

# Newcomer Club of the Foothills

## JOIN US AT THE HOLIDAY MIXER

*December 7, 5:30-9:30 p.m.*

*Music, Cash Bar, Dinner*

Tickets: \$17 pp

Occasions at Wedgfield  
Central, SC  
(Caldwell Pavilion)

### [TICKET INFORMATION & DIRECTIONS](#)

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

*December 7, 2010 (5:30 p.m.)*

*Holiday Mixer held at Occasions at Wedgfield, Central, SC*

*January 4, 2011 (9:30 a.m.)*

*General Membership Meeting*

*Volunteerism highlighting The Golden Corner Food Pantry, Our Daily Rest, and Friends of Lake Keowee (FOLKS)*

## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Wow, where has the time gone? The leaves have changed, boating season has ended, we're down to the last home football game and the holidays are upon us! Whew... There always seems to be too much to do; decorating, menu planning, shopping, traveling, guests visiting and all that goes with this busy season. With all there is to do, we sure hope we'll see you at our upcoming Holiday Mixer on Tuesday, December 7th. A lot of work has gone into what promises to be a fun evening. Besides a new venue, good food and entertainment, we will get to see some of our "graduate" newcomer friends! And if all goes well, maybe next year you'll want next year's grads (like us) back! Subtle, eh? Haha

Have a happy and safe holiday,

Jim & Dianne Henderson



**NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



The November General Membership Meeting included a guest speaker from the Pendleton Historic Society who told us about this organization. They ended their presentation with a brief skit of what life was like for two sisters at Ashtabula Plantation about the time of the Civil War.

For more information and events taking place at the Ashtabula Plantation, visit their website at:

<http://www.pendletonhistoricfoundation.org/index.html>



## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At each meeting this year, different ACTIVITY GROUPS have been invited to help set up and take down the tables and chairs and join in greeting member to the meeting. Members of "240 Toes" pitched in at the November meeting. Thanks for your help.



President Jim Henderson and Vice President Kevin Minton reviewing notes before the meeting.



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### WRITERS INK

Residents interested in sharing their creative writing - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or chapters of memoirs and novels - are invited to check out Writers Ink. The group meets in members' homes from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month year-round.

In December, the group will meet on December 3, 2010 at Susan Daniels' home. There will be a Holiday dinner with spouses at The Club on December 10, 2010.

Writers Ink has published its third Anthology. Copies are on display at the Keowee Key Library in the Activity

Center and in Oconee County libraries. To purchase a copy (\$10), contact Jan Villa at 719-0157.

Contact Margret Nordquist at 944-6334 or send email to [margreto61836@bellsouth.net](mailto:margreto61836@bellsouth.net).

### FRIDAY HIKERS

Meets every other Friday for a 1.5 to 4 mile hike. We do easy and moderate hikes. This is a fun hiking group. Some hikers get together for breakfast before or lunch after the hike. Our next hikes are December 3 and 17.

Contact Gene Moore at 944-2535, [ncoffridayhikers@gmail.com](mailto:ncoffridayhikers@gmail.com).

The **ACTIVITY GROUP** tables are set up on the right side of the room as you come down the stairs. Following is information on a few of the groups. Please allow yourself enough time to visit with group leaders. If you are interested in a group, please fill in the sign up sheet to get on the e-mail list for that group.



After visiting the special interest group and activity tables on the right side of the meeting room, you'll find tables of **COMMUNITY GROUPS** to your left. You can find activities taking place, museums and exhibits to visit, and opportunities to volunteer in the community.



## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### HOSPICE OF THE FOOTHILLS - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



The 2010 Christmas Tree Festival has five days filled with a variety of events that everyone will surely enjoy! Stroll through the dazzling display of beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces, mantel and door swags, and more. Find the perfect handcrafted gift at the craft bazaar. Have coffee and a sweet treat at the Bistro. Stock up on homemade cookies and candies for the holiday season at the Cookie Walk. For more information you can view the flyer or visit <http://www.hospicetreefestival.org/> or contact the Oconee Medical Center Foundation at 864-885-7912 for more information or to purchase tickets! All proceeds benefit Oconee Hospice of the Foothills.

