



# NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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220 Members

January 2022

## President's Message

Here we are at the start of a New Year. Yes, we made it through another one. Some are really good years and some not so much. But is it important to start the new one with optimism. My hope was to give "Newcomers" a facelift last year and we have achieved that goal. It is awesome that we are attracting so many new members. This adds to the pot-luck dinner of new thoughts and ideas going forward. Pot-luck dinners are always the best aren't they. There is as said in the song Auld Lang Syne, many happy memories in the past gone bye, but how exciting to have brand new ones to look forward to in this New Year. In the coming year, to those who have sadness I wish you sunshine. Those who have disappointments, I wish you encouragement, those who have illness, I wish you a speedy recovery. To all of you, I wish this the very Best of Years filled with good health, laughs and happy surprises throughout. You are all an important part of our "Newcomer family"

Gerri Levine  
President

## LUNCHEONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 26	Sam Snead's Oak Grill & Tavern
February 23	TBD
March 30	Dunes Golf and Beach Club
April 27	TBD
May 25	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.

Program: Town Hall Meeting where members will have the opportunity to participate in voicing their suggestions or opinions of what they expect from the Newcomers Club.

**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.

## **Newcomers Club Luncheons**

Luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May. Reservations can be made at the monthly Coffee with Tara Burfening or Karen McCoale. Cash (exact change is greatly appreciated) or checks (payable to “Newcomers”) are accepted. If you cannot make your reservation at the Coffee, you may send a check to Tara Burfening at 615 Broad River Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 ([taracandlelady@verizon.net](mailto:taracandlelady@verizon.net); 843-668-4920) or Karen McCoale at 2388 Seneca Ridge Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 ([knmccoale@gmail.com](mailto:knmccoale@gmail.com); 610-739-0985) (call between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event. No reservations can be accepted after that time and no money can be refunded.**

**When:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sam Snead’s Oak Grill & Tavern, 1004 Glenforest Road, Myrtle Beach S.C. 29579

**Phone:** 843-903-3150

**Menu (choose one):**

**Hamburger  
Fish & Chips  
French Dip  
Ruben Sandwich  
Spinach Salad  
Chicken Caesar Salad  
Chicken Parmesan  
Chicken Picante**

**\*Coffee, soda and tea are included with the meal**

**Dessert: Cake**

**Cost: \$25.00 Per Person  
(includes tax & gratuity)**

**Sides (choose one):**

**Baked Potato  
Mashed Potato  
French Fries  
Or  
Vegetable Medley**



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## Snippets

**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:

January 7	Grand Strand Boat & Sportsman Expo, Myrtle Beach Convention Center
January 8	Free Buttermaking Children's Program, L.W. Paul Living History Farm
January 8	Taste of the State: SC Signature Foods, Recipes & Their Stories, Horry County Museum, Main Street, Conway
January 14	Myrtle Beach Military History, Tupelo Honey @ The Market Common
January 15	Kind Keeper Animal Rescue's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Polar Plunge, Neal & Pam's Bar & Grill, Surfside Beach
January 15	MLK Annual Parade, Ocean Blvd.
January 29	Conway Chocolate Walk, Downtown Conway

**Help for the Homeless** – As we turn the calendar page to find the cooler weather is just around the corner and those living on the streets of Myrtle Beach will need our help to keep warm. If you have any women or men's jeans, sweatshirts, jackets, sneakers or socks you can donate, please bring them to our monthly Coffee Meetings. These items will be distributed to all those in need. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Maki at (843-390-5715 or 410-708-3952). Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Regards, Maureen Maki

**Newsletter Deadline for December:** Information for the January Newsletter is due to the Editor, Tara Burfening, no later than **January 23, 2022**. Email contributions should be sent to [taracandlelady@verizon.net](mailto:taracandlelady@verizon.net) (be sure to put "Newcomer's Newsletter" as the subject).



### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**



#### SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Special Interest groups are the lifeblood of the Newcomers clubs and are where true friendships are formed. We are looking for leaders to coordinate Special Interest groups.

