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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

Happy New Year to all of our members and their families! We are looking forward to another year of fun activities and events.

The Executive Board was installed on December 5. As the Board, Standing Committee Chairs, Special Interest Group Chairs and sub committees assume their roles in 2024, we want to thank them for volunteering their time and effort to keep our club active.

The Holiday Gala was held on December 14 at the Lexington Country Club. It was a fun event with good food and socializing with friends. In a few months, a committee will be formed to plan the Spring Gala. Please let us know if you are interested in working on this event.

We have a couple of positions that need a chairperson. Please consider volunteering for the Charity Chairperson position or the Coffee Chairperson. Also, we have a vacant Board position, Recording Secretary. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of these positions.

Thank you to those who completed the Membership Satisfaction Survey. Your comments and suggestions will be helpful as we look forward to possibly adding activities and increasing participation in our activities. Some areas of interest include reviving Lunch & Learn, Dominoes and Couples Night Out. Also mentioned was adding other special interest groups such as crafts and sewing. If you have an idea about a new activity or would like to chair a group, please let us know.

Part of the Newcomers' Club mission is to promote interest in charitable opportunities. We meet that objective by financially supporting a charitable organization. For the next two years, the Newcomers' Club will continue to support MIRCI with our financial donations collected at our monthly coffees and luncheons. In addition, a few other charities are being supported by members with material donations and volunteer time. MIRCI is the only charity receiving monetary support from the Newcomers' Club.

As the new year begins, you may consider joining a Newcomer's activity you have not tried before or returning to one you haven't participated in for a while. Why not choose one and give it a try? It's a great way to meet people and learn something new. Come and enjoy all the events and activities available to Newcomer members.

We are always open to suggestions and solutions. We welcome your input.

Your 2024 Co-Presidents,  
Carol & Kari

