

Nevada County Newcomers Club

February 2021

"A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

~L. Frank Baum

President's Message

Valentine's Day will soon be here. I would like to wish you, your families and friends cherished love-filled moments on this special day. Although we are all impacted by the changing of our normal habits, I still hope that you will be able to find a way to enjoy the celebration.

I am sure many of you are aware of the opportunity the club has given to members of our Activity groups. As we are unable to meet in the usual manner, Newcomers has purchased a Zoom account for the purpose of allowing groups to meet virtually. Some activities have already taken advantage of this medium and have had successful meetings. Although it would not work for all activities, it could be a way of staying in touch with your group. Our Garden Club leader is arranging for a program to be enjoyed by the members using Zoom. I will report on the success of this endeavor next month. Our Activities chair has shared more Zoom details in this newsletter.

As always, my wish for you is to stay safe and well as we get closer to having vaccinations available for all. I am happy that "hope" seems to be on the horizon.

February Program

Since the Alta Sierra Country Club is closed until further notice due to the latest shutdown orders, we have no plans for luncheon programs until conditions improve.

Christmas Families Project Report

Wow! You are so generous!

This was a year without an October Auction. Almost half of our membership donated money to ensure the success of our Christmas Families Project.

Many of the shoppers declined reimbursement for the gifts they purchased, donating the cost of those gifts. Many others spent more than they were reimbursed, donating the extra cost of the gifts. The total of the donations from shoppers was \$4,535.

Many of you wrote your dues checks for more than required. The total of the donations that came in with the dues checks was \$2,430. There were donations to Special Items totaling \$322. Many of you mailed separate checks to the Treasurer to be applied to Christmas Families. The total of those checks was \$1,750.

The grand total of all those extra donations was \$9,037!

We thank you, and all those 101 children and 44 families thank you.

One additional thank you goes out to one of our members who donated a space heater for Helping Hands Nurturing Center, per the request in our January newsletter. Thank you!

Activities

A number of Activity Group leaders have now been set up with a Zoom link for their individual groups. Any further requests should be directed to our Activity Groups chair. Meeting time and day requested will be verified for availability on the Zoom calendar. Once that is established, the request will be sent to our Website/Social Media Chair who is now handling setting up the Zoom links. Your patience during this transition period is greatly appreciated!

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 our Activities Chair.

Sunshine

If you know of anyone needing some support, comfort or encouragement from our club, please contact our 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, where she can find and print a Membership application.