

Nevada County Newcomers Club

April 2022

President's Message

"Better to be an optimist who gets disappointed than a pessimist who has no hope"

~Robin S. Sharma

By the time you read this message I am hoping we have had a few good storms. I am aware that in my March message I talked about the possibility of a drought, but unfortunately, as I write this message on March 15, we still have had very little rain. With the dry months of January, February and March, we will be in a dire situation with our lack of water going into our dry months. I apologize for bringing up this doom and gloom subject again, but it is on my mind as it must be on the minds of all of you.

Over the last few months, we have been disappointed in the lack of interest in attending our luncheons. I realize that many of you may still be concerned about contracting COVID, but I can assure you that we are continuing to take precautions and mask-wearing is still recommended. As mask mandates have now been lifted in California because of the declining numbers of people with the virus, I am hoping members will feel more comfortable about socializing and our luncheon reservation numbers will increase.

This is the time of the year when we start looking to replace many of the positions held by the current executive board and the chairpersons who make up the rest of the board. A Nominating Committee will be working very hard to make sure we have replacements for these positions as we start our fiscal year in September 2022. If called upon, I would like you to seriously consider being part of this amazing group of women who have the responsibility of keeping our club running smoothly.

As always, stay safe and well.

Note from the Luncheon and Reservation Team

It is so nice to be back to our luncheons on the 4th Wednesday of each month. However, we note that the number of ladies joining in has not been as robust as in the past. In addition, Newcomers has incurred rising costs from Alta Sierra Country Club which has prompted the need for a minimum of 50 members to attend our luncheons. Because of these shifts, we sent out a survey in January and received replies that our members are interested in rotating luncheon sites, which prompted the Newcomers board to investigate other venues in Nevada County. As a result, Newcomers has scheduled Lake Wildwood and Lake of the Pines for the remaining three meetings of this season. A minimum of 50 members will still be needed for each program-luncheon. We hope that you all will continue to support our wonderful club for these meetings and into the 2022-23 season.

Out of This World!

Loren Acton's presentation at the March luncheon was truly "out of this world"! Not only did he recount stories about his own experiences in space and his ongoing research, but he described NASA's plans for future projects. He shared footage from NASA on the James Webb Telescope, the largest and most powerful telescope ever constructed, launched just a few months ago. This included breaking news from last week about how the Webb team, which includes his nephew, Scott Acton, achieved an unprecedented success in aligning all 18 mirrors. Wow – so exciting to learn about cutting-edge space research. Thank you, Rosalie and Julie, for arranging this amazing presentation!

April Luncheon Meeting

April 27, 2022 at 11:30 am

Lake Wildwood Restaurant (*Note – A list of attendees will be provided to the gate. Your name must be on the list to enter.*)

Cost: \$30 per person

April Program – “Annie Oakley and Women of the Old West”

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.

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.

April Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Ham and Cheese on Croissant Roll

with side pasta salad

or

Provolone, Tomato, Cucumber and Avocado on Croissant Roll

with side pasta salad

~ plated and served ~

Coffee, tea, iced tea and lemonade

Peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies for dessert

To make reservations for **APRIL 27, 2022**, write **Ham** or **Provolone** at the bottom of your check, make your **\$30 check** payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail it to the Reservation chair for April.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, April 13, 2022**. Please write **LWW** on the bottom of your check. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 19**. After **Tuesday, April 19**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation chair for April..

NOTE: COVID protocols will depend on the situation at the time of each luncheon.

May Luncheon Meeting

May 25, 2022 at 11:30 am

Lake Wildwood Restaurant (*Note – A list of attendees will be provided to the gate. Your name must be on the list to enter.*)

Cost: \$30 per person

May Program – Antarctic Ice Melt and the Environment

Rob Dunbar is a Stanford University Professor of Earth System Science, a Senior Fellow for the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, a member of Bio-X, and a Faculty Affiliate of the Institute for Human Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI). He has received many awards and conducts research around the world. Rob is one of those scientists you see on TV going out in the "buggy" on Antarctica's Ross Shelf to do "core drilling." He will be talking about some of his latest research on the melting of Antarctic ice as well as his environmental research in the last seven years. Rob is a great presenter at all levels including students, fellow researchers, and groups like Newcomers. Rosalie found him one time teaching a class in Patagonia and another researching on a British ship. A program not to be missed!

May Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Asian Salad with Grilled Chicken

or

Vegetarian Asian Salad with Avocado

Coffee, tea, iced tea and lemonade

Mix of Dessert Bars

To make reservations for **MAY 25, 2022**, write **Chicken** or **Vegetarian** at the bottom of your

check, make your **\$30.00** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and drop your check in the Check box at the April meeting or mail it to the Reservation chair for May.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, May 17**. After **Tuesday, May 17**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation chair for May.

Program Chairs Announcement

We want to thank our Program chairs, who will be retiring in June, for the outstanding work they have done for so many years. If anyone has interest in filling this position or has ideas on future programs that the membership might enjoy, please contact our President. The Program chairs have offered to mentor the new chair(s) and to provide suggestions for future contacts.

Fashion Show – June 22, 2022

“The Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer” is the theme of our returning fashion show, after a two-year hiatus. This year our program will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at the beautiful Lake of the Pines clubhouse. The lunch cost is \$35. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables will be set for eight. Groups need to send all checks together to reserve seats at the same table. There is no limit on non-member guests. Be sure to make your reservations early as tickets go fast! The reservation deadline will be Monday June 6, 2022. Please contact the Fashion Show chairs.

Calling for Models for our Fashion Show

Our annual Fashion Show on June 22 is one of our most fun meetings. We will showcase the latest fashions from local stores on models who represent our club members – all sizes and shapes. Won't you please consider being one of our models? It will give you an opportunity to be clothed in a fabulous outfit with the selection guided by the shop owner and our own fashion experts. Plus, you will make some new friends in Newcomers. Models will need to be available for clothing selections the week prior and a walk-through the morning of the Fashion Show. Please contact our Treasurer if you have any questions concerning modeling.

Silent Auction News

The Silent Auction committee has already started planning for this special event, which will take place at our monthly luncheon, October 26. Please save items to donate. The committee is considering a boutique table of original “artwork” by members. Christmas Families Project will receive 100% of the proceeds. If you have any questions, please contact the Silent Auction chairs.

Activities

The Activity groups are up and running! Some remained intact during COVID, while others have undergone some changes. The latest update from group leaders indicates open spots in Page Turners book club and Kitchen Kutups cooking group! If you are interested, call the group leaders listed in the Roster or the Activities chair if you need help contacting them.

New members have been waiting to get into groups, and we want to facilitate that as much as possible. Current groups include the following: three book clubs, two bridge, two Bunco, four cooking clubs, a Garden Club, two Hand and Foot, a Mahjong, a Mexican Train, and a Writing group. New groups are always forming. Let the Activities chair know what would interest you. Before COVID, Short Walkers and Monthly Movie were also available. All that's needed is an interest!!

If you have any questions, ideas or are interested in forming a new group, please contact the Activity 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 197 members!

Dues renewal coming May 1

Our fiscal year begins September 1. However, since our major charity event is Christmas Families Project (CFP), per our standing rules, the club assesses dues on May 1 of each year. This enables us to budget what we are able to contribute to the CFP families, how much we can send to each family, how many families we are able to help, etc. So please calendar your \$25 annual Newcomers Club dues on or before May 1.

Roster Updates

PHOTO CONTEST! We will be publishing an updated roster this spring. Over the years, we have had beautiful cover photos for the roster – everything from historical pictures of buildings in our community to scenic trails to flora and fauna. If you have a photo you would like to submit for the roster cover, please send it to the membership chair. Thank you, and I can't wait to see some of your submissions! I will bring a copy of our rosters from the last ten years to share with you at the luncheons, so you can see the wonderful cover photos from years past.

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. Applications should be sent to the Membership chair.