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~ Newcomers Club Newsletter ~

York County South Carolina - December 2018

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**Newcomers of York County General Meeting
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 11:30 am
The Shore Club at Tega Cay Golf Club
15083 Molokai Drive • Fort Mill, SC 29708**

PROGRAM

There will not be a speaker at this meeting. Instead lunch will be preceded by our Make It, Bake It, or Donate It Event. Please see the enclosed flyer for details. This is a wonderful time to contribute your talents and purchase some of these beautiful and delicious items. Bidding will be open from 10-11:30am. We will have some fun musical entertainment and an optional Ugly Sweater Contest. Please wear your finest, gaudiest, and tackiest sweater!

The meal will be catered by the Shore Club. It will be a buffet consisting of chicken piccata, house salad, mixed vegetables, pasta Florentine, rolls and butter. Gluten free chicken is available. Please indicate this when making your reservation. Beverages and dessert will also be provided. Price is \$15.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required. Please call Karen Nance at 803-810-4233 or email her at YCNreservations@yahoo.com by 10pm on Thursday, December 6. Your email reservation will be confirmed. If you do not receive a confirmation, please call Karen. Please note: no shows and cancellations after the reservation deadline, which cannot be filled from the waitlist, will be charged at full cost.

DIRECTIONS

From Interstate 77, take Exit 88, then left onto Gold Hill Road (SC-460). Gold Hill Rd will become Tega Cay Drive (SC-98). Turn left onto Molokai Drive, then stay left. Please note that an elevator is available. It is located around the far side of the building.



*Newcomers Cookbooks are only \$10
and will be available at the
December meeting.
Recipes are favorites from the
kitchens of our members.*

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - KRIS BLACK



It's December! So where is the snow? I remember walking to the parking lot after work in NY only to find my car covered with a thin coat of icy snow. Driving home, I would marvel at the glorious, colorful lights on display as the new snowflakes danced on my windshield. Am I painting a memorable picture? Of course I am! Would I return to that wondrous time in my life? Not a chance! My life has moved in an entirely different

direction that I would not change for anything. I have a warm loving family and wonderful caring friends that I have made over the last five years through Newcomers. December is a time for making lasting memories with our families and friends. It is a time to get the holiday decorations out, hang up the glittering lights, wrap up the many gifts that we will present to those who mean so much to us, and of course, cook and bake our hearts out!

It is hard to believe that 2018 is coming to an end. How many of us still write New Year's Resolutions? We have good intentions, but somehow, life plays tricks on us and those promises to ourselves often go by the wayside. As we reflect on the past twelve months, some months filled with laughter and joy, others with pain and sorrow, we can only gather our strength to move forward into the year ahead. We can be hopeful that the next year will bring all things that will make us happy and give us a sense of purpose, peace and accomplishment. I personally am looking forward to spending more time with my family, although we are spread coast to coast. We should all make time to be with those who make our lives meaningful and fun-filled. So to all my Newcomer friends, whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah, or Kwanzaa, I wish you all a very happy holiday season and remember to smile and always be kind!!

A big hug from me to each and every one of you!

Kris

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last month we raised \$151 for the end of year charities for a total of \$705.

Members donated \$190 to Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen.

You can find the newsletter, calendar, and activities on the website on the Current Member page. The info on the next meeting is always accessible on the Home page.

Newsletter deadline: day after general meeting

SAVE THE DATE



Mark your calendars!
We will be having a

LADIES SOCIAL

on January 23, 2019.
It will be a fun day of
games and good cheer!
More information will be
coming. Please check
your weekly blasts!



Karen Duquette

New member Karen Duquette was raised in southern California, and joined the U.S. Navy right after high school. She was transferred to the Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. There she met Lee, a Marine who was on guard duty at the gates of Pearl Harbor. They became engaged at the Marine Corps Ball and had a military wedding, complete with a crossed sword ceremony.

Both Lee and Karen had joined the military to be lifers, but when it came time for them to reenlist, the military was going to separate them even though they were married. So they returned to the states. This was 53 years ago. Since then they have lived in 7 different states. In 2008, they both retired from their jobs; sold their house and most of their belongings and bought a 40-foot Winnebago motorhome. Since then, they have travelled in the RV through most of Canada and to all of the continental USA states, including spending 3 full summers in Alaska.

