

# 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

Can you believe we are already looking at March? Where does the time go? Spring is coming! The days are getting longer, and the weather is getting warmer. They say March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb so we may have some interesting days ahead, but then it will all calm down by month's end. We can only hope.

The presidents and the board have been busy at the start of the year formulating the 2025 budget, lining up speakers for our luncheons, planning monthly events, collecting membership renewals, and creating the directory. I am happy to report that all those things are in their final stages and are ready to roll. The **2025 budget** was presented at the February board meeting and was approved. If you would like to see the budget, let one of the presidents know and we can share it with you. Our **2025 membership directory** is being proofread and will be going to the printer soon. We have confirmed **luncheon speakers** through mid-year and are close to finishing out the year. Our **spring social** committee has also been working hard and has secured a location and date. Mark your calendar for the evening of **Thursday, May 1**.

A new idea has been brought to our attention, and we need member help to make it happen. We would like to start a **"sunshine committee"** within our club. This would be a group of people who would go to members' homes and visit them when they cannot get out for a time, such as after a surgery, illness, life change, etc. At this time, we are looking for someone to coordinate this committee. You would simply be the contact person and would keep a list of names of members who would like to be visitors and members who would like to receive a visit. You then would put the visitors and the person needing a visit in contact to arrange. If this interests you, please let Carol or Kari know.

Make sure to be active in the club and think about trying out a new interest group. All our groups are so welcoming, and many friendships have been formed through our club and its events.

Remember we are always here for you and want to know your thoughts, suggestions, concerns, and praises!

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

