

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

A Women's Social and Philanthropic Organization

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President's Message

Happy February!

January has been a relatively quiet month for Newcomers. After the rush of Thanksgiving and the December holidays, it seems everyone is enjoying the down time. By now most of us have put all our decorations away and have purged those items that look tired.

Gold Country Senior Services made a presentation to Informed Women this month. The Executive Director, Leslie Lovejoy, gave us some statistics on western Nevada County. There are 120 non-profits in our small area. In all of Nevada County, seniors over 60 comprise 38% of the population. The projection is by 2026 it will be over 60% of the population! WOW, we better find a way to get doctors to come to our community!! The center offers all kinds of organized games, fitness opportunities and meals at nominal fees. Check out their website.

The New Member gathering had seven new members and two potential members. We had a lively discussion with lots of questions. The two prospective members joined. We also secured eight of the ladies to model at the fashion show.

The Fashion Show Committee is organizing and putting on a multistore show this year. They will be looking for volunteers to help out and to be potential chairwomen in the future. More information is inside this newsletter.

As much as we are enjoying this wonderful weather, I am hoping for more rain in the near future.

See you all at the February Luncheon.

Debe Wilson, President
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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

When: February 25, 2026

Where: Alta Sierra Country Club

Time: Check in 10:30

Meeting 11:30

Buffet Lunch 11:45



Cost: **\$34.00**

Program: Let's Play **BINGO!**

After lunch and the tables are cleared, everyone will be given two Bingo cards to play. No cash involved.

Winners will choose prizes. Join the fun and take a chance!

**To Make Reservations for February 25, 2026, please
MAIL your \$34.00 check, payable to NEWCOMERS
CLUB, to**

OR

**ZELLE your payment to 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 16, 2026**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. After Tuesday, February 17, 2026, you may call to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list. Call or email.



Informed Women - March 19, 11:30 - 1:30

Our next Informed Women program on March 19 at 11:30 will be at Foothills Compassionate Care (formerly Hospice of the Foothills), 11270 Rough and Ready Hwy, Grass Valley. The presentation will be a Women's Community Healthcare Update, and will be covered by two speakers. Sandra Barrington, Executive Director of the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, will bring us the hospital perspective. She will be joined by Emily Turcios, Patient Care Services, Foothills Compassionate Care, answering the question, "Just what is palliative care?" This program is a prescription to improve your knowledge about health care in our community. A \$5 per person donation is suggested. Parking on site. Call to make reservations. Space is limited, and a maximum number of attendees can be accommodated.

Coming soon – Mark your Calendars!

Newcomers Spring Fashion Show

April 22, 2026

Lake of the Pines Country Club

Menu

CHOICE OF TWO SALADS:

Spinach and Smoked Salmon with Lemon Dill Dressing, Baby Spinach, Shaved Radish and Fennel, Cherry Tomato, Cucumber and Pickled Red Onion, topped with Smoked Salmon and Fried Capers.

OR

Spring Cobb Salad with Romaine Hearts, Watermelon Radish, Boiled Egg, Tomato, Sliced Snap Peas, and Avocado —tossed with Red Wine and Shallot Vinaigrette and topped with Roasted Chicken.

Includes Focaccia bread. Dessert will be assorted Macaroons and Truffles.

Beverage station and a “specialty” drink at a set price.

Price: \$45 per person, \$50 for guests.

Seating will be reserved so please start thinking about who your table group and table captain will be.

Look for more Fashion Show details in the March Newsletter!

CALL FOR MODELS

Please consider volunteering to model in the Newcomers Spring Fashion Show. Being a model is a great way to meet other members and get involved in a very fun event.

Models must:

- be a current Newcomers member
- be available for fittings the week of 4/13/26 - 4/17/26
- be available for a short rehearsal on the afternoon of 4/21/26
- buy their own lunch and sit at the models' table during the event

We encourage new (or “newish”) members to volunteer and will give them first priority when selecting the models. However, we also want our “veteran” models to volunteer. So, if you have modeled before and would like to model again, please do not hesitate to volunteer this year.

If you would like to model in the 2026 Newcomers Fashion Show, or be on the planning committee, **please contact us by Friday, February 20.**



See more fashion show information in the March Newsletter.

Christmas Families Project

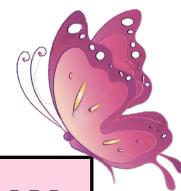


We would like to take a moment to thank all the people who donated either time, money or items to our program this year. We would like to offer special thanks to Whim (donated \$500), JCPenney (discounts given to our shoppers) and Foggy Mountain Music (discounts on the guitar, amplifier and drum kit and for providing two free lessons). Truly this program would not be possible if it were not for our generous members and community. Thank you!



SUNSHINE

SEE NEW INFO BELOW



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 her know she is not alone.

