



# NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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225 Members

March 2020

## President's Message

Welcome to March, spring is not far away. Trees and flowers are budding, with the crazy weather some got confused and began to bloom last month.



The exciting Mardi Gras fashion show is fast approaching, go get your baskets made, pay for your lunch – I understand that we have 200 reservations, so if you have not made yours do it now as you don't want to miss this exciting event.

The Nominating committee has met and there are several positions yet to be filled. The club will only continue to be successful if everyone puts forth an effort. If you are interested in filling a position contact Linda Messenger at [gemplam@sccoast](mailto:gemplam@sccoast).

Don't forget Daylight Savings begins March 8<sup>th</sup>, turn your clocks ahead!!!

Ruth Ruff  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

Date:	Location:
March 25	Dunes Club Myrtle Beach
April 22	Umbertos Barefoot Landing - NMB
May 27	Inlet Affairs Murrells Inlet

**\*March 25 – 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!!**

## Newcomers Club Luncheons

### A friendly cell phone reminder

Please be courteous and put your cell phone on vibrate or silent during our meetings.



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 Fran Duda. 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; 843-668-4920) or Fran Duda at 628 Hatteras River Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 (mcdu11@sc.rr.com; 843-750-0971) (calls between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). **Reservations and payment MUST be received by March 4, 2020. No additional reservations after that date. No money can be refunded after March 11, 2020.**

**When:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Dunes Golf and Beach Club, 9000 N Ocean Blvd Myrtle beach SC

**Phone:** (843) 449-5236

**Directions:** Business 17 North then turn right on 82<sup>nd</sup> parkway, Continue straight on ocean Blvd.

**Menu (choose one):**

**Pan Roasted Chicken Breast with Herb Roasted Potatoes, Broccoli and Whole Grain Mustards Jus**

**Herb Roasted Salmon with Carolina Golden Rice and French Beans**

**Grilled Flank Steak with Herb Roasted Potatoes, French Beans and Natural Beef Jus**

**\*Each dish comes with Plated Salad - Chopped with Cucumber, Red Onion, Carrots**

**Tomatoes and Ranch Dressing or Perisian Vinaigrette Served with Rolls with Butter**

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

**\* There will also be a cash bar available.**

**Dessert: Lemon Cake**

**Cost: \$30.00 Per Person**

**Snippets**

**Mahjongg Info:** The Grand Strand Senior Center on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Myrtle Beach has Mahjongg on Wednesdays from 11am-2:30pm. While they don’t offer individual instruction, they will teach anyone who is interested in learning how to play. The cost to join is \$20 if you are a resident of Horry County. There is also a day pass for \$5 per visit if not interested in the \$20 package. Their phone number is 843-626-3991. See our Special Interest section for information on our Newcomers Mahjongg Groups.

**Top Health Tips:** An Emmy-nominated co-host of the award-winning talk show, The Doctors, Dr. Jim Sears is a board-certified pediatrician, who is part of the Dr. Sears family of parenting experts, a trusted resource for families all over the world for the past four decades. Dr. Sears has been featured numerous times on *Dr. Phil*, *CNN*, *Larry King*, *Rachael Ray*, and the PBS series, *Help Me Grow*. He has offered medical advice on online sites such as *Parenting.com*, *Yahoo Health*, and *AOL Health*. Dr. Sears serves as the Children's Health Specialist for the AOL Medical Advisory Board, The Dr. Sears Wellness Institute, and his family's popular parenting website, *Ask Dr. Sears.com*. Jim is busy with the family’s pediatric practice shared with his father, William, and his brother, Robert, located in Capistrano Beach, CA. Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church, 9967 Ocean Hwy. Pawleys Island Sc 29585. Saturday April 25,2020 10am-11am. **Free to the public.** Sponsored by Juice Plus+.

**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:

March 8	Gladys Knight (The Carolina Opry Theater)
March 12	Shag Dance Championship (Spanish Galleon Night Club)
March 14	2020 North Myrtle Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival
March 19	Run to the Sun Car Show (Myrtle Beach)
March 22	Invincible: A Glorious Tribute to Michael Jackson (The Carolina Opry Theater)
March 28	Little River Band (Alabama Theatre)

**Beneath the Sea, The Sea Turtle Tea:** Hosted by The Long Bay Symphony Guild, Saturday March 14, 2020, 1-3 p.m., Kimbels at Wachesaw Plantation, 1930 Governors Landing Road, Murrells Inlet, \$45.00 pp. Proceeds benefit The Long Bay Symphony and Long Bay Youth Symphony. Music by Long Bay Youth Symphony Ensemble. For reservations, call Marilyn Keyser at 843-503-2794 or Long Bay Symphony Office 843-448-8379.

