

NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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201 Members

December 2016

President's Message

Welcome to our 1st Annual Member appreciation coffee. This is the time of year to reflect on all the things that have impacted our lives and show appreciation for all the blessings that we treasure and conflicts that make us stronger. Thanks to all of the Board and committee members that made this event happen. We also want to thank COSTCO for their generous food donation. Also THANK YOU all for making this the largest all-women organization on the Grand Strand, with our core beliefs of helping, supporting and encouraging all who we meet.

Don't forget to pick up those baked good that are for sale outside. We also have a few remaining Attraction coupon books and, of course, the Mahjongg cards.

Our December lunch will be at Ripley's Aquarium on the 14th.

Have a blessed Holiday Season, see you all in 2017!

Audrey Williamson
President



IMPORTANT DATES

CUT OUT AND SAVE!

COFFEE	LUNCHEON
December 7	December 14 – Ripley's Aquarium
January 4	January 25 – Chestnut Hill Myrtle Beach
February 1	February 22 – Joe's Bar & Grill Conway
March 1	March 22* - Pawley's Plantation
April 5	April 26 – Brentwood
May 3	May 24 – Pine Lakes Myrtle Beach

* **March 22 – 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.
December Coffee Program: Brown Bag
 Auction/Member Appreciation Breakfast/Costco

January Coffee Program: Shag Dancing with Sandra Lucas-Hyde

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 on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May, and include a presentation of interest to our members. Make reservations at the monthly Coffee (before or after the Business Meeting) with Myra Spitzhoff and Pam Bremer. 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 Myra Spitzhoff at (704) 241-2904 or Pam Bremer (717) 487-4063 (between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). Payments must be mailed to Myra Spitzhoff at 1174 Shire Way, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Pam Bremer at 1149 Wyatt Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event.**

When: Wed., December 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Ripley's Aquarium, 1110 Celebrity Circle, Myrtle Beach (843)916-0888

Directions: Take 17 Bypass to 29th Avenue. Turn on 29th Ave (towards Broadway at the Beach) and turn in at Ripley's main entrance. We will be located on the right side when you come in the front doors.

Menu Choices:

- 1- Herb Roasted Chicken
- 2- Grilled Beef Rib Eye with Mushroom Sauce
- 3- Barbecue

All entrees come with Whole Green Beans with Ham, Rice Pilaf, Salad (choice of 3 dressings), Dinner Roll, and a Beverage.

Dessert: Warm Fruit Cobbler

Price: \$37pp (tax and gratuity included + entrance to aquarium)

After the buffet you are welcome to spend as much time in the aquarium as you like. There will be 53 trees decorated to represent 53 states and territories.

December Program: Ripley's Aquarium Representative; Tour of Aquarium

January: Pat Bush; Horry County Literacy Council at Chestnut Hill

SNIPPETS

Coupon Book Fundraiser - The 2017 edition of the Grand Strand Attractions Dining and Value Guide is available for sale today at the bake sale table. The \$20.00 book, full of money-saving coupons, makes a great holiday gift. 50% of the proceeds benefit Newcomers.

Mahjongg Card Fundraiser - Orders are now being accepted for Mahjongg Cards. Cards come in two sizes, small (\$8.00) or large (\$9.00). Payment is due with order. Orders will also be accepted at the January coffee. Newcomers receives a portion of proceeds depending upon number of cards we sell. Please place your order at the bake sale table today. December/January see Dot Carrington.

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 right corner, and then click on Events.

Newsletter Deadline for January - Information for the January Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than December 23. E-mail articles to admin@grandstrandlawyers.com (be sure to put **Newcomer's Newsletter** as the subject).



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 visit our Interest Group Coordinator, Sherrie Andress, at our Interest Group table at the next coffee for more information.

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State Groups: Maryland, New Jersey Group, New York Group, Ohio/PA.

Book Club

Bridge Group

Euchre

Game Night

Golf Group

Mahjongg South Strand

Movie and Dinner

Walking

Bowling

Dine Around (North/Central)

Dine Around (South)

Gardening

Knitting/Crafts

Mahjongg North/Central

Movie and Lunch

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.

LUNCH & A MOVIE - 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH! If you are interested in joining the lunch and movie group, please e-mail Maureen Maki at Maureen.maki@msn.com. Include your name, email address, and telephone number. Maureen will reserve a restaurant for the 2nd Thursday of each month. The movie title is available the Sunday before the planned outing. The next outing will be held on December 8th. Contact Maureen Maki at (843) 390-5715 or (410) 708-3952 for more information.

NEWCOMERS SELECTED CHARITIES FOR 2015-2016

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: *Big Paws Canine.*

The Board has chosen two charities: *Look Good, Feel Better and Hope House.*

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 December, we have selected Helping Hands.

Community Kitchen Clothing Room: The director of Community Kitchen (where the homeless can receive free breakfast & lunch 5 days a week), influenced by a belief that there was an additional need to clothe the needy, created a clothing room four months ago. Those in need can receive emergency clothing items and hygiene kits. However, they are in desperate need of volunteers. The room is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30 to 12:30. Won't you consider giving a few hours of your time for the men and women in our local area who so desperately need our help? If you can't give of your time, we always need clothing items (especially men and women's pants, tops, underwear, socks, sneakers jackets, sleeping bags, backpacks). The weather will soon be turning cooler and warmer clothes are needed for those less fortunate who are spending the nights outdoors. If you are interested in either giving of your time, or donating items, please give us a call. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Regards, Maureen Maki (843-390-5715) Leslie Eckert (843-236-8770)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee chairperson is Chris Lenart. If you have any comments or ideas for planned activities or if you would like to sign up for an event, please see Chris at the monthly Coffee. Or, you may call Chris at (843)796-1206 or e-mail at mumzie85@gmail.com. You may also contact Helen Fribrance at (860) 235-9327.

January 10- Friendship Ball – Glass Blowing, Conway Glass. \$35.00. This event is **SOLD OUT**.

February – Horry Georgetown Culinary Institute. This event is almost full so reserve your spot today.

March - Floral Arranging . \$20

April - Brookgreen Gardens

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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. Membership committee co-chairs are Ruth Ruff at (843) 997-9532 or ruffruff@sc.rr.com or to Joyce Farrell at (845)590-1405 or jfarrell53@aol.com. If you know of a member who is no longer living in the area or who does not wish to remain a member, please e-mail Ruth Ruff.

Our New Members for the month of November are: Marge Freudenberger (New Jersey), Lynne Bird (New York); Carole David (Ohio); Linda Davis (Ohio); JoAnn Lawlor (New Jersey); Becky Mares (Ohio); Connie Moffatt (Maryland); Grace Morin (New York); Sharon Place (Michigan); Karen Stampfle (Ohio)

We now have 201 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 Ruth Ruff (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!

Cruise One: Kate Jensen was been a travel agent for 17+ years and would love to send you on your dream vacation. Call today! (843) 655-5158

Custom Shirt Zone: Specializing in apparel that can be embroidered and or silk screened. If you or someone you know could use customized apparel please see **Jackie Miles (843-236-5097, cell: 843-457-5998).**

Home Instead Senior Care: Founded in 1994, they have grown to 1000 individually owned and operated franchises in 11 countries. Home Instead provides non-medical services to the seniors of Horry and Georgetown counties. All caregivers are bonded and insured and services include companionship, light housekeeping, meal prep, medical reminders, and transportation. Contact Vicki Berg/Tina Mitchell at (843) 357-9777 vicki.berg@homeinstead.com.

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