

# NEWCOMER NEWS

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225 Members

December 2018

## President's Message

WOW, it's the end of the year already! They say that time flies when you are having fun – well, I guess we are having fun.

The year ended with a bang: hurricanes, floods, loads of Newcomer events, and today's "annual" appreciation brunch! We appreciate all that you, our members, do to make the organization a success and hope that you will continue to do so.

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. Many of you are Santa to someone who needs something to brighten their life by participating in the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. We and the staff at Home Instead thank you for your generosity.

Now is time to get ready for the Fashion Show, time to get ideas for that beautiful basket you or your group want to make for auction at the show. The committee is already working hard to make this affair a huge success. See Marylin Keyser for ideas – I am sure she has plenty.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday! Safe travels and enjoy time with family, friends, and neighbors. See you in 2019!

Ruth Ruff  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

| DATE                      | LOCATION                               |
|---------------------------|--|
| December 12 <sup>th</sup> | Chestnut Hill, Myrtle Beach            |
| January 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Sea Captains House, Myrtle Beach       |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | Gulfstream Café, Murrells Inlet        |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Kimbel's (Fashion Show)                |
| April 24 <sup>th</sup>    | The Brentwood Restaurant, Little River |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | TBD                                    |

\*March 27<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**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 fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May. Make reservations at the monthly Coffee with Louis Berlin 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 Louis Berlin at, 270 Oak Landing Drive, Conway, South Carolina, 29527 (berlinsofsc2015@gmail.com) or Pat McCarthy, 8504 Juxa Rd, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29579 ( patmccarthy94@gmail.com), You may also call Lois Berlin at (910)270-4300 or Pat McCarthy at (410) 303-1438. **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Saturday preceding the event. No money can be refunded after that time.**

**\*Due to the Luncheon being held early this month, reservations and payments must be received by Saturday, December 9, 2018.**

**When:** Wednesday, December 12th, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Chestnut Hill Restaurant  
9922 Highway 17 North  
Myrtle Beach, SC

### **Menu Choices:**

1. Crab Cake – Fresh local lump crab meat, dusted with Japanese bread crumbs.
2. Chicken Parmesan – 6oz boneless chicken breast, sautéed and topped with homemade marinara and provolone cheese.
3. Shrimp Creole – Tender medium shrimp sautéed with tomato, bacon, onions and peppers mixed with zesty spices served on a bed of rice pilaf.
4. Ribeye Steak – 8 oz Stockyard Angus Ribeye aged and grilled to your temperature.

**Dessert:** Fruit and Nut Cobbler

\*Each dish comes with vegetables, potato du jour, garden salad, dinner rolls and drink (coffee, tea, soda or water).

**Price:** \$25.00 per person (beverage, tax, and gratuity included)



## **SNIPPETS**

**Senior Angel Gift Tags:** Just a reminder for those who picked up a tag for the Senior Angel Gift at the Home Instead table, these gifts need to be returned at the December 5 coffee. Gifts should be NEW (some tags may have had incorrect notation that Used is ok, that should have read NO USED ITEMS) and UNWRAPPED with the tag secured with the gift. The Home Instead team will distribute the gifts to the appropriate senior. If you have any questions you can email [tina.mitchell@homeinstead.com](mailto:tina.mitchell@homeinstead.com). Thank you for your continued support of this program!

**Attractions Books Still Available:** Purchase your Attractions Books at the Fundraising Committee Table. Books are filled with coupons that are valid until the end of 2019 and are only \$20.00. Use of one coupon pays for the price of the book. Proceeds go to help our wonderful charities!

**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.

**\*Newsletter Deadline for January -** Information for the January Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than December 19<sup>th</sup>. E-mail articles to [admin@grandstrandlawyers.com](mailto:admin@grandstrandlawyers.com) (be sure to put **Newcomer's Newsletter** as the subject).

**Mahjongg Card Fundraiser:** The form below is the Mahjongg Card order form, if you want to make an order please cut and fill it out and return to Denise Snight with your payment.

