



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

Tis the season...the season for joy, love, and celebration. As Newcomers we have all those things this holiday season. It's been a great year of fun, fellowship, and friendship.

We will have a few celebrations together this month beginning with our **coffee and installation of our 2025 officers on Tuesday, December 3**. Remember for this coffee we ask all members in attendance to provide a dish to share. It can be a favorite holiday dish or just a favorite in general.

The week after the coffee we will have our **annual holiday gala luncheon on Thursday, December 12**. We have members who have been hard at work planning a great event and we hope to see many of you there. **RSVPs are due to Beth G. by November 25**. A detailed flyer can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Get your **2025 membership renewal form and \$25 turned in by January 1**. The form is in this newsletter on page 7 and blank copies are also available at coffees and luncheons.

Our newly elected 1st vice-presidents, Nancy G. and Pat W., have been working hard planning our **2025 luncheons**, including speakers and securing the country clubs. After discussion at our November board meeting, the board voted on a necessary price increase for luncheons beginning in January 2025 to \$25. We all have seen food prices increase, and when you consider everything, we are getting from our luncheons, including a plated meal at a country club, drink, dessert, tax, gratuity, a speaker, AV equipment set up for our speakers, and so on, we couldn't beat that price. We appreciate your understanding and support regarding the price increase.

We are so thankful to have had two members step up and volunteer to take over a couple of open positions. **Arlene R. will be our new coffee chair** and **Nancy S. will be our parliamentarian**. That leaves just one position needing a volunteer...**will you please be our recording secretary?** This is a perfect position for a new member to become more involved and join this position on the board. If you already attend coffees and luncheons, then this is an easy one for you to do. You just need to take minutes at the meetings that the presidents lead. The presidents provide a detailed agenda that you use to take notes, and that agenda is the backbone of the minutes you send out. Please help us!

Wishing you a happy and safe ending to 2024! We are always open to suggestions and solutions. We welcome your input.

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