

# Newcomer Club of the Foothills

**For new residents of Clemson, Fair Play, Liberty, Mountain Rest, Salem, Seneca, Six Mile, Walhalla, Westminster and West Union, South Carolina  
Meet people, make new friends, learn about the area, get involved in the community.**

## March President's Message

At this writing, the weather is a beautiful 75degrees with the promise of more spring days to come. Only a couple weeks ago we had 7" of snow and mobility came to a "skidding" halt. What a contrast in a short time. This is life in the Upstate. Four definite seasons...sometimes experienced in the same week!

Our March meeting will be held at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium on Tuesday, March 1st at 7 p.m. Last year was the first time to try an off-site meeting. It was so well received that this year, in addition to being off-site, we are moving it to the evening so that all members can participate in this special night of entertainment. The WCA Board has been a great supporter of the Newcomer Club providing both the venue and entertainment. On behalf of the Club, we want to extend them a sincere thank-you.

The April general meeting will be back at St. Mark United Methodist Church for the last time this season. In addition to a great program, we will hold an election of new officers. The Nominating Committee has been working very hard on your behalf. The



candidates, together with any nominations from the floor, will be voted on at this meeting. Looking at the great candidates that will be introduced, we can tell that next year will be an exciting year for the Club. Thank-you to all those who have stepped up and accepted nominations for leadership to continue the success of the Newcomer Club into its 40th year.

Lastly, as we center our thoughts on spring, we hope you are planning on attending our "Spring Fling" Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 p.m. It promises to be a "magical" evening at the historic Ballenger House in Seneca. Please get your tickets early as seating is limited. It will be our last monthly get together this year and our very last as your presidents. We will miss everything about being part of this wonderful organization and hope you are all there to say farewell as we pass the gavel to your new incoming presidents and we begin a new journey of "life after Newcomers."

Sincerely,

Jim & Dianne  
Henderson,  
Presidents

# See you at the next meeting....

## Upcoming Meetings



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**Tuesday, 1 March, 7:00 pm**, General Member's Meeting  
The March meeting will be at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Tom Brosnan, with the Auditorium Board, is putting together an entertaining evening program. It will be a great opportunity to "explore" the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, and better understand some of the entertainment options in Walhalla, along with some of the history of the area. You won't want to miss this one.

The auditorium is located at 101 E. North Broad Street, Walhalla, SC.

Their web link is <http://walhallacivic.com/index.cfm>.

Here is a list of some restaurants that are relatively close by and may be of interest to try on your own before the meeting:

Dakota Grill - 2911 Highlands Hwy (Hwy 28 north), Walhalla - 718-0553

Paesano's - 1727 Blue Ridge Blvd, Seneca (Hwy 28) - 882-3368

Puerto Nuevo - 201 Foothills Center Drive, West Union - 638-0096

**Tuesday, 5 April, 9:30 am**, General Member's Meeting  
The April meeting will be at St Mark United Methodist Church. The program will include Greg Lucas of the DNR, sharing information on the Jocassee Gorges and other outdoor opportunities in the upstate. Learn more about the extraordinary natural areas that surround where we live.

We will also have a speaker explaining the Graduate Newcomer's program.

**Wednesday, 11 May, 5:30 pm** - Spring Fling  
A celebration of the year, with food, and entertainment at the Ballenger House in Seneca.

Tickets will be available at both the March and April meetings - or by mail. Click on flyer to left for more information.

# Make New Friends

## Writers Ink

Newcomers interested in sharing their creative writing - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or chapters of memoirs and novels - are welcome to join Writers Ink. The group meets twice a month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday in member homes.

March meetings will be hosted by Valyrie Walter on the 4th and Steve Huben on the 18th.

For further information, contact Margret Nordquist at 944-6334, or send email to [margret061836@bellsouth.net](mailto:margret061836@bellsouth.net).

## Key Mac Club

The meetings for March will be Tuesday, March 1 for the OSX discussion group and the regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 15, both at 10:00 a.m. and both at Keowee Key in the Keowee Room at the Activity Center. The OSX meeting is a question and answer session. No agenda... bring your questions, problems or even solutions to problems. At the regular meeting, the topic will be "Back to Basics: How to Install, Manage, and Delete Applications on a Mac". All are welcome... new users, experienced users or anyone thinking about buying a Mac. To learn more about the Club, visit our website, [keymug.com](http://keymug.com) or call Wayne at 719-0016.

