

NEWCOMER NEWS

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“Happy Mother’s Day”

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231 Active Members

May 2016

Presidents Message

Where has the time gone? I cannot believe that we have arrived at the last Coffee of the year! In my opinion we have had a wonderful year as an organization. The programs, the special events, our fundraisers and our luncheons have been a tremendous success. We have grown in membership and friendships. I cannot take very much of the credit, however. The Board and Committee members have done a fabulous job! They have worked hard all year to make it the success it was. I want to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication to their positions. I want to thank the entire membership for their support and generosity throughout the year. You have made my year, serving as your president, an easy and enjoyable one. I look forward to next year, as parliamentarian, with our new board. I know they will provide us with another excellent year and again I thank the ladies who have stepped up to serve our club. Have a great summer everyone!

Mary Costello - President

IMPORTANT DATES CUT OUT AND SAVE!

COFFEE	LUNCHEON
May 4	May 25 – Kimbel’s



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.

May Coffee Program: Brenda Tuel and Maureen Shaffer will give a special presentation on the Newcomers website and will also have some other technical tips for you.

Coffee/tea and light snacks are provided at all of our monthly Coffees.

Memorial Day is May 30th



NEWCOMER CLUB LUNCHEONS

The luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, and include an interesting program. Your reservation may be made at the monthly Coffee with Myra Spitzhoff and Pam Bremer. Cash or checks made payable to "Newcomers" are accepted. Exact change would be appreciated. Money cannot be refunded after reservation is made. Contact: Myra Spitzhoff, 1174 Shire Way, Myrtle Beach 29577, 704-241-2904 or Pam Bremer, 1149 Wyatt Lane, Myrtle Beach 29577, 717-487-4063. (Please call between 9 am and 6 pm). Reservations and payment **MUST** be received by the Wednesday preceding the event.

When: Wed., May 25 - 11:00 am.

Where: Kimbals, 1930 Governors Landing Rd. Murrells Inlet 29576 (843-357-5141)

Price: \$25 pp (beverage, tax and tip included)

Directions: Take 17 Bypass to Wachesaw Road in Murrells Inlet. Turn right and follow signs to Wachesaw Plantation. Go through the gate house .8 miles to the first stop sign. Turn left on Governors Landing Drive. At second stop sign take left to Kimbals.

Appetizer: Fruit, Cheese and Crackers

Menu Choices:

- 1 – Local Shrimp and Grits with stewed andouille sausage, vine ripe tomatoes, onions, peppers and cheddar cheese grits
- 2 – Penne Pasta, vine ripe tomatoes, marsala wine, ricotta cheese, wilted arugula and red pepper flakes
- 3 – Roasted all natural chicken breast, pulled thigh meat and boursin cheese open faces strudel, asparagus, whipped potatoes and natural pan gravy

Includes House salad, bread, coffee and tea. Your choice of Flourless Chocolate Torte or Cream Brule Cheesecake for dessert.

Program: Installation of Officers for 2016-17.

SNIPPETS

2016-17 Dues - It is time to renew your membership for 2016-17. Our annual dues have been increased for 2016-17 to \$25 and are payable in September 2016. In order to avoid the long lines at the September Coffee, you may pay by mail to: Ruth Ruff, 1060 Vestry Drive, Murrells Inlet 29576. By paying prior to the September Coffee you will be entered into a drawing for a free lunch.

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

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

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 left corner, and then click on Calendar of Events.

Get the latest copy of your newsletter on line at - www.newcomersgs.org



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. Our Special Interest Group Coordinators are Sue Columbus and Donna Erickson. Please check with them at the next Coffee and they will give you the info you need to become active with one or more of these groups. Listed below are our active groups!

State Groups: Maryland - New Jersey - New York - Ohio/PA

Book Club (closed)

Bridge

Dine Around (North/Central)

Dine Around (South)

Euchre

Game Night

Knitting/Crafts

Mah Jong South Strand

Mah Jong North/Central

Movie and Dinner

Movie and Lunch

Walking

NEWCOMERS SELECTED CHARITIES FOR 2015-2016

Every year our Newcomers Board and our President select the charitable and service organizations we'll 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: President Mary Costello has selected the *Independence Fund Hyperbaric and Wellness Center* in North Myrtle Beach.

The Board has chosen two charities: *Savannah's Playground* and *Teen Angel*.

Purple Bucket: For the month of May the Purple Bucket will benefit Fidelis. Fidelis is located in the Forestbrook Community of Myrtle Beach. It is a faith-based organization which provides Equine Assistance Learning to youth who have experienced traumatic events in their lives. So many of our youth suffer from trauma, neglect and abuse and need help learning to heal through emotional support. Equine skills have been known to help these youth learn to trust and maneuver through life. Run by volunteers, the equine and life-coping skills provided by this agency is helping our needy youth set goals and make positive, life-long changes.

For more information regarding any of our registered charities, please contact Wendy Margulies at 844-399-3106.

Your donations are always completely voluntary and very much appreciated.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee is co-chaired this year by Marilyn Keyser and Gerri Levine. *Please contact Marilyn or Gerri to sign up for these events and for more detailed info.* Marilyn 843-808-8921/marilynkeyser@yahoo.com or Gerri Levine 843-236-8342/gerrilevine@aol.com.

May 19 – 11:30 a.m. – Sea and Shell tour with Captain Rod in Georgetown. All will meet on Front Street at the pier. (843-477-0287). Please arrive at 11:30 as the tour starts promptly at 12 noon. This is a 4 hour adventure. You may bring snacks and drinks but they also supply them. Price is \$31 including gratuity. Maximum number of people is 45. If you are eating lunch or dinner in Georgetown, you will be on your own to pick from a variety of the local restaurants. Payment is due at the May Coffee.

Marilyn and I have enjoyed setting up these events this year and hope that you have had fun attending them. Have a happy summer!!

MEMBERSHIP & DUES


Dues for Newcomers of the Grand Strand have been \$20.00 per year, but will be increased for 2016-17 to \$25. Dues are payable in September for returning members and payable at the time of joining for new members. Our membership co-chairs are Ruth Ruff (997-9532 ruffruff@sc.rr.com) and Linda Nitz (385-7289 lnitz@sc.rr.com).

Please welcome our new members for April: Dorothea Daggett and Susan Lombardo.

Directories

New members will receive a copy of our Newcomers Directory when joining. Mona Hoenstien will take pictures of new members at the monthly Coffee. An addendum to the directory will be distributed in May. If you have any comments, corrections or questions, please see **MJ Martin** or call her at 843-651-5390.

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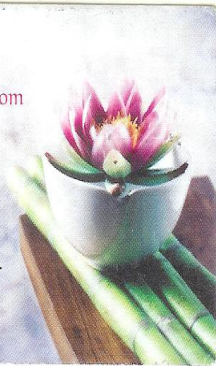
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