



NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



www.newcomersgs.org

206 Members

October 2021

President's Message

Happy Halloween! Remember carving pumpkins? Getting the costumes for the kids and ourselves ready for that day. Seems the neighborhood lit up with an exciting combo of monsters, princesses, cartoon characters, candy apples, and the most desired candy. Times are a little different now, but I hope you still get some joy of the day. Come to our Halloween Themed Bingo and get in the spirit. Our monthly luncheons are always a great way to interchange with other members and maybe try a new restaurant while also having a great meal. Newcomers is off to a good start. Look at the Newsletter and pick out some activity or get-together you would like to attend. Since we live in the South, fall comes later. I don't quite ever think it's the end of summer. Continue to invite and bring your neighbors and friends to Newcomers. Hope to see you at the October coffee.

Gerri Levine
President

LUNCHEONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 27	Chestnut Hill Myrtle Beach
November 17	Greg Norman Australian Grill Myrtle Beach

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: Marian Calder, Horry County Museum will speak on the history and programs at the Museum which is located in Conway.

Monthly (NEW): Wine Raffle Basket Table will be set up in the Coffee Room. Tickets are only \$1.00

**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; 843-668-4920) or Karen McCoale at 2388 Seneca Ridge Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 (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 money can be refunded after that time.**

When: Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: **Chestnut Hill**, 9922 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC

Phone: 843-449-3984

Menu (choose one):

Ribeye – An 8 oz. Stockyard Angus ribeye aged and grilled

Chicken Parmesan – 6 oz. boneless breast of chicken pan sauteed, topped with homemade marinara sauce and provolone cheese

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

Shrimp Creole – A combination of tender medium shrimp, tomato, bacon, sauteed onions & peppers mixed with zesty spices served on a bed of rice pilaf

Dessert: Chef’s Choice of Dessert

Cost: \$26.00 Per Person

All choices are served with vegetable du jour, a fresh garden salad with house dressing, and cheese biscuits

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. Click on “To Do” in the upper right corner, and then click on Events. Here are some upcoming events:

October 2	Fall Family Festival in Surfside
October 2-3	Grandparents Weekend at Thompson Farms in Conway
October 2	Taste of The Market and Sidewalk Sale at The Market Common
October 9-10	Art in the Park – Valor Park at The Market Common
October 9-10	Little River Shrimp Fest, Little River Waterfront
October 15-17	Myrtle Beach Jazz Festival, Charlies Place
October 16-17	Georgetown Wooden Boat Show
October 23	Family Fall Festival & Hay Rides at The Market Common
October 23	Fall Festival Murrells Inlet Presbyterian Church

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) or email her at Maureen_maki@msn.com. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. Regards, Maureen Maki

Home Instead 'Be A Santa To A Senior' Program

Each year the **Home Instead Senior Care** organization (one of our sponsors) collects '*new*', **specific items** that are wrapped up and given to Senior Citizens in our area during the December holiday season. They are so **THANKFUL** for the Newcomers Group who each year helps to support this need! Your giving & support makes such a difference in the lives of the lonely or needy seniors here in Horry & Georgetown County.

Please bring your items in a bag (*unwrapped*) to the Newcomers October, November or December meeting. A Home Instead Representative will be at their sponsor table in the hall to collect the items.

Below is a list of *very specific items* that would be very much appreciated.

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS:

- SLIPPERS: Men/Women: M/L/XL
- PAJAMA PANTS: Men M/L/XL
- NIGHTGOWNS: M/L/XL
- SOCKS: Men's & Women's
- HOLIDAY CANDY and/or COOKIES (Sugar Free items too)
- TOILETRIES: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste/Tooth Brushes, Deodorant, Body Lotion

FUN ITEMS: (optional)

- Jigsaw puzzles - 300 pieces or less.
- LARGE PRINT word search books.

THANK YOU in advance for helping to make their holiday a lot brighter and their life a little richer by fulfilling these very basic needs that we so often take for granted!

Newsletter Deadline for October: Information for the November Newsletter is due to the Editor, Tara Burfening, no later than **October 24, 2021**. Email contributions to taracandlelady@verizon.net (be sure to put "Newcomer's Newsletter" as the subject).

