

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

A Women's Social and Philanthropic Organization





President's Message

OMG what an amazing group we are - 115 ladies, including 27 guests, helped raise over \$10,000 NET for Christmas Family Project!!! Many of our members worked so hard to put this all together. I can't possibly name everyone, but I do want to especially thank Sally Hinshaw and her great group of women for sorting, pricing and merchandising all our wonderful Silent Auction items. We asked the activity groups to donate an item of value, or a basket, and WOW, did they do a great job! In the real world, connections really do matter whether we like it or not. A special thanks to two of our members who secured two live auction items that brought in \$2000! A thank you to two members who agreed to host not one, but three Lake Wildwood Party boat excursions that brought in \$1200. Included in the total was over \$800 in cash donations for those who didn't get their item or rounded up their payment. Our auctioneer worked for lunch only and did a great job with the help of our hospitality ladies. The bar has been set, so how about \$11,000 next year???

We have our Holiday Brunch to look forward to on **Tuesday**, December 2, at Lake Wildwood. Remember this event is one where you can arrange seating with your BFF or your posse. Each reservation needs a table captain. When making reservations, put your captain's name on your check or in the comments section of your Zelle payment. If you are paying dues or a donation to CFP, please include a note for that as well.

On January 16 we will have an Informed Women event at Foothills Compassionate Care Facility. Please read further in your newsletter for more information.

There will be no newsletter in December. The next one is in January. Have a Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving . See you all December 2.



Holiday Brunch

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 Lake Wildwood Country Club Cost \$40 per person

Check-in 9:45, Meeting 10:30, Brunch 10:45 Entertainment by Lake Wildwood Women's Chorus

All attendees will have assigned seating. **For reservations**, please follow these instructions:

- 1. You may reserve seating for groups of 2-8. If you don't have a group of 8, we will seat you with up to 8 members total.
- 2. The Table Captain for your group will collect all checks from those in the group who are writing checks (payable to Newcomers Club) and mail them with the form below to **Tricia Shelton** (see address below).
- 3. If you are using **Zelle** to make your payment, please note the captain's name in your payment.
- 4. Checks and Zelle payments must be received no later than MONDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2025.
 Cancellations will be accepted until 5:00 pm,
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025. Please note:

Menu

Vegetarian Frittata with egg, spinach, mushroom, and cheddar cheese Herb roasted red baby potatoes Crisp applewood smoked bacon Holiday fruit salad Focaccia bread Coffee, iced tea and water Specialty cocktail for purchase

All seats are reserved. Singles will be seated where seats are available. Mail checks or Zelle as directed above.

TABLE CAPTAINS: Please complete this form, or the form provided at the October 22 luncheon, and mail with any checks you have collected to Tricia Shelton at the address above.

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ACTIVITY GROUPS

Book Clubs

Cover Girls (open to all members)

Date: 2nd Wednesday (11:00)

<u>Page Turners</u> (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)

Short Walkers (open to all members)

Date: Tuesdays and Fridays (10:00)

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)



Game Groups

Hand & Foot Group #1 (accepting subs)

Date: 2nd Monday (1:00)

Hand & Foot Group #2 (accepting subs)

Date: 3rd Monday (1:00)

Bridge (accepting subs)

Date: 2nd Wednesday (10:30)

Location: Trailblazers Pizza, Alta Sierra Dr.

Mexican Train (open)

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

Location: Women's Lounge, ASCC



Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (GJWHF)

(FULL, accepting names for waiting list) Dates and times depend on activity. Contact leaders for more information.

Adventure Gals (open)

Dates and times depend on the activity. Contact leader for more information.

Lunch Bunch (open to all members)

Date: 2nd Thursday (11:30)



There has been lots of interest in Bunco, Mahjong and Short Walkers. Hand and Foot groups are looking for players and subs. Watch for sign-up sheets at the luncheons. Sign-ups can also be done by contacting a group leader or the Activity Groups Chair.

ACTIVITY GROUPS FEATURE STORIES

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

had a great outing to Colwell Thundering Herd Ranch in Penryn in September. We sampled all their wonderful products and learned the history of this wonderful mandarin ranch.