**Please Print All Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

House #, Street, City, Zip Code

TELEPHONE # house: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CARDS: LARGE - \$9 each \_\_\_\_\_ SMALL - \$8 each \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH ADDRESS CARDS ARE MAILED TO.**

**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](http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com). Click on "To Do" in the upper right corner, and then click on Events. Here are some upcoming events:

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| November 17-Dec 31  | Marshwalk Wonder of Lights, Murrells Inlet             |
| December 2-9, 2018  | Lighting of the Menorah, Valor Park Market Common      |
| December 6-22, 2018 | Nights of a Thousand Candles, Brookgreen Gardens       |
| December 8, 2018    | Surfside Beach Annual Christmas Parade                 |
| December 15, 2018   | Breakfast with Santa, The Golden Egg – Surfside Beach  |
| December 22, 2018   | Yuletide Music & Bonfire – La Belle Amie Vineyard      |
| December 22, 2018   | Breakfast with Santa – Gordon Biersch at Market Common |
| December 28, 2018   | Talkin' 'Bout My Resolutions – Uptown Theatre          |

**SPONSOR SPECIALS/EVENT SPOTLIGHT**

Did you know that when you order whole food concentrates from Juice Plus+ you can get delicious all natural chewables for children for FREE? The program is called a Healthy Start for Families and begins from age 4 to college age! Children the age of 2 and above can take the chewable too and love them. **Start the year off right by being healthy with all natural fruit and veggie whole food concentrates from Juice Plus+!** Check out the website for details [www.juiceplus.com](http://www.juiceplus.com) or contact **Daphne Trent:** [daphnejuiceplus@gmail.com](mailto:daphnejuiceplus@gmail.com) or call 513-543-0147

**OLLI** will have its spring 2019 catalog in hard copy in mid-December. It will be available at <https://www.coastal.edu/olli/currentcourses/> before it is out in hard copy, so look online first. We will have some excellent classes, lecture series, and activities in the spring. The Taste of OLLI Open House happens Tuesday January 8 from 9 to noon at the Conway Education Center, 290 Allied Dr., Conway; Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon at the Litchfield Education Center, 14427 Ocean Highway, Litchfield Landing, Pawleys Island; and from 2 to 4 at the Georgetown Education Center, 903 Front St., Georgetown.



## **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 group, check off areas of interest when submitting your membership form or contact our Interest Group Coordinators: Marilyn Keyser (843) 503-2794, Andrea Schmehl (610) 507-1072 and Anita Karkocha (614) 832-2167. Also, you can visit our Interest Group table at the next coffee for more information.

The Special Interest Committee is in the process of revamping all of the groups. **PLEASE HELP!** If you are chairing a group or interested in chairing a group, please contact Marilyn Keyser, Andrea Schmehl or Anita Karkocha with the name of your group along with a brief description and your contact information. If you have ideas for any special interest groups, please let our committee know.

**Maryland Group:** Contact Bernadette Kahl at [bkahl@advp.com](mailto:bkahl@advp.com) or (843) 361-8434

**New Jersey Group:** If you were born in, lived in, or just drove through the Garden State, join us for lunch at Noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month. Contact Sharon Faas (973) 943-8890.

**New York Group:** 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 Susan Granger (518) 779-8933 or [susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com). Hope to see you there!

**Ohio/PA Group:** Contact Maureen Shaffer at [maureenbcspa@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbcspa@gmail.com) or (330) 518-5182.

**Southern Group:** Contact Delinda Hoepner (843) 651-0150.

**Book Club:** In January, Ellen Devlin will be starting a new book club. We already have eight women who are interested in joining. If you are interested, please call her at (678) 777-6377.

**Bowling Group:** Contact Andrea Schmehl (610) 507-1072

**Bridge Group:** This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Contact Julie Brinkley (843) 460-4402 or [JBrinkle1@gmail.com](mailto:JBrinkle1@gmail.com)

**Golf Group:** Golfers get together twice a month during the fall and spring, weather permitting. If you are interested in golfing or would like more information, please contact Jackie Miles at (336) 462-7365 or [jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com](mailto:jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com)

**Mahjongg South Strand:** This group meets at Denny's on Highway 17 Bypass near Surfside beside Firestone Tires every Monday at 10 a.m. Contact Gail Hilt at (843) 215-062 or [gchilt@sc.rr.com](mailto:gchilt@sc.rr.com) or Rita Hulme at (843) 650-9072 or [scdandrh93@aol.com](mailto:scdandrh93@aol.com).

**Mahjongg North/Central:** This group meets every Thursday of the month at Plantation Lakes Amenity Center in Carolina Forest at 10:30 a.m. You may bring your own lunch or snacks. Contact Barbara Drossos at [BDrossos819@gmail.com](mailto:BDrossos819@gmail.com).

**Movie and Lunch:** Ladies, come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month as we get together for lunch and a movie. If interested, please contact Maureen Maki at [Maureen\\_maki@msn.com](mailto:Maureen_maki@msn.com) or (843) 390-5715, or Gerri Levine at (843) 236-8342 or [gerrilevine@aol.com](mailto:gerrilevine@aol.com). At the last movie and lunch, we discussed whether we wanted to have our movie and lunch for December. Everyone is busy with plans or are getting ready to travel. We decided to skip December for this event. This group which is growing in size with such wonderful women who are becoming friends and enjoy being together. Movie and Lunch will start up again in January. Come join us and bring your smiles. Happiest of Holidays to all.

