

# NEWCOMER NEWS

Women Welcoming Women to the Grand Strand



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251 Members

September 2019

## President's Message

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a great summer and

Everyone is looking forward to

Lots of exciting things happening at the

Coffees, luncheons and events that are planned

Outings by the various groups, like the lunch and

Movies, day trips to exciting places and

Eating at some of the many fine restaurants in the area.

Be ready for some surprises

Along with an exciting fashion show and the many

Creative baskets (made by you), which will be raffled off.

Kick back and ENJOY this exciting year!

Ruth Ruff  
President

## LUNCHEONS CUT OUT AND SAVE!

| DATE         | LOCATION                                  |
|--------------|---|
| September 25 | Pine Lakes Country Club<br>Myrtle Beach   |
| October 23   | Pawleys Plantation<br>Pawleys Island      |
| November 20  | Joe's Bar and Grill<br>North Myrtle Beach |
| December 18  | Gulfstream Café<br>Murrells Inlet         |
| January 22   | TBD                                       |
| February 26  | TBD                                       |
| March 25     | Dunes Club<br>Myrtle Beach                |
| April 22     | TBD                                       |
| May 27       | TBD                                       |

\*March 28 – 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.  
 Program: Presentation of checks to 2018 charities

**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.

## Coffee Refreshments

The Coffee Committee welcomes you back to Newcomers for the 2019-20 season! Anna Peck has returned as our chairman again this year. The Committee's responsibility is to ensure that coffee & tea is ready, pitchers of water are out, and the goodies (provided by our members) are on the table for your enjoyment prior to the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at each Coffee asking for volunteers to bring snacks for the next Coffee. Please remember our diabetic members.

Being on the Coffee Committee has some great perks. (1) It's a great opportunity to meet other ladies as they drop off their goodies and/or come to get their coffee and (2) since we put the goodies out, we get to see everything first (and maybe have a taste)! So, if you think you would like to join us as a member of the Coffee Committee, please stop by to speak with Anna in the kitchen, call her at (843)742-5934 or e-mail her at [acp416@hotmail.com](mailto:acp416@hotmail.com).

## Newcomers Club Luncheons

Luncheons are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September through May. Make reservations 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 call Tara Burfening ([taracandlelady@verizon.net](mailto:taracandlelady@verizon.net)) at (843) 668-4920 or Fran Duda ([mcdul1@sc.rr.com](mailto:mcdul1@sc.rr.com)) at (843) 750-0971 (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, September 25, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** **Pine Lakes Country Club**, 5603 Granddaddy Dr. Myrtle Beach Telephone: 877-283-2122

**Directions:** Take 17 Byp to 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn left onto Robert Grissom Pkwy. Turn Right onto Granddaddy Dr. Bear left and turn right onto Woodside.

**Menu Choices:** Choice of One: Baked Flounder; Chicken Francaise; or Roast Beef with Gravy  
Served with green beans and roasted red skin potatoes

**Dessert:** Tuxedo Cake

**Drinks:** Coffee and Tea included, soft drinks are extra

**Price:** \$22.00 per person (beverage, tax, and tip included)

## 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.

**Attraction Books:** Purchase your Attraction Books at the Fund-Raising Committee Table at the coffees. They are valid through the end of 2020. The cost is \$20.

**AC Moore Arts and Crafts:** Per the manager of the local store, A.C. Moore is no longer providing discounts other than the regular coupons and Rewards Members Offers. If you are purchasing a large order, ask for the manager to see if they will offer a discount.

**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:

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Sept. 19, 2019             | Betsy Havens Congregate at the Burroughs and Chapin Art Museum (thru Dec. 15)         |
| Sept. 24, 2019             | Myrtle Beach Homeless Veterans Stand Down Event                                       |
| Sept. 26, 2019             | James Calk Rhythm and Hues at the Burroughs and Chapin Art Museum (thru Dec. 15)      |
| Sept. 27, 2019             | 44th Annual Atalaya Arts and Crafts Festival (thru Sept. 29)                          |
| Sept. 28, 2019             | 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Italian International Festival on Main St. NMB 10am-4pm |
| Oct. 3, 2019               | 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pawleys Island Wine & Food Gala 7pm                           |
| Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 | Live Oak Art and Music at Horry County Courthouse Lawn 10am-5pm                       |

**Newsletter Deadline for October:** Information for the October Newsletter is due to the Editor, Angela Harrison, no later than September 20, 2019. 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 Coordinators: Andrea Schmehl 843-808-8921 ([aschmehl@gmail.com](mailto:aschmehl@gmail.com)) or Marilyn Keyser 610-507-1072 ([marilynkeyser@yahoo.com](mailto:marilynkeyser@yahoo.com)). 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 Andrea or Marilyn 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](mailto: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. Contact Sharon Faas 973-943-8890.

