NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand





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220 Members

March 2017

President's Message

It is not hard to believe with the wonderful weather we have been experiencing that Spring is officially on its way in 20 days! We are so blessed with the weather we have down here, which is probably one of the reasons we are Newcomers! Let us all celebrate Spring together with our much anticipated Spring Fashion Show. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Our committees have worked tirelessly to make this our premier event.

Tickets can be purchased for the baskets and the luncheon. The luncheon is open to non-members, so this is a great event to let women know what we are all about.

Audrey Williamson President



IMPORTANT DATES CUT OUT AND SAVE!

COFFEE	LUNCHEON
March 1	March 22* - Pawleys Plantation
April 5	April 26 – Brentwood
May 3	May 24 – Pine Lakes Myrtle Beach

^{*} March 22 – Spring Fashion Show Fundraiser



The Newcomer Club Coffees

When: 1st Wednesday of the month (Sept-May)
Where: Carolina Forest Community and Rec Ctr.
2254 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach, 29579
Registration: 9:30 a.m. (please do not arrive earlier as the Coffee Hostesses, Activity Group Chairpersons, and sponsors are busy preparing the

Business Meeting begins: 10:00 a.m.

March Coffee Program: Ed Piotrowski, WPDE

Meteorologist

April Coffee Program: Carolina Master Chorale

Remember to wear your name tag at all Newcomer events!!



NEWCOMER CLUB LUNCHEONS

The luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, and include a presentation of interest to our members. Make reservations at the monthly Coffee (before or after the Business Meeting) with Myra Spitzhoff and Pam Bremer. Cash (exact change is greatly appreciated) or checks (payable to "Newcomers") are accepted. **No money can be refunded after the final reservations have been made.** If you cannot make your reservation at the Coffee, you may call Myra Spitzhoff at (704) 241-2904 or Pam Bremer (717) 487-4063 (between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). Payments must be mailed to Myra Spitzhoff at 1174 Shire Way, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Pam Bremer at 1149 Wyatt Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event.**

When: Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Pawleys Plantation, 70 Tanglewood Drive, Pawleys Island (843) 237-6082

Directions: Take Highway 17 Bypass South to Pawleys Island; turn left onto Pawleys Plantation Way; continue

straight onto Tanglewood Drive

Menu Choices: 1 – Grilled Mahi Mahi

2 – Chicken Cordon Bleu

3 – Roast Pork Tenderloin with a blueberry BBQ sauce

All entrees served with whipped potatoes, a haricot verts dinner roll, butter, a house salad with Italian dressing, tea, and coffee with dessert.

Dessert: Lemon meringue pie

Price: \$30.00 per person (price includes tax, tip, and beverage; \$5 of this will be used for decorations and party favors)

Please sign up with the table number you would like to sit at. There will be 8 people to a table.

March Luncheon is our Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser!

SNIPPETS

<u>Purchase Your Fashion Show Raffle Tickets</u>: Purchase your raffle tickets for the Spring Fashion Show. \$20 for 7 tickets or \$10 for 3 tickets. See Lynne James to purchase tickets or to sign up to provide a basket for the raffle. **Baskets** are due no later than March 1st.

<u>Mahjongg Info</u>: The Grand Strand Senior Center on 21st Avenue in Myrtle Beach teaches Mahjongg on Wednesdays from 12-3 for anyone who is interested in learning how to play. You must be a member of the Senior Center to take the class. The cost to join is \$20.

<u>What's Happening?</u> If you are interested in finding out what's happening on the Grand Strand, check out the Myrtle Beach Calendar of Events at www.visitmyrtlebeach.com. Click on "To Do" in the upper right corner, and then click on Events.

<u>Newsletter Deadline for April</u> - Information for the February Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than March 24. E-mail articles to reception@grandstrandlawyers.com (be sure to put <u>Newcomer's Newsletter</u> as the subject).



The Newcomers Club offers a wide range of groups to suit your interest. If you want to join one of the groups listed or want to start a new one, check off areas of interest when submitting your membership form or visit our Interest Group Coordinator, Denise Snight, at our Interest Group table at the next coffee for more information.

State Groups: Maryland, New Jersey Group, New York Group, Ohio/PA.

Book Club
Bridge Group
Euchre
Game Night
Golf Group
Mahjongg South Strand
Movie and Dinner
Walking

Bowling
Dine Around (North/Central)
Dine Around (South)
Gardening
Knitting/Crafts
Mahjongg North/Central
Lunch and a Movie
Southern Girls Group

See newcomers.org for more information on each of our special interest groups!

NEWCOMERS SELECTED CHARITIES FOR 2016-2017

Each August our Newcomers Board and our President select the charitable and service organizations that we will be working to help support during the year. Also, at every monthly Coffee and Luncheon a Purple Bucket will be passed for your voluntary contribution to a registered charity that the Board has selected for that month.

