

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.

Serving the Greater Columbia Area -- www.newcomersofgreatercolumbia.com

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Here we are at the halfway point of 2025. Let's enjoy the weather before the dead of summer hits us. We enjoyed our coffee in the park again in May and our out and abouts have been in the beautiful outdoor weather also. We are a little concerned because our attendance at many events has been down the last few months. If you have not attended an event in a while, please let us know why. **We want our club to be a consistent part of your social life!**

As we move into the 2nd half of the calendar year it is time to start planning for 2026. There are a couple of responsibilities we need to carry out to ensure a smooth transition. The Newcomers' Club is dependent on the efforts of volunteers at every level of our activities. Every year, a nominating committee is formed to find candidates to fill upcoming vacant positions on the Executive Board. This is a big year as **we need to fill 2 president vacancies and 2 1st vice-president vacancies**, among others. 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.

We have an immediate need for a parliamentarian as Nancy S has moved to Augusta. The parliamentarian oversees the operations of the board and keeps us on track with our by-laws and Roberts rules of order. This position is especially important to fill soon as this is the year we need to review our by-laws. If you have wanted to be a little more involved and take a position on the board this is a great starting place. Take advantage of this opportunity and let Carol and/or Kari know you want to help.

Also, for 2026 we need to **vote on a charity** the club will support monetarily for 2 years. We have been collecting ideas at the last luncheon and coffee. If you have an idea, please send it to Carol and/or Kari to add it to the list. Charities shouldn't be religious or political, and they must function as a legitimate charity in accordance with 501c3 regulatory requirements. The board will look over the suggestions and pick 2-3 charities to come speak at a luncheon before the end of the year.

Thank you for your support and love for our club. Let's step up and keep it going strong. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We are always here to listen!

**Your 2024-25 Co-Presidents,
Kari and Carol**