Garden Club

October 7 was a perfect weather day to enjoy the park-like setting in Penn Valley. Our hostess presented the history of their endeavor to plant an olive tree orchard which led to the successful production of small batch olive oil. We walked through the orchard and learned how they got started, what it takes to care for the trees and how they get the olives from the trees. We also had a plant exchange and sale which raised funds to be donated to the Christmas Families Project in December. It was a great day!





Adventure Gals

In September the Adventure Gals enjoyed a weekend in Yosemite where they visited the historic Ahwahnee Hotel, camped in tent cabins and hiked scenic trails. In October the group had a great time on a scavenger hunt in Nevada City where they visited several historic locations. Also in October, these adventurous women went to Napa for a hot air balloon ride and wine tasting. As always, the group welcomes anyone with an adventurous spirit.















FBI: Elder Fraud Is Skyrocketing

Older Americans reported nearfraud last year, with an average loss of \$83,000, according to an annual FBI report released in April. That's a stunning 43 percent increase in one year.

Americans of all ages reported a record \$16.6 billion stolen through internet scams and fraud in 2024, up 33 percent over 2023's losses, with an average loss of just over \$19.000. The FBI's report "shows that fraud affects people of all ages, but when older adults are victimized, the impact is often catastrophic," says Kathy Stokes, AARP's director of fraud prevention programs.

Investment scams took the largest financial toll on victims 60 and older last year, with more than \$1.8 billion in total reported losses.

Cryptocurrency investment fraud is a growing concern, notes Christopher Delzotto, section chief for financial crimes, FBI Criminal Investigations Division. Last year the FBI received more than 41,000 complaints, with \$5.8 billion reported stolen. Scammers use financial grooming, also known as pig butchering: They pretend to be the victim's friend or romantic interest before suggesting a "sure-bet" investment opportunity.

Call the free AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline (877-908-3360) for information and support.

We had a valuable and informative presentation to us at the October Silent Auction Luncheon about the importance of staying informed on the newest scams. In addition, the above article from the *The Union* identifies AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline, 877-908-3360, as a good resource for information and support.

INFORMED WOMEN

Our next Informed Women Presentation will be at the Foothills Compassionate Care in the Kirby Conference Room on January 16, 2026 at 10:30. The speaker will be a board member of the Gold Country Senior Services. She will be speaking on the services her organization provides for the community including Meals-On-Wheels, the Senior Firewood Program and the new Senior Center in Grass Valley. Tickets for the Aging Well Gala on February 1 will also be available.

REPORT FROM THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The following amendments to the Standing Rules were adopted at the September 24, 2025 meeting:

Meetings: Members will be given a permanent name badge. Should it be lost, a replacement will cost \$7.50.

Membership: For new members joining in November or December, the \$50 membership fee will cover the remaining current year as well as the entire subsequent year.

Activities: Guests will not be allowed to attend functions sponsored by any Activity Group. Only dues-paying members may participate in Activity Groups.

The amendment date of September 24, 2025 has been added to assure use of the most recently adopted Standing Rules..

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



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 enough information to send an appropriate card. The Sunshine Committee works to foster a sense of connection and

support within our community.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES PROJECT

We are looking for volunteer shoppers and wrappers. Shopping and wrapping will be completed in November.



MEMBERSHIP

The club is currently at 188 members. This is your **LAST REMINDER FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!!** Membership renewal is due by **December 31**. Dues are \$50 for January–December 2026. If you receive the monthly newsletter by mail, please add \$25 for handling and postage. Dues are payable by Zelle or check. If you are using Zelle please note "dues" on your payment. Make checks payable to Newcomers Club.

Lifetime Membership

Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member who is in good standing and who has had a ongoing membership in the club for at least five years. Lifetime membership waives payment of dues

















SILENT AUCTION FUN

It was a great day to visit with friends, make new friends, bid on exciting and beautiful items both in live bidding and silent bidding and enjoy a delicious lunch. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful and entertaining event. It just keeps getting better; can't wait till next year!