### ARTISTS' LOFT

The Artists' Loft, a cooperative and Gallery, will kick off its celebration of historic Seneca on November 19th and will extend through January 2011.

The exhibit will feature subjects from the Seneca past through the eyes of the artist. The art work will feature photographic art, watercolor, pastel and acrylic paintings, pen and ink sketches on holiday ornaments as well as jewelry charms depicting historic sites. The Artists' Loft is located upstairs at 121-B Townville Street (across

from Ye Old Sandwich Shop). Hours are Wednesday-Saturday 10-5 pm. **COME AND SEE US!**

Art Classes in a party setting! Join the ART PARTY! Complete an art project in one party session! For more information [www.artpartysc.com](http://www.artpartysc.com).

The Artists' Loft, 121-B Townville St.  
Seneca. 864-882-2711

### OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY - USED BOOK SALE

Used Book Sale, Thursday December 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Walhalla Library Basement, 501 W. S. Broad St. Find great books to read in front of the fireplace this winter. There is a large selection of used paperbacks, hardbacks, fiction, non-fiction by most of the popular authors as well as many forgotten writers. Children's books too, as well as cd's, dvd's, puzzles and magazines.

All proceeds benefit the Oconee County Library System.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS



*Foothills Harmony Chorus*

*Presents:*

*Fun In Just One Lifetime*

*Saturday, December 4 3:00 PM*

*Henderson Auditorium (Anderson University)*

*All Seats Reserved - \$15*

*Guest Appearances by: Cruz Control Quartet,  
Johnny Mann, and Star-Iva Middle School  
Show Choir*

For Ticket Information, call:  
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or EMail us at: [foothillsharmony@gmail.com](mailto:foothillsharmony@gmail.com)



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**COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS****OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY****Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University***Because curiosity has no age limit!*

*OLLI is a member organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for "seasoned adults" to further their knowledge in both academic and recreational pursuits, and to share their experience and interests with other members. There are no prerequisites, tests, or homework!*

*Spring session begins on February 8, 2011 with over 100 courses in 12 topic areas. Classes are held at various locations in Oconee and Pickens counties.*



**Join us for our Kick-Off on Friday, January 28 (10 a.m. to 12 noon) at St.**

**Mark United Methodist Church, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca**



OLLI annual membership fee is \$15

Course and excursion fees vary

For information call OLLI at

**864-656-6912**

or visit our website at

**[www.clemson.edu/OLLI](http://www.clemson.edu/OLLI)**

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### FOOTHILLS CHORALE



Presents "Peace on Earth" on Sunday, December 5,  
- 3:00 p.m.

Southern Wesleyan University, Newton Hobson  
Chapel and Fine Arts Center, Central, SC

Yes, you can still join us and get in the mood for the holiday season as we sing music from the Renaissance period to the present day exploring the sacred and secular aspects of the season through different cultures with beautiful songs and carols - In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Radiance); a Gospel version of Go Tell It on the Mountain, Silent Night and Joy to the World; lovely arrangements of the Hebrew Ose Shalom (The One Who Makes Peace), and Sim Shalom (Prayer for Peace); a new arrangement of Jingle Bells, and many more of your favorites. And as usual, we invite you to join with us in singing popular carols.

Season Tickets (the best deal): Adults: \$25 ; Students: \$10. All Season ticket holders receive seats in a special reserved section. Includes May 1, 2011 Spring Concert "Those Wondrous Mystical Isles"

Individual Concerts: \$15 Adults; \$6 Students.

Order your Tickets as follows:

1. Contact Howard King at 944-6565 - No handling fee! Please provide cash or check payable to "Foothills Chorale".
2. By credit card via our secure website or phone: [www.foothillschorale.org](http://www.foothillschorale.org), or from our toll-free number: 1-888-WE-SING-2 (1-888-937-4642). Handling fee of \$2 per total order.
3. At the door before the Concert.



## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### WALHALLA CIVIC AUDITORIUM

The Walhalla Civic Auditorium is proud of our upcoming schedule, but be assured the Board of Directors will continue working to bring more entertainment to Walhalla.

This is a good time of year to work on upcoming shows and we hope to have some exciting announcements soon. These new shows will be in addition to the great lineup we have scheduled for the winter and early spring.

On **Friday, December 17th**, Emile Pandolfi will be at the Auditorium. Emile is one of the most acclaimed pianists in the country and he draws a big crowd every time he comes to Walhalla. This year will be no exception as Emile brings his wonderful Christmas show to town. Tickets are \$25 for this show and tickets are going fast.



On **Friday, February 4th**, Mountain Heart will make a triumphant return to the Auditorium. This group dares to be different and plays acoustic music like no other group in the country. We expect a big crowd for this show and their audiences always have a great time.

On **Friday, March 11th**, Andy Cooney will bring his St. Patrick's show to the Auditorium. Andy has been here numerous times and has always played to a big crowd. This

show will be no exception as Andy brings his talented band, a great comedian, and a wonderful female singer direct from Ireland.

On **Saturday, March 26th**, The Springer Theater of Georgia will bring their production of A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline to Walhalla. This talented group of entertainers presents great shows each year and this one is an encore from a couple of years ago. If you saw the show the first time around, you will want to come back, and if you missed it the last time, you do not want to miss it this time.

On **Friday, April 1st**, the legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra comes to the Auditorium. Fans of big band jazz will love this show as they recall the unique sound of the Miller Orchestra. Newcomers to this kind of music will see what all the excitement was about and they will become fans of this great band.

As mentioned earlier, there will be more shows and we hope to announce one or more of them soon. Remember Season Tickets are still available. A Season Ticket will allow you to attend any six shows between now and the end of August. Most shows are in the \$20 to \$25 range and a Season Ticket is only \$100. That is like getting 6 shows for the price of 4.

Besides these wonderful events, we have some special happenings in the month of December. We start with an Ivan Parker concert on **December 2nd**. This concert by well known Gospel singer Ivan Parker will carry the special admission price of

one new unwrapped toy. Parker has made toys for children at Christmas a special project of his over the last few years and this year he is taking one more step. The concert will begin at 7:00pm and doors will open at 6:00pm. There will be a love offering taken up during the show to help defray the costs of the concert. What a great way to share Christmas with a disadvantaged child and hear some beautiful music at the same time.

On **December 18th**, the night after the Pandolfi concert, we will present our annual Civic Chorale Concert. The Chorale this year, as every year, is comprised of some of the best singers from church choirs and chorales around the area. This is the Auditorium's gift to the community and there is no charge for this concert, although donations will be accepted gladly. This is a 7:00pm show.

The annual Tour of Homes will be held that same weekend. This is a long standing tradition throughout the South and especially Walhalla. Over the past years, the Tour of Homes has visited some of the beautiful old homes of Walhalla, historic churches, and beautiful parsonages. This year will be no exception. This is a perfect way for the Newcomer Club members to share a unique tradition with your new neighbors. Contact the Auditorium on 638-5277 for more information on the Tour of Homes, and the Craft Show which will be held in the Auditorium that weekend.

Please check out [www.walhallacivic.com](http://www.walhallacivic.com) for more information on all these shows or call the Auditorium on 638-5277.

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### OLD ST. JOHN'S NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, HELP

Time on your hands? Need something to do? Are you a Conservationist? Preservationist? Read on.

Some four years ago a church building once known as St. John's Episcopal Church, c. 1889, stood on private property, moved there at his own expense by Jack Kelley, a person who believed in preservation. Following his demise, the building was given to some Angry Anglicans from Highlands, NC, and was to leave Walhalla forever. A small group of Walhalla citizens banded together to save the building and keep it in the town as a small part of its heritage. On March 18, 2009, the building was successfully moved to the Kaufmann Park, a city-owned property where efforts to restore it completely are still being made.



