

# 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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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

November is best known for Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November to be the national holiday known as Thanksgiving. Veterans Day, which was originally known as Armistice Day is celebrated on November 11 because it was on this day at 11:00 a.m. in 1918 that World War 1 was ended.

The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is our national election day. Voting on Tuesday in November is not as arbitrary as you would think. The month marks the end of harvest, and it offers mild weather for traveling voters. In 1845, congress passed a law mandating that the Presidential Election would be held every four years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month.

Our coffee this month will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at the Gibson Pond Park.

Our November Luncheon will be held on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving. The speaker will be Jennifer Hodges. She will talk about the Habitat for Humanity which is a nonprofit organization that helps people in our community, and around the world, build or improve a place they can call home.

A huge thank you goes out to the nominating committee as they have filled a slate of officers for 2024! See the full slate on page 5. A 2<sup>nd</sup> recording secretary would be greatly appreciated. Please consider stepping into this role. It is not time consuming and not difficult with the tools you are given. You will work with Leigh who has been doing it for years and can help you. We will vote on the slate at the November general membership meeting/luncheon on November 16.

Our Holiday Luncheon will be on Thursday, December 14 at the Country Club of Lexington. A reservation form is on page 6 in this Newsletter.

MIRCI is the only charity that has been recommended for the next two years, so we will continue supporting them. MIRCI works with vulnerable adults aged 17 and up who need immediate and continuing life assistance due to mental illness, specifically those experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

There are many activities and events that we are able to enjoy because we are members of the Newcomer's Club. 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 interest. We presently have 108 members in our Newcomers' Club of the Greater Columbia area. If you know of any ladies who would love to join our Newcomers' Club, please let Carol know so she can send them some information about our club. We have business cards and flyers to help advertise our club that can be picked up at any Coffee or Luncheon.

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



Your 2023 Co-Presidents,  
*Janet & Shirley*