was sent in the May Newsletter, but a second one is included with this June newsletter.

In sincere thanks for the honor of being your president,

Newcomers Club Outgoing President

June Luncheon Meeting - Canceled

September Luncheon Meeting

September 30, 2020

Alta Sierra Country Club

September Program: Annual Fashion Show – “Spring Into Fall”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 2020 Annual Fashion Show is now scheduled for September 30 (the fifth Wednesday of the month) at Alta Sierra Country Club. Antonio (owner of Antonio Ayestarán Custom Catering) will be catering a lovely luncheon, and some of our Newcomers members will be modeling the latest fashions from our five wonderful local stores: Beautiful *boutique*, La Te Da, and JCPenney of Grass Valley, Marilyn’s Fashionations of Auburn, and Whim *be beautiful!* of Penn Valley. As these stores are reopening, let’s support them knowing we are so fortunate to have them in our community. We are all excited to show you the new fashions...SPRING INTO FALL!

More Program Highlights

October – Annual Auction

If you have been using your time in COVID-19 isolation to clean and organize your home, the Silent Auction committee would like to remind you that your gently used items or those things you may be tempted to use for gifting would be welcome additions to our annual silent auction, scheduled for our October luncheon. As a reminder, we cannot accept clothing, but home décor items, jewelry, and other miscellaneous treasures have always been popular at this event. Please consider setting aside your “good stuff” to be donated to Newcomers’ Christmas Families Project fundraiser in October. When the proposed change in our IRS recognition status is approved, your donations will be fully tax-deductible.

December – Holiday Music

In Concert Sierra Quartet will entertain us with festive holiday music. Don't miss our Christmas Families special guests who will share heartwarming stories about how CFP has made a difference in their lives.

January – Dr. Holly Leeds

Dr. Holly Leeds, a local surgeon, will be our speaker in January. She will present a humorous speech on “How to Grow Old Gracefully,” with questions and answers to follow. She will be a lot of fun!

Activities

People who play together, stay together! Try ZOOM or a social distance picnic while groups aren't meeting.

The Bridge Club (Ruth S. at newcomersnc@gmail.com) would like to start a new Bridge group. The names of any new members, who indicated on their new member information sheet that they were interested in Bridge, have been given to the Bridge Club. Interested players may also contact her directly. She will proceed with forming a new group once isolation guidelines are lifted. Getting interested players connected with a Bridge group is a challenge. Many thanks to Kathy B. for agreeing to help facilitate that job! Rosalie B. will be Kathy's back-up, and has also offered to update the Bridge sub list.

Please note: Flyers for each group will be available at the monthly luncheons once they resume. 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 Activities Chair at newcomersnc@gmail.com.

Sunshine

If you know of anyone in need of a comfort or condolence card or contact from the Newcomers Club, please contact Janet A. newcomersnc@gmail.com.

2020/2021 Newcomers Club Board

Complete ballot information and instructions are available to members only, and has been sent to each member in their June Newsletter. We ask that members use the ballot at the end of that newsletter to vote for these offices:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Board Secretary
- Luncheon Secretary

Standing chairs and co-chairs for the following committees have also been appointed for the upcoming club year and approved by the board at its May virtual meeting. The names are included in each member's June Newsletter.

Activities

Bridge

Christmas Families Project

Community Table

Decorations

Fashion Show

Greeters

Luncheons

Membership

New Member Events

Newsletter

October Live Auction

October Silent Auction

Programs

Publicity

Reservations

Sunshine

Ways & Means

New Member Reception

There will be a Newcomers New Member Reception on Thursday, September 3 at 2:00 pm in Grass Valley. All new members who have indicated an interest in attending a reception when joining Newcomers will be invited. At the reception, they will learn more about the Newcomers Club and the various activity groups available. We are planning this event with confirmation to follow based on changing conditions.

Membership

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

Member contact information: Please use Membership Chair's complete address, below, for all mail.

Membership Chair
P.O. Box 253
17748 Lower Colfax Road
Chicago Park CA 95712

Dues Renewal Form

In case you misplaced your Dues Renewal Form (attached to last month's Newsletter), there's another copy at the end of this one. Thank you in advance for getting those checks headed our way.