Trehel, Inc., stepped into the picture to put the roof back on (removed for the moving adventure). Now, that roof needs its tin, the entryway should be built, and interior work such as electricity and flooring begun. The building needs you, a volunteer, a conservationist/preservationist, a carpenter, a vi-

sionary, someone with time to devote to a worthwhile cause.

Won't you join the effort to restore the church building, now known as Old St. John's Meeting House?



The Walhalla Partners for Progress (WP2) is a 501 ©3 organization that is now working with this project. The members meet the first Monday night at 6:30 pm at the Depot on South College Street. Your donation of money will be so eagerly accepted and applauded. Send it to Treasurer, WP2, PO Box 815, Walhalla 29691. Even more appreciated will be your interest in helping restore this little treasure from the past. To discuss how you can help, contact Maxie Duke, 864-638-5200 or 864-710-3911, or Rev. Frank Strickland, 864-784-7268. The building can be seen just one block off Main Street at 200 South Catherine Street.

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### GAMAC CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS IN ANDERSON

The holiday season starts with great music! Join the Greater Anderson Musical Arts Consortium (GAMAC) for Christmas In Anderson on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 8pm in the Rainey Fine Arts Center at Anderson University.

Featuring the GAMAC Chorale, Orchestra, Boychoir and Girl Choir in an all new program of popular carols and holiday classics, the evening promises festive family fun with a visit from Santa!

Tickets are priced at \$25 for adults and \$12 for students. Call (864) 231-6147 for reservations.

Christmas In Anderson is made possible with generous support from Carolina Cardiology Consultants, Glen Raven, Medicus- Anderson Eye & Ear Associates, PA and NHC Healthcare.

GAMAC is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

### ANDERSON ARTS CENTER

Duke Energy continues their support to the Anderson Arts Center with an annual Business Tie contribution. This year the Anderson Arts Center was presented with \$5,000 from Mike Wilson, Community Relations for Duke Energy.

The Anderson Arts Center, since 1972 has worked to promote and foster the practice and appreciation of the arts in Anderson, South Carolina, from arts programming and outreach for all ages, to special events and festivals, to gallery exhibits and receptions.

The Anderson Arts Center is located in beautiful historical Downtown Anderson, SC at 110 Federal Street. Office and Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30am-5:30pm. Admission is free. Visit us online at [www.andersonarts.org](http://www.andersonarts.org) for exhibitions, programming and events.



From left: Kimberly Spears, Executive Director for AAC; Mike Wilson, Community Relations for Duke Energy; Polly Richardson, Board Past President for AAC; and Jim Broyles, Board President for AAC.

### SOUTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN

There's Always Something Happening at the SCBG

There are fun things to do all year at the South Carolina Botanical Garden. From adult education classes to children's programs to nature walks and museum tours—the SCBG has something to suit every interest. Visit the links on the left or call us at 864-656-3405 for more information.

Online Program Registration is now available, please click the Register Now button. Call 864-656-3405 or email [scbg@clermson.edu](mailto:scbg@clermson.edu) if you have any questions. Online registration for Yoga is not available at this time.

**COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**

**OCONEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Oconee County Habitat for Humanity (OCHFH) dedicated two stick-built homes at 311 and 317 Zion Hill Road in Seneca on October 17, 2010. It was a moving experience not only for the new home owners but even more for Keowee Key resident Mory Ranck, the construction supervisor for the two homes.

“After being a volunteer and construction supervisor for OCHFH for nearly 15 years and building between 23 and 24 homes, I am finally retiring,” said Mory Ranck. “I am the visible part of this job, but it is a team effort of over 200 volunteers who donate their time to OCHFH who has built over 80 homes in this county since 1986.”

To date, OCHFH has built 8 homes in the Mt. Nebo Estates neighborhood, with a 9th home under construction.

Construction is making rapid progress at 503 Sunrise Drive in Mt. Nebo Estates. The house is being



Mory Ranck, construction supervisor, with Fatima Jones and son Faizhon on the steps of her new home at 311 Zion Hill Road, Seneca

built in partnership with Schneider Electric of Seneca.

