

THE NEWCOMERS NUGGET Summer 2017

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am looking forward to facilitating club meetings and activities as your Mother Lode Newcomers & Friends club President for the 2017-2018 year. In this capacity, I hope to further the objectives of the club; namely, to provide opportunities for friendships, to expose members to the activities and resources in Amador County, and to promote involvement in community events and philanthropic affairs.

I came to Amador County in 2010, after working and living 35 years in the Bay Area. My first job was working for Memorex Corp. as a paralegal. We lost to the Big Blue, but I was fortunate to be able to spend the next 25 years working in the newspaper industry, primarily at the San Jose Mercury News. After living in the Bay Area so long and without the usual work network, I found it was difficult transitioning into retirement and meeting people. I picked up the local newspaper, and thankfully found the Mother Lode Newcomers luncheon invitation. I remember walking blindly into that first meeting at the Sutter Hotel in early 2011 and getting a warm welcome from many ladies, especially one friendly lady who invited me to sit next to her. By the end of the luncheon, she had convinced me I could be the next Corresponding Secretary. Becoming part of the Board opened the door to quickly making friends and learning about the community. I have been on the MLNF Board ever positions; since in various other including Membership, Community Events, and Treasurer. Four years ago, Denise Burris and I created a new Special Interest group, the Vineyard Vixen's where we meet monthly for lunch then experience different wineries in this rapidly emerging fine wine producing area. Special Interest groups are a significant part of MLNF, where you can share your knowledge, skills and talents. Start a new one if it does not already exist.

MLNF is not only a perfect environment for making new friends; it provides a sense of pride in being part of a club that contributes to our community. We hold fund-raisers and raffles to donate to a different member-selected charity each year. What

has made this club work is that so many of the members volunteer their time and talents. We had an extraordinary Board last year lead by Nancy Nieland. Many thanks to those members who are leaving the Board and for their many contributions, including: Jan Hewitt, Celeste Roehm, Nancy Frary, Judi Bartholomew, Lora Weir, Kathy Winnie, Denise Burris, and Joan Bowen. Welcome to the new MLNF Board. I am looking forward to working with you as together we make this next year successful and fun.

Remember to ask your friends, relatives, and neighbors to our next luncheon. Guests are welcome to come to one luncheon before deciding to join.

See you all at the first luncheon of the 2017-2018 year on **Thursday**, **Sept. 7** at the **Amador Flower Farm**. Have a Great Summer! **Connie Mateo**, **President** (209) 251-0251 (408) 834-5082 cvmateo@yahoo.com

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SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

Every Saturday night from June 17-July 22, Amador City will host Dancing in the Streets. The Club will have our Newcomers sign and a table set up on June 17. There will be very good music - After Dark Band is playing.

We are planning a Special Event to Roaring Camp in Pine Grove. The first Saturday of the month has a special price of \$30.00. The only Saturday they had room for a large group is July 1. This is the July 4th weekend and a lot of people already have plans. I have reserved 40 places; they have to be paid for by June 15th. If you want to go, please call Roaring Camp and pay for your tickets. For those of you who haven't gone there before, it's a lot of fun. They serve fried bread, cowboy potatoes steak, dessert. There's also gold panning and music. If we don't have enough people who want to go, we will plan this event earlier next year. If you plan on going, please email me. Lindadaubeneck@yahoo.com

We had a great response for the TGIF Summer Music series! Jeramy Norris & The Dangerous Mood was chosen. This is a great band! Should be fun to get together.

And don't forget to join the Newcomers at the 4th of July celebration in Pine Grove at Pine Grove Park. The event is free to attend, and vendors will be offering food and refreshments for sale. Shade tents are welcome, so come early and get your spot in the shade!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

Dancing in the Streets

Band: After Dark Band Where: Amador City When: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bring: Chairs, drinks and snacks

Shops and restaurants will be open late. Wine and beer are sold by the glass.

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

Roaring Camp BBQ

Where: Roaring Camp, Pine Grove Reservation Deadline: June 15

Cost: \$30



TUESDAY, JULY 4TH

Groovin' in the Grove

Band: Blow Daddy

Where: Pine Grove Community Park

When: DJ Romel starts the party at 4:30 p.m.