Hospitality Committee – This is a great opportunity to meet our new members and visitors. As a committee member, you would welcome new members, visitors and established members. You would also take the new members and visitors on a tour of the Newcomers Coffee set-up and all of our wonderful sponsors. If you would be interested in being on this important committee, we are looking for two more people to help out. If interested, please contact Melanie Walczak at melaine.walczak@yahoo.com or 443-253-9277.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



The Newcomers Club offers a wide range of groups to suit your interest. Now that we are having regular Special Interest Group meetings, it is time to reorganize. It would be helpful if you have an interest in a group you would take a minute, please sign up, fill out your name, e-mail address and phone number for the group you are interested in. You may also contact our Special Interest Group Coordinator, Ruth Ruff at 843-997-9532. Also, feel free to visit our table at the next coffee for more information.

Maryland Group: This group has not met since COVID and is trying to regroup. If interested, please contact Bernadette Kahl, bkahl@advp.com or 843-361-8434.

New York Group: Women who have called New York state home and are interested in getting together for lunch please contact 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: If you are interested or would like to start another book club, please contact MJ Martin email her at mjscmarty@gmail.com or 843-367-2877.

Book Club: Ellen Devlin heads up this group that meets on the second Thursday of each. It is full at this time.

Golf Group: 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 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 and Lunch: Normally meets on Tuesdays but for October we will meet on **Thursday, October 14th at 11:30** at Crepe Creation Cafe in The Market Commons. The Movie Theater is, Stone Theatres – Grand 14, if you would like to see what is playing in advance. Please contact Maureen Maki at 410-708-3952 or 843-390-5715 or email her at Maureen_maki@msn.com if you are attending. Hope to see you there!

Mah Jongg South Strand: This group has openings. They meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Logan's Restaurant with a short break for lunch. Call Gail Hilt at 843-215-0627 or Rita Hulme at 843-650-9072 for details.

Women Without Partners: Judy Innes has started this group and has had a great turnout. If you are interested contact Judy at 952-210-5397 for details.

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

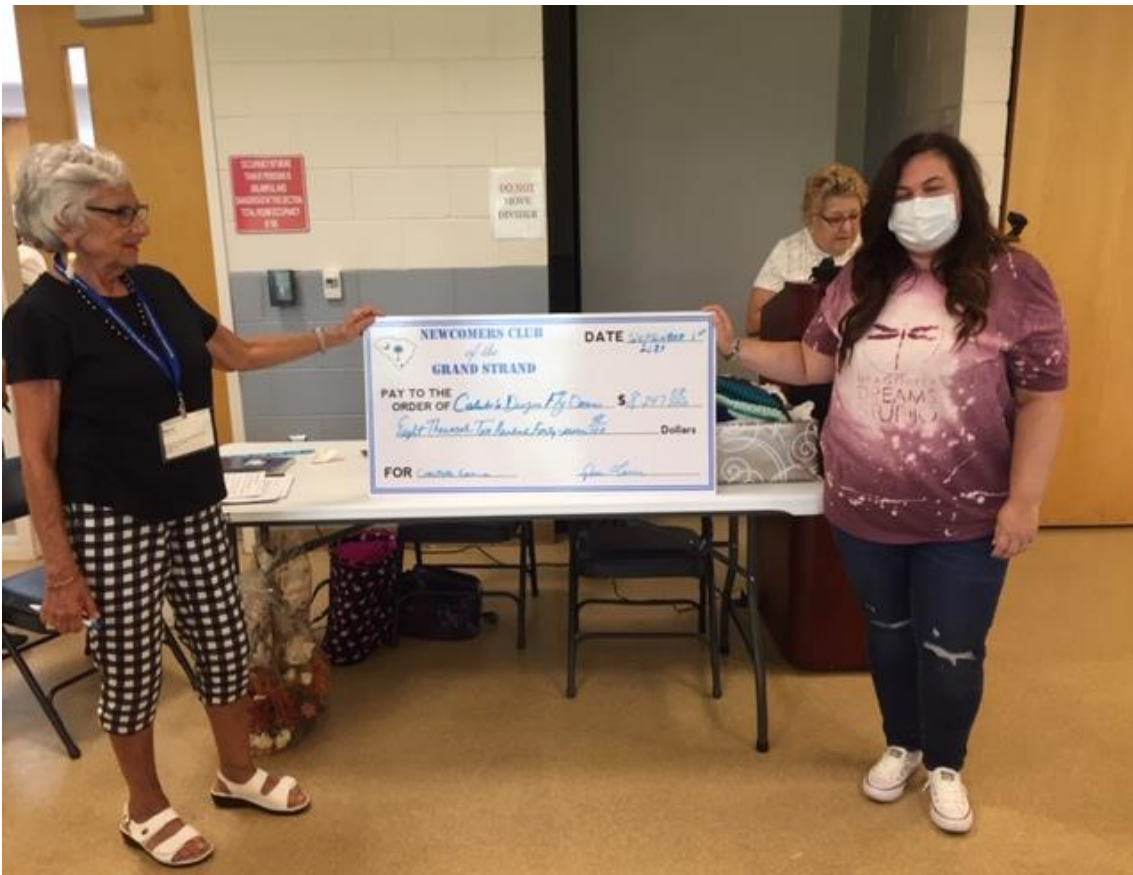
Newcomers Selected Charities for 2021-2022