Karen has a degree in multimedia and a certificate in photography. Her life and travel adventures are on her website: <http://www.tworvgypsies.us>

They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. The great-grandchildren are 8 and 2 years old. Their son is in Heaven. Their daughter's husband got a job transfer from Florida to Charlotte in September, and they insisted they move here too. Their granddaughter and 2 great-grandchildren also moved here. All are living in Fort Mill. Their grandson stayed in Florida.

Karen's interests are: computers, photography, travel, line dancing, belly dancing, crafts, and more.

She says she is enjoying the Newcomers Club and is looking forward to meeting lots of people and making friends, so she welcomes calls from everyone who would like to become her friend!



MAKE IT BAKE IT OR DONATE IT

WHAT: A silent auction. All proceeds go to our end of year charities.

WHERE: The Shore Club at Tega Cay Golf Club

WHEN: December 12, 2018

WHAT CAN I DONATE: The possibilities are endless and as varied as our membership. Homemade items, such as knitted, crocheted or sewn items, ceramics, wooden décor, wreaths, jewelry, etc. Home baked goodies, i.e., pies, cakes, cookies, candies, etc. This year we are adding donate it. You can donate a new item, gift certificate or even a service.

FAQ's

Is there lunch? Absolutely! Buffet consisting of chicken piccata, house salad, mixed vegies, pasta Florentine, rolls, and of course dessert. Gluten free chicken is available if requested. The price is \$15.00.

Can I bring a friend? The more the merrier! Old friends, new friends!

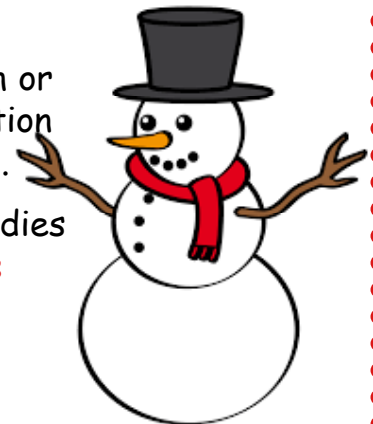
When and where do I drop off my donation? Early donations can be dropped off at the homes of Claire Powers (406 Bullfinch Bend, Fort Mill) or Cindy Sheppard (2647 Camelot Dr, Rock Hill), or if you prefer, the home of your closest Board Member. Drop offs can be made at the event from 9-10am at the Shore Club.

When do we bid? Bidding begins at 10am and continues until 11:30am. At that time, we will gather for lunch.

When do we pay? Cash Out begins after our meeting is adjourned, around 1pm.

How do we pay? As usual, lunch can be paid for by cash or check. We will be offering the option of paying for auction items by credit card. A \$2 service charge will be added.

What do I wear? Well, of course, the best dressed ladies will be attired in their most outrageous **Ugly Christmas Sweater**. After lunch we will pick our favorites. The tackier, the better!



Newcomers Club of York County General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - 11:30 am
Rock Hill Operations Center • 757 Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC

Call to Order- 11:35 AM by President Kris Black. Cell phones were silenced, and members & guests were welcomed.

Kris acknowledged Past Presidents and Carol Fields Award winners who were present.

Guests and new members included: Gloria Steiver (guest of Sue Howland), Marian White and Pat Diani (guests of Irene Uhl), Margi Metzger (new member), Diana Deyton (welcome back), Sandy Deyton (welcome back), guest speakers Patti Panetti and Bev Carroll.

Approval of the minutes from the prior meeting: minutes as published in the newsletter - a motion was made by Joanie Bolton, 2nd by Judi White and approved by the members present.

Kris announce Door Prizes which included:

1. Christmas Bells Glass Platter
2. Two Blue Christmas Balls, A Red Plaid Throw, A Red Holiday Candle and a 500 piece Christmas Puzzle
3. Four Red, Green and Gold Plaid Kitchen Towels and Three Red Reindeer Bowls
4. Holiday Tea Pot with Cup along with Two Holiday Towels
5. Movie Night Basket
6. Surprise Bonus Christmas Basket

November Birthday - members celebrating a November birthday were invited to see Joan Willsey to have their name included in the birthday drawing.

Thought for the Day - All attending meeting read the Club Thought.

Charity Representative: Bev Carroll from the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen gave a brief history of the organization and discussed the services they provide.

