

# Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Northern Nevada



# HISTORY OF NEWCOMERS

- In 1928 William Briggs established Welcome Wagon Inc.
- In 1948 Reno-Sparks established their own chapter of Welcome Wagon (WW) (72 Years ago).
- In 1989 the president of WW Reno-Sparks, had a friend who originally belonged to Welcome Wagon, but dropped out for several years. Her husband passed away and she asked if she could rejoin. Newcomers Club of Reno-Sparks was formed.
- They also established a motto:

“THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE, ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVE NOT MET.”



# HISTORY OF NEWCOMERS (continued)

- In 2017 the Club changed their Bylaws and name to Newcomers and Neighbors Club of Northern Nevada. To meet the need of our community. We dropped the requirements that you only could join if you had moved here less than 3 years ago, retired or lost a spouse. This allowed anyone in Northern Nevada to join.
- We are a 503(c) 7 Nonprofit Corporation. Any donations are non-tax deductible.
- We currently have over 1300 members.

# PRIVACY

- Is extremely important to our organization.
- We never share your name and contact information to the public.
- We also ask that you do not use a business email for your contact email address. We protect our members from any form of solicitation, no matter real or perceived. We ask that no business cards be passed out at any function.
- We do have an Annual Roster along with member lookup on our website.
- On the website you have the ability to share as much of your personal information as you prefer.

# PRIVACY (continued)

- Our website, Wild Apricot, is a protected system with many fire walls.
- We value your privacy. You can opt out of receiving any paper copies by clicking on a box, and everything will come to you over your email address (Roster, E Blasts and Newsletters).
- If you do opt for paper documents, we ask that when you are done with them to either shred them or bring to a monthly meeting and we will shred them for you.

# ACTIVITY GROUPS

- We currently have 60 different activity groups offered to our members. Here is a breakdown of the activities:

## COMPANY AND FOOD

(This is a very diverse group in this category.)

- Baking Bunch
- Dining in with Friends – Couples
- Let's Live again
- Oh Solo Mio – Singles getting together monthly at a restaurant





# COMPANY AND FOOD (continued)

- Let's Get Together – All women are invited to Sunday Brunch, and a Wednesday evening event.
- TGIF – Mix and Mingle group for singles and couples. It meets on the 1st Friday of each month.



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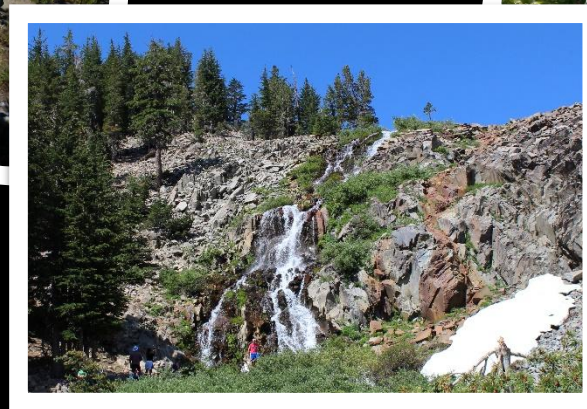
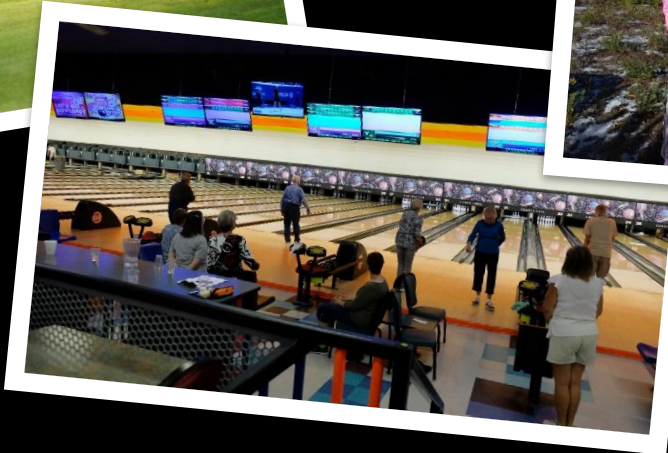
- Hump Day Happy Hour – Another Mix and Mingle for singles and couples. The group meets at a Sparks location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Generation Xers – A group of younger members with like interests.





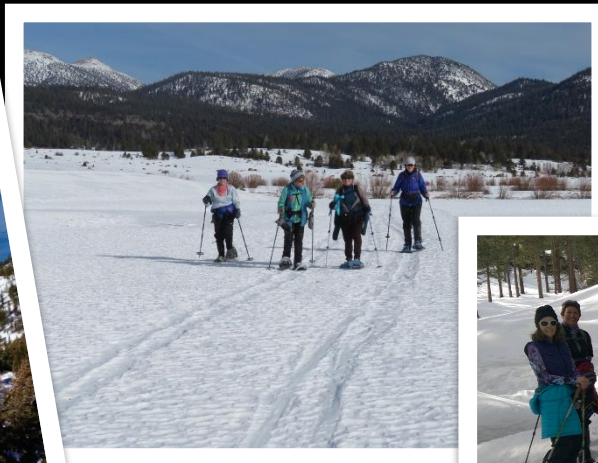
# PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

- Men's Golf
- Bowling group
- Hiking and Walking – There are many different activity levels



