

Nevada County Newcomers Club

October 2021

President's Message

"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!"

~ George Elliston

I think that we have a unique club. We have many capable and kind members who help to make the Newcomers Club a special and welcoming one. However, it has recently come to my attention that some previous members do not hold the same opinion. One, in particular, has decided not to renew her membership. Why? The reason she gave was that she felt our club members were too cliquey. I was very disappointed to learn that she felt that way and, for that, I am sorry. I must admit when I first joined Newcomers in 2003, I was a little apprehensive. I had attended a couple of luncheons and did not find the experience a very friendly one. At that time, I decided that I needed to participate in some of the activities the club had to offer, and my first experience attending a Garden Club meeting made all the difference. This year, maybe because of the pandemic, we have not had the same number of members renewing their membership. If you are one of those who have not, I hope you will reconsider.

We are always looking for members who want to get more involved. There is a certain amount of satisfaction in helping to run a successful club, and your board is mostly responsible for that. At the moment, we are without a Vice President and, unfortunately, our very capable Luncheon chairs have found it necessary to resign because of personal commitments that are preventing them from continuing in that role. If any of you would be interested in finding out more about these positions, please contact me.

As always, stay safe and well and always remember to be kind to one another. Kindness really does make the world a better place.

October Luncheon Meeting

October 27, 2021 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost – \$30.00 per person

October Program – Software, Stretch IRA and Inflation

Our Program Chair is pleased to have engaged her two sons as the speakers at the October 27 meeting of Newcomers.

Her youngest son Michael is Managing Director of Shea & Company in San Francisco (with offices in Boston), a boutique investment bank, which works globally with emerging and

established leaders of the software industry. He will give an overview of software mergers and acquisitions markets.

Her oldest son Craig is First Vice President/Investments at Stifel in Roseville, and his topics will be death of the stretch IRA and the effect of inflation on the markets.

Husbands, boyfriends and significant others are welcome to this meeting.

October Luncheon Menu

MEX BAR

Seasoned Ground Beef Seasoned Chicken – Fajita Style

Iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapeño peppers, olives,
mixed grated cheese, sour cream, nacho cheese,
nacho chips, flour and corn tortillas, taco shells,
beans and guacamole

Coffee and tea

Surprise dessert

To make reservations for **October 27, 2021**, please make your **\$30.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservation Chair for October.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Thursday, October 14, 2021**. After **Thursday, October 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.**

COVID Protocol

Please note the COVID-19 protocol that we will need to follow at the luncheons.

1. There is a sign at all doors that a MASK MUST be worn inside the Club House.
2. When you sit down to your table you may take off your mask or keep it on, your choice.
3. When you are up walking around visiting with others or going to the bar, restroom or any other part of the Club, you will need to wear your mask.

4. The staff working our event will be wearing masks.
5. For Christmas, friends can form groups of 8 if they wish, otherwise we will work to have only 6 people seated at a table of 8. We hope this will help with social distancing.

A Little Something Extra at the October Luncheon

The October luncheon traditionally has been our fundraising event for Christmas Families Project, with both live and silent auctions being held in past years. While those events have been replaced this year by the Resale Boutique and Treasure Hunt to be held on October 23, we just couldn't let the opportunity for a silent auction slip by.

Our co-chair of the Fundraising Committee and a talented quilter who has sold her work in the annual ArtFusion shows, has offered to put a number of her beautiful, quilted table runners and table toppers up for silent auction. Ten years ago she began making and selling the runners to help support Hospice following her son's passing. While she continues to support that cause, she also has a soft spot in her heart for CFP. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the October auction will go to Christmas Families Project.

When you arrive for lunch, the table runners and toppers will be on display, with a minimum opening bid set for each. The minimum bids will take into account the gorgeous premium fabrics selected as well as the detailed work she puts into the piecing and quilting of each item. These table runners will make wonderful gifts for those on your holiday shopping list ... and for yourself!

When the auction ends, successful bidders will make their donations directly to Newcomers Christmas Families Project by cash, check or credit card.

Resale Boutique and Treasure Hunt

Donations of your gently used items have started coming in for Newcomers Resale Boutique and Treasure Hunt, and we thank you! If you weren't able to make it to our first donation collection event at the September luncheon, here's the schedule for future collection events:

Monday, Oct. 4, 1-3 pm, 11834 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley
Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1-3 pm, 11799 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley
Saturday, Oct. 16, 1-3 pm, 11799 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1-3 pm, 11834 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley

If you have a large quantity of goods and/or extra-large, bulky items and need to schedule assistance, please contact the Silent Auction Committee.

As a reminder, all money raised from the Resale Boutique will fund our annual Christmas Families Project that enables youth served by three local organizations to receive Christmas gifts that otherwise wouldn't be possible. Your generous donation of items in good condition as suggested below is sincerely appreciated. Sorry, we are unable to accept clothing.