**New York Group:** This group is open to any member who has relocated here from New York State. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of each month at a local restaurant. If you wish to join please contact Susan Granger 518-779-8933 [susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com). Hope to see you there.

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

**Southern Group:** Contact Delinda Hoepner 843-651-0150

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**Bowling:** Contact Andrea Schmehl 610-507-1072.

**Bridge Group:** This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Contact Julie Brinkley 843-460-4402 [jbrinkle1@gmail.com](mailto:jbrinkle1@gmail.com) for time and place.

**Dine Around (North/Central):** Couples and singles dine at local restaurants and then enjoy dessert and coffee at a host's home. Contact Ann Beck by email at [annbeck61@gmail.com](mailto:annbeck61@gmail.com) or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**Dine Around (South):** Couples and singles dine at local restaurants and then enjoy dessert and coffee at a host's home. Contact Lynne James at [mohawk1022@yahoo.com](mailto:mohawk1022@yahoo.com) or (303) 519-4702.

**Euchre:** A Midwestern card game. Contact Donna Erickson at (843) 945-9137 or [donna.globalwings@gmail.com](mailto:donna.globalwings@gmail.com).

**Game Night:** Play different card or board games once a month. Contact Charlotte Siuda at (843) 650-4356 or [chugie\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:chugie_2000@yahoo.com).

**Gardening:** Share tips on great gardening and native landscaping. Contact Ann Beck by email at [annbeck61@gmail.com](mailto:annbeck61@gmail.com) or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**Golf Group:** Co-chairs are Carol Chop and 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 Carol Chop at (941) 812-3448 or [chopyc@sccoast.net](mailto:chopyc@sccoast.net) or Jackie Miles at (336) 462-7365 or [jackie29@sc.rr.com](mailto:jackie29@sc.rr.com)

**Knitting/Crafts:** Contact Wendy Marguiles at [wendysweb@aol.com](mailto:wendysweb@aol.com)

**Mahjongg North/Central:** This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at Plantation Lakes Clubhouse in Carolina Forest at 10:30 a.m. Contact Loraine Girardin at (843) 903-7116 or [lgirardin@sc.rr.com](mailto:lgirardin@sc.rr.com)

**Movie and Dinner:** Singles and couples meet at various theatres in the area to enjoy a movie and dinner once a month. Contact Ann Beck by email at [annbeck61@gmail.com](mailto:annbeck61@gmail.com) or by phone at (315) 569-3599 or Linda Butler if interested.

**Movie and Lunch:** Ladies, come join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month as we get together for lunch and a movie. If interested, please contact Maureen Maki at maureen\_maki@msn.com or (843) 390-5715, or Gerri Levine, gerrilevine@aol.com or (843) 236-8342.

**Walking** – Walking in different neighborhoods once a week. Contact Sue Columbus at (843) 213-1476 or sueco1492@gmail.com

*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.

**President's Pick:** This year President Ruth Ruff has selected the *Alzheimer's Association*, whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health." The organization is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research and provides care and support to all those affected by this disease. Education and support is provided to the millions who face dementia every day. Critical research is an important function of this organization. They are also advocates for the rights of people facing Alzheimer's.

#### **The Board has chosen two charities:**

**Fostering Hope:** The mission of Fostering Hope is to provide basic necessities for children in crisis situations. All the kids they serve have had some form of abuse, whether physical, emotional or mental. Often times children in crisis situations have nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. These children may be in the process of starting over in a brand new environment. The *Children's Resource Center* is stocked with clothes, personal hygiene items, school supplies, toys and books to help aid these children during this difficult transition. Fostering Hope relies completely on local contributions, to keep their facility open and operating.

**Community Kitchen:** This organization's mission is to "feed the hungry for free". They provide hot meals to anyone who is hungry regardless of race, sex, color, religious preference, income, handicap, or age. Adults and children benefit alike. They feel those who find themselves in these circumstances often don't have support systems to overcome challenges such as mental illness, drug or alcohol abuse, handicaps, emotional disabilities, poor education, and low self-esteem. With the continued support of businesses, individuals, and churches, warm smiles and encouragement abound. Per the **Food Research and Action Center (FRAC)** SC is the seventh leading state for poverty: so, our contributions help immensely with hunger.

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 .

