

Nevada County Newcomers Club

May 2022

President's Message

"Never measure your life by possessions. Measure it by the hearts you touched, the smiles you created, and the love you shared."

~ Ziad K. Abdelnour

I am beginning my message this month by addressing the concerns that the board of directors and I have regarding the future of the Newcomers Club of Nevada County. Throughout the years, we have been a vibrant club. Since our beginning in 1954 we have continued to grow, and in 2020 we had almost 300 members. Unfortunately, things have changed quite drastically since the beginning of the pandemic. Recently, we have had several new members join our ranks, but our latest numbers are still a little less than 200 members and our luncheon attendance is significantly lower. In the past, we would have a minimum of 100 to 120 members at each of our luncheons and 200 for our special events. We now seldom exceed 50 reservations. Obviously, things need to change, and in that regard, the Newcomers board will be getting together to discuss how we can revitalize our club. You will be hearing from us once we have decided on a plan. If you have suggestions that would be helpful, please get in touch with me or another board member. We would appreciate your input.

This is the time of the year we select a nominating committee that works very hard to make sure we have replacements for positions on the board. This includes finding a new President and Vice President for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. By the time you read this May newsletter, we will have found some suggested replacements and will submit the names to you at our May luncheon. At that time, if there are any nominations from the members attending the luncheon, they will also be given due consideration.

As always, stay safe and well.

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

Dr. Rob Dunbar 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.

Our Program chair found him one time teaching a class in Patagonia and another time researching on a British ship. Rob 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. This is an informative and entertaining 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**, write **Chicken** or **Vegetarian** at the bottom of your check, make your **\$30** check payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** and 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.

June Luncheon Meeting

June 22, at 11:00 am

Lake of the Pines 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

June Program – Lazy, Crazy Days of Summer Fashion Show

We are excited to present our fashion show after a two-year delay! Members will enjoy the large venue at Lake of the Pines with its beautiful lake views. Our own Newcomers members will be modeling clothing from some of our favorite local shops. Grab your friends and make your reservations now! Lunch will be plated and served.

June Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Grilled Chicken Apple Walnut Salad with white balsamic vinaigrette and bleu cheese on the side

or

Vegetarian Caprese Risotto with cherry tomatoes, spinach, and almonds

All entrées include Creamy Basil Tomato Soup

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Lemonade

Cheesecake with Fruit Sauce for dessert

Table Reservation Policy for the June Fashion Show

To make your table reservation(s) for the June 22 luncheon, please note

- All attendees will have assigned seating. Lunch will be plated and served.
- You may create a group from two to six people for this event.
- For tables with fewer than six reservations, your table will be completed with other members.
- Please paperclip your group's checks together and place in an envelope.
- Please ensure that each person's meal choice is noted on the check(s) and on your list of tablemates.
- There will be a first come, first served reservation policy. A wait list will be developed when the maximum is reached.

Make all checks payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB** in the amount of **\$30** and write **June-Chicken or June -Veg/Risotto** on the bottom of your check. Drop it in the Check Box at the May luncheon or mail your checks to the Reservation chair for June.

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, June 8**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Thursday, June 9**. After **Thursday June 9**, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, call the Reservation chair for June.

Activities

It's time to connect with a fun Activity group!

This is a list of groups that have openings and are waiting to hear from you. You can get more information by contacting the group leaders listed in the front of your current roster.

Book Clubs:

Page Turners, third Wednesday – 10:30

Cover Girls, second Wednesday – 11:45

Cooking Clubs:

Happy Cookers, third Monday – 10:00

Kitchen Kutups, third Thursday – 10:00

Garden Club, first Tuesday – 11:00

Mexican Train, fourth Friday – 1:00-3:00

Writing Group, meeting time is determined by the group each month

New groups are already forming for those interested in the following activities:

Bridge

Bunco

Hand and Foot

Book Clubs

Short Walkers

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

Roster Updates and Corrections

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.

Roster – photo contest

Last call for photo submissions! We will be publishing our updated roster this spring. Over the years, we have had beautiful cover photos depicting 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 we can't wait to see your submissions!

Annual Renewal Dues & CFP Donations

**Dues for September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023
\$25.00 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, and how many families we are able to help. So please send in your \$25 annual Newcomers Club dues to the Membership chair.

To be included in the roster, dues must be received by July 15, 2022.

If your information in the current roster has changed, please email your changes to 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.

(Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member in good standing who has had an ongoing membership in the club for at least five years. Lifetime Membership waives payment of dues. Contact the Membership chair if you qualify.)