Program: Patti Panetti from the Rock Hill Parks, Recreation and Tourism gave us handouts and discussed some of the services, upcoming event and general facts about Rock Hill. She assured us that all can participate even if they don't live in the city.

BUSINESS MEETING:

VPs Claire Powers and Cindy Sheppard discussed upcoming events, meetings meals and speakers.

Secretary - Joan Willsey - Mail received included a thank you note from Tender Hearts Ministries for the \$341 donation and a thank you note from Ginna Hromyak.

Treasurer - Vicki Stevens - October month end check book balance was \$5611.61. The treasurer's report was posted on the bulletin board.

Appointed Officers Reports

Activities - DeeDee Pickett had two featured Activities. The first was Book Club, which is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next was socializers, which will be at 7PM on December 7th at the home of Judi White.

Charity - Carol Humrickhouse - The November charity is Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Today \$190 was raised for this month's charity and \$151 was donated for the door prizes.

Hospitality - Sue Beck (Joan Willsey filled in) presented the birthday prize to Suzanne Robbins. The prize included a spectacular Christmas scarf and a stunning necklace.

Membership - Patty Penman - currently we have 124 members. Patty introduced our guest and new members.

Sponsors - Karen Peterson - Featured Sponsor was C&J Custom Embroidery owned and operated by Cal and Joanie Bolton, 698 Glendale Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29732. Contact number is 803-328-1474. Email: seabolt60@yahoo.com. Joanie shared some product samples.

Newsletter Editor - June Troyan - Thursday November 11th

is the deadline for the next newsletter and December 12th is the deadline for the following newsletter.

Newsletter Publisher - Janis Behr - no report

Publicity/Recruitment - Elizabeth Shamble - no report

Reservations - Karen Nance reported we had 58 reservations for the November meeting. Karen reminded us that reservation to due by 10PM on the Thursday before the meeting.

Sunshine - Irma Quinn - (Joan Willsey filled in) had a lengthy report regarding the number of cards sent and phone calls made as well as a thank you to those who provided meals to the Stowe family.

Website/Directory - Judi White - 2018-2019 directories are available. Please contact her if you have not received yours. Member information is on the website for those who joined after the directory was published.

Historian - Joanie Bolton - no report

Ex-Officio - Pam Dennis - please contact Pam if you have questions about the December Make-it, Bake-it or Donate-it sale.

There was no Old or New business.

Today's prize winners: All donations for door prize tickets goes toward our Year End Charities.

1. Christmas Bells Glass Platter won by Karen Nance.
2. Two Blue Christmas Balls, A Red Plaid Throw, A Red Holiday Candle and a 500 piece Christmas Puzzle was won by Margi Metzger.
3. Four Red, Green and Gold Plaid Kitchen Towels and Three Red Reindeer Bowls was won by Pam Dennis.
4. Holiday Tea Pot with Cup along with Two Holiday Towels won by Marilyn Morgan.
5. Movie Night Basket was won by Tina Stowe.
6. Surprise Bonus Christmas Basket won by Jan Behr.

Members present also had a 1 in 8 chance to win one of the table decorations.

Congratulations to the winners.

Kris reminded everyone to please take a minute and fill out the survey on today's meeting and to put it into the basket on your table along with your name tag & Club Thought.

She also thanked everyone for attending the meeting and reminded us the December 12th meeting will be at the Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive in Fort Mill. The Silent Auction begins at 10:00 am. The General Meeting will begin at 11:30 am along with lunch. Anyone donating an item should either bring their item along with a completed donation sheet to Claire, Cindy or Pam (or any Board member) ahead of time or come to the Shore Club at 9:00am with the completed donation sheet. The auction is from 10 to 11:30.

Meeting adjourned, 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Willsey, Secretary

Sunshine Report: Cards were sent to Tammy Harris, Kathy King, Ken Christy, Bob Peterson, Mike Powers, Ruth Ogrinc, Joanie Bolton, June Troyan and Karen Peterson. Thanks to Cathy Mizzer, Lynda Gunn and Kim Bullington for taking meals to the Stowe family. We also extend our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Ruth Ogrinc on her passing (\$25 will be sent to the charity of their choice), and to Debbie Hern on the passing of her mother, Jerry Sasser (\$25 sent to the Jerry's church).

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