

Newcomers Club of Nevada County

November 2015 Newsletter

President's Message

"When you CHOOSE JOY you feel good & when you feel good, you do good & when you do good it reminds others of what joy feels like & it just might inspire them to do the same." ~ Homegrown Hospitality

This is, without a doubt, the busiest time for the Nevada County Newcomers Club. We are all very busy with the Christmas Families Project and we are looking for more volunteers. Please read further in this newsletter to find out how you can participate in this rewarding project.

The Christmas luncheon is quickly approaching and you should get your reservations in now as this event will sell out! The deadline for reservations is Monday, November 16 so don't delay! There will be a very special program presented by Author Gage McKinney and the Cornish Choir – you won't want to miss it!

Please note that we will not be publishing another newsletter until early January.

I wish all of you a very wonderful Holiday Season!

October Annual Auctions

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all of you who contributed to this year's Live Auction: our Auction donors, the Newcomers Greeters, and you, our Bidders. We would especially like to express our appreciation to our enthusiastic Auctioneer, John Renwick, owner of RE/MAX Performance, who made this event both entertaining and profitable. This year the Live Auction **earned \$5,725**, which supports our 2015 Christmas Families Project. We are especially grateful for the outstanding work done by our Live Auction Chairs.

We would like to extend our thanks, also, to the generous businesses who selflessly donated to our Live Auction.

Local Businesses

Alta Sierra Country Club
Atlantis Resort Casino Spa
Avanguardia
Blue Sky Window Washing
Brenda's Pampered Pets
Briar Patch Co-Op
CATS Theater
Christopher's Old World Deli
Flying Broom
Grass Valley Florist
Hidden Gait Ranch
Incredible Pets
Jane's Design Made Simple
KC Nails
Lamb's Inn

Lefty's Grill
Legacy Productions
Naggiar Vineyards
Olive Vitality
Prospector's Nursery
Sergio's Caffé
Sierra Stages
Sierra Starr Vineyards
Solune Winegrowers
Terra Bella
Tess' Kitchen Store
The Consolations
Tim the Tree Man
Two Room Inn
Wild Birds Unlimited
Your Pets Grooming

Silent Auction

First and foremost, we wish to thank our members and guests for their HUGE participation in this annual event. It truly paid off! Our Silent Auction raised the most money ever for our Christmas Families Program! Here's a recap for last year and this year.

2014 profits were \$658 with a total of 52 entries

2015 profits were \$1657 with a total of 89 entries

Everyone really stepped up to the plate and we hit a GRAND SLAM! Our Silent Auction team members deserve an enormous thank you, too. We could not have pulled this off without their support! Our team consisted of seasoned veterans, and several new members who were willing to help where ever needed. It was such a blessing to have members offer to help, rather than having to find help. Thank you again to everyone... YOU ROCK!!!

No Luncheon in November

Just a reminder, we do not have a luncheon in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Instead, we will have our combined November/December luncheon on December 2. This is one of the most popular events of the year so be sure to get your reservations in early.

Table Reservation Policy for the December Luncheon

Back by popular demand is the option to make a table reservation for your group for the December Christmas Luncheon. Here is the information on how to make a group reservation. If

you have questions, contact the reservation chair for December. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

You may reserve a table for a group of 2 to 8 people. If less than 8 in your party, your table will be completed with other attendees to make a full table of 8. There are two ways for you to make table reservations for your group.

1) The Head Person for your group collects all the checks (made out to Newcomers Club in the correct amount) and lists what each person wants for lunch either on the lower left hand corner of each check or on a group list. Or,

2) The Head Person for your group may write one check for everyone in the group and provide a list of attendees along with each of their lunch requests.

Note: If someone must cancel from a reserved table, it will be up to the Head Person to substitute and collect money accordingly. If this happens prior to the cancellation date, the Head Person will also need to advise the Communications Person of the month so that the name tag can be corrected. After the cancellation date, there will not be a refund, and substitutes will have to take the “originally” ordered lunch choice.

3) If you wish to make a single reservation, submit your check made out to Newcomers Club and write your luncheon choice on the bottom of your check. You will be welcomed by our Reservations team at the Luncheon and given a seat that has been pre-assigned for you.