**Purple Bucket:** September will be for **Operation Stand Down**, an organization that provides services to homeless and at risk veterans. This is a *one-stop and referral fair for the vets*. It meets on September 27, 2019 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Market Common and provides Dental, Medical, Haircuts, VA Claims Processing, HUD/VASH, Employment Services, Legal Services, Bus Vouchers, Clothing Vouchers, Housing Assistance, Non-Profit Services, Health Screenings, *Women's Veteran Services* Peer Support, Health Care for Homeless veterans, (HCHV), Supportive Services for Veterans and their families (SSVF), and so much more. Breakfast and Lunch is provided. Last year they served 300 Vets. This year, they are expecting 350. Event Address: 3392 Phyllis Drive Myrtle Beach SC 29577 8am-2pm. Our donation will be used to purchase gift cards as that is their greatest need.

#### ***Community Kitchen***

Ladies – Once again, we are reaching out for your help in providing the necessary items for the poor and homeless in our area. Because there is such a great need for so many things, we would like to request certain items each month:

September – New socks (men's or women's; any size)

October & November - Hygiene kits (example...toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, soap, shampoo)

December & January - Men and women's underwear (small thru extra large) men and women's socks, men's tee-shirts, ladies bras, feminine products

February & March - New or gently used clothes for men and women (hats, gloves, boots, warm socks, jackets, coats, pants, ponchos) and any other item you can donate to keep out the cold when the homeless are sleeping outside

April & May - New or gently used clothes for the spring

PLEASE REMEMBER - Anytime you have men and women's clothes or other items to donate, just drop them off at the coffee meeting and we will take care to deliver them to those in need. Be sure to add your name in the jar when dropping off your donation to be included in the raffle we will have at the Holiday Party in December for those that have donated each month. As always, thank you for your kindness in helping those less fortunate.

Any questions, please call Carol Hartofil or Maureen Maki (843-390-5715)

### **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 Penny Stofko at 717-487-7703 or by email at pennymgb@comcast.net.

Please join us for one or all of these events planned for September, October and November!

**September 18:** Informal get-together at LaBelle Ami at noon. Please bring lunch or a snack for yourself. A choice of dry and sweet wines will be sold by the glass or bottle. There will be entertainment for all to enjoy. No charge for admission.

**October 29:** We will be going to the Legends at 2pm. The cost will be \$29 each. Guests are welcome to join us.

**November 15:** The Carolina Opry at 1pm. The cost will be \$32. Guests are welcome to join us.

Sign up for these events at the Special Events table at the September Coffee. Space is limited to the Legends and Carolina Opry shows, so if you are interested, bring a check made payable to Newcomers of the Grand Strand to the September Coffee or mail to Maureen Maki at 2180 Waterview Drive, Unit 827, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.

### **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 your dues at the May Coffee or Luncheon. 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 251 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 Pam Barrett 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 Connie Moffatt (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!***

\* **Carolina Master Chorale – Peggy O'Neil** (fponeil2416@yahoo.com; 843-213-1551) Our first concerts, Nights on Broadway, will be 10/19-20. The Chorale will sing with the Long Bay Symphony 9/29. Stop by our table to pick up a season brochure to make your plans to attend our season of Maestro Magic!

**Creative Designs / Picture Perfect – Anne Gladis / Judy Padlo** (destiny02alg@gmail.com / judypadlo@gmail.com; 843-796-9409) Specializes in fresh and artificial flower arrangements and unique, one-of-a-kind gifts! Host or attend a flowing arranging class to learn how to design beautiful, inexpensive arrangements!

\* **Custom Shirt Zone – Jackie Miles** (Jackie.miles@customshirtzone.com; (336) 462-7365) Provides embroidery/silk screen/digital apparel! Great items for personal use, business and gift giving! Start thinking about the holidays, embroidered t-shirts and *sweatshirts!*

\* **Fabrigal Creations – Dot Carrington** (dotdoncarr@icloud.com; 843-796-2703) Quality hand-sewn items such as purses, tea bag holders, table runners, clutch bags, bowl cozies, and more! Many items are also quilted, adding exceptional quality. Check out the new Microwave Cooking Cozie and fabric garbage bag for your car! Custom orders available!

**Home Instead Senior Care – Tina Mitchell** (tina.mitchell@homeinstead.com; (843) 357-9777) Home Instead has passionate caregivers that provide quality services to our seniors. We provide personal care assistance, meal preparation, light housekeeping, medical/medicine reminders, etc. Talk to me today to see how we can help you or someone you love!

**Juice Plus – Daphne Trent** (wdtrent@aol.com; 513-543-0147) *Let's think about you and your health!* Daphne, a certified health coach and wellness consultant helps others take charge of their health by maintaining weight and preventing disease. Ask about how our products help individuals with cancer and our program for kids too!