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>President's Pick:</u>	<i>Neighbor-To-Neighbor.</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 shop appointments, and other life sustaining or life-enhancing appointments or events. They are designed to help our neighbor who is homebound due to age, disability, and or chronic illness in Horry and Georgetown Counties.
<u>Board Pick:</u>	<i>Rape Crisis Center Serving Horry and Georgetown Counties.</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>Purple Bucket:</u>	<i>Purple Bucket for October</i> is for <i>The Grand Strand Miracle League.</i> Their mission is “to provide life-changing sports programs for all ages and abilities, with special needs, the opportunity to participate in sports and recreational activities in a safe, adapted, and encouraging environment.” This organization helps kids with disabilities to have the same opportunities to create memories with their families. They play ball at the James Benton League field 100% free of charge. Lunch or dinner is provided for them, their families, and volunteers after every ball game. Everybody plays, everybody gets a hit, and everybody crosses home plate.

Fundraising News

At our September meeting, Newcomers of the Grand Strand presented a generous fundraising check to Shellie Rabon, Founder of Caleb's Dragonfly Dreams in the amount of **\$8,247.08**. Shellie was brought to tears with this most generous donation. They have been trying to plan a trip for the children and she felt this was going to be a big help for them to make it very special and bring big smiles to all the children. In addition to the fundraising check, Nifty Needles, run by Bonnie Henry, a friend of Gerri's, donated a box of hand-made hats. Our own member, Carol Hartofil is a member of Nifty Needles and was happy to present the beautiful hats to Shellie for all the children. We should all be proud to be part of this wonderful club and know that we are helping so many in need in our community. Your contributions mean so much to all of our charitable and service organizations.



Lois Berlin presenting check to Shellie Rabon, Founder of Caleb's Dragonfly Dreams



Lois Berlin, Jan Prentice, Gerri Levine



Gerri Levine, Carol Hartofil, Shellie Radon presenting Knitted Hats

Attraction Books provide good revenue for our fun charities funding. The cost is \$20 per book. Anita Miller and Shirley Scholfield are selling these in the rear of the Recreation Meeting Room before the meeting begins. As stated before, there are many wonderful additional this year, including a take-out section. Please see either of them to purchase your books. They also make great gifts for your postmen and women, beauticians, friends, etc.

Bingo, another fundraiser for Newcomers, is coming in October. On October 12, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, a **Halloween/White Elephant Bingo** is scheduled. Cathy Fullerton and Penny Stofko are heading up this Spooky FUN Day. The cost is \$5.00 per person for 20 cards. You may always purchase more cards though. The only requirement is you are asked to bring a wrapped or gift-bagged unused/unwanted item. The attire is casual and Halloween wear is encouraged, but not necessary. Come join in on the fun. You will be receiving an invitation shortly outlining more details. Please RSVP and join in on all the fun. If you haven't already RSVP'd, you might want to now.

Mah Jongg North/Central is coming soon! Barbara Drossos will have a table in the back of the Recreation Meeting Room in November. The cost of the cards is \$10.00 for Large and \$9.00 for small. The deadline for your orders will be our January luncheon, which will be announced later. Please watch for Barb this November. You may contact her at bdrossos819@gmail.com. Group meets Thursdays 12:30PM to 3:30PM at the **Plantation Lakes Amenity Center**, 8000 Juxa Dr., Myrtle Beach in Carolina Forest.