## Euchre

Meets third Wednesday of the month at Backwater Landing Club House. Starts with a social time at 6:30 pm with play starting at 7:00pm, no new hands after 10:00 pm. Contact John Hawbecker, [classic\\_john@bellsouth.net](mailto:classic_john@bellsouth.net).

## Classic Car Club

An informal group devoted to classic cars (not hot rods or street rods), no dues and no monthly meetings. It is mostly Internet driven with a lot of vintage auto information exchanged. An annual Holiday Party held in January.

Contact John Hawbecker, [classic\\_john@bellsouth.net](mailto:classic_john@bellsouth.net).

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## Chick Flicks

Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month for lunch followed by a movie that we could NEVER drag the guys to. Join us if you are interested in a fun outing with the chicks. Contacts: Susan Salis (888-1704), Shirley Amber (868-2691), Jan Carlson (719-0094)



## Friday Hikers

The Friday Hikers meet every other Friday. The hikes are generally 2 to 3 miles round trip and visit various waterfalls in the area. Contact [Gene Moore](tel:944-2535) at 944-2535

# Get Involved in the Community

## Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University

*Because curiosity has no age limit!*

### Spring Courses are Starting

To register for these courses, call us at (864) 656-6912! It's never too late to have an OLLI educational experience!

- ◆ A Three Film Retrospective of the Work of Meryl Streep
- ◆ Beginning Picasa
- ◆ Emergency Information for your Spouse and Heirs
- ◆ German by Train Stops
- ◆ Introduction to Birds
- ◆ Matters of the Heart for Him and Her
- ◆ Wade Hampton Confederate Warrior and Southern Redeemer
- ◆ The Panama Canal: Amazing History and Engineering
- ◆ Radon: What is it and is it Dangerous?\*
- ◆ All about Electric Cars
- ◆ Genealogy: How do I get Started?
- ◆ Nineteen Days in Turkey by Air, Land, and Sea
- ◆ Electricity for Homeowners\*
- ◆ CalTech/NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory



### OLLI Book Club

We will meet Friday, March 11th . Time is 11:00-12:30. Place is the Seneca Library. March's choice is Ron Rash' Saints at the River. Please read a description of this non-fiction work, as well as readers' reviews to guide you. If you are interested, please join us.

All OLLI members are welcome and the price is right... free.

Also, we need suggestions on books we would like to read. Please bring one or two titles to tell us about. It is not necessary to reply yes or no. However, if you think you'll be joining us, it would help to let me know so the library can set up the room. If you change your mind either way, it's not a problem.

We already have a good group but attendance will fluctuate. Read our messages for each month's book and if you're interested, join in the conversation. You can send replies and book selections to [kittyk1379@hotmail.com](mailto:kittyk1379@hotmail.com)

### Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendar for an OLLI special event at the Strom Thurmond Institute! Vernon Burton will be lecturing on Lincoln, Calhoun and Secession on Monday, March 7th at 5 p.m., just three days after the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's inauguration that set off a wave of Southern secessions. Burton is the author of The Age of Lincoln as well as fourteen other books. He is a native of Georgia and a Furman University graduate with a Ph.D. in American history from Princeton. Dr. Burton is the Director of the

## Collins Home

1. Do you have experience with Public Relations



are interested, please email your resume to Alena Pelfrey at [apelfrey@collinschildrenshome.org](mailto:apelfrey@collinschildrenshome.org).

About Collins Home:

Collins Children's Home & Family Ministries is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides a residential home for children between the ages of 2 – 21 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect and are in need of a stronger family support system. Our goal is the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of our children, and the eventual reunification with their natural families whenever . Collins Home serves children & families throughout the Upstate of SC.

& Fundraising?

