



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.

2011-12 NEWCOMER MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The first regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th, at 9:30 am at St. Mark United Methodist Church.

From the Presidents



We are now starting the new season for the Newcomers Club of the Foothills. This will be the 40th year for the organization, and you can help us make it the best year ever. Newcomers has proven to have helped many people smooth the transition to this area of South Carolina. There's a lot to see and do, and it's a great vehicle to meet new friends, and establish new networks while discovering the variety of activities the area has to offer.

In early August, we had a "new" Newcomer meeting that was very well attended. At this meeting, we did an overview of what

Newcomers is all about. There are lots of new folks that will be joining us this year. If you know of anyone who has come into the area, be sure to let them know about Newcomers, and invite them to our next meeting. "New" Newcomers are always welcome.

The first regular monthly meeting will be Tuesday, 6 September 2011, starting at 9:30 am at St Mark's United Methodist Church. There will be many Community Groups there to explore and have an opportunity to learn about, along with fun Special Interest Group sign up opportunities.

The program this meeting will be in two parts. It will include representatives from Duke Power discussing safety (in light of the Japanese nuclear issues this year), along with 2 County Council members who will discuss current issues, and answer questions. You've read about these issues in the paper, come and hear first hand what's going on.

Other regular monthly meetings will follow on the first Tuesday of the month. Some great programs are lined up for these meetings that you won't want to miss. We look forward to helping you integrate into the community, meet new friends, and discover interesting things to do.

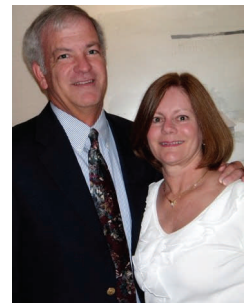
If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of our leadership team.

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Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Kevin & Gloria Minton

Co-Presidents



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Fall Fling

Meet new friends – Get to know fellow “Newcomers” in the area

- WHAT:** Country style BBQ with all the fixings
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 13, 2011
- TIME:** 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** High Falls County Park, 671 High Falls Road, Seneca, SC
- COST:** \$8.50 per person (Deadline is October 6th)
- DIRECTIONS:** From Walhalla, take SC-183 about 8 miles to High Falls Road (right turn only and there is a Park sign). Follow the road and it dead ends in the park.
From Seneca, take SC 28 north to SC-188. Turn right and go to SC-183, turn right and follow directions above.
Or: From Seneca, take SC-130 north until it joins SC-183 (when SC-130 turns north, stay on SC-183). About 3 miles down SC-183 there will be a sign for High Falls Park. Turn left. Road dead-ends in the park. Proceed through the “unmanned” booth (you will not have to pay) to the parking lot adjacent to the Recreation Building (large pavilion) by the beach. (Carpool if you can!)

Make checks payable to Newcomers of the Foothills. Submit at monthly meeting OR

Mail to: Donna Sugermeyer, 407 Jade Creek Court, Seneca, SC 29672

Questions call: Donna Sugermeyer 864-882-5080 or e-mail sugermeyer@att.net

Fill this out, detach and submit at monthly meeting or mail it with your check

HOW MANY ATTENDING _____ PHONE _____

NAME(S) _____

NAME(S) _____

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ CHECK # _____



Oconee County Public Library has gone digital! Now you can download e books and audio books directly from their website to your computer in the comfort of your home. From there you can enjoy them onscreen or many can be transferred to a CD, IPod or MP3 player. For more information contact the Walhalla Main Library:

501 West South Broad Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
Main Phone 864-638-4133

Or visit the website:

<http://www.youseemore.com/oconee/contentpages.asp?loc=40>

OverDrive training classes will be offered so folks can more easily use OverDrive. Next one is:

Seneca Library: September 19th at 6:00 p.m. and on September 29th at 10 a.m. Please call 864-882-4855 to register for these dates.

Don't miss out!

Pickens County Guardian ad Litem Program

The Pickens County Guardian ad Litem Program will hold a free training course starting September 12th to teach volunteers how to advocate for children taken from homes of abuse and neglect.

The 30-hour training program focuses on the family court system, how to recognize abuse and neglect, and how to communicate with children and others involved in the case.

A child advocate, or guardian ad litem, is trained to become the voice of a child in court. The pro-

gram pairs the trained guardian ad litem with children involved in neglect and abuse cases in order to give family court judges a more complete picture of the children's needs.

All volunteers must be at least 21 years old and pass a background and Central Registry check before they can take a case. Each case takes a commitment of about four to six hours per month, but volunteers are often the only source of stability for children who regularly move to different foster homes, transfer to

new schools, change case workers and often lose contact with friends and extended family members.

The Pickens County Guardian ad Litem program is a division of the S.C. Governor's Office of Executive Policy and Programs. For information, call Cindy Wolthuis at 864-878-0807 or visit

www.Pickens.scgal.org.

Attention Newcomers!

Please share your stories and photos with your friends by submitting them to be part of our newsletter!

Kindly send them by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next months edition!


