



Newcomers Club of Nevada County

A Women's Social and Philanthropic Organization



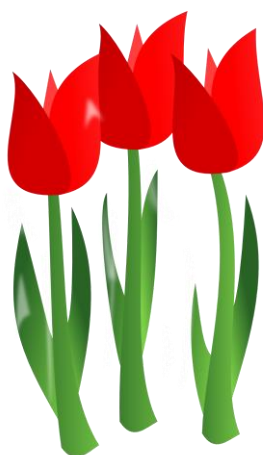
February 2025



2025-26 BOARD OFFICERS

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President's Message

January was a relatively quiet month for Newcomers. We ended the month with an Informed Women presentation by a home inspector. Since I am writing this letter in the middle of January, I can only report that she got into the business to help homeowners be savvier and more proactive when it comes to home maintenance and repairs. We have so many single women in our group. As one myself, I am looking forward to her presentation.

Our February Luncheon should be a great one. Two actresses from Off Broadway are coming to our luncheon and will be doing a skit impersonating Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett. I am sure this one will be well attended. More information will follow. Speaking of luncheons, I must stress to ALL of you, a cutoff date will be more strictly enforced going forward. Last chance to sign up means just that. The Reservations Team will create a wait list for those who respond late. If someone should cancel, that spot will be filled on a first come basis. The venues have become much less flexible. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE RESERVATION TEAM IN AN AWKWARD SITUATION WITH EXCUSES FOR RESPONDING LATE.** They are only following the instructions set forth by the venues.

We still have a few positions that need to be filled. If you enjoy our wonderful table decorations, please consider becoming the Decorations Chairperson beginning in September. Please contact me if you are interested. We are also having a silent auction to raise money for CFP in October. We have a chairperson, but we need helpers. In addition, we need items to bid on. Gift certificates for goods, services, entertainment and food bring in good money. Gently used items, especially jewelry, are welcomed along with home décor. We really want items that allow us start the bidding at \$20. Less merchandise at higher prices is so much easier to execute.

In closing, I hope to have seen you at the Informed Women in January or at the February Luncheon ... get your reservation in ASAP!!

February Luncheon

When: February 26, 2025

Where: Alta Sierra Country Club

Time: Check In 10:30, Meeting 11:30

Buffet Lunch 11:45, Speaker 12:30

Cost: \$33

Our February entertainment will be provided by two Off Broadstreet actors portraying Carol Burnett and Lucille Ball. The show will bring an air of nostalgia, celebrating friendship and laughter, through short skits and songs.

Krissi DeKowzan (Carol) loves nothing more than to be onstage. You may have seen her previously in "Guys and Dolls" and "Honk" with Sierra Stages, but you will find her most often on the Off Broadstreet stage. Krissi has been performing her entire life and has also directed shows like "Sweeney Todd," "Footloose" and "Honk Junior." She grew up watching Carol Burnett and Lucille Ball, and she is so excited to share this great project that she had the privilege of working on with one of her best friends.

Tina Marie Kelley (Lucy) is so excited to be performing with one of her closest friends impersonating two of the funniest women in history! Her recent theater appearances are at Off Broadstreet Theater. She is also secretary on the board of Lyric Rose Theatre Company where she directs children's plays. When not on stage, Tina works as an esthetician (tinyurl.com/tmesthetics). You can next see Tina on the Off Broadstreet stage in Beehive, starting February 7th.

Luncheon Menu

Baked Potato Bar with fixings—
cheese, bacon, onions, sour cream, salsa and butter
Cornbread with butter and honey
Chelli's Famous Chili (mild)
Cookies

Beverage Station with coffee, tea and iced tea

To make reservations for FEBRUARY 26, 2025,
please MAIL your \$33 check, payable to
NEWCOMERS CLUB, to

11834 Alta Sierra Drive
Grass Valley CA 95949
OR

ZELLE your \$33 to this address:

Newcomerscjc@gmail.com

*Note: DO NOT USE THE OLD address as it will
not arrive*



Checks or Zelle payments must be received by
Monday, FEBRUARY 10, 2025. Cancellations
will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday,
FEBRUARY 11, 2025.** After **Tuesday,
FEBRUARY 11, 2025,** you may call to see if there
has been a cancellation or to have your name added
to the waiting list. **NOTE:** Seating will be open as
usual.

Informed Women Series

Speaker: Melissa Hannebrink, Quietech Associates
Thursday, March 13, 10:00 am
Foothills Compassionate Care
11270 Rough and Ready Highway, Grass Valley

Join us for this practical and empowering class that helps you and your loved ones plan ahead to avoid unnecessary stress and confusion. Learn how to organize your digital and technological affairs so that important accounts, documents, and resources are accessible when they're needed most. Whether you're preparing for yourself or supporting someone else, this course gives you the tools to navigate the future with confidence and peace of mind.

Melissa's passion for technology blossomed early, starting with an interest in computers that led her to explore web programming by the age of 12. She turned her enthusiasm into action by launching her first computer business as a high school senior project, setting the foundation for a lifelong career in IT. In 2013, Melissa became the owner of Quietech Associates, a company known for providing tailored technology solutions with a personal touch. Her mission is to empower individuals and small businesses, helping them navigate the rapidly changing digital landscape with confidence and ease.