2. Are you organized and do you enjoy planning/working on events?

3. Are you connected with community groups?

4. Do you have a heart for children?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions, then you are exactly who Collins Children's Home & Family Ministries need. We have an immediate need for an outgoing, experienced volunteer to lead us in the areas of Public Relations and Fundraising. The rewards are priceless and the hours flexible. If you

Collins Children's Home & Family Ministries

110 Collins Home Drive

Seneca, SC 29672

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[www.collinschildrenshome.org](http://www.collinschildrenshome.org)

## United Way of Oconee County & United Way of Pickens County

United Way of Oconee County and United Way of Pickens County are looking for community volunteers to help with their allocations and investment panels. These groups would volunteer to allocate the funds to the agencies in the two counties. Currently, United Way of Pickens County funds 25 programs and agencies, and United Way of Oconee County funds 15.

United Way of Pickens County has three separate investment teams to look at applications. They are in the areas of Education, Income and Financial Stability, and Basic Needs. The United Way of Oconee County has one allocation team that looks over all applications and decides on funding. This is a community run allocation process for both counties, and we need volunteers who would like to be involved in making sure the needs are met in the correct areas. The investment and allocation process usually runs from April until the end of May with committees of panel meetings, which will be a total of around 5 to 7 hours.

If you are interested please contact: Candi Smith who is Campaign Manager for both United Way of Oconee & Pickens Counties, (864) 850-7094 ext 5; Cell (864) 508-1229; [www.uwpickens.org](http://www.uwpickens.org).

## Oconee Medical Center Auxiliary



The OMC Auxiliary is an all volunteer organization whose purpose is: To render service to Oconee Medical Center and its patients and to assist OMC in promoting the health and welfare of the community in accordance with OMC established objectives.

### **Volunteers**

Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed. There are many volunteer opportunities available with the Auxiliary. Some of the positions include those in the Auxiliary Gift Basket (gift shop), in Ambulatory Surgery, as a Patient Escort, as Receptionists and Greeters in both the Inpatient and Outpatient Towers, in the Emergency Room, in the Lab/Radiology, in the Surgical Recovery Room, and working with the Lifeline program.

If you are interested in volunteering at OMC, please contact Susan Rawlings, the Director of Volunteer Services. You may either stop at Susan's office on the first floor of the Outpatient (original) Tower; or you may call her at 885-7303.

### **Auxiliary Special Sale**

The OMC Auxiliary will be sponsoring a special sale in March. The Cookware & Housewares Sale will be held in the Connector between the Inpatient and Outpatient Towers on Wednesday, March 2nd from 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and on Thursday, March 3rd from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The many great items available will include cookware, bakeware, serving items, flatware, fry pans and sauce pans, pantry and storage items, kitchen tools and utensils, bathroom accessories, as well as men's and women's designer fragrances.

**Other upcoming Auxiliary Sales which will be held in the Wells Fargo connector at Oconee Medical Center :**

**April 12 & 13 Everything \$5 Jewelry sale (12th 7am -5pm) (13th 7am -3pm)**

**June 15 & 16 Books are Fun gift and book sale (15th 10am-5pm) (16th 7am-2pm)**

Net receipts from all Gift Basket sales, as well as those from all special sales such as The Cookware Sale in March, are given back to the hospital in support of the Lifeline program plus additional un-budgeted requests made by the various OMC departments.

Oconee County Habitat for Humanity



Presents the

10th Annual Swingtime in the Springtime With Ed Polcer and his All Stars

Thursday, April 14, 2011
7:30 pm at Walhalla Civic Auditorium
Ticket price: \$20

Net proceeds go to the dedicated Holzhauser Education Fund where they will be used to assist Oconee County Habitat for Humanity homeowners and their families with education expenses.

To order tickets:

Send check made out to OCHFH plus a stamped, self addressed envelope to: Wes Koch, 1318 Stillwater Dr, Seneca, SC 29672, wes1koch@gmail.com, 864-710-4508.



Construction

Two modular homes are on order for OCHFH's newest subdivision on Jaymory Way off North Perkins Creek Road in Seneca. The property was developed by the city of Seneca and OCHFH with a paved road leading to 12 cul-de-sac lots with sewer, storm drains, water and underground electrical service. The subdivision and road were named in memory of Jay Neidert and in appreciation of the long

years of service of retiring Mory Ranck.



