

# NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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233 Members

September 2017

## President's Message

Welcome back and welcome to new members. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer with friends and family. As your new president I look forward to an exciting year.

We have a board with some new members who bring new exciting ideas which will be intermixed with some of our older traditions.

Every organization is made strong by membership participation; therefore, I invite you to bring your ideas, comments and suggestions to the board. I would like to quote someone whom I admire, "Be who you are, say what you feel, because those who matter don't mind and those that mind don't matter". Remember this is your organization!

Be sure to always take a moment to welcome new members to the group.

*Ruth Ruff*  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

DATE	LOCATION
September 27	Gulfstream Café, Murrells Inlet
October 25	Martin's Restaurant, Myrtle Beach
November 15	TBD
December 13	TBD
January 24	Chestnut Hill, Myrtle Beach
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.

**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.

## Coffee Refreshments

The Coffee Committee welcomes you back to Newcomers for the 2017-18 season! Anna Peck has returned as our chairman again this year. The Committee's responsibility is to be sure that coffee & tea is ready, pitchers of water are out, and the goodies (provided by our members) are out on the table for your enjoyment prior to the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at each Coffee asking for volunteers to bring snacks for the next Coffee. Please remember our diabetic members.

Being on the Coffee Committee has some great perks. (1) It's a great opportunity to meet other ladies as they drop off their goodies and/or come to get their coffee and (2) since we put the goodies out, we get to see everything first (and maybe have a taste)! So, if you think you would like to join us as a member of the Coffee Committee, please stop by to speak with Anna in the kitchen, call her at (843)742-5934 or e-mail her at acp416@hotmail.com.

## NEWCOMER CLUB LUNCHEONS

Luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, and include a presentation of interest to our members or some other entertainment. Make reservations at the monthly Coffee (before or after the Business Meeting) with Shirley Scholfield or Pat McCarthy. Cash (exact change is greatly appreciated) or checks (payable to "Newcomers") are accepted. **No money can be refunded after the final reservations have been made.** If you cannot make your reservation at the Coffee, you may call Shirley Scholfield (shirley308@gmail.com) at (843) 360-1055 or Pat McCarthy (patmccarthy94@gmail.com) at (410) 742-5778 (between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event.**

**When:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Gulfstream Café, 1536 S. Waccamaw Drive, Murrells Inlet, 29576

**Directions:** Highway 17 Business South to Atlantic Avenue and turn left. Then, right on S. Waccamaw Drive. It is 2.2 miles down S. Waccamaw Drive on the right.

**Menu Choices:** Tilapia – Choice of broiled, blackened, or Sicilian  
Filet Mignon Medallions (two 3oz center cuts)  
Chicken – double breast marinated in fruit juices and soy sauce

Each dish is served with mixed greens salad, sourdough bread, baked potato, and green beans; soft drinks, tea, and coffee  
Dessert: Key Lime Pie or NY Cheesecake

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

Tim McGhee, Executive Artistic Director of the Theatre of the Republic in Conway will be the guest speaker. Tim will be sharing information regarding the upcoming season and volunteer opportunities at the Theatre.

## 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.

**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 6-7	Jensen's Craft and Bake Sale (Friday 2-7; Saturday 9-3)
October 6-7	Myrtle Beach Seafood Fest, Burroughs & Chapin Pavilion Place
October 7-8	Harvest Home Festival at Brookgreen Gardens
October 13-14	October Fest at Market Common
October 17	Taste of the Town, Convention Center
October 21	Loris Bog Off Festival, Downtown Loris
October 21-22	Georgetown Wooden Boat Show, Front Street, Georgetown
October 28	Endless Summer Festival, Main Street, North Myrtle Beach

**Live Music, Dinner, Dancing** – SAVE THE DATE!! October 21, 2017 – An Evening Affair with the Sons of Italy, Leo L. Darrigo Lodge #2868, will be held at the Clarion Hotel on the Waterway, Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 p.m. until

11:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$45/pp and includes entertainment, dancing, reception/dinner, door prizes, and raffles. For reservations, please call Terry Navaria at (843) 712-1697 or the Clarion Hotel at (843) 655-1635.

**September 2017 Fundraiser Baskets** – Purchase raffle tickets to win one of our baskets. Tickets are 6 for \$5. This month's baskets include "It's Italian," "It's Not Too Late for the Beach," and "Watermelon Heaven"!

**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!

**Fundraising Committee Seeking Volunteers** – Gini Doolittle is looking for willing volunteers to help with the fundraising committee. If you are interested, please contact Gini Doolittle at [gdoolittle2@juno.com](mailto:gdoolittle2@juno.com) or (856) 889-1585.

**Newsletter Deadline for October** - Information for the October Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than September 22. E-mail articles to [reception@grandstrandlawyers.com](mailto:reception@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 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.

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 Audrey, Julia, or Alida 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, [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 Michele Freeman at [michelelfreeman@sc.rr.com](mailto:michelelfreeman@sc.rr.com) or (609) 304-8276.

**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 Ruth Ruff at [ruffruff@sc.rr.com](mailto:ruffruff@sc.rr.com) or (843) 997-9532. Hope to see you there.

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

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**Book Club:** The book club meets on the third Monday of each month. We are currently meeting in each other's homes. If there is interest in starting another book club, please contact M.J. Martin at (843) 651-5390 or [mj0712@aol.com](mailto:mj0712@aol.com).

