

NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



Happy Holidays!

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188 Members

December 2017

President's Message

Only 18 shopping days left! It seems that just yesterday we were wishing everyone "HAPPY HOLIDAY"; well, it's that time again. Let me be the first to wish everyone "Happy Holiday and the best for the new year!"

I know everyone has a lot going on this month, but take time to join us for lunch on December 13 at the Parsons Table. Unfortunately, today is the deadline for signing up, so do it now.

As most of us are aware, everyday there is a new scam we all get those annoying phone calls. At our January coffee, the speaker will be Lt. Chuck Powell of the Horry County Police Dept. who will talk about fraud protection and identity safety. You can never be too careful about protecting yourself and safeguarding your identity.

If you need ideas for making a basket for the Fashion Show in March, talk to Mary Costello or one of her helpers as they have many great ideas. Let's make this a memorable event!

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, I wish you a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! See you in 2018.

Ruth Ruff
President

LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

DATE	LOCATION
December 13	Parsons Table (Little River)
January 24	Inlet Affairs (Murrells Inlet)
February 28	Joe's Bar & Grill (North Myrtle Beach)
March 28	Dunes Club (Myrtle Beach)*
April 25	Brentwood (Calabash)
May 23	TBD

*March 28 – 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 room.*)
Business Meeting begins: 10:00 a.m.
 December Program: Member Appreciation
 January Speaker: Lt. Chuck Powell; Horry County Police Dept.

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



A friendly cell phone reminder

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

NEWCOMER CLUB LUNCHEONS

The luncheons are usually held the 4th Wednesday of the month, September through May; **however, the December luncheon will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, which is December 13th. Reservations for the December luncheon must be made no later than the coffee on December 6, 2017.** Make reservations at the monthly Coffee with Shirley Scholfield and Pat McCarthy. Cash or checks made payable to “Newcomers” are accepted. If you cannot make your reservation at the coffee, you may send a check to Shirley Scholfield, 6079 Quinn Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579, shirley308@gmail.com, 843-360-1055 or Pat McCarthy, 8504 Juxa Rd, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579, patmcarthy94@gmail.com, (410) 303-1438. **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event. No money can be refunded after that time.**

When: Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Parson’s Table, 4305 McCorsley Ave, Little River, SC 29566

Menu Choices:

1. Beef Tenderloin tips with Soy Maple Glaze, Garlic and Leek Mashed Potatoes
2. Lump Crab Cake with Spicy Dill Mustard Sauce and Rice
3. Grilled Salmon with Bernaise and Rice

Each dish comes with a starter of She Crab Soup or Garden Salad, cornbread, and choice of dessert – Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Mousse with Kahlua

Price: \$23.00 per person (beverage, tax, and gratuity included)

SNIPPETS

Mahjongg Info: 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.

Mahjongg Card Fundraiser: Orders for Mahjongg Cards will be accepted at the December and January Coffees. Small cards are \$8.00; large cards are \$9.00. Newcomers receives a percentage of the profits based on number of cards sold. Please support this fundraising endeavor.

What’s Happening? 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. Here are some upcoming events:

December 7	Rivertown Christmas Celebration; Conway
December 8	Carolina Master Chorale: Christmas & All that Jazz III
December 9, 16	Holiday Bazaar; Market Common (12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
December 9	A Starduster Afternoon of Holiday Tunes; La Belle Amie Vineyard
December 9	Surfside Beach Christmas Parade
December 10	14 th Annual Christmas Towne; MB Convention Center
December 10	A Tribute to Elvis; Alabama Theatre
December 12-20	Lighting of the Menorah; Market Common (Dusk - 5:30 p.m.)
December 14	Special Event – Downtown Conway Shopping & Lunch
December 16	Marshwalk Santa Crawl; Murrells Inlet Marshwalk
December 17	Christmas Caroling; Market Common (3:00 p.m.)
December 31	A Southern Times Square; Market Common (7:00 p.m. – midnight)
December 31	New Year’s Eve Celebration & Fireworks (Broadway at the Beach)
December 31	Rock in the New Year (Hard Rock Café)
Weekends – December	Nights of a Thousand Candles – Brookgreen Gardens

Fashion Show –Although March 28th seems far away, we only have 2 coffees left after today to sign up for making a basket! Look for Heather Rupnik at the Coffee. She will have a sign-up sheet with ideas or you can create your own! Have fun, put a group together and help us raise money for our worthy charities. On our website, www.newcomersgs.org, there are 2 forms under the members tab in documents: a basket protocol sheet and a copy of our tax letter to bring to businesses should you wish to ask for donations. More explanation will follow during the meeting. Don't wait! Sign up today!