Bring: Chairs, shade tent (optional) and your appetite Sierra Mountain Restaurant will smoke burgers,

chicken and tri-tip

Local wines, Amador Brewing Company beer for sale

Sorry, no pets or umbrellas allowed

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

TGIF Summer Music Series

Band: Jeramy Norris & The Dangerous Mood

Where: Terra d'Oro Winery, Plymouth

When: 6 p.m. to dusk

Bring: Chairs, snacks, and something to drink

I am going to all of the Friday and Saturday night events that I can. Hope to see you all there. Please email if you are going, or if you have more suggestions for Special Events.

Linda Daubeneck, Special Events Co-Chair (209) 296-1547, lindadaubeneck@yahoo.com
Jeannie Ortiz, Special Events Co-Chair (209) 296-1143, Jeannieo422@yahoo.com



1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Save the date! Our first luncheon of the 2017-2018 season will be September 7th. Social hour starts at 11 am, and lunch will be served at noon. Any special requests (i.e., gluten free, vegetarian or dairy free), will be accommodated if made in advance. Look for our September Newsletter for more information.

Debbie Abrams, 1st Vice President (209) 295-5830 <u>abrams@volcano.net</u>

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are working on speakers for the upcoming season, so as always, if you have an idea for a speaker, let me or any of the Board members know and I will try to make it happen!

Ginny Schneider, 2nd Vice President (925) 296-8528 ginnill@volcano.net

MEMBERSHIP

I am accepting applications to join/re-join Newcomers for this season (September 2017 - May 2018). You can join at any luncheon or via mail using the application at the end of this newsletter. I will be at the check-in table at each luncheon to receive new sign-ups.

Linda Ferro, Membership Chair (209) 296-8840, rlferro@volcano.net

PHILANTHROPHY

We are gathering information on possible charities for our consideration for the 2017/18 club year. If you know of a charity you would like to be considered for next year, please email or call with their contact info by July 15th.

Pam Ferrari, Philanthropy Co-Chair 209-295-6624 ferrarioriginalbeads@yahoo.com Kathy Newman, Philanthropy Co-Chair 650-740-8576 flatkatnew@aol.com

SUNSHINE



This month a card was sent to Debbie Graham. If you know of anyone who could use some words of encouragement please let me know. Kathy Newman 650-740-8576, flatkatnew@aol.com
Laura Wood 209-601-8477, wood2lj@gmail.com
Barbara Burke 707-227-2217, bbnobay@yahoo.com

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



The Mother Lode Newcomers and Friends Club will continue to collect box tops for the 2017-2018 session. I will announce at our September meeting who will be the beneficiary of all those box tops, so keep clipping those coupons. Hint: You don't need to worry if the box tops are expired...we will take them anyway! Have a great summer and see you in September.

Frannie Weinrob, Chair 209-813-3285 <u>franniecooks@gmail.com</u>

RESERVATIONS



The location for our September 7, 2017 luncheon is the **Amador Flower Farm in Plymouth.**

Amador Flower Farm 22001 Shenandoah School Rd. Plymouth, CA 95669 (209) 245-6660

Social Hour – 11:00 a.m. Lunch Served – 12 Noon Cost - To Be Determined

Reservation deadline is To Be Determined.

At each luncheon, you will be given the opportunity to make a reservation for the following month's lunch. Just sign the sheet when the clipboards are passed around! To otherwise make a reservation, I prefer you email me. You may also leave a voice mail. I prefer the club's email address being used, it could get lost in all the other emails I receive.

Check-in can be a bit hectic. Making your check payable to "MLNAF" ahead of time assists in a smooth and cheerful check-in.

Late Cancellations or No Shows: I will always do my best to accommodate my lovely Newcomer friends, but the reality is the Club loses money with each "no show" or late cancellation, so please understand this is why under these conditions you will be asked to reimburse the Club. As soon as you know you can't make a lunch for which you've made a reservation, even if it is the morning of, give me a call. If I have a waiting list, you may not have to be charged!

I hope to see you soon.

Kelly Blum, Reservations Chair

56cowgirlkelly@valcano.net or resv4nc@yahoo.com

209-295-5830 (No calls after 8:00 p.m.)

Ava Roberts, Reservations Co-Chair

GREETER

"Greetings" from your new greeters - Tasha Burkett and Judy Stromme for 2017-2018 year.