Information about Proposed Changes to Club Structure:

Newcomers of Nevada County was originally established in 1954 and registered as a social club in 2004. Monthly luncheon meetings were held with interesting programs, and members developed activity groups. None of this will change if we change our IRS designation to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

In 2002 Newcomers began our Christmas Families Project to assure that underprivileged children and their families could celebrate Christmas with age-appropriate gifts and practical gifts for their parents. This project has grown to the largest annual expenditure that we have. On average, it helps about 50 families and about 150 children.

In our quest to raise funds for the Christmas Families Project, donors and businesses often ask if we are a non-profit organization. This change will allow us to say “yes,” and all donations made to our club will be tax-deductible. Donations will be more desirable, thus supporting our fundraising efforts. This benefits not only the children, but individual donors and businesses as well.

We already file taxes on the same forms required of all 501(c) organizations – this will not change. Once we change our 501(c) status, we will be able to provide proof of donations to all donors that they can use for tax deductions.

The board has been talking about this change and working diligently for about a year. In order to move forward with this recommended change, we have to submit a long IRS application that requires that our Bylaws include our charitable purpose. Therefore, the board recommends that the amendments on the next page be adopted.

Amendments to our Bylaws require two readings. Since we did not hold our meeting in March, we missed an opportunity for the first reading of the proposed amendments. Therefore, we used the April newsletter distribution of the proposed amendments as the “first reading.”

The proposed amendments were presented again in the May newsletter and were considered a “second reading.” **The amendments are being presented once again in this newsletter for your final vote.** We encourage your participation in this important club business.

Please call me if you have any questions. I am pleased to discuss the proposed amendments and process to convert from a 501(c)(7) to a 501(c)(3) with all members who want to discuss it. We think that you will agree that it is timely, reflects what we are already doing, and will garner benefits to all donors. In the end, it will help us work together to bring a special Christmas experience to the underprivileged children and their families.

Newcomers Club President

Newcomers Proposed Bylaws Amendments (related to change in status to 501(c)(3)):

Article II Purpose –

The purpose of this organization shall be as stated in its Articles of Incorporation to welcome and bring together women who reside in Nevada County and to stimulate their interest in social activities.

Proposed amendment:

Add at end – *engage members and the general public for the charitable purpose of providing gifts and support for underprivileged children and their families in collaboration with other public charities.*

Article III – Policies

This organization is a tax-exempt social club and shall be nonprofit, nonsectarian and nonpolitical in all of its policies and activities. It is organized exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization shall sponsor special interest groups, each having its own chair and rules, which are in accordance with the laws and policies of the Newcomers Club.

Proposed amendment:

This organization is a nonprofit, nonsectarian and nonpolitical public benefit charitable organization. It is organized exclusively within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization shall encourage member participation in the activities in accordance with the laws and policies of the Newcomers Club and engage club members and the general public in support of underprivileged children and their families.

B. Appointive Standing Committees (*Move Christmas Families Project Chair from Standing Rules Special Events Chairs to the Appointive Standing Committees*)

Add Christmas Families Project Chair as the first one

Article VIII Elected Officers, Appointive Committees and Duties

B. Appointive Standing Committees

Section 1 – Christmas Families Project Chair

The Christmas Families Project Chair shall manage the club's major charitable project involving club members, the general public and community at large, to coordinate and advance services and support for the annual Christmas gifts for underprivileged children and their families.

Renumber all other Standing Committees

Proposed Amendment to the Standing Rules

Board of Directors

Special Events Chairs – *remove Christmas Families Project and insert under Article VIII, B. Section 1 Appointive Standing Committees*

Board Job Descriptions – *Remove Christmas Families Project from the line Special Events Chair because it has been given higher stature by adding it to the Bylaws*

Newcomers Club - Revised Annual Membership Renewal Form

Dues are for the period September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

As soon as possible, please mail this form and your **\$25 check** payable to **Newcomers Club** to
Membership Chair, PO Box 253, 17748 Lower Colfax Road, Chicago Park CA 95712
or bring this form with your check to the next luncheon meeting.

We are not changing our normal club format but have applied to the IRS as a non-profit charitable organization making all donations tax-deductible. We encourage you to make a donation for the Christmas Families Project in addition to your dues ____\$25____\$50____other.

If you have any questions, please contact Membership Chair at (stockmgmt@gmail.com)

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 Membership Chair.)

1) Name - Please Print:

(As you would like it to appear on your luncheon nametags 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 may also appear in the Newsletter near the month of your birthday.)

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

4) If your current Roster information is correct, check here and proceed 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 and Roster by e-mail.

Yes No

7) 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: