

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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May is a Spring month with longer, sunnier days, warmer temperatures, and usually more Outside activities. It always seems that all things are possible in May. There are several holidays and many events, such as graduations, in May. Mothers' Day is on Sunday, May 14. It is an important holiday for many women to recognize their roles in mothering children. We want to join in wishing you a Happy Mother's Day. We also observe Memorial Day. It has become a long holiday weekend, often the first beach weekend or mountain get-away of the year. Let's also take time to recognize the sacrifice of many Americans that have protected our democracy.

Cinco de Mayo takes place each year on May 5. It is mostly celebrated in the United States as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage. **Our Spring Social will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 4 at the Spring Valley Country Club with a Taco Bar and Margaritas.** Join us in enjoying Mexican food and drink as well as good company and fun activities.

On May 25, our luncheon will be held at the Spring Valley Country Club. As Newcomers, we enjoy the opportunity to get together for a meal every month and learn from interesting and entertaining speakers. The speaker in May is from the Lexington Medical Center and will discuss cardiology and the symptoms of a heart attack in women.

MIRCI has been supporting mental health wellness in the Columbia area for more than 60 years. We are a part of this when we give our dollars to MIRCI at our coffees and luncheons. We will never know what individual our gift will save, but it feels good to help others, and we can be proud to be a small part of MIRCI. For example, a boy was homeless and not doing well. MIRCI found him a place to live, and now he is ready to get a job.

There are many activities and events that we are able to enjoy because we are members of the Newcomers' Club. One of those events is **Out and About** which meets once a month to participate in an activity that is unique to our area and have lunch and fellowship at a near-by restaurant. Not only are these events informative, but we have a lot of fun.

One of the best things about our Newcomers' group is that we are an interesting and diverse set of ladies. We come from different backgrounds and different parts of the country. In Newcomers', we are fortunate to meet new friends and form ongoing and lasting friendships based on our shared interests. I have made many wonderful and lasting friendships since becoming a member of the Newcomers' Club.

Come and enjoy all the events that are available to the Newcomer members. If you want more information, contacts are in the Directory and Newsletter.



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