If there is an activity that interests you and that you would like to lead, please let us know. You can make it a regular time (for example, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month) or pick a time according to your schedule. Anyone who has chaired a group, we would love to have you continue, just let us know, give us a list of your members and your plans for the group.

The possibilities are endless; bowling, golf, knitting, needlework, cards, gardening, women without partners, wine tasting, walking, scrabble, bridge, book clubs, bunco, lunch, crafts, or anything you that interests you.

We can be contacted at [ruffruff@sc.rr.com](mailto:ruffruff@sc.rr.com) and we will make sign-up sheets and have them at the coffees. We will provide you with the names of interested members, with their names, email, and phone numbers, and as new people sign-up we will share that information with you. Your plans and schedule for your group will be put into the Newsletter each month.

We need your help to run groups, so strongly consider helping out and contact us.

Ruth Ruff and Cindi Valentine Douglas

All of these groups are for Newcomers' members only.

**SOUTH MAH JONGG** - This group has several openings for new members. They meet every Monday at Logan's Steakhouse starting at 10:00am until 2:00pm with a short break for lunch. For details, contact with Rita Hulme at 843-650-9072 or Gail Hilt at 843-215-0627.

**BOOK CLUB** - This group lead by MJ Martin meets the third Monday of each month. Currently they are reading The Perfume Collector. If anyone wants to start a group, in their area, MJ will be happy to assist you. She can be reached at 843-367-2877.

**BOOK CLUB** - This group lead by Maureen Marks meets the second Thursday, their membership is full at this time. Interested give Maureen at call at 410-708-3952.

**MAH JONGG NORTH/CENTRAL** - This group meets every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Plantation Lakes Amenity Center (8000 Juxa Drive, Myrtle Beach) in Carolina Forest. Contact Barbara Drossos at BDrossos819@gmail.com. At this time all attendees must have received their COVID vaccinations.

**MOVIE & LUNCH** - The Lunch & Movie group meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We enjoy a nice lunch at one of the local restaurants in Market Commons followed by one of the movies playing at the Stone Theater. Please contact Maureen Maki (410-708-3952) or Sharon Layman (717-343-4156) if you would like to join us. Hope to see you there.

**NEW YORK GROUP** – Open to members who have called New York State home. Currently they need a new leader. So, you New Yorkers please volunteer.

**WOMEN WITHOUT PARTNERS** – Judy and Lois have planned lunch at Ultimate California Pizza at 2500 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. You can contact Judy at 952-210-5397 ([harmony7@earthlink.net](mailto:harmony7@earthlink.net)), or Lois at 910-274-8327 ([berlinsofsc2015@gmail.com](mailto:berlinsofsc2015@gmail.com)). Please contact them no later than Dec 8<sup>th</sup> to be included. This should be a lot of fun!!

**GREETING CARDS** – Andrea Schmehl is starting a group, for those interested in making greeting cards, She can be reached at 610-507-1072 for details.

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

**Newcomers Selected Charities for 2021-2022**

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.

<u><b>President's Pick:</b></u>	<i><b>Neighbor-To- Neighbor.</b></i> Their mission “is to connect volunteers, community professionals, and funders in designing, developing, and implementing programs that impact the independent living needs of our adult community.” They provide volunteer transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, pharmacy visits and other errands, social service appointments, barber/beauty ship appointments, and other life sustaining or life-enhancing appointments or events. They are designed to help our neighbor who is home-bound due to age, disability, and or chronic illness in Horry and Georgetown Counties.
<u><b>Board Pick:</b></u>	<i><b>Rape Crisis Center Serving Horry and Georgetown Counties.</b></i> Their mission “is to provide services to survivors and victims of rape.” They provide support and services to victims of sexual assault; promote and encourage the prevention of sexual assault. They attend the ER with the victim, and after discharge, provide counseling and connect the victims with local agencies that can help them. They provide meds at no cost. Volunteers are always needed.....You will all be hearing lots more about these two organizations at our meetings.
<u><b>Purple Bucket:</b></u>	The <b>Purple Bucket</b> for January is <b>Helping Hands of the Grand Strand, Inc.</b> The Mission of this non-profit organization is to provide those in need with food, transportation, referrals, prescription medication, rent, utilities, and other individualized services. Their main focus is to assist people in crisis in the Myrtle Beach area.

