

NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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178 Members

May 2021

President's Message

Already it is the month of May. Seems we are just getting started again and we now are entering our last Coffee for the year. It has been a year of disappointments, sadness, humor, and a realization of what we deem as important in our lives. However, we are looking forward to a new start in September. On a happy note, our Fashion Show will be on May 20th at the beautiful Dunes Golf & Beach Club after several delays. Time to have some fun together, see some great outfits, and have a good meal. Bring some friends with you. They will be glad you asked them. Soon the beach days will begin and families will once again visit. ENJOY your summer, you deserve it.

Gerri Levine
President

Luncheon

Due to circumstances out of our control, there are no luncheons planned for the rest of the year

The Newcomer Club Coffees

Our next coffee will be **May 5, 2021**. We currently have a limit of 84 members allowed in the room at one time. You will be required to register ahead of time to attend. We will be having our installation of officers and meeting of committee heads and committee members. New members interested in joining Newcomers may attend but also need to sign up ahead of time. Temps will be taken at the door and masks are required during the entire coffee. There will be no beverages served at this time.

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: Jason Clamme, Engagement Manager for Lower Cape Fear Life Care will speak on "Laughter is the Best Medicine."

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. 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). (calls between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. as a courtesy). **Reservations and payment MUST be received by the Wednesday preceding the event. No money can be refunded after that time.**

Snippets

Attraction Books: There will be no Attraction Books distributed this year.

Newsletter – This will be our last Newsletter for this term. Be sure to watch for your September Newsletter. Have a safe and fun summer. We’ll see you in September!

Fashion Show - Our yearly Fashion Show will be taking place **Thursday, May 20, 2021** at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club. The Dunes Club only allows 125 people to attend. We have opened this event up to guests. Bring your friends

RESERVATIONS: We are taking reservations for our Fashion Show at the May coffee. **The last day for making your reservation is May 10th.** Any cancellations must be in no later than May 14th. The cost is \$30.00. This will be a sit-down lunch. See Tara Burfening at the next coffee to pay for your lunch. We will be accepting cash or checks made out to “Newcomers”. To avoid lines, please have your checks or cash ready along with your food choice. If you are unable to attend the coffee you may mail your checks to Tara Burfening, 615 Broad River Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588. Please include your food choice.

FOOD CHOICES:

Plated Chopped Salad and House Baked Rolls with Butter

- 1) Pan Roasted Chicken Breast w/Herb Roasted Potatoes, Broccolini & Whole Grain Mustard Jus
- 2) Herb Roasted Salmon w/Carolina Golden Rice & French Green Beans
- 3) Grilled Flank Steak w/Herb Roasted Potatoes, French Green Beans & Natural Beef Jus

Dessert – Lemon Cake with Raspberry Coulis

Iced Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks

SEATING: Seating will be first come first serve. No saving of seats for your friends. If you want to sit together come together if possible.

BASKETS: There will be 35 beautiful baskets made by some of our members. Be sure to check them all out. A lot of love and hard work went into each one of them.

RAFFLE TICKETS: We will be selling raffle tickets for the baskets at the Fashion Show. You may purchase **1 ticket for \$5.00, 3 tickets for \$10.00 and 7 tickets for \$20.00**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: If you would like to help sell tickets, help with set-up at the show, or be a helper when the baskets are claimed, please contact Heather Rupnik by email at heather@rupnik.us.



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: Ruth Ruff at (843) 997-9532. 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 Ruth Ruff 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, become a member and join us. This group is looking for a new leader – if you are interested, please contact Ruth Ruff at (843) 997-9532.

New York Group: This group is open to any member who has relocated here from New York State. If you would like to become a member of the group, please email or call Susan Granger at susanverbeke@msn.com or 518-779-8933.

Ohio/PA Group: If you are from Ohio or PA and are a member of the group or want to become a member contact Maureen Shaffer at maureenbcspa@gmail.com or (330) 518-5182.

Book Club: The book club meets on the third Monday of each month. We are currently meeting via ZOOM but hope to resume meeting in each other's homes shortly. If you have any questions, please contact M.J. Martin at (843) 367-2877 or mjscsmarty@gmail.com.

M.J. is also in a book club that started in the Newcomers Club 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.

Golf Group: If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Jackie Miles at (336) 462-7365 or email at jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com

Mahjongg North/Central: This group is not meeting at this time since the club house is closed. Contact Barbara Drossos at BDrossos819@gmail.com for possible updates.

Movie and Lunch: We will meet in Market Common on Tuesday, May 11th at 11:45 a.m. at Tupelo Honey. The Movie Theater is Stone Theatres, Grand 14, if you would like to see what is playing in advance. Please contact Cathy Fullerton at casafullerton69@gmail.com or 843-421-9365 if you are attending. Hope to see you there!