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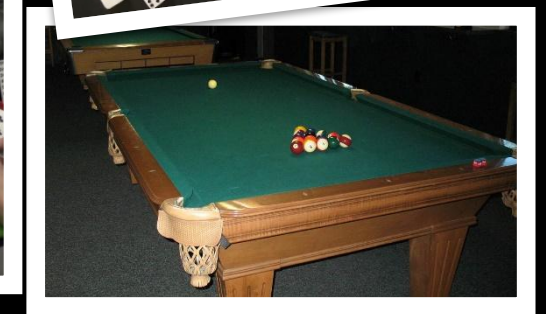
- Snow groups that meet during the season, which includes Skiing, Snow shoeing, etc.
- RV group that have interest in camping





# GAMES

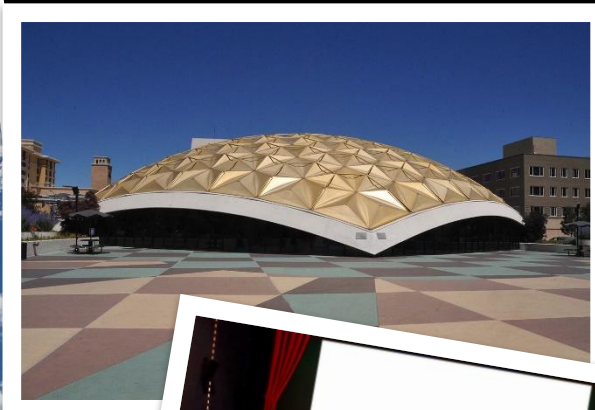
- Bridge – many levels
- Minnesota (Co-Ed) – A spin-off of Canasta and Hand and Foot.
- Pinochle
- Hand and Foot
- Cribbage
- Bunco
- Mahjongg
- Mexican Train
- 8-Ball Pool





# ARTS AND CREATIVITY

- Learn About Nevada
- Go to the Movies
- Movie Discussion Group
- Theater Groups



# CRAFTY THINGS

- Card Making Group
- Knitting/Crocheting/Fiber art group
- Beading
- Painting





and...

- Quilting – Our most popular group...over 100 members!





# CEREBRAL

- Men's Breakfast Club. Only for men, women are not allowed.
- Book Clubs: Read and Discuss – Mystery Book Club and many more.
- Learning Spanish





# ACTIVITIES

- Every month all these activities are printed in our Newsletter.
- Community Events.
- We also put out a list of community events each month that are not related to Newcomers, but you may be interested in.

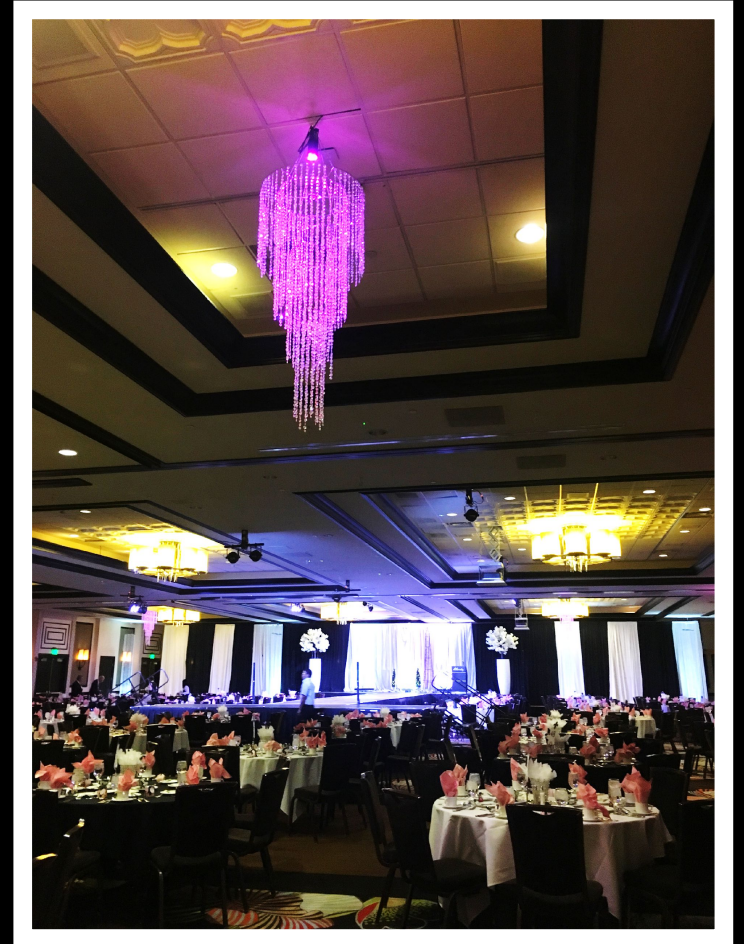
# MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

- Our general meetings are open to our Club member(s) and their guests.
- This is a social opportunity with a large group of members. Currently, these meetings include lunch and entertainment. The luncheon cost is around \$27.00. per person.





- We also have night activities. In the past, we've had a Wine and Dance night, and a Luau.
- Our biggest event this year will be our Fall Fashion Show, which is open to the public. The cost is \$39.00.



# MEMBERSHIP

- Our membership is from January 1 thru December 31 each year.
- The dues are \$35 a year.
- Two people may be on the same membership. We don't care what the relationship is, spouse, partners, siblings, parent/child, etc., BUT THEY MUST LIVE AT THE SAME ADDRESS.
- Should you be a snowbird or on an extended vacation, we would ask you to go into your profile on Wild Apricot and change your profile to not receive any mailed documents. As the mail will be returned to us and not forwarded, this costs the club an additional \$1.50 for returned Rosters or Newsletters.



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