Volunteers for the Modular Home Set-Up crew, can call or email Bill Banholzer (864)

888-2127, williambanholzer221@earthlink.net

Landscaping

The Schneider Electric home at 503 Sunshine Drive in Seneca was landscaped by volunteers and family members in February.

Volunteers interested in future garden landscaping projects can call Lee Jackson at (864) 784-0263, or email scleejackson@gmail.com.



## Oconee County Habitat for Humanity

### Resale Store

130 Bountyland Road,  
Seneca (864) 888-2118

Store hours are Wednesdays,  
Thursdays, and Fridays from  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00  
Noon.

The store has been very busy  
since its reopening in January  
and needs and appreciates  
donations of just about  
everything, especially furniture

and appliances. Dishes, bric-a-  
brac, paintings, jewelry,  
draperies, linens, bedspreads,  
books, games, garden items,  
tools, toys etc. are also welcome.  
Items can be dropped off at  
Receiving behind the Resale  
Store during store hours.

For pick-up of donated  
furniture, cabinets, countertops,  
appliances, and bathroom  
fixtures call (864) 888-2118.  
Pick-ups are available in Oconee  
and Pickens Counties year-round.

Used cars, trucks, boats and boat  
trailers in working condition are  
also accepted.

OCHFH offers help to  
homeowners or heirs of sold  
homes clearing the house of all  
unwanted furniture and/or  
furnishings. Call (864) 888-2118  
for further information. All  
donations are tax deductible and  
are helping build more homes for  
needy families in Oconee  
County.

## South Carolina Botanical Garden

### Programs & Classes

Thursday, February 24 - VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 24 - NOT JUST PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME

Wednesday, February 23 - HOME GARDENING FUNDAMENTALS: PLANT SELECTION FOR THE UPSTATE

### Childrens Programs

February 28 - Trees in winter

Wednesdays, February - STORYTELLING IN THE GARDEN

### Ongoing Programs

GARDEN YOGA - Mondays 5:30pm – 6:30pm AND 7:00pm – 8:00pm;

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00pm – 7:15pm;

Saturdays, 10:00am – 11:15am

**Fran Hanson**

**Discovery Center**

**New Hours!**

**Mon-Sat from 10am-5pm**

**Sunday from 1-5 pm**

**Phone: 864-656-3405**

**scbg@clemson.edu**

### FIRST FRIDAY GARDEN WALK

Meet with a Garden staff member for an unforgettable tour of the Garden. Walks are offered the first Friday of every month, but no two outings are ever the same.

Time: first Friday of every month, 9:00am (Nov to March)

Fee: Free

# Meet New People

## Clemson Area League of Women Voters

The Clemson Area League of Woman Voters will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall at 226 Pendleton Road, Clemson at 7:00pm for refreshments and the meeting will begin at 7:30. The Topic of the meeting will be "You and the New Health Care Bill" presented by Dr. Windsor Sherrill, Associate Professor in the public Health Science Dept of Clemson University. It will be an overview of the Affordable Care Act. We will also discuss SC health care needs and special concerns with the state budget. The public is invited.

On Thursday, March 31st there will be a "Hot Topics Lunch" at 12:00pm at the Steakhouse Cafeteria in Walhalla. The topic will be "Recycling and the Environment in Oconee County" presented by Oconee County Administrator Scott Moulder. The public is invited - Dutch treat.

For further information call -864-944-7171.

## The Artists' Loft

The Artists' Loft, 121-B Townville St, Seneca is hosting Art Talk Forums at which artists and people who enjoy art can meet and exchange ideas as well as learn. The forum is free and meets monthly on the last Saturday of the month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

In February the featured artist was Paul Dohr and he spoke about the history of watercolor painting past and present and did a demonstration. Each month the next topic will be decided by the group in attendance.

The Artists'Loft is a cooperative and gallery comprised of local artists. Classes for adults and children are available and group Art Parties can be arranged. We welcome new members and visitors.

## Foothills Chorale



Foothills Chorale Presents  
 "Those Wondrous Mystical Isles"  
 3:00 PM, Sunday, May 1

Newton Hobson Chapel & Fine Arts Center, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, South Carolina.