Mah Jongg South Strand still has openings. Contact Gail Hilt or Rita Hulme for details. Gail Hilt may be reached at 843-215-0627, and Rita Hulme at 843-650-9072. They, too will share a table with North/Central in November. They meet Mondays at 10:00AM at Logan's Restaurant. This group plays from 10:00AM to 2:00PM with about a 45-minute break for lunch. Come meet new people and have a wonderful time.

2021-2022 Fashion Show is coming along. Many members have volunteered to help in many different areas. As soon as a shop sponsor is selected you will be notified. There are a few opportunities left for models. If you are interested, please contact Anna Peck at acp416@hotmail.com or Penny Stofko at pennymgb@comcast.net. Be sure to caption Newcomers Models. This is a great way for some of you newer members to become involved.

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. You may also contact Penny Stofko at 717-487-7703 or by email at pennymgb@comcast.net.

Special Event for November

All aboard for the Trolley Tour! Come join us for a rockin' good time aboard an old-time trolley to hear about Myrtle Beach's place in History, Movies, & Music! The date is **Tuesday, November 16th, 2021.**

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION**** Space for this event is limited so it will be first come first served!

We will have a sign-up table at the October members meeting. This is a pre-paid event so that we can get the lowest price possible, so be prepared **TO PAY AT SIGN-UP. NO MAIL IN PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

- **Two-hour trip**
- **Departs from Market Common in front of the Grand 14 Theatre and returns to Market Common**
- **9:45 am arrival to board**
- **12 noon drop off**
- **\$30.00 per person payable at sign-up**

For more information, please visit their website. It is the one at viator.com. If you have any questions, please email me at casafullerton69@gmail.com and write **TROLLEY** in the subject line.

Membership & Dues

Currently, we are 206 members strong, but not everyone has paid her dues yet. A renewal reminder email has gone out to all members, and hopefully, you have submitted your dues by renewing online or by making a check. Just in case this task is still on your To Do list, here is the payment information again:

To Pay Online: Log on to www.newcomersgs.org and go to your "View Profile" profile and select **Renew to 01 Sep 2022** button and follow the instructions for paying online

To Pay by Check: Make Check Payable to "Newcomers" in the amount of \$30.00 and mail your check to Connie Moffatt, 133 Camrose Way Myrtle Beach SC 29588

We are so happy to welcome the following ladies as new members of the Newcomers' Club:

Wendy Garrett – PA
Mary Lou Gienopie – OH
Michelina Goetz – PA
Joan Herrett – NC
Tricia Laitinen – CT
Valerie Meagher – NY
Cindy Ratcliff – VA
Libbe Roeber – NJ
Randy Rosiello – NY
Geraldine Schroth – MA
Gloria Slingsby – WA
Roemarie Smerechniak – NY
Judith Steinmetz – NJ
Holly Tedaldi – NY
Sarandria Whitacre – VA
Giorgina Welsh – NJ
Cheryl Wood – NY

After including all these new members, our total membership is 206. We also had lots of guests at our September meeting, and we are certain that many of them will be joining the club at our October meeting.

Directories

The Newcomers' Directory is available on our website at 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!

AVON – Faye Crigger – fayecrigger@gmail.com – 843-602-9838

Avon, is a multi-national cosmetic, skin care, fragrance, hair care, fashion items, jewelry and personal care company. Products change to keep up with new trends and discoveries. Stop by my table for a brochure and see some of the specialty items I have!

CARDS BY ANDREA / MANHEIM POTTERY - Dennis – Andrea and Dennis Schmel – aschmehl@gmail.com – 610-507-1072

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! Cards and gifts!

CAROLINA MASTER CHORALE – Peggy O'Neil - fponeil2416@yahoo.com - 843-213-1551

CMC is the premier symphonic chorus on the Grand Strand and the oldest community choral organization in the area. The concerts (4 per year) provide an opportunity to our community to enjoy great, fun music! Get our info at www.CarolinaMasterChorale.com

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.

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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 for customized gifts.

FABRIGAL CREATIONS – Dot Carrington - dotdoncarr@icloud.com - 843-796-2703

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

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 bling item today.

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

Home Instead has passionate caregivers that provide quality care to our seniors in their home. Meal prep, personal care, light housekeeping, etc. Call or email with questions or concerns. *If you would like to make a difference in the life of a senior we are hiring*

JUICE PLUS+ – Daphne Trent – daphnejuceplus@gmail.com - 513-543-0147

Juice Plus is powdered produce and whole food based. It is vegan, non-GMO, gluten free and NFS Certified. Juice Plus+ is the most researched nutritional product in the world. It helps bridge the gap from what we should eat and don't on a daily basis.