**King's Gift Baskets—Gloria King** (Gloria@kingsgiftbaskets.com 843-283-5594) Do you need a quick gift for a friend or family member? Stop by my table or give me a call, I always have ready-made gifts or will customize a basket for you. Gift baskets for a special event, holiday, get well, anniversary or birthday always make a great personalized gift!

\* **Long Bay Symphony – Elizabeth Wills** (mew4avon@sccoast.net; 843-655-2428) It's a new season with many great programs lined up for your enjoyment! Grand Strand's Long Bay Symphony, your Symphony at the Beach! Check the website for events. Help support these amazing and adults and children by attending our wonderful programs.

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice-Mercy Care – Sarah Dellinger** (sdellinger@mercyhospice.org; 843-655-2428) A non-profit hospice, palliative care agency created by community volunteers since 1980. Hospice is the model for quality and compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury. Have your blood pressure checked at our table!

\* **Mary Kay Cosmetics – Pam Harrelson** (pamharrelson@earthlink.net; 843-997-0577) Ask me about NEW colors and products! Get a group of friends together and have a make-up party, call me for details! Mary Kay Cosmetics supports women – let me share how!

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

**Mimi & Popop's Workshop – (mimiinmi@gmail.com; 843-241-2176)** We have a small workshop and produce turned (lathe) and Ringmaster items including wooden bowls, vases, Christmas ornaments and trees, toys and more! Stop by our table and see how we can enhance your home décor and get ready for holiday gift giving!

\* **Modere – Barbara Gregory** (Bgreg823@aol.com; 843-457-0026) Eliminate chemicals for you and your pet! Live Clean products are all natural, chemical free that enhance healthy living! The products include deodorants, shampoo, conditioners, toothpaste, shower gel, bio cell pet, pro-biotic health, and several others.

\* **Moore, Johnson & Saraniti Law Firm – Angela D. Harrison** (admin@grandstrandlawyers.com; 843-650-9757). 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 Jampoli / Kelli Barker** (ejampoli@coastal.edu / kbarker@coastal.edu; 843-349-2767). Great trips and classes for adults 50+ OLLI fall catalog is out; free class introductions begin 9/10 & 9/11; fall classes begin 9/16! Terrific trips with Premier and Collette planned as well!

**Once Upon A Wreath—Susan Ray-Pagan** (wpsr1240@gmail.com 908-399-2747) I create mesh wreaths for all seasons and occasions. The wreaths consist of signs, ribbon, bows or another accent. Custom orders and designs are my specialty. Wreaths can be used inside or outdoors and all are unique. Just stop by and see all the endless possibilities!

**Premier Designs Jewelry -- Annette Billings** (annbills@aol.com; 843-215-3808) Annette enjoys making every woman feel beautiful by providing wonderful jewelry products! Check out the newest items and program along with great sales on some jewelry! Have a home party with some family and friends!

**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. Try us today!

**Storehouse Tours – Robin McCall** (robininpi@gmail.com; 843-235-2966) Upcoming Trips: 9/22 Footloose Musical (Charleston); 9/26 Southport; 10/3 Charleston Tea; 10/18 Conway Glass and History Museum; 10/23 Santee Cooper Lock Tour; 10/25 Hunley Submarine & The Citadel Dress Parade; 12/16-18 Big Christmas to Nashville Opryland.

**Tastefully Simple—Kathy Hines** (kathines4@gmail.com 570-480-8908) I have been with Tastefully Simple since 2011. Our products take only 1-2 ingredients to make allowing less time in the kitchen! Many meal kits include spices, oil, vinegar, glazes, salsa, and we offer drink mixers, sauces, cake mixes and the list goes on!

**Thirty-One – Stephanie Bushong** (sacb98@yahoo.com; 843-251-5573) Check out my special offers and let's get ready for holiday gift giving or getting organized! Great gifts and useful items for everyone! The Large and /Small totes are great for picnics, the beach, groceries, carrying gifts, bringing food to parties, etc.! Organizers your home or traveling!

**T-Rex Computers – Chuck Walker** (chuck@T-RexComputers.com) 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. Keeping your computer updated is key in eliminating viruses

- \* **Verbeke Creations—Susan Verbeke Granger** ([susanverbeke@msn.com](mailto:susanverbeke@msn.com) 518-779-8933) Verbeke Creations is an authorized Stampin' Up Demonstrator. We create home-made greeting cards and other personalized paper goods such as small containers, small paper bags and hostess gifts. Get your friends or family together and have a home party to design your own personalized cards!

**\*This sponsor is also a member of Newcomers!**