

NEWCOMERS' CLUB

2025
August

The goal of this organization shall be to extend to newcomers of Greater Columbia assistance in beginning a social life in a new community and promoting interest in Greater Columbia and its civic and cultural affairs.

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

The current energy of our club is exciting! Our interest groups continue to be active this summer, and we welcome new members each month. Our largest number of new members have come from bringing guests to the luncheons, so consider inviting a friend who may want to join our club. Remember each lunch is only \$20 when you bring a guest.

The board did a mid-year review of the budget at our July meeting and found we have a surplus of money budgeted towards luncheons, so we voted to pay for the luncheon for 5 members each month July-November. We are drawing names monthly, and you will receive an email invitation from Kari if your name is drawn. Good luck! If you would like to see the budget just let one of the presidents know and we will be happy to send it to you. It will also be included with the July board meeting minutes.

As you know, our club cannot run without the help of **MANY wonderful volunteers**. Our system is flowing well currently, which means minimal work for individuals as everyone gives a little. We appreciate you all! We are in the process of forming two very important committees. The first is our **bylaw review committee**. This is led by our **parliamentarian, which is currently a vacant position**, so we need double help. This committee will review the current bylaws and propose updates as needed. It should only take 1 meeting to get this done. The other is our **nominating committee** that helps fill open board positions for 2026. The entire board will be helping on the nominating committee and working to find those special people to fill open roles, but we also need 3 club members who are not on the board to help as well. We do not see this as a committee that will need to meet, we just need help finding members who fit our needed positions. Let Carol or Kari know if you would like to help. And of course, if you are interested in serving in an open position next year, please let us know!

At this time, we are **looking for one or two presidents, two 1st vice-presidents, and a treasurer, in addition to the parliamentarian mentioned above**. Kari is willing to stay on one more year as president but needs a second person to join her, or if there are 2 people interested, that will be great, and Kari will step down. The 1st vice-presidents are the ladies who are responsible for the monthly luncheons. They find speakers monthly and work with the venues on planning the meals within our budget. This is a perfect job for two friends to do together. Please know you have a lot of support and help in any position you choose to do. The presidents and other board members work closely together to support one another. Come join us!

I am looking forward to our August luncheon as we will have the 3 charities we are voting on in October coming to speak to us. These 3 charities, Midlands Orphan Relief, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and Pawmetto Lifeline, are the ones chosen by the board after members submitted suggestions the last couple of months. One of these charities will be the one we will monetarily support the next 2 years. (See page 6)

As always, we welcome your suggestions and are always here for you!

**Your 2024-25 Co-Presidents,
Kari and Carol**