**Newsletter Deadline for April:** Information for the April Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than March 20, 2020. Email contributions to [admin@grandstrandlawyers.com](mailto: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 contact our Interest Group Coordinator: Marilyn Keyser at (843) 503-2794. 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 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 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. This group is looking for a new leader – if you are interested, please contact Marilyn Keyser at (843) 503-2794.

**New York Group:** Maureen Maki will be heading this group up in Susan’s absence. The group welcomes anyone from New York (city or state), anyone who shares a friendship with a New Yorker, anyone who lived in a neighboring state, or anyone who would just like to join us for a fun monthly luncheon. Beginning in February, we will meet at different restaurants on the 3RD TUESDAY of each month. Maureen will send out an email to those interested with the restaurant name and time. Please send Maureen your name, telephone number, and email even if you have joined Susan in the past so I can have an updated list of ladies. Contact Maureen at 843-390-5715 or by email at Maureen\_Maki@msn.com.

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

**Southern Group:** Contact 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. If there is interest in starting another book club, please contact M.J. Martin at (843) 651-5390 or 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.

**Book Club:** We have a new Book Club that is chaired by Ellen Devlin (843) 750-0274 or (678) 777-6377. If interested in joining please call.

**Golf Group:** 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 Jackie Miles at (336) 462-7365 or jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com.

**Mah Jongg North/Central:** This group meets every Thursdays of each month at Plantation Lakes Clubhouse (8000 Juxa Drive, Myrtle Beach) in Carolina Forest at 10:30 a.m. Contact Barbara Drossos at BDrossos819@gmail.com.

**Movie and Lunch:** We will meet in Market Common on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Crepe Creations at 12:30. Movie theater is Grand Strand 14. Bring your movie interests for all to share. Please contact me at gerrilvine@aol.com or 843-236-8342 if you are attending. See you at the Movies!!

**Mah Jongg South Strand:** This group is full. If you want to start another group please contact Marilyn Keyser (843) 503-2794.

**Women Without Partners:** Starting a new luncheon group. If you would like to join or chair this new group, please contact Marilyn Keyser (843) 503-2794

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

### ***Newcomers Selected Charities for 2019-2020***

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.

<b><u>President’s Pick:</u></b>	<b><i>Alzheimer’s Association</i></b>
<b><u>Board Picks:</u></b>	<b><i>Fostering Hope and Community Kitchen</i></b>
<b><u>Purple Bucket:</u></b>	Caleb’s Dragon fly Dreams. The Mission Statement of this organization is changing lives of children who are currently living in three residential facilities in Horry and Georgetown Counties. This special organization provides help for children in group homes, formally called orphanages. They organize events for abused and neglected kids. Children are involved in craft-making, trips to special events, pizza, and movies. If there’s enough money left over, children’s birthdays are celebrated. They have very limited government funding to cover clothing, food, and staffing costs. Any extras for activities are from donations.

If anyone has any questions about our charities, or if you would like information on volunteering to help any of these choices, please contact Anita Karkocha 614-832-2167 akarkoch@yahoo.com

### **Special Events**

The Special Events Committee chairperson is Maureen Maki. 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 Maureen at 843-390-5715 or e-mail at maureen\_maki@msn.com You may also contact Carol Hartofil at 843-390-2798 or by email at gracy22@gmail.com.

**SPECIAL EVENT FOR MARCH:** For our special event for March, we will visit the Horry County Museum in Conway, SC (805 Main Street) at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 followed by lunch at the Rivertown Bistro in Conway. A sign up sheet will be available at the March Newcomer's Coffee. There is no cost for the museum tour and each person will pay for their own lunch. If you are interested in joining us, please be sure to include your name, email and phone number on the sign up sheet. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Maki (843-390-5715) or Carol Hartofil (843-390-2798).

### **Membership & Dues**

**Dues are \$30.00 per year, payable in September for returning members and payable at time of joining for new members.** 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.