M.J. is also in a book club that started in the Newcomers Group in 2000. This book club meets on the south end on the third Wednesday of each month and would love to have new members. If you love to read and discuss what you've read, we would love to have you join us. Please contact M.J. Martin if you are interested in joining either group.

**Bowling:** Contact Sherrie Andress at (843) 437-9950 or [AndressSL402@gmail.com](mailto:AndressSL402@gmail.com).

**Bridge Group:** This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Contact Suze Cox at [suzjak@sc.rr.com](mailto:suzjak@sc.rr.com) for time and place.

**Dine Around (North/Central):** Couples and singles dine at local restaurants and then enjoy dessert and coffee at a host's home. Contact Ann Beck by email at [annbeck61@gmail.com](mailto:annbeck61@gmail.com) or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**Dine Around (South):** Couples and singles dine at local restaurants and then enjoy dessert and coffee at a host's home. Contact Lynne James at [mohawk1022@yahoo.com](mailto:mohawk1022@yahoo.com) or (303) 519-4702.

**Euchre:** A Midwestern card game. Contact Donna Erickson at (843) 945-9137 or donna.globalwings@gmail.com.

**Game Night:** Play different card or board games once a month. Contact Charlotte Siuda at (843) 650-4356 or chugie\_2000@yahoo.com.

**Gardening:** Share tips on great gardening and native landscaping. Contact Ann Beck by email at annbeck61@gmail.com or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**Golf Group:** Co-chairs are Carol Chop and Jackie Miles. 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 Carol Chop at (941) 812-3448 or chopyc@scoast.net or Jackie Miles at (336) 462-7365 or jackie29@sc.rr.com

**Knitting/Crafts:** Contact Wendy Margulies at wendysweb@aol.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) 215-0627, ghilt1@sc.rr.com or Rita Hulme at (843) 650-9072, scdandrh93@aol.com

**Mahjongg North/Central:** This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at Plantation Lakes Clubhouse in Carolina Forest at 10:30 a.m. Contact Loraine Girardin at (843) 903-7116 or lgirardin@sc.rr.com

**Movie and Dinner:** Singles and couples meet at various theatres in the area to enjoy a movie and dinner once a month. Contact Ann Beck by email at annbeck61@gmail.com or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**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 or (843) 390-5715, or Gerri Levine, gerrilevine@aol.com or (843) 236-8342.

**Walking** – Walking in different neighborhoods once a week. Contact Sue Columbus at (843) 213-1476 or sueco1492@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 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:** This year President Ruth Ruff has selected the *Family Justice Center of Horry and Georgetown Counties*. This organization provides services to victims of domestic abuse (and their children), including emergency shelter, safety planning and assessment, court advocacy, orders of protection, counseling, local support groups, and more.

**The Board has chosen two charities:** *New Directions of Horry County*, whose mission it is to move people out of homelessness and poverty by helping them improve their financial status through employment, build self-worth, and make the move to permanent housing and self-sufficiency. They provide temporary housing at four shelters, food, clothing, and case management. The Board has also chosen *SOS Autism Healthcare's* Project Lifesaver, which provides enrollees with tracking wrist or ankle bands to help locate those who wander. With the help of police, other agencies and volunteers can locate a missing enrollee within 30 minutes. At a cost of \$372 per year, provides batteries and other maintenance. Other services include ABA Therapy, Autism Community Education, Dogs for Disabilities, Independent Living Skills, Job Counseling, Social Skills, and more.

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 the month of September, we have selected **Help4Kids**  
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:

October & November - Hygiene kits (example...toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, soap, shampoo)

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

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 Susan Granger at (518) 779-8933 or by email at [susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com).

### 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 May 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 September!** Linda Caldwell (Pennsylvania), Nancy Sue Givens (Pennsylvania), Susan Granger (New York), Betty Hall (South Carolina), Barbara Reynolds (Pennsylvania), Evie Schoepf (Georgia), Suzanne Sharp (Connecticut)

We now have 233 paid members. If you know a member who has not paid, remind them that they must pay in order to participate in member activities.

#### Directories

New members will receive a copy of our Newcomers Directory in their membership packet. At most of our coffees Susan Rivenburgh will take pictures of new members. Please be sure to have your picture taken. We will be populating the website with the members' pictures and will be generating a directory from the website this year. Please check that your information is correct and let Donna Bandura (Membership Chair) know if any corrections are needed. If you have any comments, corrections or questions, please see M.J. Martin or call her at (843) 651-5390.

***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!***

**Carole Bellacera, Author:** Carole has been writing novels since 1998. Since moving to Myrtle Beach, she has started painting, specializing in wine glasses. Her novels have won awards and have been optioned by Hollywood producers. Her books are available at her sponsor table before each monthly coffee, or you can contact her at [carolebella2001@yahoo.com](mailto:carolebella2001@yahoo.com), or by phone at (703) 475-1049.

**Creative Designs:** Anne Gladis has been a co-owner of Creative Designs for 18+ years. She can help you learn how to care for and make floral arrangements for half of the price. Contact her at [Destiny02ALG@gmail.com](mailto:Destiny02ALG@gmail.com) or at (843) 796-9409.

**Home Instead Senior Care:** Home Instead Senior Care has provided nonmedical services to the seniors of Horry and Georgetown County for 14 years. They are passionate about serving our seniors and providing quality care. Call Vicki Berg at (843) 357-9777 for more information.

**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**



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