Our program in this lovely auditorium includes beautiful songs from the rich musical culture of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Each country has its own unique identity and humor, and you will love the music - whether it is that great seafaring song What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor; She walks in Beauty the immortal words of English poet, Lord Byron; Irish softness comes through with The Celtic Gloria and the humorous Galbally Farmer sure to bring a smile to your face; Wales, the lilting lullaby, Suo-Gan, traditional All Through the Night; and if you have any Scottish connections The Skye Boat Song final song, Wi' A Hundred Pipers stir your blood. , you will recognize, and others may be a new experience, but all you will enjoy!

Make a note of the date, (it is a great Activities Group outing for May) and now is the perfect time to get your tickets: Adults, \$15 and Students \$6. Contact Howard King 944-6565, any Foothills Chorale member. No handling fee! Please provide cash or check payable to "Foothills Chorale" or

By credit card via our secure website:

[www.foothillschorale.org](http://www.foothillschorale.org), or our toll-free number:

1-888-937-4642; or your order and include \$2 for mail and handling with your check made out to "Foothills Chorale", PO Box 33102, Clemson, SC 29633.

## Benefit for Old St. John's Meeting House

### SPRING FLING II AT WCA MAY 7

Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled evening out at the Walhalla Civic Saturday night May 7, a benefit for Old St. John's Meeting House.

The Dixie Keys will be in concert in the Auditorium, beginning at 7 pm, following a full-course Italian dinner served in the Reception Hall at 5:30 pm to lucky patrons who have purchased a ticket. A Silent Auction will be held from 4 pm till 6:30 pm.

The SPRING FLING II is a fundraiser held in connection with Walhalla's Mayfest, an annual event sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Mother's Day weekend.

Newcomers (and even long-term residents) may wish to take advantage of Carriage Rides through the streets of Historic Walhalla to begin the evening.

Old St. John's Meeting House is the St. John's Episcopal Church (c. 1889) building which has been moved to Kaufmann Park and is being restored as a place for class & family reunions, Sunday night singings, civic gatherings and weddings.

Call 864-638-5200 for more info on the fundraiser. Visit John Meeting on Facebook for information on the old church building.



## Walhalla Civic Auditorium Upcoming Concerts

March 11 - Andy  
Cooney

March 26 - "A Closer  
Walk with Patsy Cline"

April 1 - the Glenn  
Miller Orchestra



Andy Cooney will bring his 2011 Forever Irish Tour to Walhalla on March 11th. Andy has been dubbed "Irish America's Favorite Son" by the New York Times, but you do not have to be Irish to love Andy's shows. His powerful voice and dynamic stage presence make Andy a hit to audiences wherever he goes. This year Andy brings his great band with him in addition to Musical Director Brian "Bugsy" Moran, comedian George Casey, singer Kate Purcell direct from Ireland, and the Darragh Carr Dance Group. This is an evening not to be missed. Tickets are \$25 for this St. Patrick's Day spectacular.



The Springer Theatre (the State Theatre of Georgia) revives its classic show "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" on March 24th. The Springer Theatre produces outstanding shows each year and this show is being repeated by popular demand. They did it a few years ago, and wherever they played, the audience asked for the show to return. So here it is. Tickets are only \$22.50 for this wonderful production.

April 1st will bring The Glenn Miller Orchestra to Walhalla. This is the most popular and sought after "big band" in the world today. With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered one of the greatest bands of all time. Whenever they play, they thrill long time fans and gain new ones. Tickets are \$25.00 for this "big band" concert.

Make your plans now to attend one or more of these great shows. Why not buy a Season Ticket for \$100 and attend all these shows and still have two shows left on your Season Ticket. Gather your family, friends or Activity Group and make a night of it. Dinner and a great show are the perfect combination for a Friday or Saturday night.

Tickets for all our shows are available at The Wine Emporium, Booksmith, and numerous other ticket outlets in Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster. Check out our website [www.walhallacivic.com](http://www.walhallacivic.com) or call the Auditorium on 638-5277 from 1:00pm until 5:00pm Tuesday through Friday for more information.

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