We now have 225 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 take a moment to welcome our new members: *Pam Hartman (OH); Lindia Irwin (PA); Melanie Walczak (MD)!!!!*

### **Directories**

The Newcomers Directory is available on our website at [www.newcomersgs.org](http://www.newcomersgs.org). New members' photographs will be taken for 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!***

- \* **Alex and Ani Jewelry** – Gerry Franklin ([gerryfranklin@verizon.net](mailto:gerryfranklin@verizon.net) 215-431-3058) Alex and Ani bracelets are a well know brand providing great messages through their bracelets. Bracelets for sisters, friends, mothers and you! Certain Styles are \$15.00 each, 2/ \$25, 3/\$36.00, 4/ \$44.00. Endless Leather Bracelets with magnetic clasp \$15.00 each. Charms \$5.00 to \$10.00.
- \* **Carolina Master Chorale** – Peggy O'Neil ([fponeil2416@yahoo.com](mailto:fponeil2416@yahoo.com); 843-213-1551) Please join us for a wonderful afternoon & help support the CMC; annual fundraiser, Taste of Passion, Sunday, 3/29 at Pines Lakes Club 4:30-6:30. Set in an Italian Garden and Italian theme with food & music. \$65pp. Tickets: 843-444-5774 or [www.CarolinaMasterChorale.com](http://www.CarolinaMasterChorale.com)
- Creative Designs / Picture Perfect** – **Anne Gladis / Judy Padlo** ([destiny02alg@gmail.com](mailto:destiny02alg@gmail.com) / [judyfadlo@gmail.com](mailto:judyfadlo@gmail.com); 843-796-9409) Specializes in fresh and silk flower arrangements also unique one-of-a-kind gifts! Host or attend a flower arranging class to learn how to design beautiful, inexpensive arrangements! Get some friends together and have fun!
- \* **Custom Shirt Zone** – **Jackie Miles** ([jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com](mailto:jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com); (336) 462-7365 [www.customshirtzone.com](http://www.customshirtzone.com)) Great, unique gifts! Embroidered Myrtle Beach beach towels, tote bags, fleece blankets, and Kiss the Cook aprons! Items for personal use, business & gift giving! Check out our website for more choices!
- \* **Fabrigal Creations** – **Dot Carrington** ([dotdoncarr@icloud.com](mailto:dotdoncarr@icloud.com); 843-796-2703) Great, unique, custom made gifts to give or for your entertaining! Quality hand-sewn items such as handbags, tea bag holders, table runners, clutch bags, bowl cozies, microwave cooking cozie and fabric garbage bags for the car! Many items are quilted, adding exceptional quality.
- Home Instead Senior Care** – **Vicki Berg**, [vicki.berg@homeinstead.com](mailto:vicki.berg@homeinstead.com); (843) 357-9777) Home Instead has passionate caregivers that provide quality services to our seniors all year long! Stop by our table to understand our services either for you, a loved one or to pass the information onto others in need. Being informed now can help in the future. Let's get acquainted.
- Juice Plus** – **Daphne Trent** ([wdtrent@aol.com](mailto:wdtrent@aol.com); 513-543-0147). Juice Plus+ is the most researched nutritional product in the world. Vegan, no GMO, gluten free and kosher certified! *Think about you and your health this year!* What a better gift to give you or others! The gift of healthy products! I am a certified health coach and wellness consultant helping others take charge of their health.
- King's Gift Baskets**—**Gloria King** ([gloria@kingsgiftbaskets.com](mailto:gloria@kingsgiftbaskets.com) 843-283-5594) So nice to give a personalized gift basket any time of the year! If you need a quick gift for a friend or family member just stop by my table or give me a call! I always have ready-made gifts available or will customize a basket for you. Baskets for get well, anniversary, etc. Great selection of cheese too!
- \* **Long Bay Symphony** – **Elizabeth Wills** ([mew4avon@scoast.net](mailto:mew4avon@scoast.net); 843-655-2428 [longbaysymphony.com](http://longbaysymphony.com)). Give a gift of a membership or perhaps tickets to a concert! Grand Strand's Long Bay Symphony, your Symphony at the Beach! Check the website for events. Help support these amazing adults and students by attending our wonderful programs.

**Lower Cape Fear LifeCare – Sarah Dellinger** (sdellinger@mercyhospice.org; 843-315-4249) A non-profit hospice, palliative care agency created in 1980 and continually staffed by community volunteers. Hospice is the model for quality and compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury. Free blood pressure checked at our table!

