

# NEWCOMER NEWS

*Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand*



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200 Members

January 2018

## President's Message

Welcome back, Happy New Year to all! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. If you have made resolutions for 2018, let's hope that they are fulfilled. One of my resolutions is to make the coming year of Newcomers a successful one. It is time to start thinking about the coming events, namely the March Fashion Show and basket auction. Get in a group and make a spectacular basket, one that everyone will want!

Next month is Women's Health Month, and we will be having as our speaker, Dr. Karen Gersch, who is associated with Grand Strand Heart and Vascular Care practice, who will talk to us regarding women's heart health. As women, most of us worry about the health of others putting ourselves last; however, we also should make sure we take care of ourselves.

Now is time to get your tickets for the Fisk Jubilee Singers concert at CCU on January 28th with dinner to follow. This promises to be an enjoyable event. Katherine Jasmine is available, so buy the tickets now.

Our luncheon this month is at Inlet Affairs in Murrells Inlet, and I am hoping to see you there. Again I wish you a Happy New Year, one filled with health, happiness and prosperity!

Ruth Ruff  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

DATE	LOCATION
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.  
 January Speaker: Lt. Chuck Powell; Horry County Police Dept.  
 February Speaker: Dr. Karen Gersch; Grand Strand Heart and Vascular Care

**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. 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, patmcCarthy94@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, January 24, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Inlet Affairs 4024 Highway 17 Business, Murrells Inlet, SC

**All-Inclusive Buffet Includes:** Tossed House Salad, Maple Glazed Salmon, Rosemary Baked Chicken, Sliced Sirloin with mushroom gravy, Mashed potatoes, Steamed Vegetable medley, Rolls with Butter, Peach Cobbler and Carrot Cake

**Price:** \$22.00 per person (beverage, tax, and gratuity included)

**Inlet Affairs is donating \$1.00 per person to our charity budget.**

## SNIPPETS

**Mahjongg Info:** The Grand Strand Senior Center on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 January Coffee. 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](http://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com). Click on “To Do” in the upper right corner, and then click on Events.

**Fashion Show** –Although March 28th seems far away, we only have 1 coffee 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](http://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.

**Newsletter Deadline for February** - Information for the February Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than January 26. E-mail articles to [admin@grandstrandlawyers.com](mailto:admin@grandstrandlawyers.com) (be sure to put **Newcomer’s Newsletter** as the subject).



BOOK CLUB

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.

*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.

**January Purple Bucket:** Keep Our Pets Food Bank, whose goal is to keep people and their pets together. This group provides food and spay/neuter services to families who cannot afford to feed their pets and serves over 268 families per year.

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

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### *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:

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)

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

***Special Event – January 28, 2018*** – The Fisk Jubilee Singers at Wheelwright Auditorium – Coastal Carolina University, Conway. The Fisk Jubilee Singers are an a capella ensemble of students at Fisk University in Nashville, whose talents and popularity have been recognized worldwide. They have been featured on PBS and were a recipient of the 2008 National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest honor for artists and patrons of arts. If you'd like, you can have dinner on your own at Rotelli's Italian Restaurant after the concert! Call Katherine Jasmine at 978-764-8711 today for reservations or email Katherine@marketingfirst.biz. Tickets are \$12 per person.

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### 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 December!** Paulette Bond (North Carolina), Fran Kasturas (New Jersey), Andrea Schmel (Pennsylvania), Dianne Walters (Delaware), Deborah Vest (North Carolina)

We now have 200 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!**

**Meemz Bloomers:** Thomasina Davis creates handcrafted, handmade door wreaths for home décor and special occasions. You can contact her by phone at (843) 903-0682 or by e-mail at meemzbloomers@gmail.com.


**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute:** One of 120 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes in the United States, OLLI at CCU offers opportunities for older adult, noncredit students to achieve intellectual, cultural, and social growth while fostering a close, lasting, and mutually beneficial relationship between OLLI students and the university. While lifelong learning has been a priority of CCU's programming since 1987, the university became affiliated with the Osher Foundation in 2007 and has received numerous grants as well as two million dollar endowments since then. The program offers approximately 300 classes, nearly 20 excursions, clubs, lecture guests, and special events every semester. For more information, contact Carol Osborne at (843) 349-2767 or by email at kbarker@coastal.edu.

**Celebrating Home:** Barbara Gregory helps make your home smell good. For more information, call her at (843) 457-0026 or e-mail her at bgreg823@aol.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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