



# Newcomers Club of Nevada County

*A Women's Social and Philanthropic Organization*



## 2025-2026 Board Officers

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## *President's Message*

Welcome 2025!

Our group certainly went out of 2024 with a roar. We started off with our Holiday Brunch at Lake Wildwood. What a great event it was! The room was beautiful, the food delicious, and the entertainment finished off a perfect day. Many thanks to all who made it a great event.

The entire team recruited “elves” to do the shopping for the Christmas Families Project (CFP). Hmmm, when I got my call, I had a choice of families with five or six kiddos! We all try to get as much “bang for the buck” as we can, but Shirley told me today while wrapping that she had a 50% off coupon for JCPenney, AND they gave her the 25% on top of it. WOW, impressive.

*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* had their luncheon at Awful Annie's. It was my first time attending. What a great group of ladies. I was able to put names with faces and just hope I can remember. With 200 members in the club, it's just dang hard. I know other groups had their celebrations too—bridge and garden club, and I'm sure many more of you.

I want to thank all of you who filled out the questionnaire at the Holiday Brunch. I tallied the results and am happy to report that we are on the right track in offering great choices for our ladies. The results are as follows:

- #1 Christmas Families Project
- #2 Luncheons
- #3 Activity Groups
- #4 Entertainment
- #5 Informed Women
- #6 Garden Club

I know it's been suggested that we could do away with luncheons because they are too expensive, but the results show just how important they are. It's a chance to dig out the nice clothes and put on the jewelry that sits in a drawer!

I hope you all have a Happy New Year and hope to see you at the January Informed Women presentation. Our Program Chair works hard to find us valuable information. Please see her segment in the newsletter for more information.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

# Informed Women Series

## January Special Event

**DATE:** Thursday, January 30

**TIME:** 10:00 – 12:00

**LOCATION:**

Kerby Conference Room

Foothills Compassionate Care

11270 Rough and Ready Highway, Grass Valley



Shelly Burke of **Burke Home Inspections** will speak to us about scheduled home maintenance, such as what to look for and do monthly, quarterly, and yearly. By doing this we can save time and money in the long run. Shelly also will provide us with the important questions to ask when hiring outside help. These might include plumbers, contractors, electricians, handymen, etc.

*“How did you get into home inspecting?” This is more often than not part of every conversation I have with anyone I meet. The short story is, to help others navigate an industry that needs improvement and to be a part of that positive change.*

*I’m very passionate about what I do and hope that I can provide you and those you know with information that will empower, as well as save you time and money.*

*“Knowledge is power” ~ Sir Francis Bacon*

**Shelley Burke, CPI  
Burke Home Inspections, LLC**

She also has a few referrals for us based on personal experience. This will be a very informative presentation, and we highly recommend attending.

**This event is limited to 50 members. If we don’t fill the 50 slots, friends may be invited.**

**Reservations are on a first come basis.** This event is free of charge, but you must make a reservation to be sure a seat is saved for you. A donation box will be available for us to donate to Hospice for the use of their room. \$5 is suggested. If you are planning to attend, contact [our Reservations Team](#).

**Please limit questions to GENERAL QUESTIONS ONLY!!!**

## February Luncheon Meeting

**When:** February 26, 2025

**Where:** Alta Sierra Country Club

**Time:** Check In 10:30, Meeting 11:30  
Buffet Lunch 11:45, Speaker 12:30

**Cost:** \$33

## Program: "Off Broadstreet" Presentation

Our local live theater, "Off Broadstreet," will be providing entertainment at our February luncheon.

*Details to follow.*



To make reservations for FEBRUARY 26, 2025, please **MAIL** your **\$33 check**, payable to **NEWCOMERS CLUB**, to the Reservations Team.

**OR**

**ZELLE** your **\$33** to the current treasurer

**Note: DO NOT USE THE OLD address as it will not arrive**

Checks or Zelle payments must be received by **Monday, FEBRUARY 10, 2025**. Cancellations will be accepted before 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**. After **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**, you may call to see if there has been a cancellation or to have your name added to the waiting list. Call the Reservations Team.

**NOTE:** Seating will be open as usual.

# Christmas Families Project



At the time this report was submitted to our Newsletter Team, we were just finishing up our program for 2024. We completed our last day of wrapping and will deliver all the gifts to the Helping Hands Nurturing Center. The feeling at the time of delivery is the crowning jewel of our program . . . our shoppers have shopped for all our families, our wrappers have wrapped each gift, and we have done all we can to provide the children with a Christmas they might not have otherwise. It takes a village, and what a village we have! We raised \$1955.00 at our Christmas Brunch and were able to provide a child with the one gift she asked for, a Nintendo Switch, which was outside of our budget allocation. The remainder of the donated money will go towards next year's program. Thank you for your support!



We would like to thank our president for her unwavering support of our program. Our thanks also go out to all our committee members.

Our committee members are very dedicated to making CFP work each year. We always have room for more women to serve on this committee. If you are interested in helping next



year, please let us know by contacting either of the CFP co-chairs.

**The Holiday Brunch 2024 was a great success! The setting at Lake Wildwood was festive with lots of decorations and wonderful entertainment from the Lake Wildwood Women's Chorus.**



## Annual Fashion Show 2025

January may seem a bit early but it's time to start thinking about our fabulous fashion show!