\* **Mary Kay Cosmetics – Pam Harrelson** (pamharrelson@earthlink.net; 843-997-0577) Let's get our makeup up to date for the new year! Beautiful new colors, fragrances and skin products. Stop by my table to learn about our Acne-Prone Skin System, Age-Fighting Products, Men's Collection, and Fragrances too!

\* **Meemz Bloomers – Tomasina Davis** (meemzbloomers@gmail.com; 843-903-0682) Unique, custom designed items created to enhance your décor or gift giving! Specializes in silk flower wreaths, decorated picture frames, tissue holders and more! Update your spring and summer décor with kites, hearts, shamrocks, etc. Just ask and I will create it for you!

**Mimi & Popop's Workshop** – (mimiiinmi@gmail.com; 843-241-2176) We have a small workshop to produce turned (lathe) and Ringmaster items. Our custom made items include wooden bowls, vases, ornaments, wooden trees, toys and more! Stop by our table and see how we can enhance your home décor or to give a gift!

\* **Modere – Barbara Gregory** (bgreg823@aol.com; 843-457-0026) Eliminate harmful chemicals for you, your family and your pets by using our *Live Clean* products! They are all natural, chemical free products that enhance healthy living! Our products include deodorants, shampoos, conditioners, toothpaste, shower gel, bio cell pet, pro-biotic health, & others.

\* **Moore, Johnson & Saraniti Law Firm – Angela D. Harrison** (admin@grandstrandlawyers.com; 843-650-9757). I am a partner in the firm and look forward to working with you on getting your documents in order. Let me take a look at your Will and Powers of Attorney (especially those out of state). Contact my office or bring copies of your documents to the Coffee!

**OLLI@CCU Osher Lifelong Learning Coastal Carolina University – Ellen Jampole / Kelli Barker**.ejampole@coastal.edu / kbarker@coastal.edu; 843-349-2767). Great trips & classes for adults 50+. Check out our OLLI catalog for classes, trips, events, & terrific national/international trips with Premier & Collette. Stop by our table to learn more about our amazing programs! Summer registration is in March

**Once Upon A Wreath—Susan Ray-Pagan** (wpsr1240@gmail.com 908-399-2747) Oh the fun of decorating for anytime of the year or giving a unique gift! Mesh, grapevine wreaths and items for all seasons and occasions. The wreaths consist of flowers, signs, ribbon, bows or other accents. Wreaths can be used inside or outdoors, all are unique. Custom designs for you too!

**Premier Designs Jewelry -- Annette Billings** (annbills@aol.com; 843-215-3808) How nice to give a gift of jewelry or perhaps something for you! I enjoy making every woman feel beautiful by providing wonderful jewelry products! Super sales on limited edition items and new arrivals await you! Stop by and help me accessorize you!

**Side Porch Handmade Soap—Kathleen Swanson** (sideporchhandmadesoap@yahoo.com 843-333-3688. At Side Porch Hand Made Soap we have been making handmade soap and other bath products for over 8 years. We pride ourselves in giving care and attention by making our products in small batches. Stop by and learn about our product and try us today!

**Storehouse Tours – Robin McCall** (robininpi@gmail.com; 843-235-2966). Saint Augustine, Fla March 2-5discover ( Old World) Single \$1,335.00, Double \$990.00. Washington D.C. May 1-4, Single \$1,300 Double \$1,020; includes: Library of Congress, National Botanical Gardens, Smithsonian History Museum, Bible Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, Old Towne Alexandria

**Tastefully Simple—Kathy Hines** (kathines4@gmail.com 570-480-8908) Make some delicious appetizers, dinners or dessert! Tastefully Simple makes great gifts, entertaining ideas and more! Our products take only 1-2 ingredients to make allowing less time in the kitchen! Meal kits include spices, oil, vinegar, glazes, and salsa. Drink mixers, too!

**Thirty-One – Stephanie Bushong** (sacb98@yahoo.com; 843-251-5573) Makes great gifts! The Large and Small totes are great for carrying groceries, bringing food to parties, picnics, etc. Get organized with the many items we offer for home, office or car!

**T-Rex Computers – Chuck Walker** (chuck@T-RexComputers.com) I you still have Windows 7, it is no longer supported. Let me help you change over to Windows 10! Are your devices protected from viruses? Bring me your laptop or I can come to your home. Personal services include repair, networking, printer installs, diagnostics, WiFi set-up, refurbishing. Keep your computer updated.

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