We could really use a couple more ladies on our team to help out greeting first timers and making them "feel welcome." Please either email kitcar52mg@gmail.com or call me at: 209-296-6191 and say you'd like to help out. You wouldn't have to do it every luncheon - maybe 4 times during our luncheons. I am preparing an updated packet to hand out to all new people with lists of places to volunteer. clubs to join, and service organizations to join as well. Amador County wouldn't make it without volunteers - that is how I got involved when I first moved up here. Looking forward to another great year of luncheons and activities with MLNF's!! Tasha Burkett, Chair (209) 296-6191 Kitcar52@volcano.net Judy Yep-Stomme, Co-Chair (209) 296-2329 jystromme@yahoo.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



The most current newsletter is on the website: motherlodenewcomers.com

The Newcomers Nugget Newsletters are emailed from newcomersnugget@yahoo.com. Add the address to your Contact list, or the newsletter may end up in your Spam folder.

Carol Dominy, Corresponding Secretary (209) 791-0809 carol@dominy.com

WEBSITE

www.Motherlodenewcomers.com

Membership Applications for the 2017-2018 season can be printed from the website.

The current newsletter is always available online. If you have any questions or suggestions for our website, let me know.

The website password is: chocolate Carol Dominy, Website Chair (209) 791-0809 carol@dominy.com

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES



Hello Newcomers! I am back on the board this year as your Volunteer Resources chair. I take this position over from Joan Bowen, whom I thank for her work over the past year. Personally, I like After being blessed with a 30-year volunteering. career as a self-employed deposition stenographer, it felt right that I should now spend some of my free time giving back to others. I volunteer for the Mother Lode Newcomers and Friends Club, the Pine Grove Civic Improvement Club, the Interfaith Food Bank, and I am just ending my term as corresponding secretary to the Amador County Civil Grand Jury. That sounds like a lot, but I enjoy all of it and am richer for it.

Volunteering service hours as a Mother Lode Newcomer Member is a way for our Club to give back to the community. A list of volunteer opportunities in Amador and Calaveras Counties can be found on our website www.motherlodenewcomers.com. The volunteer opportunities list is a work in progress so if you see any changes that need to be made, contact me. If the organization you volunteer for is not on the Newcomers list, please let me know. I'll still like to know your hours, and I can update the file.

Please keep track of your hours (including those used for making Mother Lode Newcomers a successful organization) and record them on the sheet provided where you sign in for lunch. If you are not able to attend the luncheon, please email me with your hours.

Keep track of the hours you volunteer during the summer and record them at our next meeting in September. I hope you enjoy your summer.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others - Mahatma Gandhi Frannie Weinrob, Chair

209-813-3285 franniecooks@gmail.com

AMADOR SENIOR VISITOR PROGRAM

Seniors can find supportive and compassionate visitors through the Amador Senior Visitor Program. Sponsored by the Amador Senior Center, this program connects seniors with senior volunteers who will visit in the home at mutually agreed upon times. Volunteers are caring and understanding men and women, who meet one-on-one with a senior in need of a person outside their family to talk with. Whether the need arises from a personal crisis, such as a health change or loss of a partner, or loneliness, senior visitors are sympathetic and non-judgmental listeners. They also have information about help available in our community. Visits are usually weekly or biweekly and extend over a period of 6 months to one year. To request a visitor, to give a referral, or to volunteer for the program, leave a message for Eileen at the Amador Senior Center (209) 223-0442. You will receive a follow-up call.

FACEBOOK



MotherLodeNewcomers Facebook Group: facebook.com/groups/MotherLodeNewcomers/MotherLodeNewcomers Facebook Page:

facebook.com/MotherLodeNewcomersAndFriends/

We have a Facebook group where all of our members can exchange information on current happenings, post photos, and get updates on club events. Click the Join button to access our private group. We also have a Facebook page where luncheon info is announced. Click the "Like" button to receive notifications of new postings.

Carol Dominy, Website Assistant (Facebook) (209) 791-0809 carol@dominy.com

PARLIAMENTARIAN



If you'd like to check the club by-laws, go to http://motherlodenewcomers.com/about/bylaws. If you have any questions regarding the by-laws, etc., just give me a call and I'll do my best to answer them for you.

Nancy Nieland, Parliamentarian (209) 296-4186 nieland4@gmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

SASSY SCRABBLERS



Hey you Scrabble players – don't forget Scrabble on the 4th Friday of the month. It is very low key, and we even use the Scrabble Dictionary to look up words. You don't even need to be able to spell! We help each other make words (sort of). I usually have two tables going, and we play two games. Let me if can make it.