Volunteers interested in construction work can contact Mary Sue Plague at 944-6888 or send email to [c-msplague@earthlink.net](mailto:c-msplague@earthlink.net)

Chuites (864) 647-8271, [sjchuites@yahoo.com](mailto:sjchuites@yahoo.com).

Certified Electrician, plumbers, skilled carpenters. Call or email Shepherd Chuites, (864) 647-8271, [sjchuites@yahoo.com](mailto:sjchuites@yahoo.com).

Volunteers for Modular Home Set-Up crew. Call or email Bill Banholzer (864) 888-2127, [williambanholzer221@earthlink.net](mailto:williambanholzer221@earthlink.net)

Volunteers for pick-up truck crew. Call the Resale Store at (864) 888-2118.

Home Landscaping Volunteers: Call or email Lee Jackson (864) 784-0263, [scleejackson@gmail.com](mailto:scleejackson@gmail.com). The next landscaping date is December 4, 2010.

Co-Chair for Public Awareness and/or Digital Photo Library Coordinator. Call Margret Nordquist (864) 944-6334, [ochfho7@bellsouth.net](mailto:ochfho7@bellsouth.net)

Resale Store  
130 Bountylard Road, Seneca  
(864) 888-2118

Store hours are Wed, Thu, Fri 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sat 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.

The store will be closed for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24th and Thursday, November 25th; open November 26th and 27th. In December, the store will be closed between Saturday, December 4, 2010 and Wednesday, January 5, 2011.

The store needs and appreciates donations of just about everything, especially furniture and appliances.



Construction Supervisor Mory Ranck, Waylon & Christina Oakley (317 Zion Hill Rd.), Fatima Jones & son Faizhon Reid (311 Zion Hill Road), OCHFH President Karen Graves



L-R - Purdy Gersch, family partner, Waylon & Christina Oakley, Mory Ranck at the dedication ceremony of 317 Zion Hill Road.

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

Construction Managers for stick-built homes. Call or email Shepherd

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

### OCONEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dishes, bric-a-brac, paintings, jewelry, draperies, linens, bedspreads, books, games, garden items, tools, toys etc., are also appreciated. 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.

### LANDSCAPING

Two modular homes on Zion Hill Road in Seneca were landscaped by volunteers on October 8 and 9, 2010.

OCHFH Landscape Coordinator, Lee Jackson, assigned jobs to the volunteers and lent a helping hand where necessary.

On Friday, trees, bushes and grasses sourced from Head Lee Nursery and the SC Botanical Gardens were planted. On Saturday, mulch was spread, and John Cothrane from Rainmaker Ponds and his crew leveled the ground for the lawns. Volunteers spread the grass seed and covered the seeded area with straw.

Two stick-built homes across the road will be landscaped on December 4, 2010.

To volunteer, call or email Lee Jackson (864) 784-0263, [scleejackson@gmail.com](mailto:scleejackson@gmail.com)



Photo Caption: Landscaped Habitat for Humanity home at 312 Zion Hill Road.



#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR / PUBLISHER:

This is a fun job for someone who knows a bit about desktop publishing and layout. Currently, it is produced on a MAC in Pages, but could be done on a PC. Contact Rita Moore at 944-2535 or [ritagardenia@yahoo.com](mailto:ritagardenia@yahoo.com).

#### WEBSITE:

Currently done on Apple iWeb program on a Macintosh. Most of the work is done prior to the August newcomer meeting. Contact information has to be updated for those people who leave newcomers and the new ones taking over a position of responsibility (e.g., heading an interest or activity group). The monthly newsletter is currently archived as a PDF on the website. This is a fun job, not too demanding and encourages you learn something new. Contact Rita Moore at 944-2535 or [ritagardenia@yahoo.com](mailto:ritagardenia@yahoo.com).

#### VOLUNTEER HELPER

Are you interested in making new friends? Volunteer to help Jane Skolnick at our three Newcomer Club Social Events. Contact Jane at 864-719-0146.

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