December Luncheon Meeting

December 2, 2015 at 11:30 am

Alta Sierra Country Club

Cost: \$25.00 per person

December Program: Author Gage McKinney and the Cornish Choir

Year 100 and the Cornish Choir is still going strong. No longer broadcasting from the underground mines, they are joining Gage McKinney for a bright Cornish Christmas. Author Gage McKinney has written books on gold mining in Nevada County, the lifestyle of the people and the miners of the 1800's. He will share excerpts from his new book, “When the Miners Sang,” to be released in the spring, on the life of Errol MacBoyle, who owned and operated the Idaho Maryland Mine, the second largest underground gold mine in California. Mr. MacBoyle lived at Loma Rica Ranch and was the founder of the Sierra Nevada Hospital. Mr. McKinney has described the wonderful recorded and broadcast music of the miners singing from the depths of the gold mines.

Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the Cornish Choir, under the direction of Eleanor Knitzer, will join Gage in recreating the miners’ music once heard through the tunnels while adding a few well-known Christmas carols.

December Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Baked Salmon Served with a Whole Grain Honey Mustard Glaze Over Rice

or

Seared Center Cut Pork Loin with Sun Dried Cranberry Demi Glace
and House Made Spicy Apple Sauce

or

Cheese Stuffed Tortellini with Slivered Peppers, Butternut Squash
and a Pumpkin Cream Sauce

All entrées will include Romaine & Spinach Salad with Bacon, Peaches,
Roma Tomatoes & Feta Cheese served with a Warm Ginger Vinaigrette Dressing,
Bread & Butter, Coffee & Tea

Chocolate Pear William Torte with Poached Pears,
Chocolate Mousse and Ganache for Dessert

To Make Reservations for December 2, 2015, please make your \$25.00 check, payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, AND AS TABLE "CAPTAIN" PROVIDE A LIST OF THOSE YOU WISH AT YOUR TABLE ALONG WITH THEIR FOOD CHOICES and mail the information to the reservation chair for December. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, November 16**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, November 17**. Please write **Dec-Salmon**, **Dec-Pork**, or **Dec-Veg** on the bottom

of your check. After Tuesday, December 16, to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, contact the reservation chair for December. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

January Luncheon Meeting

January 27, 2016 at 11:30 am
Alta Sierra Country Club
Cost: \$18.00 per person

January Program: The Way Forward: Retraining Our Workforce

Mary Owens, a local economist, returns with a lively and informative discussion of global economic policy and education needs for the next generation. She will present the second half of her discussion, “Bring Manufacturing Back into the United States”. Besides her career as a financial planner and branch manager of a local company, she has served as Treasurer for Hospice of the Foothills and the American Red Cross, and is a former Mayor of Auburn.

January Luncheon Menu

Choice of

Lingonberry Chicken wrapped with Posciutto Ham, Seared and Served
with Lingonberry Demi Glace

or

Gourmet Beef and Veal Meatballs with Asiago Cheese, Herbed Bread Crumbs, House
Marinara with Fresh Parmesan and a Touch of Basil Cream Sauce

or

Portabella Eggplant Napoleons Stacked with Fresh Parmesan, Tomatoes and Topped
with Marinara and Alfredo Sauces and Served with a Creamy Herbed Risotto

All entrées will include Cream of Mushroom Soup,
Bread and Butter, Coffee and Tea

Brandy Pound Cake tossed with Fresh Berries and Whipped Cream for Dessert

To Make Reservations for January 27, 2016, please make your \$18.00 check, payable to NEWCOMERS CLUB and drop in the Check Box at the DECEMBER-2015 Luncheon or mail your \$18.00 check to contact the reservation chair for January. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

Checks must be received by **Monday, January 18, 2016**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00pm on **Tuesday, January 19, 2016**. Please write **Jan-Chicken, Jan-Meatballs or Jan -Veg.** on the bottom of your check. Be sure to date it 2016. After Tuesday, January 19, 2016 to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list, contact the reservation chair for January. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

More Program Highlights

Feb 24, 2016 – TBA

Mar 23, 2016 – Dr. Kent Lightfoot, anthropologist at the University of California, Berkeley, will speak on Early Man: The “Complex-Hunter-Gatherers” of California. Dr. Lightfoot is a Guggenheim Fellow who has studied methods of food sources, change and survival in the Pacific coastal area.