CALLING ALL MODELS! Volunteer to strut your stuff in beautiful outfits from Dress Barn! There's no obligation to buy your outfit, but you may find it hard to resist! We need your help. See Heather Rupnik to sign up.

Sons of Italy Christmas Party – Sons of Italy Lodge 2868 is having their annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 9, 2017 at the Pine Lakes Country Club from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Cost per person is \$40.00. If interested contact Rosemarie Frondi at 843-626-0738 or Patricia Martelli at patriciamartelli57@gmail.com.

Newsletter Deadline for January - Information for the January Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than December 22. E-mail articles to reception@grandstrandlawyers.com (be sure to put **Newcomer's Newsletter** as the subject).



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



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 contact our Interest Group Coordinators: Audrey Williamson, Julia Brinkley, and Alida Pulsinelli. Also, you can visit our Interest Group table at the next coffee for more information.

As you know, we are tweaking the Special Interests group this year for better communication and engagement. If you are leading or would like to lead a group this year, please bring to the next coffee two copies of a sign-up sheet with your group information (primary contact person information and meeting dates and times). Going forward, the Special Interest Committee will have a copy of the sign-up sheets for new members to indicate interest.

New Bridge Group - Julia Brinkley would like to start a Bridge group on Monday mornings at the Base Recreation Center (Market Common). She is willing to teach, so all levels of players are welcome. Julia prefers to be contacted via telephone, so please call her at (843) 460-4402 if you are interested in playing.

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

NEWCOMERS SELECTED CHARITIES FOR 2017-2018

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: *Family Justice Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties.*

Board's Picks: *New Directions of Horry County, SOS Autism Healthcare*

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.

December Purple Bucket: Lowcountry Food Bank; Every \$1 donated provides the basis for 6 meals.

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

Community Kitchen

Ladies – Once again we are reaching out for your help in providing the necessary items for the poor and homeless in our area. Because there is such a great need for so many things, we would like to request certain items each month:

December & January - Men and women's underwear (s,m,l,xl) men and women's socks, men's tee-shirts, ladies' bras, feminine products

February & March - New or gently used clothes for men and women (hats, gloves, boots, warm socks, jackets, coats, pants, ponchos) and any other item you can donate to keep out the cold when the homeless are sleeping outside

April & May - New or gently used clothes for the spring

PLEASE REMEMBER - Anytime you have men and women's clothes or other items to donate, just drop them off at the coffee meeting and we will take care to deliver them to those in need.

As always, thank you for your kindness in helping those less fortunate. Any questions, please call Leslie Eckert (843-236-8770) or Maureen Maki (843-390-5715)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Event – December 14, 2017 – Our December Special Event is a delicious buffet luncheon at Coppers Restaurant in Conway followed by a special visit to Riverside Christmas Shop, where we'll be treated to Apple Cider and cookies! We'll meet at 11:30 am at Coppers (201 Laurel Street, Conway) for an all-inclusive buffet luncheon and then visit downtown Conway, which will be all decked out for Christmas! We'll visit the newly expanded Riverside Christmas Shop (302 Main Street, Conway) and be dazzled by all the themed Christmas Trees, home decor, and gift items there. Join us for this fun special event Thursday, December 14th at 11:30 am. \$15 each. Invite a friend! See Katherine Jasmine at the December Coffee or email her at katherine@marketingfirst.biz or call (978)764-8711. The deadline to register is December 6th.

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Dues are \$25.00 per year, payable in September for returning members and payable at time of joining for new members. You may pay your dues at the Coffee or Luncheon. In order to avoid standing in line, you may pay by mail. Send your check payable to Newcomers to Donna Bandura at 336 Highfield Loop, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

Welcome Our New Members for the Month of November! Barbara Ambrose, Tomasina Davis (South Carolina), Kathleen Della Iacono (New York), Judy Finley (Snowbird – Seattle, WA), Kathy Foley (Kentucky), Lois Krone, and Kim Sauro (Connecticut).

We now have 170 paid members. If you know a member who has not paid, remind them that they must pay in order to participate in member activities.

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!

Atlantic Stage: Atlantic Stage is in its ninth season and is a nonprofit, professional theater bringing Pulitzer prize winning plays, world premiers, and holiday favorites to the Grand Strand. For more information contact Kathryn Zande at (843) 421-1481 or by email at kathryn@atlanticstage.com.

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T-Rex Computers: Chuck Walker provides computer repair and training services for Macs and PCs. For help with your computer issues, call him at 843-626-5235 or contact him by email at chuck@t-rexcomputers.com.

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."

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