

NEWCOMER NEWS

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209 Members

March 2015

Presidents Message

*Hello Ladies....*After all the recent cold weather, I'm hoping that March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb! I'm looking forward to masses of blooming Pear trees and Wisteria coming to life in the trees along the roadways.

Our Fashion Show/Auction is just around the corner. Fashions are by Talbots. Remember, reservations are due at the March Coffee because our venue, the Grand Dunes, needs an early head count. Kim Cooper and Suze Cox and their committee and Lynn James and her committee have been working hard and it should be a fun-filled event. Thank you to all of them and to all of you who have taken the time to donate items and gift certificates. We could use more if you have them. Check the newsletter or website for directions to the Grand Dunes. See you there!!

Marilyn Keyser has some fun events planned for the next few months - a trip to Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, a road trip to Pearl Fryar's topiary garden and the Button Museum, Spring Flower Arranging, and a trip to the Iris Festival. Look for details in the newsletter and at the Coffee.

The nominating committee is working to put together our slate of officers and committee chairwomen for next year. Our elections are in May. If you are interested in a position on the board or on a committee please see Linda Messinger or me. Our club is only as successful as the effort we put in. Thank you. *Happy March.....*

Joanne Bouchard, President



A friendly cell phone reminder:
Please be courteous and put your cell phone on vibrate or silent during our meetings.

IMPORTANT DATES

CUT OUT AND SAVE!

COFFEE	LUNCHEON
March 4	March 25* - Grande Dunes Members Club
April 1	April 22 - Pine Lakes CC
May 6	May 27 - Kimbel's

* March 25 – Spring Fashion Show – See Pages 3 & 8.



REMINDERS!!!

DEADLINE!!! Information for the March Newsletter is due to the Editor, Tilda Generoso no later than **March 19**. You may e-mail articles to matty22@sc.rr.com (be sure to put **Newcomer's Newsletter** on the subject line). Thank you.

Remember to wear your name tag at all Newcomer events.

Get the latest copy of your newsletter on line at www.newcomersgs.org. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW WEBSITE NAME!!** More info on Page 3.



NEWCOMER CLUB LUNCHEONS

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 room.)
Business Meeting begins: 10:00 a.m.
March Coffee Program: Wills and probate in SC
 And Book Sale

April Coffee Program: Plant Sale

"Coffee" Refreshments

The Coffee Committee welcomes you back to Newcomers for the 2014-15 season! Our members are Rosie Guck, Rosanne Matthews, Carol Romanski, Joyce Toro, and our co-chairs, Nancy Michaud and Peggy O'Neil. Our responsibility is to be sure that coffee & tea are ready, pitchers of water are out, and the goodies (provided by our members) are out on the table for your enjoyment prior to the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at each Coffee asking for volunteers to bring snacks for the next Coffee. Please remember our diabetic members.

Being on the Coffee Committee has some great perks...(1) great opportunity to meet other ladies as they drop off their goodies and/or come to get their coffee and (2) since we put the goodies out, we get to see everything first (and maybe have a taste)! So, if you think you would like to join us as a member of the Coffee Committee, please stop by to speak with Nancy or Peggy in the kitchen. Or contact one of us by phone or email (Nancy-609-577-5670@nanmic116@gmail.com or Peggy-843-213-1551@fponeil2416@yahoo.com).

The luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May. The locations of the luncheons are planned by the Second Vice Presidents in coordination with the Club Board and are held at various facilities on the Grand Strand. An interesting program is always presented at these luncheons.

Please make every attempt to make your reservation for the luncheon at the monthly Coffee. This month your reservation **MUST** be made by the Coffee, March 4th. Roberta Schnur and Cynthia Whitley will be seated at a table at the back of the room where you can pay for your lunch. Cash or checks are accepted. Make checks payable to "Newcomers". Exact change would be greatly appreciated if you are paying in cash. No money can be refunded to a member after the final reservations have been made. If you have any questions, you may call Roberta Schnur at 843-215-6985 or Cynthia Whitley at 815-322-6623 (between 9 am and 6 pm as a courtesy). If you make your reservation by phone, please mail your check to: Roberta Schnur, 1153 N. Blackmoor Dr., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 or to Cynthia Whitley, 128 Preservation Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. Reservations and payment **MUST** be received by the Wednesday preceding the event.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 – 11:30 a.m.
LUNCHEON/AUCTION/FASHIONS
By TALBOTS

Where: Grand Dunes Member's Club, 1580 Terra Verde Dr, Myrtle Beach 29579 – 843-315-0355
Directions: Take 17N to the main entrance of Grande Dunes. Turn left and stop at the guard house on the left. He will direct you to follow the road to the end and go right on LaCosta Dr. Follow to Bella Sera Circle and turn left. Follow to Terra Verde Drive, turn left and follow to the end.