If you have read the Newsletter up to this point, **PRINT** your name and the words, **DECEMBER LUNCHEON**, on a 3 x 5 card or a similar size piece of paper and drop it in the box in the lobby as you arrive for the December luncheon. Your name will be placed in a drawing. The lucky lady will win a free Newcomers lunch! Must be present to win.

Christmas Families Project

The 2015 Newcomers Christmas Families Program is underway. At our December luncheon, one of our previous recipients will share how the Program impacted her. Representatives of the agencies we support will be at the luncheon as well and would be glad to talk with anyone. In 2014, we supported 80 children and 34 families. You are all described by our recipients as "Angels" who silently show up with presents and gifts. Our program is dedicated to giving children a special Christmas and to helping the moms and dads who are making an effort to get back on their feet, but just do not have enough extra for Christmas. The children need to know that this is a special Christmas for them by people who care.

Our 2015 agencies are NCSS (Nevada County Child Protective Services and Helping Hands Nurturing Center), Women of Worth, and the Friendship Club. This Program means so much to so many!!

If you would like to help with the Committee (publicity, special projects), please contact the CFP Chair. Her contact information is in the newsletter.

This is an extensive program, and there is only a short period of time between receiving information on the families, buying, wrapping and distributing the gifts.

If you would like to help with finding just the right gifts for a deserving family, please contact the CFP Chair. Her contact information is in the newsletter. If you would like to help with wrapping the gifts for these special children, please contact the President.

Donated Supplemental Items: The Supplemental Items chairperson, is asking for donated items. Our Program is for the children, but we also give the moms and dads a little gift. Bobbie is looking for unused hotel or cruise ship amenities such as soaps, shampoos, conditioners or lotions, cosmetic bags and make-up samples that you have saved when your favorite cosmetic companies offered them as specials throughout the year. Also, for the moms, any new, small gift items such as journals, small flower planters, magnetic note pads, hot pads, picture frames, candles, winter gloves or scarves are much appreciated. For the dads, socks, wool caps, aftershave lotion, a deck of cards or books to read are well received.

In addition, we need many new, or like new, children's toys to augment the children's packages. Some of the toys go to Foster Children who were not adopted for our Program, but receive presents from Social Services. New, or like new, bicycles of all sizes are always needed. If you have any of the above-mentioned items to donate, please contact the Supplemental Items Chair. Her contact information is in the newsletter. She will arrange to meet you or even come to your home to pick them up.

Activities

The Newcomers Club is known for our fun activity groups. There are lots to choose from – book groups, bridge, cooking, and more. Look in your new Roster to find the activity of your choice and contact the group leader for more details. If you are interested in something new, please contact me, the Activities Coordinator. My contact information is in your Roster. We can work together. Look in future newsletters for a member survey about interest in a special tour of Beale Air Force Base. Please be thinking about whether you would like to participate. More later!

BRIDGE PLAYERS! We are forming a new Bridge group to start in January. We will be playing on the second Wednesday of each month – place to be determined. If you are interested in joining this new group, please contact the Bridge Activities Chair.

HIKERS! We are looking to see if there is enough interest to form a hiking club. Nothing too strenuous, but getting out and becoming familiar with some of the wonderful trails we have in this region. Please contact the Activities Chair.

Website – NewcomersNC.org

Do you have a friend who might be interested in becoming a member of Newcomers? If so, the best place for her to see what we are about is our website, NewcomersNC.org. The website contains information on our charter, clubs, luncheons and special programs. It also contains the membership application form along with instructions on how to join.

If you personally haven't checked out the website, you should! We won't be listing member contact information online, so you'll still need to refer to your newsletter for instructions on mailing your reservation checks, etc. BUT...if you want to know what programs are coming up, or what we'll be having for dessert at the upcoming luncheon, visit the website for a quick answer.

Membership

E-Mail Changes, Membership Questions: If you've changed your e-mail address or have questions about membership, please contact the Membership Chair.