**Card Making:** Join Andrea Schmehl for card making, cost is \$5 for 3 cards, up to 10 ladies can join. Please Contact Andrea at (843) 390-5715 or [ASchmehl@gmail.com](mailto:ASchmehl@gmail.com).

*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 Newcomers will support through our many fundraising efforts. They also select the organizations that will receive funding through the Purple Bucket that is passed at every monthly Coffee and Luncheon. We are pleased to announce that the following organizations have been chosen for support.

**President's Pick:** *Freedom Readers:* The mission of freedom readers is to improve reading skills in low income communities by providing one-to-one literacy tutoring, free books for home libraries, and an inspiring, high energy learning environment. Founder and Executive Director is Dr. Tracy Bailey.

**Board's Picks:** *Help4Kids (Backpack Buddies):* The mission of Help4Kids is to provide food sacks that are sent home in the kids' backpacks on Fridays. They also provide school backpacks and school supplies for children in need. Director is Barbara Maines.

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 December: Fostering Hope;*** Fostering Hope's mission is to provide basic necessities for children in crisis situations. They provide support to resource families and help relieve some of the burden these families assume when they welcome a child into their home and hearts.

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### **Community Kitchen**

***Community Kitchen:*** The mission of the community kitchen is to feed the hungry both at breakfast and lunch. The meals and fellowship are provided at no cost to the guests. Director is Deacon Peter Casamento.

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)

For those of you who have already donated something for our poor and homeless in Myrtle Beach, be sure your name is in the jar to win one of the baskets. If you bring a coat/jacket or hoodie (both men and women) to our December coffee, you still have a chance to win a Holiday Basket or Bath Basket. We will pull the winning name during our meeting. There will be a sign showing you where to leave your donation as you come in the door. The jar will be at the coffee station. Thanks for all you have done to help those less fortunate than yourself.

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## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

The Special Events Committee chairperson is Katherine Jasmine. If you have any comments or ideas for planned activities or if you would like to sign up for an event, please see her at the monthly Coffee. Or, you may call Katherine at (978)764-8711 or e-mail at [katherine@marketingfirst.biz](mailto:katherine@marketingfirst.biz). You may also contact Mary Ann Kinnally at (843) 796-9385 or by email at [maryannkinnally@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannkinnally@yahoo.com).

**EXTRA SPECIAL EVENT – “Christmas . . . and All That Jazz!” with Carolina Master Chorale**

So many have asked to attend another Carolina Master Chorale performance! So... here is your chance!

Christmas ... and All That Jazz!

Friday, December 7th - 7:30 pm

Trinity Church, 3000 North Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach

The Chorale will perform a wide and entertaining variety of familiar and lesser-known carols in stunning jazz arrangements, featuring trumpet virtuoso, James "Bull" Canty with the Long Bay Symphony Jazz Combo. And... a CMC tradition of Sing-Along Carols!

Tickets are available NOW! Let me know if you want to attend by seeing me and paying for your ticket at the December 5th Coffee. Tickets ordered prior to the coffee will be distributed at the Coffee; tickets ordered at the Coffee will be held at Will-Call at the performance. You must be registered and paid by December 5th!

**Here is a PREVIEW of a few upcoming special events for 2019!**

**January:** Myrtle Beach Art Museum and Lunch

**February:** Theatre of the Republic – Musical Production of Next to Normal

**March:** Carolina Forest High School production of “Newsies”

**April:** Coastal Carolina Winery and Lunch

**May:** Newcomers’ Night at Pelicans Baseball

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| <b><u>MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES</u></b> |
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**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 Connie Moffatt at 4411 Livorn Loop Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

In November we had 5 new members join us. Please take a moment to say hello at the next meeting!

**Welcome Our New Members for the Months of November!** Patti Eichner (NY), Judy Innes (MN), Cathy Jovanovic (MA), Joann Piazza (NJ), and Alma Wright (VA)!

\*We now have 225 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!***

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**PREMIER DESIGNS JEWELRY - ANNETTE BILLINGS - [annbills@aol.com](mailto:annbills@aol.com)**

Annette enjoys making every woman feel beautiful by providing these wonderful jewelry products! She provides a unique shopping experience in your home, office, beauty shop and of course Newcomers! Fund raising opportunities are available and the hostess receives great gifts. Profits from the company help others all over the world while providing a high quality product.

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