Menu Choices: –\$28 pp
 1 – Chicken Francaise with Herb Volute and Mashed Potatoes
 2 – Roasted Pork Loin with Mustard sauce and Mashed Potatoes
 3 – Broiled Fish with Herb butter and Rice Pilaf

All meals include vegetable, rolls, beverage and Chocolate Mousse for dessert. Cash Bar.

SNIPPETS

Spring Fashion Show and Fundraiser – March 25, 2015 at The Grand Dunes Members Club in Myrtle Beach. We are still accepting items for the auction baskets. More items are needed. Please bring them with you to the March 4th Coffee. **Note:** This is our “**major**” fundraiser for the year to benefit our charities, Samaritan House, Gracie’s Hope and Hope House and The Veterans Welcome Home & Resource Center. Our auction baskets will be full of great gift cards and goodies that have been donated. Also, if you plan on attending, *the Coffee will be the last opportunity you have to purchase tickets and save your seats.*

******Newcomers New Website****** – The Newcomers Club launched their new redesigned website on February 1, 2015. We have added some new features to the website and we hope you like it and will tell your friends and potential members about it. The new website is now called newcomersgs.org. Please contact Brenda Tuel at tuelbren@aol.com or call her at 843-903-4234 if you are experiencing any problems or have any updates.

Book Sale – will be held at the March Coffee.

Historian - We are still looking for a Historian. If you have an interest, please see our President, Joanne Bouchard or call her at 650-7666.

Community News - Please check out the round table at the front of the room for community news.

Free lunch – Don’t forget to put your name in the basket for the sponsors giveaway every month. The basket is on the hospitality table as you come in the front door. **Please do this before the meeting begins.**

Housekeeping – Please remember to clean up the area around your seat after the coffee. It’s just good housekeeping and makes it a lot easier and quicker for those who are left to clean up behind us.

Upcoming Events – a Plant Sale will be held at the April Coffee and a Bag Fair (handbags) will be held at the May Coffee. Mark your calendars.

Ambassadors Needed – We are looking for people who would like to serve as “ambassadors” at our Coffees and luncheons. It would involve showing guests around and explaining all about Newcomers. You wouldn’t have to do this at every function, but you would sign up to be available at the ones you choose. We have a checklist to help you cover all the bases with our guests and they would also receive a checklist to take home with them. If you’re interested please send Vicky Olson an email at Vicky@billolsons.com. Thank you for your support.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



Here is a list of some of the Special Interest Groups and the name and contact information for the person/s heading up each group. Take a look. You may find something that interests you!! If there is a group you would like to start or join, stop by and let me know. You may contact Kim Cooper, at 402-850-9633. Our committee has been compiling and updating lists. If you have previously signed up, please check the list to make sure your name is on it. Someone will be contacting you soon to get the new groups going. If you have signed up, please let us know if you have not been contacted. Please let us know if you’re interested in heading up a group. We are still in need of a few people.

Maryland Group: (Bernadette Kahl, bkahl@advp.com or 843-361-8434)

New Jersey Group: (Michele Freeman, michelelfreeman@sc.rr.com or (609)304-8276).

New York Group: (Ruth Ruff at ruffruff@sc.rr.com or 997-9532.) This group is open to any member who has relocated here from New York State. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month at a local restaurant. If you wish to join please contact Ruth Ruff. Hope to see you there. This group will not meet in November or December due to the holidays, but will restart again in January.

Ohio Group (PA included): (Maureen Schaeffer 330-518-5182 at maureenbcspa@gmail.com)

Other States: (Jackie Miles 843-236-5097 or cell 336-462-7365 or jackie29@sc.rr.com)

Book Club: The book club met over the summer and had great discussions. We will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month. We are changing things in January by meeting in Mount Pleasant to have our meeting and lunch with one of our members who is there while her husband recuperates. If you are interested in joining us, please contact M. J. Martin at 651-5390 or mj0712@aol.com.

