

# NEWCOMER NEWS

*Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand*



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245 Members

October 2018

## President's Message

Welcome everyone!

I am happy to see that everyone survived this horrible weather. First a major Hurricane, which turned out to be a tropical storm producing enormous amounts of rain; then tornado warnings which thankfully there were none; now flood warnings everywhere which unfortunately will affect some.

Well just think of the stories you have to tell, among which I am sure there are many ACTS OF KINDNESS to be shared.

Let's look forward to a great fall season, pumpkin picking, Halloween, raking leaves and then it's time for Thanksgiving. Speaking of giving, this month we are bringing you the representatives of our charities for the year. All these charities need volunteers, so feel free to find out how you can help.

While you are here, please visit our vendors as they have wonderful things for sale which make great gifts for friends and neighbors. Why not buy them an Attraction Book, invite them to join you on one of our Special Events. Let them know what a great organization you belong to!

Ruth Ruff  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

DATE	LOCATION
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bonefish Grill, Surfside Beach
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Umberto's Barefoot Landing, N. Myrtle Beach
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Hill, Myrtle Beach
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sea Captains House, Myrtle Beach
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
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



## 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.  
 Representatives from our the Board's three chosen charities will speak at our meeting.  
*\*Remember to wear you 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 Nancysue Givens 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 Nancysue Givens at 414 Channel View Drive, Conway, SC 29527, pghstelerfan@yahoo.com, (843) 397-9237 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, October 24, 2018, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Bonefish Grill, Surfside Beach – 8703 US Highway 17 Bypass South, Surfside Beach S.C. 29575

**Menu Choices:**

- Chicken Marsala topped with mushrooms, basil and Marsala wine sauce paired with garlic mashed potatoes
- The Angler’s Steak Sirloin: 6oz sirloin paired with garlic mashed potatoes
- Cod Picatta – Cod filet breaded and sautéed topped with Lemon Caper Butter and paired with steamed broccoli

Each dish includes a choice between a House or Caesar salad, drinks (soda, tea & coffee) and a flourless Macadamia Nut Brownie topped with raspberry sauce and whipped cream.

**Price:** \$20.00 per person (beverage, tax, and gratuity included)

**Refunds for September Luncheon:** The September Luncheon was cancelled due to the hurricane; however many of our members had already made payments for this lunch. If you paid for this luncheon and would like to attend the October luncheon we can apply the money to the next luncheon. The October luncheon will be \$2.00 less than the September luncheon and that money can be refunded or donated to one of our charities. If you do not wish to attend the next luncheon, please see Nancysue Givens at the September Coffee or contact her by email or phone for more information pghstelerfan@yahoo.com, (843) 397-9237 for arrangements to refund your payment.



## **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.

**Attractions Books** – Purchase your Attractions Books at the Fundraising Committee Table. Books are filled with coupons that are valid until the end of 2018 and are only \$20.00. Proceeds go to help our wonderful charities!

**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:

October 5-7	Myrtle Beach Seafood Festival - Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place
October 6-7	Harvest Home Festival – Brookgreen Gardens
October 6	Surfside Beach Family Festival – Surfside Drive
October 7	Conway Fall Festival – Downtown Conway
October 11-13	Cruisin The Beach Car Show – Broadway at the Beach
October 12	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Myrtle Beach Oktoberfest – Valor Park Market Commons
October 20-21	29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Wooden Boat Show – Front Street, Georgetown
October 26	Atalaya Fall Festival & Haunted Castle – Huntington State Park
October 27	Hippie Fest – Myrtle Beach Speedway

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



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:** Delinda Hoepner (843) 651-0150.

**Book Club:** The book club meets on the third Monday of each month. We are currently meeting in each other’s homes and have seventeen members. We have decided that is our limit. If you are interested in starting another group or want to start a waiting list, please contact M.J. Martin at (843) 651-5390 or [mjscmarty@gmail.com](mailto:mjscmarty@gmail.com).

**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). For the month of October we will be eating lunch at Nacho Hippo in Market Commons at 12:30pm on October 9th, we hope to see you there!

**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.

*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.

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 October:*** Local Red Cross Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts

### Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts

The month of September brought many unexpected events; the most devastating was of course Hurricane Florence. The hurricane brought lots of rain and water to our area leaving large portions of our community without electricity, food, shelter and other basic necessities. If you would like to donate your time or funds we have put together a list of reliable places to do so. Please feel free to take the time to contact these organizations and figure out how you can better help your community!

**Waccamaw VOAD:** Waccamaw VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) is a charity in Horry County that works with Impact Ministries, The American Red Cross and other local religious groups. You can make individual donations or donate items such as cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and baby products. Please visit the website for more information. [www.disasterhelp.me](http://www.disasterhelp.me)

**United Way Association of South Carolina:** United Way is an association that works to help communities in South Carolina by asking for Volunteers to donate their time. If you wish to volunteer please visit their website to sign up. [www.uwasc.org](http://www.uwasc.org)

**Horry County Firefighters Relief Fund:** Please consider helping out our firefighters and emergency response during this time as well. To learn more visit their website at [www.hcfrf.com](http://www.hcfrf.com).

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

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## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Many thanks to all who donated the socks and underwear for the poor and homeless in our area. If you did not put your name in the jar to be eligible to win a Holiday Basket or a Bath Basket, please be sure and do so at our October Coffee.

This month's request is for women's underwear and socks. A clean pair of underwear or socks can make such a difference to those who are in need. Thank you!

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Newcomers' Special Event for October**

The Stars Are Out on Broadway, presented by The Carolina Master Chorale; Featuring the student winners of the Third Annual Carolina Master Chorale/Coastal Carolina University Vocal Music Competition!

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach  
Tickets \$22 Adult; \$17 Senior; \$5 Student

#### **Newcomers' Special Event for September ... postponed to Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Hopsewee Plantation Tour and (optional) Sweetgrass Basket making Class; Hopsewee Plantation, Georgetown **Attic to Cellar Tour** at 11 am (\$20), followed by lunch in **the River Oak Cottage Tea Room** (dutch treat); then an optional **Sweetgrass Basket making Class** (\$55) from 1 pm – 4 pm. Learn about this generations-old craft and take home a small basket made by your own hands! Carpooling is available.

**To register for either event, call Katherine Jasmine at 978-764-8711 or email [katherine@marketingfirst.biz](mailto:katherine@marketingfirst.biz).** If you want to take the Basket weaving class, advise for if you are LEFT-HANDED and also whether you are interested in carpooling. If you are registering for the Carolina Master Chorale concert, indicate which type of ticket you need. Tickets will be available at the October coffee and upon payment will also be held at the door in your name.

### 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 Connie Moffatt at 4411 Livorn Loop Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.

#### **Welcome To Our 22 New Members for the Month of October!**

We now have 245 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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**\*EDWARD JONES-AUDREY WILLIAMSON-Audrey.williamson@edwardjones.com**

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