- Home décor (furniture and accessories)
- Kitchen items (functional and decorative)
- Games and sports equipment
- Household items and tools
- Fashion jewelry and accessories
- Collectibles and tchotchkes

You won't want to miss this sale—it's going to be epic!

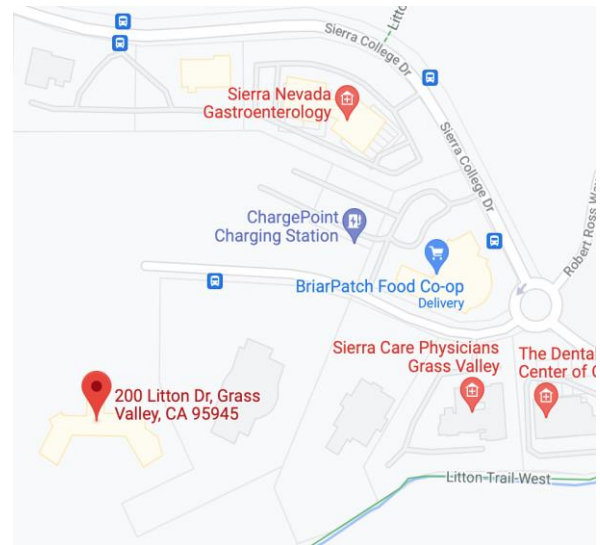
Mark your calendar for the big event:

Saturday, October 23 from 9 am – 2 pm

The Litton Building

200 Litton Drive, Grass Valley

Cash and credit cards accepted



Christmas Families Project

It is that time of year when we start planning and budgeting for our Christmas Families Project. We are planning on the wrapping portion of the project occurring in the same location and under the same guidelines as last year. We have had to scale our budget back as we, like everyone else, have been unable to hold our normal fundraisers. We would urge you to please take part in the Resale Boutique & Treasure Hunt, whether by donating some quality pre-owned items or shopping the sale on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Litton Building located at 200 Litton Drive in Grass Valley. Or you may also consider helping us out by volunteering to work at the sale. (Please call the Silent Auction Committee in you are interested in this option.) One final opportunity to help will present itself at the October luncheon with a silent auction of the beautiful table runners. Please see the article in this newsletter for further information.

We truly appreciate your continued support of this program. We will be in touch with you soon for the opportunity to shop and/or wrap for our families this year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Christmas Families Committee.

December Luncheon Meeting

December 1, 2021 at 11:30 am

Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost – \$30.00 per person

December Program – A Holiday Music Event

The Sierra Master Chorale Quartet (consisting of Kathy Chastain, Leah Leddy, Ken Getz and Steve Nicholson) performs together because they love singing with each other AND to raise funds for the Sierra Master Chorale, a local choir containing about 60 auditioned singers. They'll

perform a Christmas program consisting of standard Christmas carols, close-harmony arrangements of popular Christmas songs and even a sing-along or two.

Our program will also include recipients of our Christmas Families Project, sharing how our program has supported them in their journeys to self-sufficiency. In years past, this has been a tearful, heartfelt expression of gratitude by women in our community who have been impacted by our members' generosity.

This is sure to be a joyous program, so join your friends and get into the holiday spirit!

Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

All attendees will have assigned seating.

You may create a group from two to eight people for this event, a maximum of eight per table. For reservations with fewer than six, your table will be completed with other members for a total of six people in order to provide adequate spacing.

There are two ways to make table reservations for your group:

1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club in the correct amount). Paperclip the checks together and place in an envelope.

OR

2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees.

If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club. You will be welcomed by our reservations team at the luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned to you.

December Luncheon Buffet

TO BE FINALIZED

An email BLAST will be sent when available

To make reservations for **December 1, 2021**, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30.00** for a single reservation. Write your food choice (Dec - TBD) at the bottom of your check. **If you are part of a table group, the table "captain" will collect your check and provide a list of those sitting at the table, along with their food choices. In**

either case, drop the check(s) into the Check Box at the October luncheon, or mail them to the Reservations Chair for December

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 15**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 16**. After **Tuesday, November 16**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservations Committee. **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.**

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars!

January – Judith Kautz, memory specialist and consultant for Dignity Health, will speak on aging.

February – Astronaut Loren Acton will talk about “The New Space.”

Activities

The Activities notebook, usually available at our luncheons, is being revised to reflect numerous changes over more than a year. In the meantime, please refer to the new roster for current information regarding all groups.

One of our members would like to play Hand and Foot and is willing to start a new group!

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.

New Member Reception

There will be a Newcomers New Member Reception on Thursday, October 14, at 2:00 pm at the home of the New Member Reception Chair. All new members are invited to come and learn more about the Newcomers Club and the various activity groups available. Please R.S.V.P. to the New Member Reception Chair. Adjustments for current Covid precautions are as follows: Everyone will wear masks while inside, removing them only to eat refreshments. Socially distanced seating will be arranged. Weather permitting, the meeting will take place outside on the deck where masks can be removed.

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.