KING'S GIFT BASKETS - Gloria King - gloria@kingsgiftbaskets.com – www.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, give me a call! I always have ready-made gifts available or will customize a basket for you within your budget. Great selection of cheese too!

MARY KAY Products – Pam Harrelson - www.marykay.com/pamharrelson - 843-997-0577

Mary Kay Products offer innovative Skin Care, On trend Color, Pampering Bath and Body. Also, reasonable Jewelry & Accessories featuring Necklaces, Earrings, Rings & Bracelets to enhance your personal style. Book your showing or Jewelry Trunk show today!

MODERE – Barbara Gregory - Bgreg823@aol.com - 843-457-0026

Modere is a natural product company, in business for 35 years! Live clean with toothpaste, deodorant, soap, weight loss products, collagen products, probiotics and more. Start living a clean, chemical free life in your products today!

MOORE, JOHNSON, and SARANITI LAW FIRM – Angela D. Harrison (partner)

Harrison@grandstrandlawyers.com – 843-650-9757

We handle a variety of legal matters, including estate planning. It is important to have your out-of-state documents reviewed when you move to a different state. Let's have a conversation, stop by my table and let me see how I can help you.

ONCE UPON A WREATH – Susan Ray-Pagan – wpsr1240@gmail.com – 908-399-2747

Designer wreaths and centerpieces for every day, holidays and special occasions. I enjoy finding different materials for these one-of-a kind custom-pieces. Let me know if you need a special wreath or centerpiece for a gift, occasion or just for you!

PAMPERED CHEF – Cornelia Zell – cbzell1@yahoo.com – 914-589-1270

Pampered Chef products make preparing healthy, good-tasting food fast and easy! Through virtual and in-person cooking parties, guests learn recipes, food tips and see demonstrations of innovative kitchen and entertaining tools. Free products for hosting a party!

PATTY NOVAK'S CREATIONS – Patty Novak – pattynovak508@aol.com 843-236-3791

I create Semi Precious stone, glass and crystal jewelry. Handmade designs and one of a kind. Great pieces for you, gifts for birthdays and holidays. Will create custom pieces for you in the color or design you like.

ROBIN McCall TOURS – Robin McCall - robininpi@gmail.com - 843-235-2966

Reasonable, specialty trips; one day and longer tours to local places and destinations abroad! Stop by my table for brochures of upcoming trips or for additional information. Get some friends together or come alone and meet others, you will have a great time!

SENIOR ADVENTURES in LEARNING and TRAVEL (SALT) LLC. - Kelli Barker and Carol

Osborne - Kelli - wnsalt22@gmail.com, Carol carolosbornesalt@gmail.com – 843-503-2592. SALT provides opportunities for adults to keep their minds sharp, their bodies active, and creative juices flowing. Online & in-person classes, clubs, excursions both national and International. www.wnsalt.com.

TASTFULLY SIMPLE - TASTFULLY SIMPLE –Diane Becker – dianebecker58546@gmail.com – 412-269-7788

Our products take only 1-2 ingredients to make allowing less time in the kitchen! Meal kits include spices, oil, vinegar, glazes, salsa and more! Cake, bread mixes, drink mixers, too! Meal planning workshops, fundraisers, home or online parties!

THIRTY-ONE GIFTS – Stephanie C. Bushong – mythirtyone.com/scbushong – 843-251-5573

Thirty-one is so much more than gifts; there are great organization items for everyone that make transporting or managing items easier. Check out the best-selling, amazing medium and large tote bags to carry groceries, items to parties or just about anything!

T-REX COMPUTERS – Chuck Walker – chuck@T-RexComputers.com – 843-424-4836

Technical services on-site, remotely & in shop to resolve issues with Windows or Mac operating systems, hardware issues, printers, updating virus protection, etc. Refurbished items reasonable. I can pick-up your computer, you can bring your laptop to Newcomers!

WHIMSICAL WEAVERS – Suzanne Sharp/Heidi Bernard – suz0430@aol.com /hb2turtle@gmail.com

860-670-4437/860-916-7814

Amazing and usable 'Pine Needle Art' using natural items to create one-of-a kind baskets, etc. A Native American craft practiced by many tribes and learned by us to hand-make each designer item. Custom pieces are available for you or gift giving!