Mahjongg South Strand: This group is full. If you want to start another group please contact Ruth Ruff at ruffruff@sc.rr.com

Women Without Partners: Starting a new group. If you are interested in joining or would like to coordinate the group, please contact Ruth Ruff at ruffruff@sc.rr.com

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

Newcomers Selected Charities for 2020-2021

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>President's Pick:</u>	<i>CALEB's Dragonfly Dreams</i>
<u>Board Pick:</u>	<i>No selection has been made for the 2020-2021 year</i>

Purple Bucket for March

The **Purple Bucket** for the May Coffee will be for **CALEB'S DRAGONFLY DREAMS**, our 2020-2021 charity. Our donations provide children living in group homes with extras such as special events, craft-making, trips, sports, pizza, movies, and birthday celebrations.

Backpack Buddies/Help4Kids

We will be collecting food items at the May meeting for **Help4Kids/Backpack Buddies**. They could really use donations of items such as flavored oatmeal, canned pasta, Vienna sausages, pudding cups, fruit cups, canned soup, pop tarts, cereal bars, mac-n-cheese, peanut butter crackers, ramen noodles, cases of water, gift cards, and/or monetary donations. Please bring your donations to the May coffee, and we will gladly drop them off after the meeting. Remember your donations during the summer month can be made directly to their location at 664 Forestbrook Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. The need for food items for these children continues throughout the summer months also.

Membership & Dues

Dues are \$30.00 per year, payable in September for returning members and payable at time of joining for new members. You may pay by mail. Send your check payable to Newcomers to Connie Moffatt at 133 Camrose Way, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

Newcomers' membership has definitely been affected by the pandemic. Last year, we had over 250 members at one time. Currently, our membership stands at 178 active members. We are confident that our membership will rebound once we can resume full club activities in the near future.

Welcome our newest members:

- Kris Kessler from PA
- Sharon Layman from PA
- Michele Migliore from NY
- Alice Petroccione from NJ

We are so happy you have joined us and look forward to meeting you at our May coffee and our Fashion Show.

Mobile App

Did you know we have a quick and easy way to view Newcomer's information? Check out the Mobile App for all the information you are looking for.

Newcomers Member App is available through the App Store for your Apple Phone or Google Play for an Android Phone. It is really easy to set up. Just follow the steps below and you will have everything you need in the palm of your hands.

1. Select the App Store or Google Play that applies to your phone
2. Search for **Wild Apricot** and download the App to your phone
3. Once downloaded, log in the App by entering in your Newcomers email and password

Listed below is what you will be able to do:

- View Member Directory
- View and update your member profile
- Register for an event
- Email your fellow members

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Brenda Tuel at tuelbren@aol.com

Directories

We invite our new members to have their pictures taken for our Newcomers Directory. We try to take pictures of our new members at most of our coffees so be sure to ask about having your picture taken. We will be populating the website with the members' pictures and will be generating a digital directory from the website in the very near future. Please check that your information is correct and let Connie Moffatt (Membership Chair) know if any corrections are needed. If you have any comments, corrections or questions regarding the directory, 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!

CARDS BY ANDREA / MANHEIM POTTERY by Dennis – Andrea and Dennis Schmel – aschmehl@gmail.com – 610-507-1072. Handmade unique cards for all occasions customized by Andrea. Just let her know what you need and she will design it for you! Hand thrown pottery from bowls to vases and so many other things. Special handmade items for you or for gifts giving!

CEATIVE DESIGNS – Anne Gladis - destiny02alg@gmail.com - 843-796-9409
Specializes in fresh and silk flower arrangements. Unique one-of-a-kind gifts! Host or attend a flower arranging class to learn how to design beautiful, inexpensive arrangements! Custom orders for birthdays or holiday are available, call me.

CUSTOM SHIRT ZONE – Jackie Miles - jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com - 336- 462-7365
Unique gifts for the beach or home. 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 and call me today.

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Quality hand-sewn items such as handbags, tea bag holders, table runners, clutch bags, bowl cozies, microwave cooking cozie and fabric carry-all bags for the car or anywhere. Handbags and Masks to match! Many items are quilted, adding exceptional quality.

GIFT'S R 4 U – Giorgina Welsh – giftsr4u@hotmail.com – 843-421-6672

Ladies 'bling' t-shirts, sweat shirts, cardigan sweaters, scarves and masks. All items are first quality and decorated by me. Specialty items and custom gifts are available for holidays, birthdays, etc. Call or email me to discuss a specialty item today.

HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE– Vicki Berg - vicki.berg@homeinstead.com - 843- 357-9777

Home Instead has passionate caregivers that provide quality services to our seniors all year long! Meal prep, personal care assistance, light housekeeping, etc. Call or email me to understand our services. Being informed can help now or in the future.

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Juice Plus is a whole food based nutrition, vegan, non GMO, certified Kosher and NFS Certified. Juice Plus+ is the most researched nutritional product in the world. Jump start your health in the new year! Let's not take our health for granted. Certified Health Coach,

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