

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

It's Fall Y'all! I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. It's been so nice to enjoy some time outdoors. October is a busy month of Newcomers business. **We will be voting on 2 important club responsibilities at our October general membership meeting/luncheon so please plan to attend to have your vote counted.** If you only want to attend the meeting and not the luncheon so you can vote, please come to Spring Valley Country Club at 1:00PM on October 23. No payment required for the meeting only.

In odd numbered years we review our **bylaws**, which has been done by a small committee led by Leigh Miller, our new parliamentarian. The changes the committee has discussed will be sent in an email separate from this newsletter. **We will vote on the bylaw changes at our October 23 general membership meeting/luncheon.**

Also in odd numbered years, the club selects a new **charity** to support with our monetary donations. We had 3 charities suggested by our members and they each spoke at our August luncheon. They are Midlands Orphan Relief, Harvest Hope Food Bank, and Pawmetto Lifeline. **We will vote on a charity to support for 2026-2027 at the October 23 general membership meeting/luncheon.**

HELP NEEDED!!!! Our biggest and most important plea to ensure continued success of our club is to fill our vacant executive board positions. We have had a couple volunteers step up with interest in open positions and we thank them for that. **We currently need 1 president to join Kari, who has offered to stay an additional year to help with the transition, 1 1st VP to work with Spring Valley Country Club on menus and reservations for our luncheons there every other month, a treasurer, and a corresponding secretary.** If you can find it in your heart to provide this much needed support, please let Kari or Carol know. Board members rely on one another, because volunteers come to these positions with different knowledge and skills. Members lead busy lives, spending time with family and friends, travel etc, but we cover for one another during absences. These dedicated members ensure that the Club continues to function.

As always, please don't hesitate to let us know of any questions or concerns you have. We are always available to you!

**Your 2024-2025 Co- Presidents,
Kari and Carol**