President's Pick: Big Paws Canine

The Board has chosen two charities: Look Good, Feel Better and Hope House

If anyone has any questions about our charities, or if you would like information on volunteering to help any of these choices, please contact Wendy Margulies at (843) 399-3106.

Purple Bucket: For the month of March, we have selected **Keep Our Pets**.

Urgent Donations Needed for the Community Kitchen Clothing Room: Men's Jeans (32, 34, & 36 long), Women's Jeans (8, 10, 12, and 14), men's and ladies new underwear, men's white socks, hygiene kits, sweatshirts, and jackets. For those of you who have already donated, THANK YOU. A sign will be posted at each month's coffee where you can leave your donations if you want to bring them with you at that time. If not, please call either Leslie Eckert (843-236-8770) or Maureen Maki (843-390-5715).

As always, your contributions are voluntary and very much appreciated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee chairperson is Chris Lenart. If you have any comments or ideas for planned activities or if you would like to sign up for an event, please see Chris at the monthly Coffee. Or, you may call Chris at (843)796-1206 or e-mail at mumzie85@gmail.com. You may also contact Helen Fribrance at (860) 235-9327.

March - Floral Arranging . \$20 See Chris Lenart at the Special Events table at the March Coffee for details.

<u>April 25th</u> – High Tea at IYQ Tearoom & Gifts; \$25.00 pp (includes tea sandwiches and scones along with four different types of tea.

<u>May</u> – Date TBD – Brookgreen Gardens. Ron Daise will present a one-hour program on the history, food, and culture of the Gulla Geechie. Then join us for dutch treat in the Pavilion Garden Restaurant for lunch. Cost for members of Brookgreen is \$5.00 plus the meal. If you are not a member of Brookgreen, the cost is \$17.00 plus the meal, which includes daily admission to the Gardens. Minimum of 25 members needed to guarantee price, so e-mail Linda Laplante at hlaplante4@cox.net to sign up today!

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Dues are \$25.00 per year, payable in September for returning members and payable at time of joining for new members. Membership committee co-chairs are Ruth Ruff at (843) 997-9532 or ruffruff@sc.rr.com or to Joyce Farrell at (845)590-1405 or jfarrell53@aol.com. If you know of a member who is no longer living in the area or who does not wish to remain a member, please e-mail Ruth Ruff.

<u>Our New Members for the month of January are</u>: Lynn Beanblossom (North Carolina), Virginia Doolittle (New Jersey), Joanne Gaboriak (Massachusetts), Carole Kreshpan (Connecticut), Anna Miller (New Jersey), Caroline Pualhus (Massachusetts), Darlene Reuss (Virginia). We also have three members who have rejoined: Michele Freeman (New Jersey), Leona Damasca (Massachusetts), Donna Gendron (New York)

We now have 220 paid members. If you know a member who has not paid, remind them that they must pay in order to participate in member activities.

Directories

New members will receive a copy of our Newcomers Directory in their membership packet. At most of our coffees Susan Rivenburgh will take pictures of new members. Please be sure to have your picture taken. We will be populating the website with the members' pictures and will be generating a directory from the website this year. Please check that your information is correct and let Ruth Ruff (Membership Chair) know if any corrections are needed. If you have any comments, corrections or questions, please see M.J. Martin or call her at 843 651-5390.

Please look for our sponsors at the monthly Coffee and tell them you saw their ad in the Newcomer's Newsletter---they would love to do business with you!

<u>Storehouse Tours</u>: Robin McCall with Storehouse Tours will be happy to speak at your next group meeting. Storehouse Tours also offers fantastic day trips and longer trips. Check out their website at storehousetours.com or call (843) 235-2966.

<u>T-Rex Computers</u>: Chuck Walker with T-Rex Computers offers repair and sales of Macs and PCs; virus removal; networking; hardware repair. Call them if you need help at (843) 626-5235.

<u>Tastefully Simple</u>: Dianne Walker with Tastefully Simple provides tasteful food products that are simple to prepare. For more information, call her at (843) 503-8924.

JerriBob's Shipping and Business Solutions: Jerri and Bob Henry started "JerriBob's" Mail and Business Services in 1989 in Surfside. In addition to their packing and worldwide shipping services, they provide many other services (see their ad in this Newsletter). They have separated themselves from others in this industry by their exceptional level of customer service and their commitment and ability to provide services needed by the community especially serving Carolina Forest and the surrounding area. In addition, JerriBob's has graciously subsidized the complete cost of printing our newsletter again this year. If you should be in need of their services, please stop by their store and make sure to mention that you are from "Newcomers."

Maureen Shaffer

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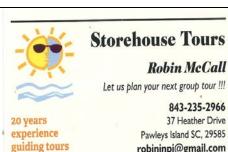




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