**Fundraising News**

**Attraction Books** provide good revenue for our fun charities funding. The cost is **\$20.** per book. There are several left over for sale. Anita Miller and Shirley Scofield are selling these in the rear of the Recreation Meeting room before the meeting begins. As stated before, there are many wonderful additions this year, including a take-out section. Please see either of them to purchase your books.

The **2022 Fashion Show** is currently underway and gearing up for March 30, 2022. Committees will begin meeting to draw up plans. Some of you who signed up for a specific committee will be called to attend a committee meeting this month to get started now that holidays are over. Presently, there is need of **Fashion Show Baskets.** Please see Marilyn Keyser to sign up to make one. Individual Baskets have a value of \$50. and the group baskets, a value of \$100. When submitting your basket, provide a list of the value of your items along with the estimated total value. All items should be new; however, the container may be recycled. please bring your basket to Heather Rupnik, or Marilyn Keyser. Please look for Marilyn at the coffee and let her know you are interested in donating a basket. Marilyn has a form with the protocol instructions you will need to get completed. If you want someone to help you make up your basket, and have purchased your items, please let Marilyn know. She will be happy to help. We do understand not everyone knows how.

**Bingo**, another fundraiser for Newcomers, is scheduled for February 17th, 2022. Bingo runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and the theme is Spread the Love! in honor of Valentine's Day. Cathy Fullerton and Penny Stofko head up this event. The cost is \$5.00 per person for 20 cards. You may always purchase more cards. The only requirement is that you bring a wrapped or gift bagged \$15.00 new/unused item. (Please, no dollar store items.) The attire is casual so come join in the fun! Write BINGO in the subject line and RSVP to Cathy Fullerton at [casafullerton69@gmail.com](mailto:casafullerton69@gmail.com) if you are attending. (In order to keep spreading the love, there will be no White Elephant Bingo stealing of gifts. We don't want to make Cupid angry!)

### *Special Events*

The Special Events Committee chairperson is Cathy Fullerton. If you have any comments or ideas for planned activities or if you would like to sign up for an event, please see Cathy at the monthly Coffee. Or, you may call Cathy at 843-421-9365 or e-mail at [casafullerton69@gmail.com](mailto:casafullerton69@gmail.com). You may also contact Penny Stofko at 717-487-7703 or by email at [pennymb@comcast.net](mailto:pennymb@comcast.net).

### *Special Event for January*

#### **January Special Event - Twelve 33 Distillery**

This reminder is for all members who contacted Twelve 33 Distillery and signed up for the tour and tasting on Thursday, January 20, 2022. Please make sure to arrive at least 20 minutes before your tour time (12:40 p.m. if you're attending the 1:00 p.m. tour; 2:40 p.m. if you're attending the 3:00 p.m. tour) so you can complete your tasting card. The address of the Distillery is 593 Hwy 90 E., Little River, SC. Parking is very limited, so please carpool if possible. We look forward to seeing you there!! Cheers!!

Penny Stofko & Cathy Fullerton, Special Events Committee

### *Membership & Dues*

New memberships are down for December since we didn't take walk-in sign-ups due to the holiday party. However, three women signed up via mail, increasing our active members to 220. They are:

Karen Beck – OH  
Melissa Gardner - ??  
Donna Gaynor – NY

Welcome Ladies!!

### *Directories*

The Newcomers' Directory is available on our website at [www.newcomersgs.org](http://www.newcomersgs.org). Feel free to take a selfie and download the picture or download one of your favorite pictures of yourself. It would be nice to see all of us beautiful ladies in the directory. Please check that your information is correct and let Connie Moffatt (Membership Chair) know if any corrections are needed.

*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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Check out our table for upcoming concerts as well as the website. Info/Tickets: 843-444-5774.  
[www.CarolinaMasterChorale.com](http://www.CarolinaMasterChorale.com)

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