

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

Happy Holidays! We are approximately one-third of the way through what has already been a busy holiday season with more fun ahead. If you do not already have your reservation for the Holiday luncheon and want to attend, don't delay. It will fill up quickly with only 60 available reservations. In addition to the Holiday Luncheon, there will be a Holiday coffee on the first Tuesday in December.

As we turn the page on 2023, there are some Special Interest events remaining in December. Please check out what Out and About has planned. Hint, hint: there will be a luncheon at one of my favorite restaurants following a holiday event that is truly lovely every year. This event always fills up quickly, so reserve your spot quickly. Some Special Interest groups will take a temporary hiatus, but will be back in 2024.

Newcomers have opened their hearts and helped to support many worthy charities in our Metro area. In addition to our official 2022-23 charity, MRCL, which you have generously supported, we are providing donations to several others. Announcements are made at coffees, luncheons and on Facebook. Thank you to all who give so generously.

The Holiday Coffee is the final one of the year and is always a wonderful gathering. Please join us as we install new and returning Executive Board members. Also, we take this opportunity to recognize some of our members, who have volunteered their time and talent this past year. We are also grateful to all members who have participated in activities.

At this Coffee, instead of Hostesses and Bakers providing the food and beverages, all members are invited to contribute a favorite holiday treat. Judy Rosquist and friends will be turning our meeting place at the Leisure Center into a festive event venue. The Coffee is an excellent kick-off event for Newcomers' Club 2024, as well as celebrating the holiday season. Members are invited to bring donations to support the Ronald McDonald House to the Holiday Coffee. This is a Charity that serves many South Carolina families as they are going through very challenging times as a loved one is being treated for a serious illness or injury that requires lengthy hospitalization. Please consider giving as you are able. See more information about the Coffee in this Newsletter.

This is the final Presidents' Corner that I am writing. I very much appreciated the opportunity to be of service to the Newcomers' Club. Also, a big shout out to my Co-President, Janet Boyer, the Board members, Standing Committee chairs and Special Interest Group chairs. It has been a team effort. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you at coffees, luncheons, special events and during our Special Interest Group events. The Nominating Committee has provided us with a talented slate of Executive Board Officers, some are new, and others are continuing in their responsibilities. Please give them your support as they move into 2024.

Your 2023 Co-Presidents,
Shirley & Janet