Do you need a ride to an upcoming appointment, or help with meals during a challenging time? Let SUNSHINE be your concierge. Send us a request.

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.



ACTIVITY GROUPS

A Note from the Chair

Hello everyone! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Sandy Alves, and I'm excited to have accepted the role of Activity Groups Chair. As I look ahead to the coming year, I'd first like to take a moment to thank our former Activities Group Chair for the wonderful job she did as past Chair. Her leadership, dedication, and commitment to our activity groups set a high bar. I hope I can fill her shoes.

I've heard there is interest in forming new Bunco, Mahjong, and Short Walkers groups. What great ideas! If you're interested in participating or helping get one of these groups started, please reach out and let me know how I can help facilitate the process. It's easier than you think. Sign-ups for open groups can always be done by contacting a group leader or by reaching out to me directly. If you have questions, ideas, or are interested in forming a new group, I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you, and let's have a great year together!

Sandy Alves
Activity Groups Chair
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BOOK CLUBS

Cover Girls (full)
Date: 2nd Wednesday (11:30)



Page Turners (one opening)
Date: 3rd Wednesday (10:30)

Mysteries and More (three openings)
Date: 1st Tuesday (1:30)

Garden Club (open to all members)
Date: 1st Tuesday (11:00)



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)



Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (open)

Co-Leaders

Dates and times depend on activity.

Contact leaders for more information.

Adventure Gals (open)

Leader: Sandy Alves, 530-613-3160

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Dates and times depend on the activity.

Contact leader for more information.

Lunch Bunch (open to all members)

Leader:

Date: 2nd Thursday (11:30)

Location: Changes monthly



Garden Club

If you are interested in joining the Garden Group, please contact the leader.

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (GJWHF)

This fun group is now open to all members.

Our 2026 calendar is shaping up to be another exciting year! The girls are heading to Salsa Sierra dance studio for salsa dance lessons on Thursday, February 19. March 19 will bring the girls on a trip to MOSAC, the Museum of Science and Curiosity in Sacramento. We will enjoy an early lunch at Sellands restaurant prior to touring the museum. Axe throwing and Ananda tour are among other events on the calendar. Please RSVP if you are interested in participating in any of these activities.

Adventure Gals – A Sneak Peek at the Lineup for 2026

Jan/Feb	1 or 2 Snow Days, snowshoeing and/or cross-country skiing	July	Truckee River Float
Feb/March	GV Historical Walkabout and lunch		All-inclusive backpacking trip or dudette ranch getaway (1-2 nights)
March	Archery	August	Donner Tunnel Hike and Donner
April	Forest Foraging with a trained guide		Lake swim
April/May	Ropes Course and Ziplines (quarry in Roseville)	September	Yosemite (2-3 nights)
May	Ballooning in Napa (overnight in Napa area)	October	Napa Sip & Cycle (overnight stay in Napa Area)
June	Kayaking at Scotts Flat Reservoir	November	-----
Jun/Jul	Kayaking at Scotts Flat Reservoir	December	Holiday Party

As always, if you would like to join Adventure Gals, please contact Sandy Alves, 530-613-3160
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GAME GROUPS

Hand & Foot Group #1 (accepting subs)

Leader

Date: 2nd Monday (1:00)

Hand & Foot Group #2 (accepting subs)

Leader

Date: 3rd Monday (1:00)

Bridge Group (accepting subs)

Leader:

Date: 2nd Wednesday (10:30)

Location: Trailblazers Pizza, Alta Sierra Dr.



Mexican Train (open)

Leader:

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

Location: Women's Lounge, ASCC

MEMBERSHIP

NEWS for FEBRUARY

Membership Activity: As of January 16, we have a total of 139 members: 131 paid, 7 Life Members, and one comped.

Membership Renewal: Please note that membership renewal was due on December 31 and covers the period from January to December 2026. If your renewal has not yet been received, this will be your final Newsletter, and you will no longer be eligible to participate in any activity groups.

DUES: \$50 via Zelle or check

Pay dues by mailing a check or using Zelle. Note "dues" on your payment.

Zelle address: newcomerscjc@gmail.com

Write your check to **Newcomers Club** and mail it to our Treasurer.

Lifetime Membership:

Congratulations go out to our members who have all become Lifetime Members.

Members 90+ with at least five years of continuous membership have their dues waived.

If you turned 90 this year, please contact the Membership Chair.

New Member Gathering

A New Member Gathering took place on January 20. Our President, Activities Chair, and Membership Chair provided an overview of the club and its activities, addressing questions from attendees. New members who joined in October, November, December and January were present at the event.



TO OUR MEMBERS WITH FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

PHOTO GALLERY

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun - Axe Throwing



If your contact information has changed, or if your birthday information is not listed and should be, please email or call the Membership Chair,

Please submit informative community announcements/tips to President for board consideration.

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