NEWCOMERS' CLUB



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

This time of year, I always find myself reflecting on the past year and realizing all I have to be thankful for. The Newcomers' Club is one of the things at the top of my list that I am thankful for. I have made so many wonderful friends through the club and the many activities have kept me active and engaged in the community. We have had a great year of growth in the club, with 29 new members joining since the beginning of the year! I look forward to developing many more friendships with our new members.

We will have a few celebrations together this month beginning with our coffee and installation of our 2026 officers on Tuesday, December 2. Remember for this coffee we ask all members in attendance to provide a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a savory (non-sweet) dish to share and last names M-Z, please bring a sweet dish to share. It can be a favorite holiday dish or just a favorite in general. See page 3 of the newsletter for details.

The week after the coffee we will have our annual holiday gala luncheon on Thursday, December 11 at the Country Club of Lexington. 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 Marlene W. by November 20. A detailed flyer can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Get your **2026** 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.

We are so thankful to have had a few members step up and volunteer to take over a couple of open positions. Cara H, Jean W, and Leslie S will be our new 1st VPs, planning our luncheon speakers and menus at our venues and Pam K. will be our corresponding secretary. Jayne A has also volunteered to be co-assistant treasurer with Sherry. That leaves just two very important positions needing volunteers SOON...will you please be our co-president with Kari or our treasurer? Please help us! The club cannot thrive without help in organizing it and keeping it running. The work is very minimal because we all work together...many hands make light work!

Wishing you a happy and safe ending to 2025! We are always open to suggestions and solutions. We welcome your input.

Your 2024-2025 Co-Presidents, Kari and Carol

