

NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



Happy Valentine's Day

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214 Members

February 2017

President's Message

Happy month of love and appreciation! This is the month to let the people around you know how much you appreciate having them in your life. This is also is the time to look around and make a new connection or see if there is someone who has not been introduced into a special event, group, or lunch.

Remember that next month is our big fund raiser, our FASHION SHOW. We still need volunteers to construct gift baskets for our raffle. Please see Lynne James for ideas and to register. All baskets must be turned in no later than the coffee on March 1st. Lynne can also connect you with other women to build a basket if you prefer to work with a team.

The nomination committee is being formed to begin work on our Board for next year. Think of positions that you would like to fill or nominate someone you think could contribute to the Board.

Audrey Williamson
President



IMPORTANT DATES

CUT OUT AND SAVE!

COFFEE	LUNCHEON
February 1	February 22 – Joe's Bar & Grill North Myrtle Beach
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.
February Coffee Program: Marilou Cook, Carolina Improv

March Coffee Program: Ed Piotrowski, WPDE Meteorologist

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. Feb. 22, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Joe's Bar and Grill; 810 Conway Street, North Myrtle Beach (843) 272-4666

Directions: Take 17 BYP North – the restaurant is behind Olive Garden on the right across from House of Blues

Menu Choices: 1 - Prime Rib au jus served with Béarnaise sauce
2 - Chicken Parmesan served over linguini with homemade sauce
3 - Salmon served with sauce of the day
4 - Shrimp Louis sautéed in white wine, garlic, butter, lemon, and herbs served over rice

All entrees served with house salad, fresh baked bread, vegetable, and starch of the day.

Dessert: Choice of Brownie a la mode or Bread Pudding

Price: \$20.00 per person (beverage tax and tip included)

February Speaker: Jen Brunson; Myrtle Beach Pelicans

SNIPPETS

Coupon Book Fundraiser - The 2017 edition of the Grand Strand Attractions Dining and Value Guide is available for sale today at the Coffee. The \$20.00 book is full of money-saving coupons that are valid until December 31, 2017. 50% of the proceeds benefit Newcomers. Only 16 left!!

Purchase Your Fashion Show Raffle Tickets: Purchase your raffle tickets for the Spring Fashion Show. \$20 for 7 tickets or \$10 for 3 tickets. See Lynne James to purchase tickets or to sign up to provide a basket for the raffle. **Baskets are due no later than March 1st.**

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.

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 February - Information for the February Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than February 17. E-mail articles to reception@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, Denise Snight, at our Interest Group table at the next coffee for more information.

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

Lunch and a Movie

NEW!! Southern Girls Group – If you are a Southern Girl, contact Dee Hoepner for more information.

See newcomers.org for more information on each of our special interest groups!

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 January, we have selected **Fostering Hope.**

Urgent Donations Needed for the Community Kitchen Clothing Room: Men's Jeans (32, 34, & 36 long), Women's Jeans (8, 10, 12, and 14), men's and ladies new underwear, men's white socks, hygiene kits, sweatshirts, and jackets. For those of you who have already donated, THANK YOU. A sign will be posted at each month's coffee where you can leave your donations if you want to bring them with you at that time. If not, please call either Leslie Eckert (843-236-8770) or Maureen Maki (843-390-5715).

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.

February – Horry Georgetown Culinary Institute.

March - Floral Arranging . \$20

April - Brookgreen Gardens

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

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(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 January are: Karen McCoale (Pennsylvania), Shelly Freeman (South Carolina), Gloria Flowers (North Carolina), and Delia Doino (New York)

We now have 214 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!

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