

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

July is the seventh month of the year and was named after Julius Caesar in 44 B.C., it being the month of his birth. July 3 brings the start of the hot and sultry Dog Days of Summer. On July 4, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. As we remember the birthday of our country, may we also remember the courage and bravery of the men who signed the Declaration of Independence. Ben Franklin stated to all who were present, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." Enjoy our national holiday.

Summer is great for cookouts, pool and lake time, and kids and grandkids time. Enjoy your summer and the time spent with your families. Although we do see a few of our Special Interest Groups slow down for the Summer, we still have many groups that continue to meet, so check the newsletter and calendar for the many activities that are still scheduled.

The **July Board Meeting and Coffee is cancelled** due to the proximity of the 4th of July holiday. Looking forward to seeing everyone at **Gibson Park in August for our next monthly Coffee.**

The **Luncheon on July 27 will be at the Country Club of Lexington** with a great speaker, Alan James. He will talk about the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia.

It is time to select a **new charity for 2024 and 2025.** There are many wonderful causes in the Columbia Metropolitan Area. If you have a favorite charity that you would like to receive our charitable contributions, **write a description of the charity and give to Cam before the end of July.** **We will vote on the selections at the September luncheon.**

There are many interesting things happening this time of year. We are in the process of reviewing the bylaws. We will **vote on the revisions to the bylaws at the October luncheon.** The nominating committee is now in place, and they will be finding volunteers to fill several Executive Board positions beginning in 2024. **Volunteers are very important to the success of our club.** Often, members are unaware of all the efforts made by volunteers to continue to provide Newcomers with a variety of social, educational, and cultural activities. **Please consider volunteering!** It is not only a way to participate, but a great opportunity to meet and work with many Newcomers members. We will **vote on the nominations of officers at the November Luncheon.** The **new officers for the Board of Directors will be sworn into office at the Coffee on Tuesday, December 5.** Plans for the **Holiday Luncheon** are now underway. It will be held at the **Country Club of Lexington**, located at 1066 Barr Road in Lexington on **December 14** and will begin at **11:00 am.**

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



Your 2023 Co-Presidents,
Janet & Shirley