

Nevada County Newcomers Club

September 2021

President's Message

*"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."
~ Sally Koch*

It has been many months since we were able to get together for a luncheon, and I am so pleased that we will be able to begin with the September luncheon at the Alta Sierra Country Club. We have a wonderful program for your enjoyment. You will notice from the information given in this newsletter that, unfortunately, we must increase the cost of our lunches to \$30. It is the last thing we wanted to do, but the pandemic has increased food costs as well as the amount being charged by all the venues in our area. The cost to our club is actually more than the \$30 that our members will pay, but through December the club will absorb the additional amount.

October is the month when we have previously held our live and silent auctions to benefit the Christmas Families Project. Due to so many unknowns, we cannot anticipate how many members will attend this luncheon and, of course, we depend on a large attendance to guarantee a successful auction. This year our Silent Auction committee has been thinking 'outside-the-box'. Look for the article they have written giving you details of their innovative idea to replace the silent auction. I hope you will help in making their efforts successful.

As always, stay safe and well. The addition of the Delta variant has been a disappointment and is delaying us getting back to our normal lives, but if we continue wearing our masks, whether fully vaccinated or not, it will help to keep us safe.

September Luncheon Meeting

September 22, 2021 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$30.00 per person

September Program: Rat Pack Events

For our first luncheon in the fall, Robert Caudle and Sherri-Lynn Laboissonniere, a darling married couple, will present a wonderful program impersonating the singing and dancing routines of Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe. The award winning and multi-talented "Dean" pays tribute to Dino, while Sherri-Lynn is one of the premier Marilyn Monroe tribute artists in the US and Canada. They will bring us a "Swing'n 60s" show that will knock you right out of your Mary-Janes. Their program will include some interaction with our audience! What a great way to be welcomed back.

September Luncheon Menu

Baked Potato and Salad Bar Buffet

Baked Potato – cheese, sour cream, bacon and chives

Salad Bar – romaine lettuce, tomatoes, croutons, broccoli, jalapeño peppers, cucumbers

Choice of three dressings – Italian, ranch, or blue cheese

Dinner rolls and butter

Buffet also includes water, iced tea, lemonade and coffee

Newcomers Club will provide dessert

To make reservations for September 22, please make your **\$30.00 check** payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservations Chair.

Checks must be received by **Monday, September 13, 2021**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, September 14**. After **Tuesday, September 14**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Chair.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOW REQUIRED TO GIVE ALTA SIERRA TWO (2) WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE FOR OUR LUNCHEON HEADCOUNT. Your cooperation in getting checks in at your earliest convenience is appreciated.

October Silent Auction Fundraiser

A current concern for our Newcomers Club is how to safely raise the necessary funds to help finance Newcomers' annual Christmas Families Project. The silent auction committee has morphed into the fundraising committee and has come up with a twist on our traditional silent auction of donated treasures.

This year donations of the same “almost new/gently used” items that we have solicited from Newcomers members in previous years will be sold in a giant multi-estate sale. The goals are twofold:

- to increase our proceeds by broadening our customer base through sales to the public as well as to our members
- to hold the event outdoors where conditions are safer

In order for the Estate Sale to be a success, WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP. Please look through your closets, garage, under the bed, and other favorite storage areas for gently used quality items that you would be willing to donate to the sale. No clothing, please, but we can accept accessories such as purses, nice costume jewelry, etc. Because this sale will be held

outside, larger items such as used furniture in good condition also may be donated. Our Christmas Families Project is the beneficiary of 100% of the proceeds from your donations.

Due to the current uncertainty involved in scheduling large events and to assess our progress in acquiring donations, **the fundraising committee is asking all donors to give us a quick call** or brief email with your list of donations. Please notify the Silent Auction Committee of your intended donations by **September 30**.

Once the committee has finalized details such as the sale date (likely mid-October), location, and item drop-off sites, we will make them available to you. In the meantime, please start your treasure hunt of items to donate!

Activities

Currently, groups are still functioning relevant to their individual situations. Keeping in touch with our Activities chair is the best way for Newcomers to have an up-to-date list of our groups. Many thanks to the activity group leaders who have been doing that! We currently have some groups without a chairwoman. If you're in such a group, please try to find someone to be a contact person so we can keep communication going. If your group does not have a chair, it will not be listed in the new roster until a chair is specified.

One of our members would like to play Hand and Foot and is willing to start a new group! Please contact the Activities Chair if you're interested in participating.

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 needing some support, comfort or encouragement from our club, please contact the Sunshine Chair.

Membership

The 2021–22 Roster will be emailed to our members separately from the newsletter, shortly after September 1. For those members who currently receive the newsletter by mail, you will receive your roster in the mail before September 10.

Please remember to check the roster after you receive it for any errors with regard to your name, address, phone number and/or email address.

E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions: If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers, contact our Membership chairs or direct her to our website, NewcomersNC.org, where she can find and print a Membership application.