

Nevada County Newcomers Club

November 2021

President's Message

"A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected." ~ Anonymous

Our September luncheon was the first time we have been able to get together since the start of the pandemic. Although the attendance was considerably less than our previous luncheons, I think everyone had a good time. The buffet was better than expected, and the entertainment was enjoyed by all. We did, however, have a few complaints. Prior to the luncheon we had advised our members that masks should be worn whenever we walked around the room and that included when we were waiting in line at the buffet table. I understand that not everyone is happy to be wearing a face covering, but there are many who are very concerned about contracting the COVID virus and feel uncomfortable when around members who do not adhere to the rules. We look forward to getting together for our December 1st luncheon, and I hope we will have many more members attending this special event. This will be an opportunity to thank everyone responsible for our Christmas Families Project. There are many people involved in the hard work it takes to make this such a worthwhile endeavor.

Thanksgiving will soon be here, and I hope that those of you who will be travelling to see family will have a safe journey. For those of you who will spend time with friends and family at home, I trust that the celebration will be a memorable one.

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) will perform a Christmas program including standard Christmas carols, close-harmony arrangements of popular songs and even a sing-along or two. The quartet performs together because they love singing with each other AND raising funds for the Sierra Master Chorale, a local choir containing about 60 auditioned singers.

Our program will also include past 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 make a single reservation or create a group from two to eight people for this event.

The "table captain" 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.

If you don't have a group of eight, we will seat you with up to five members at a table for six. We hope this will help with social distancing.

Please submit your check(s) made out to Newcomers Club and send it before November 17.

All attendees of the luncheon will be welcomed by our Reservations team, and your name tag will have your assigned seating.

December Luncheon Buffet

Tomato Bisque Soup

Grilled Chicken with mango or Marsala sauce

Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

Rolls and butter

Coffee and tea

Cheesecake for dessert

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 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, mail it to the Reservation 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 Reservation Chair for December. **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 clubhouse.
2. When you sit down to your table, you may take off your mask or keep it on.
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 also be wearing masks.

Christmas Families Project

The Christmas Families Project wheels have begun to turn! We have secured our wrapping center which will be at the same location as last year, the Emanuel Episcopal Church building located in the parking lot by Helping Hands Nurturing Center. We will be in operation at the location from Monday, November 29, until December 17. Our families' wish lists will start coming in shortly, then the shoppers will be assigned and the wrappers will be scheduled. To that end, if you would like to shop or wrap this year and you have not yet been contacted, please reach out to the following people:

-If you are interested in shopping, please contact the Shoppers' Chair.

-If you are interested in wrapping, please contact the Wrappers' Chair.

For any other questions you may have, please contact one of the Christmas Co-Chairs.

We truly appreciate your support of this program which means so much to us and to our agencies.

January Luncheon Meeting

**January 26, 2022 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club**

Cost: TBD

January Program: Resources for Managing Memory as We Age

Judith Kautz, a memory specialist and consultant for Dignity Health, will speak on aging, Alzheimer's and dementia. Learn about slowing the process and the caregiving role. Be sure to come and learn about this important topic!

JANUARY LUNCHEON BUFFET

TO BE FINALIZED

An email BLAST will be sent when available

To make reservations for **JANUARY 26, 2022**, please make your check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **(TBD)** for a single reservation. Write your menu choice (**Jan - TBD**) at the bottom of your check and drop it into the Check Box at the December luncheon or mail it to the Reservation Chair for January.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, January 12**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Thursday, January 13**. After **Thursday, January 13**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation Chair for January.

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More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars.

February 23, 2022 – TBA

March 23, 2022 - Loren Acton, Astronaut Payload Specialist on Space Shuttle Challenger and world leading astrophysicist, will give a talk about what you have forgotten, or perhaps never knew, about “Human Spaceflight – Past and Future.”

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.

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.

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.