March 16 Defending Jacob by William Landay (meeting at Marilyn Keyser's home)

Bowling: (*Sherrie Andress 437-9950*)

Bridge Group: (Suze Cox at suzjak@sc.rr.com) This group meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Suze for time and place. There is a new location, so please make sure to contact Suze to get the address.

Dine Around Singles: Gerri Levine at Gerrilevine@aol.com – If interested in dining out with this group, please contact Gerri at 843-236-8342 or at the above e-mail address.

Dine Around (South): Charlotte Siuda 650-4356 or CHUGIE_2000@yahoo.com

Dine Around (North and Central): This group needs a chairperson. If you are interested in chairing this group, please contact Kim Cooper (402-850-9633) or Linda Hicks (815-347-7306).

Dine In/Out (North) (temporary chairperson Beth Calamari at bethcalamaric@aol.com)

If you are interested in chairing this group please see Kim Cooper or contact her at the above number.

Dine In Dinner Group: This is a new group and needs a chairperson/organizer to get it going. If you are interested in getting this group started, please contact Linda Hicks or Kim Cooper.

Dominoes: This group is in need of a chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Kim Cooper or Linda Hicks.

Golf Group: Co-chairs Linda Hicks L.hicks@hotmail.com and Jackie Miles Jackie29@sc.rr.com. Weather permitting, the group will play 18 holes once a month. This group will begin playing again in March (weather permitting). Currently we are a small group hoping more ladies will join us. If you are interested in golfing or would like more information, please contact Linda or Jackie.

Knitting/Crafts: (Wendy Marguiles at wendysweb@aol.com)

Mahjongg South Strand: (Gail Hilt 215-0627 or Rita Hulme 650-9072)

Mahjongg Central: (Loraine Girardin 903-7116 or lgirardin@sc.rr.com) This group meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Plantation Lakes Clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. Bring a drink and we will order lunch or bring your own.

Movie and Lunch: (Maxine Begonja at bestweb20@msn.com) This group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Grand 14 Theatre at Market Commons with lunch immediately following the movie. Please contact Maxine if you will be attending.

Mahjongg info: The Grand Strand Senior Center on 21st 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.

NEWCOMERS SELECTED CHARITIES FOR 2014-2015

Our Board has proudly chosen to support the following charitable organizations for 2014-15. Money raised through our fundraising efforts will be distributed to these organizations at the close of our year (June 2015). One-half of our funds will go to the President's Choice, The Veteran's Welcome Home and Resource Center. The other half will be equally divided and distributed to the Board's selections. These are Samaritan House, Gracie's Hope and Hope House. A brief description of each organization follows:

President's Pick:

Veteran's Welcome Home and Resource Center: Locating to a newly expanded facility in Little River, this Center, operating independently of any government agency, has a mission to help any veteran transition back into civil life. Services include housing assistance, medical referrals, transportation, basic human needs such as food and clothing, job service and counseling. All staff members are volunteers. Services are available for all veterans on The Grand Strand.

The Board has chosen the following three charities:

Samaritan House: Located in Conway and operated through the sponsorship of Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church since 2005, this non-profit organization provides daily meals in a newly expanded facility. They also provide clothing and non-perishable food to those who need it.

Hope House: The mission of this non-profit organization is to provide a healthy environment for registered students at Myrtle Beach High School who are actively pursuing a high school diploma. These students are designated homeless or are otherwise affected by circumstances outside their control. Hope House strives to provide immediate needs for these students, including food, clothing, shelter and school supplies. The long range goal is to provide a safe shelter or home for these students.

Gracie's Hope: Founded in 2006 by a family seeking services in NC for their special needs child, Gracie. This non-profit organization provides hyperbaric oxygen treatments and support services to special needs children, veterans and civilian adults. These support services include neuro and bio feedback, counseling and more in a drug-free environment. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is proving helpful in patients with PTSD, TBI, Birth injuries, ALS, Parkinson's, Wound Care and much more. These treatments are usually not covered by traditional insurance and Gracie's Hope provides financial assistance through donations. Gracie's Hope is coming to North Myrtle Beach soon and will be open to residents of The Grand Strand as well as non-residents in need of treatment.

