

NEWCOMERS' CLUB

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Serving the Greater Columbia Area -- www.newcomersofgreatercolumbia.com

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.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

The first day of January is known as New Years' Day. January is the first month of the year and the second month in Winter. It always seems like a very long month because it is, on average, the coldest month of the year and it comes after all the hubbub of the holidays. In January, we get a clean slate and a chance to set new goals. Happy New Year to all of our members and their families.

On December 8, Executive Board officers were installed. They will assume their roles in January as we meet on January 3rd and 2023 goals will be discussed. We want to again thank all of our Board Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Special Interest Group Chairs, and Sub-committees for their hard work that is needed to keep our club active and strong.

We had only three active Special Interest groups at the beginning of 2022, and now we have ten! If you want to know more about the activities, contact the chairs/co-chairs of these groups. If you have an idea about a new activity or reviving an activity you enjoyed in the past, let us know.

Our coffees have been wonderful and the weather has cooperated as we met at two parks in Lexington. We also met at Leanne's daughter's home this summer, which had a large turnout. In January and February, we will be meeting in members' homes, and we are looking forward to having more coffees in members' homes in 2023. Please see Judy, if you are interested.

We have two Galas every year. The Spring Gala was held on May 5 at Kingston Harbor Clubhouse. The theme was Kentucky Derby, and I won for best hat. It was not only delicious, but fun. Our Holiday Gala was held on December 8 at the Spring Valley Country Club, and it was a fantastic event with good food and fun games. Within a few months, we will be forming a committee to plan the next Spring Gala. Let us know if you are interested in working on this event. It is a lot of fun and a good way to get to know people.

Publicity efforts have been very successful, and the flyers and business cards as well as word of mouth have helped bring more members to Newcomers. You can pick up some business cards and flyers at any coffee or luncheon.

Come and enjoy all the events that are available to the Newcomer members.

Your 2023 Co-Presidents,
Janet & Shirley