



# Newcomers Club of Nevada County

A Women's Social and Charitable Organization

September 2022

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## President's Message

As new President of Newcomers Club, I am looking forward to meeting you at our luncheons and working with those on the board to find ways of making the club more fun and engaging while resolving the challenges left to us by the past two years of the pandemic. I would like to let you know about some of those challenges and how we are hoping to take care of them.

We are making changes to monthly luncheons. We are facing the challenges of lunch venues, cost of food, labor and even the lack of experienced labor. These issues have driven the cost of lunches up considerably, but we are working very hard to contain the price of lunch. The cost of buffet lunches will vary from \$25 to \$35 per member with \$40 for holiday and fashion show lunches. If we look at the cost of our groceries and what we pay when we eat out in restaurants, it is easy to understand the higher fees for our luncheons. While we cannot do much about those costs, we feel it would be of help to limit the number of monthly luncheons. So, to that end, we will meet only in the months of September, October and December at Lake of the Pines and February, April, May and June at yet to be determined venues. Please note that the December Holiday lunch will be November 30 due to venues being unavailable for our traditional date of first Wednesday in December. Luncheon venues may vary.

We are in the process of looking for members to assist with setting up carpooling arrangements. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. Check the newsletter for luncheon dates and be mindful of reservation deadlines. These deadlines are dictated by the venue, and there is little wiggle room. We will continue to have fun, informative and entertaining programs as always.

I look forward to seeing you at the September 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

The second half of 2022 has been a challenge for the venue committee with venues being understaffed and challenged to adequately serve the needs for our luncheons. For this Newcomers season, many of our luncheons will be held at Lake of the Pines. I think those of you who attended the Fashion Show at Lake of the Pines would agree that the setting is lovely and worth the drive. Unfortunately, we cannot streamline the security gate check-in due to their policies and procedures.

We are also trying to be as cost conscious as possible so it will be necessary to have a buffet luncheon in September. In 2023 we hope to return to life as we knew it before COVID, but for now let's enjoy ourselves and share time with our friends. *Luncheon Chair*



## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

**When:** September 28, 2020 at 11:30

**Where:** Lake of the Pines – The Clubhouse

**Cost:** \$29 per person

**Program – *Decorating for the Seasons and Holidays***

It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays! Local Interior Designer, Stephanie Statler, will speak to us about how to decorate our homes for the seasons and holidays. She will cover what's new in the design world, including color trends and how to incorporate them into your home, plus tips on how to transition from season to season. What perfect timing and a great way to start off our Newcomers new season.

### *September Luncheon Buffet*

Street Tacos

Tortillas, Pollo Asada, Carnitas

Citrus and cilantro rice

Refried beans, tortilla chips, guacamole (no cilantro)

Chopped cilantro and onions, cotija cheese,

Pico de gallo, rajas, limes

Drink station includes coffee, iced and hot tea, lemonade (soda available at bar, no charge)

Dessert



**To make reservations for September 28, 2022**, please make your \$29 check payable to NEWCOMERS CLUB. Write LOP on the bottom of your check and mail it to the Reservation chair for September.

Checks must be received by **WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2022**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **MONDAY, September 19, 2022**. After **MONDAY, September 19, 2022**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation chair for September.

**NOTE:** If you are not able to drive or don't want to drive alone, do not let that stop you from attending the luncheon. To see if a ride can be arranged, please call the Reservation chair for September.

## OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING

When: October 26, 2022 at 11:30

Where: Lake of the Pines – The Clubhouse

Cost: **To be determined**

Program – ***Silent Auction and Ghost Stories***



There will be a silent auction to raise funds for the Christmas Families Project so come and submit a bid on your favorite item. We will also have a seasonal program. In the “spirit” of Halloween, Mark Lyon, a local actor, writer and storyteller will delight and entertain us with stories behind the many ghosts said to still reside among us here in Grass Valley and Nevada City. Mark has enchanted audiences from Florida to British Columbia and across the Atlantic in stately castles in Ireland with his original one-man plays, and has shared true ghost stories on television and radio shows across the United States. Don’t miss this frightfully good time!