**Whim** will again be showing their fashions, and we would love to have **new models** strut their stuff on the runway. Now, please don't be shy about **signing up**. I admit to being short and robust. My friend is quite a bit taller and ever so much thinner. Yet even though our body types are quite different, we always find darling outfits in the store for both of us. We really want to encourage you to sign up to be a model, especially if you are a new member. This is also a great way to introduce yourself to the membership at large.

We could also use help with the raffle, decorating, set-up and take-down. Please give us a call...we would love to hear from you!

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, April 23, 2025** at the Lake Wildwood Country Club. Check-in is at 10:45, and the Miss Daisy Cart will be in the parking lot to assist people getting up to the Club. More details will follow.



NOTE: Please submit informative community announcements/tips to the president for board consideration.



Members of the Newcomers Club of Nevada County have adopted 41 families and are busy fulfilling the gift lists of 85 children. Members include (front row, left to right) President Debe Wilson, Shirley Souza, Karen Siegel, Stacey Nicolai, Ronda Jensen and Darlene "Dee" Mariani. The back row includes employees of JC Penney, who have helped with shopping and provided discounts.

**The Newcomers Club**, which began in 1954 as an "invitation only" choral group, threw open its doors to all in 1987 and added activities as well as members ([www.NewcomersNC.org](http://www.NewcomersNC.org)). This holiday season, dozens of the club's 200 women members are shopping for 41 families with 85 children, continuing the "Christmas Families Project" tradition the club initiated in 2002. "In the past we have supported the Friendship Club and Women of Worth," says Newcomers President Debe Wilson. "Today our focus is primarily Helping Hands Nurturing Center." That nonprofit offers "in home and in office support for all family dynamics," according to its website ([www.HelpingHandsNurturingCenter.org](http://www.HelpingHandsNurturingCenter.org)). Adds Debe, "Throughout the year we have various fundraisers to support our programs such as raffles, yard sales and we rely heavily on cash donations..."

Article from *The Union*, December 7, 2024

## ACTIVITY GROUPS NEWS

### Activity Groups Update:

- Bridge Group #2: The group leader will be organizing this in January with a day and time.
- Contact the group leader to be in the group or on a Sub List.
- Mahjong (British) currently on HOLD but will be ready to proceed in a couple of months.
- Mahjong (American) lessons being offered.
- Bunco Group #2 has interested players but needs a group leader.

**Book Clubs:**

**Cover Girls** (full)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (11:45)

**Page Turners** (one opening)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (10:30)

**Mysteries and More** (three openings)

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (1:30)



**Cooking Clubs:**

**Happy Cookers** (accepting subs)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (10:00)

**Kitchen Kutups** (two openings)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (10:00)

**Gourmet Girls** (rotating guest spot available)

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (10:30)



**Garden Club** (open to all members)

Leader: Looking for new leader

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (11:00)

**Short Walkers** (open to all members)

Date: Tuesdays and Fridays (10:00)



**Girls Just Wanna Have Fun** (open to all)

Dates and times depend on activity.

Contact leaders for more information

**Lunch Bunch** (open to all members)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (11:30)

Location: Changes monthly



**Game Groups:**

**Hand & Foot Group #1** (accepting subs)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (12:00)

**Hand & Foot Group #2** (full)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (1:00)

**Bridge Group #1** (accepting subs)

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (10:30)

Location: Trailblazers

**Mexican Train** (open)

4th Monday (1:00-3:00)

Location: Women's Lounge, ASCC



Sign-ups can be done at luncheons, by contacting a group leader, or the Activity Groups Chair.

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



Gourmet Girls cooking group at their Christmas lunch at Pottery Barn.



The **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun** group had their Christmas party at Awful Annie's in Auburn. They played various games and did a cookie and ornament exchange. A great success! Their next event is Ax Throwing and Pizza in January (back by popular demand).



**Note Activity Group Leaders:** Please send us your photos and updates to include in the newsletter.

# MEMBERSHIP

**Member Renewal**

There are still some of you out there who have not renewed your membership for 2025. Hopefully this is just an oversight due to the holidays. Please get those checks in SOON!

**Dues**

**\$50** (\$75 if you don't have email and would like to receive the newsletter by snail mail)  
 New member applications can be found on our website: <https://www.newcomersnc.org>.

**CHECK or ZELLE**

You may now mail your dues by check or pay your dues electronically through Zelle. Please note that your payment is for dues. If using Zelle, do not use the old address. The new address is the treasurer's. If writing a check, please make payable to **Newcomers Club** and mail to the treasurer.

**Lifetime Members:** Upon reaching the age of 90, a Lifetime Membership may be granted to a member who is in good standing and who has had an ongoing membership in the club for at least five years. Lifetime Membership waives payment of dues. If you know of a member who qualifies for this status, please contact the Membership Chair.

**Congratulations!!**

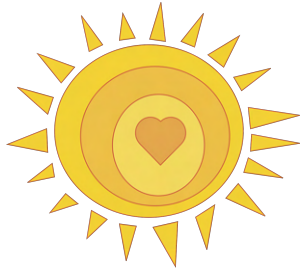
That makes three Lifetime members in 2024!

**New Member Reception**

A new member social will be held **January 22** at 1:30 at the home of the board president.

**Contact Information**

If your contact information has changed, please email or call the Membership Chair.



## SUNSHINE

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 who and enough information to send an appropriate card. The Sunshine Committee works to foster a sense of connection and support within our community.



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