Joann Drake, Leader (209) 295-4243 djali51@volcano.net

GOLD COUNTRY READERS

New Date-New Time

Gold Country Readers is now normally meeting on the fourth **Thursday** of the month at **11:30 am**. We presently have eleven members and would welcome more! Anyone interested in joining our lively and highly motivated group may contact the member below for information.

Bonnie Breeze, Leader (209) 267-8061 bonibreeze@yahoo.com

BUNCO



The Dice Dolls meet the 4th Thursday of every month at noon at the Rollingwood Estates Clubhouse with Bunco starting at 12:30 pm. We have a \$10 pot plus \$1 for 50/50 buy in. We currently have 12 members but still have room for a few more. If you are interested, please give me a call and I can give you more information.

Carol Kinsey (209) 418-8572 ckinseyhome@gotsky.com

COMPASSION OUTREACH GROUP

The COG will continue to meet during the Club's summer hiatus. Please come and join us. Our summer meeting days will be: June 5, July 10 and August 7.

The COG met on May 1st for our usual round of volunteering at the IFB, but this time we were joined by Bob Miller and Lenny Weinrob. Linda Ferro, Frannie Weinrob and Sue Miller rounded out our super hero team of elderly food bag packers. Restocking food items is a constant and hectic job, and Lenny took on the task with glee. We worked so fast, that we packed an entire pallet and then "finished off" a second pallet in about 1.5 hours. Bob had other plans, but the rest of us had lunch at Panda House (Golden Dragon is closed on Mondays) and were able to enjoy each other's company while we munched on fried rice and hot and sour soup. I wish to give a very special thank you to our men who joined us. I know we can't expect you every time, but it was wonderful having you. I hope you'll come back again.

UPDATE: The IFB has requested donations of 12-egg-count egg cartons...no more 18's or larger.

The COG meets at 10:00 a.m. the first Monday of every month at the Interfaith Food Bank to pack food bags for the elderly. We'd love to have you join us. We always have fun giving back to our community, and afterwards we break bread at a local spot for lunch. Can't make it the first Monday of the month? You can still help by bringing me your empty 12-egg-count egg cartons and paper bags. I'll take them from you at any luncheon...what could be simpler? If you'd like to learn more about the COG, just give me a jingle!

Frannie Weinrob, COG Leader (209) 813-3285 franniecooks@gmail.com

GOLD COUNTRY TRAIL SEEKERS

Next hike will be Thursday, June 15 – Volcano – 4.0 mile loop. Meet at Kneading Dough Bakery in Volcano. Time: To be announced.

Upcoming dates:

- July TBD Meiss Meadows (across the road from Carson Pass)
- August TBD Lake Margaret

Make sure to let me know if you want to be on the email list. Contact Nancy Nieland nieland4@gmail.com if you are interested. 209-296-4186 or cell <a href="mailto:209-747-2916.

Nancy Nieland, Hiking Leader (209) 296-4186 <u>nieland4@gmail.com</u>

VINEYARD VIXENS



The Vinevard Vixen's visited the Sentivo and Saluti wineries in the Fairplay area this past month. The warmth and hospitality at Sentivo winery is only exceeded by their fine wines. Open about 9 months, "new-kid-on-the-block" winery bends over backward to make everyone feel welcome. So much so that part-owner Daniela Devitt joined the Vixen's on the patio for a personal question-answer session. Not too many wineries in this area feature bubbly, but Sentivo has a divine, well-balanced Brut. They have already won several awards for their Grenache and Syrah. The experience can be enhanced even more by the food menu they have catered by The Cellar Wine Bar & Bistro of Folsom. No surprise the wines are also excellent at Saluti, as the two wineries have the same wine-maker. Take the extra few-miles drive to taste Saluti's reds and walk around their beautiful winery. Of special note is Saluti's smooth 2014 Estate Syrah.

Normally, the wine club takes the summer months off, but this year members decided they wanted to continue June to August. June 7, the Vixens will be blind-tasting wines at the lovely home of Chris. If you are interested in participating in any of the Vineyard Vixen wine tasting events, be sure to contact Denise Burris to get on the distribution list. We are always open to recommendations for new tasting experiences, so bring your ideas or volunteer to be a monthly host.

