

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

Thank you to the Spring Social committee for creating a memorable Cinco de Mayo event on May 4th at the Spring Valley Country Club. We enjoyed good food, lots of margaritas and Corona beer, as well as soft drinks. The decorations were outstanding, and the door prizes and games were competitive and good fun. Best of all, it was wonderful to have a celebration with friends. Check out the photos on the Newcomers' Club Facebook page. Soon, planning for our annual Holiday event will begin. Janet will be asking for volunteers.

June is the midway point in the Newcomers' calendar. As we look forward to 2024, we will begin to carry out several responsibilities to ensure a smooth transition. Parliamentarian, Cam, established a committee to review the Newcomers' by-laws. If you would like to propose additions or revisions to the bylaws, please propose these to Cam or raise them at a Coffee or General Meeting (luncheon). Proposed changes must be discussed and approved by the Executive Board and voted on by the General Board (membership?) The Parliamentarian will inform members of when discussions and votes will take place. The updated by-laws will be published in the 2024 directory.

Every year, a nominating committee is formed to find candidates to fill upcoming vacant positions on the Executive Board. Volunteers are needed to fill the president(s), 2nd vice president and corresponding secretary positions. Many positions on the Executive Board have two members to ensure that coverage is available and to share duties. Serving on the Executive Board or as a Standing Committee Chair is an excellent opportunity to not only preserve the continuity and integrity of the Newcomers Club, but to also work closely with our members.

This year, Newcomers selects a charity to support in 2024-2025. Information about the selection process will be provided at Executive Board and General Membership meetings and in the newsletter. Charities can be proposed by any member, and there isn't a limit on the number of charities proposed. However, there are some considerations. Charities shouldn't be religious or political, and they must function as a legitimate charity in accordance with 501c3 regulatory requirements (can be found by Goggle). Janet should be informed of the proposed charities by the end of August to allow sufficient time for discussion and voting.

The Newcomers' Club is dependent on the efforts of volunteers at every level of our activities. We enjoy our coffees, luncheons, special interest group activities, special events, and communications via the monthly newsletter, Facebook, our website and blast emails. Our generous volunteers ensure that these are always available to us. In addition, every month the Executive Board, Standing Committee members and Special Interest groups chairs participate in our board meetings, and carry out their responsibilities on an ongoing basis. Other volunteer activities, such as serving on special committees or being bakers and hostesses are performed for specific periods of time, and these are vital to the success of our activities. We can't maintain a successful and vibrant social club without the contributions of our volunteers. A huge thank you to all of our current volunteers, and we are extending an invitation to others to join us in supporting our activities.



Your 2023 Co-Presidents,
Shirley & Janet