Purple Bucket: As our new year begins, we have decided to renew the Purple Bucket Collection. Each month, at our Coffee and again at our Luncheon, we will pass a purple bucket around for your voluntary contributions to the registered charitable organization selected by the Board. The Purple Bucket Collection is strictly voluntary. Your support is deeply appreciated.

For the month of March – The Purple Bucket Collection will benefit all three locations of Helping Hand. The various locations serve clients from the North to South Strand by providing food, clothing, counseling and other services needed by our neighbors along the Grand Strand.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee chairperson for this year is Marilyn Keyser. If you have any comments or ideas for planned activities, please see Marilyn when you come to the monthly Coffee. Marilyn will be set up at a table every month at the Coffee and will be available for you to sign up for any of the events that she has planned. If you will not be at the Coffee and want information, you may call Marilyn at 843-808-8921 or e-mail at marilynkeyser@yahoo.com.

Friday, March 20 – Boone Hall-Mt. Pleasant 11:30 a.m. – There will be a guided tour which takes about 2 ½ hrs. The tour will include exploring the Gullah cultures, Slave Street and History Plantation. Cost \$17.

Wednesday, April 15 – Pearl Fryar’s Topiary Garden and Button Museum at Bishopville, SC. - \$3 fee, lunch

Monday, May 4 – Spring Flower Arrangements to be held at Marilyn Keyser’s home at 417 Highfield Loop, (Berkshire Forest) Myrtle Beach.

11 a.m. - Landscape Dish Garden – Cost \$22 – supplies included

2-4 p.m. – Spring Tea Cup Arrangement – Cost \$13 – supplies included

Saturday - May 23 – Iris Festival in Sumter, S.C.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Welcome to Newcomers of the Grand Strand. **Dues are \$20.00 per year, payable in September for returning members and new members are asked to pay when joining.** A current membership list will be available at the hospitality desk when you enter the building. Please check to be sure your personal information is correct. Members who have lost their Newcomers pin may purchase a replacement pin at the Coffee for \$3.00. Please report any errors to Marlene Dottellis (650-8373 mdottellis@sc.rr.com) or Ruth Ruff (997-9532 ruffruff@sc.rr.com). Thank you!

Welcome to our new members for February: Cindy Butler, Sandy Cohen, Patricia Edwards, Janice Flanders, Janice Fyfe, Barbara Jordan, Anita McGarry and Amelia Narel.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

*Here are some of the area’s upcoming entertainment and events. If you have anything you want to contribute to this section, whether it is a good recipe or anything you want to share with the members, please let me know in advance of newsletter deadline by sending me an e-mail at: matty22@sc.rr.com - **Important—please put “Newcomer Newsletter” in subject line to call attention to your e-mail.**) Thank you. Tilda Generoso-Editor.*

Thursday, March 5 – Relay for Life Angels of Hope Spring Fashion Show 5-7 p.m. – St. Michael’s Church in Garden City. Fashions by Chico’s of Pawley’s Island. Door prizes, finger sandwiches and snacks. \$15 per person. Contact Maureen Shaffer for tickets at 330-518-5182. Proceeds to the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, March 7 – 15th Annual Spring Tour of Homes – benefiting the Myrtle Beach Art Museum. This annual tour of homes features an array of spectacular houses and the opportunity to enjoy a buffet luncheon with an ocean view at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club. Advance tickets are \$40. Lunch \$18. Call the museum at 843-238-2510 to get your tickets

Saturday, March 17 – 27th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Festival and Parade – will be held on Main Street in North Myrtle Beach at 9 a.m. This is a rain or shine event. There will be live music and a children’s area with rides and amusements from 11:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be vendors with food, crafts and products.

Saturday, March 21– “Diggin It” Spring Garden Festival - Brookgreen Gardens hosts an entire day of programs and talks where you can interact with some of the top gardening experts in the Southeast and Brookgreen’s horticulture staff. The event is free with garden admission. Call 843-235-6000 for more info.

Directories

New members will receive a copy of our Newcomers Directory when they join. Susan Rivenburgh will take pictures of new members at the monthly Coffee. An addendum will be distributed in May. If you have any comments, corrections or questions, please see me or call me at 651-5390. **MJ Martin**

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