Beyond her technical expertise, Melissa is deeply committed to fostering connections and building trust with her clients, many of whom are older adults new to technology. She takes pride in demystifying complex concepts and enabling her clients to embrace technology as a tool to enrich their lives.

This event is limited to 50 members. If we don't fill the 50 slots, friends may be invited. Reservations are on a first come basis. This event is free of charge, but you must make a reservation to be sure a seat is saved for you. A donation box will be available for us to donate to Compassionate Care for the use of their room. A \$5 donation is suggested.



Christmas Families Project

We have closed the books on our Christmas Families Program for 2024! We just wanted to reach out and thank our shoppers for their generosity when shopping for the families and to the wrappers for volunteering their time to help us wrap the gifts! You were truly amazing this year! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Our committee members are very dedicated to making CFP work each year. We always have room for more women to serve on this committee. If you are interested in helping next year, please let us know.

Spring Fashion Show

10:45 am, Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Lake Wildwood Clubhouse

In honor of Whim, who will again be the fashion host for the show, we have selected “Whimsy” as our theme. This is one of Newcomers’ biggest highlights of the year, and you won’t want to miss it! Whimsy means playful and fun and that is just what you’ll get at this year’s spring fashion show. In addition to beautiful fashions, provided by Whim, we will have great raffle prizes and a delicious luncheon.

Can’t have a fashion show without models, right? Models have a great time finding stunning and stylish outfits to model with the help of the Whim staff. It requires very little time, just a fitting, rehearsal (the morning of the show) and the show itself. Any member of Newcomers can be a model! Please don’t hesitate to call, text or email one of us if you are interested in modeling.

As they’ve done in the past, the Reservations Team will be able to seat you with your group. Groups need a designated “Table Captain” who will submit the names of group members to the Reservations Team. Groups can be any size from 2 to 8. Since all tables seat 8, some groups may be combined. Check next month’s newsletter for details on reservations and luncheon menu.

Please consider being a model!! You’ll love it!!



Activity Groups

Book Groups

Cover Girls (full)

Date: 2nd Wednesday (11:45)

Page Turners (2-3 openings)

Date: 3rd Wednesday (10:30)

Mysteries and More (three openings)

Date: 1st Tuesday (1:30)



Cooking Groups

Happy Cookers (accepting subs)

Date: 3rd Monday (10:00)

Kitchen Kutups (full)

Date: 3rd Thursday (10:00)

Gourmet Girls (rotating guest spot available)

Date: 3rd Friday (10:30)



Garden Club (open to all members)

Date: 1st Tuesday (11:00)

Activity Groups

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (open to all)

Lunch Bunch (open to all)

Date: 2nd Tuesday (11:30)

Contact leaders for reservations

Game Groups

Hand & Foot Group #1 (accepting subs)

Date: 2nd Monday (12:00)

Hand & Foot Group #2 (full)

Date: 3rd Monday (1:00)

Bridge Group (one opening)

Date: 2nd Wednesday (10:30)

Location: Trailblazers Pizza, Alta Sierra Center

Mexican Train (open)

4th Monday (12:00-2:00)

Location: Women's Lounge, ASCC



Activity Group News and Photos



Above Left: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun celebrating their ax throwing.
Above Right: Bridge Group enjoying lunch between bridge rounds at Trailblazer's Pizza (they have an opening for a permanent player).
Left: And that's how you throw an axe!



The **GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN** group kicked off the New Year at Auburn Axe Throwing! Teams were formed, and the competition began. Some of these ladies really know how to throw an ax! They enjoyed pizza, beer and a lot of laughter 😊.

The group usually meets the third Thursday of every month. Lots of exciting activities are planned for 2025, including a trip on June 10-12 to Safari West in Santa Rosa, two nights in Guerneville and a picnic at Jenner Beach. Also in the works are a narrated tour down the American River on a yacht, a party barge on Lake Englebright, and, of course, another visit to beautiful Ananda.



Activity Group Leaders:
Please send us your photos and updates to include in the newsletter.

Membership News

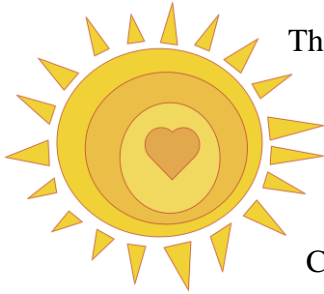
Member Renewal: December and January were very busy months for membership, with 150 members currently. Dues are \$50 per calendar year.

Please welcome our new members!



Left: New Members Reception

Sunshine



The Sunshine Committee is dedicated to brightening the days of members who are going through tough times by sending thoughtful, personalized cards. Whether someone is facing an illness or injury, grieving a loss, or simply needs a little encouragement, the committee's goal is to let them know they are not alone. If you know a member who would benefit from a note, please contact us with who and enough information to send an appropriate card. The Sunshine Committee works to foster a sense of connection and support within our community.