

Nevada County Newcomers Club

March 2021

*“Spring makes the world a happy place.
You see a smile on every face.
Flowers come out and birds arrive,
Oh, isn’t it grand to be alive?”*

~Anonymous

President’s Message

This month, I look forward to my favorite season of the year – SPRING. When I was a child, I remember my mother, whose birthday was March 20, saying that she was the “herald of spring.” It’s funny how we all remember certain things that our mothers said to us when we were young. This is the month when our gardens awake from their dull winter landscape. The warmer days will encourage plants and bulbs to ‘spring’ to life. Oh, what joy!

In last month’s newsletter I talked about the fact that our club now has a Zoom account and that it is, hopefully, being used by many of our activity groups. Last month, our Garden Club chair, arranged for a Zoom presentation from Greg Gayton, General Manager of Green Acres Nursery, who discussed the acquisition of Easley Nursery in Auburn. The members were asked to give their feedback as to whether or not they thought this had worked. We had 100% positive comments and are looking forward to another guest presentation in March. We are now discussing whether or not to extend an invitation to one of programs to all members of our club via Zoom. This is quite an undertaking, but it would be a great way to stay connected and for members to enjoy a program that normally would be presented at one of our luncheons. **For more information, please see the Possible Zoom Program article on page 2.**

As always, my wish for you is to stay safe and well. We can all be a little encouraged that the COVID-19 vaccinations are now being given to Nevada County residents, and perhaps some of you have already received your first shot. Hopefully, we will all soon be safe from the virus that has had such an impact on our lives.

Luncheons

The Alta Sierra Country Club remains closed for large group gatherings due to the pandemic. No date has been scheduled for reopening as it all depends upon the directive from Nevada County. When it is safe to reopen, our Restaurant Chairs will be working with the new Events Coordinator to establish our luncheon menus. Currently, the restaurant is open from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays for takeout or patio dining of pre-made sandwiches and hot dogs only. The restaurant is open from Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm for takeout or patio dining from the menu.

Possible Zoom Programs

With in-person meetings postponed, some have turned to using Zoom for communication. The Programs Committee has been looking at possible Zoom speakers. These might include local authors or local physicians such as Dr. Scott Kellerman, new Nevada County Public Health Officer, who would present information about local and worldwide COVID as well as diseases in underdeveloped countries. Another local physician could speak about “Growing Old Gracefully.”

Other possible presentations might incorporate music entertainment (Ken Getz), global environmental change (subject to Rob Dunbar’s availability) or topics such as nutrition, dementia/Alzheimer’s or Tesla batteries/future technologies.

If you are interested in a Zoom presentation on some of the topics above, please reply to the email in which this Newsletter was attached, or send an email to NewcomersNC@gmail.com.

Please respond no later than **Saturday, March 6**, so we will have this information by our next board meeting, March 8.

Activities

Any Activity leader wishing to set up a Zoom link for her activity group should contact our Activity 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 Chair who is now handling setting up Zoom links.

You might consider asking another activity group to join your meeting. It’s a great way to meet some new people or catch up with old friends and share the activities of both groups.

If you have any questions, ideas or are interested in forming a new group, please contact our Activity Group 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 the prospective member to our website, NewcomersNC.org, where she can find and print a Membership application.