*October Luncheon Menu to be determined. More Information in the October newsletter.*

### Christmas Families Project

This year the Silent Auction will be held at our luncheon on Wednesday, October 26 at Lake of the Pines. We are dependent on YOU, the members, to help make it a huge success. Please look around and set aside gently used items that can be sold at the auction. As in the past, no clothes please. There will be three drop-off opportunities: Tuesday, October 18 from 12:00-2:00, Saturday, October 22 from 10:00-1:00 and Monday, October 24 from 1:00-3:00. We thank you in advance for supporting our Christmas Families Project.

If you have questions about donations or drop off for the auction, please contact the Christmas Families Project chairpersons.



**Ladies, mark your calendars now for the Christmas luncheon which will be held on November 30 at Lake of the Pines.**

# ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Activity Groups are always fun and a wonderful way to find friends you haven't met yet!

## Group Updates

- Happy Cookers Group is full, but happy to have subs. Contact Activity Groups chair.
- New groups that are forming: Bridge, Bunco, Hand & Foot, Walkers and Mexican Train. The Activity Groups chair can get these up and running, but groups need a leader for contact and coordination. It's easy!
- The Activity Groups Notebook (flyers describing groups) will be available at the September luncheon. Take a look!

Other suggestions for activity groups are welcome!

*The following groups have openings and are welcoming new members*

### **Book Clubs**

#### Page Turners

Date: Third Wednesday at 10:30  
Next meeting September 21

#### Cover Girls

Date: Second Wednesday at 11:45  
Next meeting September 14

### **Cooking Club**

#### Kitchen Kutups

Date: Third Thursday at 10:00  
Next meeting September 15

### **Garden Club**

Date: First Tuesday at 11:00  
Next meeting September 6

### **Writing Group**

Date: Set by group each month, meets at 1:30  
Next meeting September 1



If you have any questions, ideas or are interested in forming a new group, please contact the Activity Groups chair.



## SUNSHINE

If you know of anyone needing some support, comfort or encouragement from our club, please contact the Sunshine chair.

## MEMBERSHIP – ANNUAL RENEWAL DUES AND CFP DONATIONS

**Dues for September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023 is \$25 payable to Newcomers Club**

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. Please send in your \$25 annual Newcomers Club dues to the Membership chair.

**Newcomers Club  
Attn: Membership  
PO Box 1208  
Nevada City CA 95959**

The Roster is “going to press” this month, so please get your dues in ASAP! We will be distributing the Roster via email to all those with email addresses. This saves the club substantial dollars in printing and postage. We will print and distribute hard copy rosters to those who do not have email.

If your contact information has changed, or for membership questions, please email the Membership chair.

**IMPORTANT!** If you would like to donate to **Christmas Families Project (CFP)** you can simply add a donation to your dues check. Any amount over \$25 will go directly to CFP. If you would prefer to write a separate check for your donation, please make the check payable to Newcomers Club and note “CFP” on your check. Your donation will be acknowledged with a Donation Thank You letter.

**Membership Questions** – If you know someone who would be interested in joining Newcomers Club, please have her contact our Membership Chair or direct her to our website, [NewcomersNC.org](http://NewcomersNC.org). From there she can find and print a membership application. Applications should be sent to Membership at PO Box 1208, Nevada City, CA 95959

There will be a Newcomers New Member Reception on Monday, September 12 at 2:00. All new members are invited to come and learn more about the Newcomers Club and the various activity groups available.

Please RSVP to [NewcomersNC@gmail.com](mailto:NewcomersNC@gmail.com)



Are you looking for some opportunities to be creative? If so, the Decorations Committee wants you! No experience necessary, just an interest in working with others to create table decorations for our luncheons. If interested, please contact the Decorations Committee chair.