Denise Burris

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Connie Mateo

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SAUCY SISTERS COOKING GROUP



What's been happening...

For our May meeting, the Sisters met in the newly freshened kitchen of Sherri Torrence. amazing home is in lovely Pine Acres, with a large deck for entertaining, game playing and for lunching. Our class was instructed by Fran Perry and professional chocolatier Barbara Morgenstern of local Sutter Creek haunt Choc-O-Latte. Sherri and cohostesses Andi Dye, Sue Jordan, and Jan Hewitt greeted the Saucy Ones with hot coffee and a variety of muffins. Once we were assembled, half of the group began making peanut brittle and chocolatedipped marshmallow batons with the expert guidance of Fran and Barbara, while the other half went out to the sunny deck and did their best to answer questions to a Chocolate Quiz created by Sue Jordan. Do you know how many milk chocolate bars you would have to eat to get the same caffeine as one cup of coffee? I hope you're hungry, because the answer is 14! The groups switched places so everyone had a shot at winning the Chocolate Quiz, at dipping their own marshmallow baton, and to learn the tips and tricks to making good peanut brittle.

Something I learned about cooking with chocolate: For the home cook who does not own a tempering machine, the easiest way to melt chocolate for dipping is to, one, use chocolate manufactured for melting (such as Guittard chocolate wafers sold at WinCo and online) and, two, use 30 second intervals in your microwave, stirring after each cycle. I also learned that even one drop of water can make chocolate seize up and therefore render it useless for dipping. (Fortunately, you can still eat it!) As for the Chocolate Quiz, Jan Hewitt got 15 questions right and so took home a large basket filled with Choc-O-Latte treats, and Frannie got 14 right and she took home a \$20 gift card. I'm already dreaming of a chocolate croissant and a cup of hot cocoa!

Many thanks to Sherri, Andi, Sue, Jan, and Fran and Barbara for a fun, educational, delicious and rewarding day. I wonder how many Sisters will get to taste their take-home treats before their husbands do? I'm sure mine was delicious, but I'll never really know for sure.

What's happening next...Summer Calendar

The Sisters continue to meet during the Newcomer hiatus. Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming fun.

June 19 – Field Trip TBD - We have a calendar change for the month of June. Our cold spring did not hasten blooms from Jan's lavender plants, and so Ava has agreed to swap months and will be our hostess for June. She is actively planning a field trip of some kind and details will be forthcoming. What has not changed is our meeting date, it's still June 19th. Look for an email announcing our meeting about a week before.

July 17 – Lavender Days Part II – Jan Hewitt is hosting another fun day of all things lavender at her lovely Volcano home. She is confident her plants will be full of fragrant blooms.

August 21 – Peach Pie Workshop at Buffalo Chips Emporium – Easy as Pie? Owner Ashley will be giving us the basics on making pie at her Sutter Creek establishment. Grilled chicken and peach salad for lunch...pie for dessert!

Raffle Basket Roundup...

Since the Club is asking small groups to host a month of raffle baskets at our Newcomers luncheons, the Sisters are raising cash right now by selling kitchen items at our cooking club meetings. Bring any items you'd otherwise donate to charity to our Saucy Sisters meetings. Any Sister who wants the item may stuff our "raffle" envelope with any amount of cash she deems worthy. If we start now, our "raffle" envelope will be stuffed and ready to spend for the next time we host baskets.

The Saucy Sisters Cooking Group meets on the third Monday of every month. Our group is currently full. If you are interested in joining our waiting list, please contact Frannie Weinrob for further details.

Frannie Weinrob, Group Leader (209) 813-3285 (cell) – <u>franniecooks@gmail.com</u>

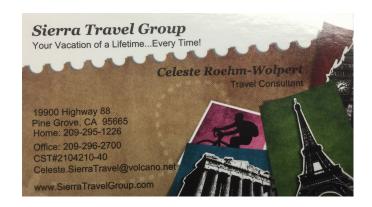
TRAVEL GROUP



Join the Travel Group for fun and exciting adventures. If you would like to be on the emails for upcoming trips, please contact:

Celeste Roehm-Wolpert, Group Leader (209) 295-1226 celeste.sierratravel@volcano.net

NEWCOMERS NETWORKING









PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATION EACH YEAR!!

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2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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