

Nevada County Newcomers Club

February 2022

President's Message

"Life is not waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain" ...Anon

What a start to the New Year! The unprecedented snowstorm that came in at the end of 2021 caused so many problems for many of us as we welcomed in 2022. No power, which meant no heat, no stove, no TV/Internet and no water for those of us that depend on a well. During the day was not so bad but the evenings, after the sun went down, were more difficult, and I found my new bedtime was around 7:30 pm. I am sure everyone gave a big sigh of relief when power was eventually restored. Although I was very frustrated waiting for my power to come back, my thanks go out to all those amazing PG&E workers who had to combat so many hazards and had to work in such severe temperatures.

Since the pandemic began in the latter part of 2020 our club has suffered many setbacks, one of which is the lack of interest in renewing memberships. Of course, this could have something to do with the pandemic. In 2020 our membership was almost 300 strong, and in 2021 we did not even reach 200. That, of course, has affected the number of members attending our monthly luncheons. In the early part of this year, if we find our members show little interest in attending these luncheons, we will have to consider reducing the number of luncheons we hold. I would definitely not like to see that happen. Also, due to the pandemic, there has been an increase in the cost of luncheons, which might also contribute to the low numbers. However, we have a wonderful committee working extremely hard to rectify that problem.

As always, stay safe and well.

February Luncheon Meeting

February 23, 2022 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$30 per person

February Program – Resources for Managing Memory as We Age **(rescheduled from January)**

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

PLEASE NOTE: We will require a minimum of 50 people in order to proceed with the program. We look forward to increasing our luncheon attendance.

February Luncheon Buffet

Soup and Salad Bar

Mushroom soup with side of blue cheese

Salad Bar – choice of **chicken** or **bay shrimp** with mixed Romaine lettuce, croutons, tomatoes, eggs, mixed cheese, cucumbers, olives, garbanzo beans, black beans, carrot/cabbage mix, mushrooms, and bacon bits with choice of dressings

Coffee and Tea

Ice Cream and Cookies for dessert

To make reservations for **FEBRUARY 23, 2022**, please make your **\$30 check** payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservation chair for February.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, February 10, 2022**. Please write **CHICKEN** or **SHRIMP** on the bottom of your check. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Thursday, February 11**. After **Thursday, February 11**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation chair for February.

WE ARE 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.

March Luncheon Meeting

March 23, 2022 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: **\$30 per person**

March Program – Human Spaceflight – Past and Future

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.”

March Luncheon Buffet

Mex Bar

Seasoned **Ground Beef** or Seasoned **Chicken** – Fajita Style
with
iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, onions, jalapeño peppers, olives,
mixed cheese, sour cream, nacho cheese,
nacho chips, tortillas, taco shells,
beans and guacamole

Coffee and Tea

Dessert

To make reservations for **MARCH 23, 2022**, please make your **\$30.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop your check in the Check box at the February meeting or mail it to the Reservation chair for March.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**. Please write **BEEF** or **CHICKEN** on the bottom of your check. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Thursday, March 10, 2022**. After **Thursday, March 10, 2022**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call Reservation chair for March.

PLEASE NOTE: We will need to have a minimum of 50 in attendance for our luncheon meetings. We look forward to returning to pre-COVID luncheon gatherings.

More Program Highlights – Mark Your Calendars

April 27, 2022 - Chris Enss is an award-winning, New York Times best-selling author and former performer. A local resident, Chris will entertain us with stories of Women of the Old West but will focus her talk on Annie Oakley (and the little-known parts of her life). Chris is always delightful with animated presentations and enthusiasm for her subjects. She will have some books for sale at the event.

Fashion Show Moved to June

The Fashion Show Committee and the Board have decided to move the Fashion Show to the June meeting (June 22). This year's theme is "The Crazy Lazy Days of Summer." So, we'll end our Newcomers year and start the summer with style. The Committee is still looking for a venue, and more importantly, models! If you are interested in modeling in this fun event, please contact the Fashion Show chair.

Activities

The Activities Notebook has been updated and will be available at the monthly luncheons. Depending on available space, it will either be on the table in the foyer of Alta Sierra or in the dining room. Changes to the groups will continue for some time. Group leaders are asked to please update their information with the Activities chair.

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 – We are up to 187 members!

. . . despite the pandemic, Zoom meetings, masks and social distancing.

Membership Questions

DISCOUNTED membership for the remainder of the year – only \$17.00!

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. Applications should be sent to the Membership chair.