Email—Ann Louise Kenney—awkenney@hotmail.com

Picture messages can be sent to: 864-882-5347



New Harmonies Traveling Exhibit

Oconee County residents will have the opportunity to explore American roots in music when the Smithsonian's New Harmonies exhibit arrives for its six week run in Walhalla at the Oconee County Public Main Library, 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla, SC.

The New Harmonies exhibit has been taken to nearly 850 locations throughout the country since it's debuted a number of years ago. Unlike a typical museum experience which allows those walking through to merely visualize exhibits, New Harmonies provides an opportunity to further internalize all genres of music though the use of display boards, sound booths, and the creation of music that many preciously did not believe could make a beautiful sound.



CELEBRATING AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC



Walhalla Library
September 10 - October 23, 2011

The OCPL welcomes The Smithsonian Institution and Museum on Main Street to the Golden Corner of South Carolina. New Harmonies celebrates the roots of American Music. From September 10th through October 23rd, the OCPL hosts this exciting traveling exhibit that explores Americans' creative expression through music--music known by names like blues, country western, folk ballads and gospel.

In addition to 900 square feet of interactive exhibits at the headquarters library in Walhalla, the Oconee Heritage Center hosts a companion exhibit on the history of early radio in Oconee County, South Carolina.

Branch libraries will host programs and displays on exhibit themes, and the OCPL will host several musical programs featuring local and regional artists and musicians.

Walhalla Library
Monday and Tuesday 9-6
Wed Thurs Fri and Sat 9-1 and
Sunday 2-5:30pm
Admission – No charge!
Large groups need to schedule their visit. (864) 638-4133
Small groups and individuals can just show up.



Celebrate our 20th Anniversary concert Series.



Auditions: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 - 6:30 PM

Do you sing? The Chorale welcomes new members, and if you enjoy singing, wish to share the joy of performing with others, and would like to sing with the premier choral group in the Golden Corner, now is your chance.

Interested? Contact Bill Diekhoff, conductor and artistic director for details and arrange an audition time from 6:30PM email: bill@foothillschorale.org or phone **864-287-2236**. We rehearse Tuesday evenings 7:30 - 9:30PM at Clemson Downs. For further information (including directions and map), visit our website www.foothillschorale.org and click on "Joining the Chorale".

Welcome back to all new Newcomers! Among the many delights of the Golden Corner is the wealth of cultural activities available to us all. One of these is the Foothills Chorale which is recognized as the finest choir in the area, and is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this season. As many of you who have attended our performances, once you have attended a concert, you will look forward to the next - (and for those of you who enjoy singing, we are always looking for new members - see announcement at the end). And what a great program we have in store for you at Southern Wesleyan University's new auditorium, Newton Hobson Chapel and Fine Arts Center, in Central, SC:

Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 3:00 PM: This Season features an *additional* Special Concert - Charles Gounod's *Saint Cecilia Mass*. This awe-inspiring music will be performed with full orchestra, choir and superb soloists

Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 3:00 PM, join us for *Christmas Garlands*, featuring a sparkling array of choral music the whole family will enjoy - and as usual, we will invite you to join us in singing some of your favorite Christmas songs.

Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 3:00 PM - Supporters Appreciation Concert (at Walhalla Civic Auditorium): During this popular event, the Foothills Chorale "lets its hair down" and provides plenty of fun for everyone - and it is followed by a dessert reception. Get your *free* ticket when you purchase Season Tickets or make a financial donation to the Chorale.

Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 3:00 PM, we present *Memories and More* - Enjoy the "Best of the Best" as we reprise music from 20 years of great performances.

Tickets: Additional Special Concert: November 6, 2011 - *St. Cecilia Mass*: \$10.

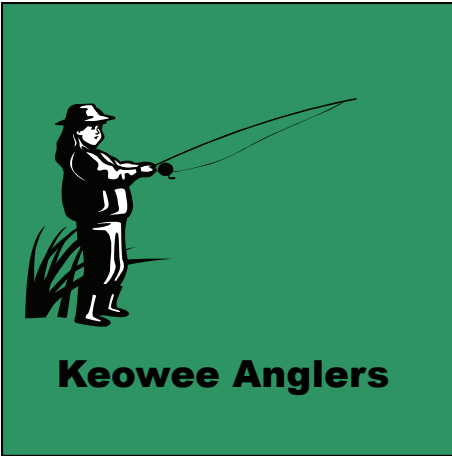
Season Tickets (Christmas/Spring Concerts) - the best deal: \$25 for adults; \$10 for students. All season ticket holders receive seats in a special reserved section, and are invited to the *Supporters' Appreciation Concert*.

Individual Christmas/Spring Concerts: \$15 Adults; \$6 Students.

Order your Tickets as follows:

1. Contact any Foothills Chorale member or 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, or from our toll-free number: 1-888-WE-SING-2 (1-888-937-4642). Handling fee of \$2 per total order.
3. By mail: Send order with \$2 handling fee included, with your check made payable to: Foothills Chorale, P.O. Box 33102, Clemson, SC 29633

Meet New People!



Fishing on Lake Keowee

On Tuesday October 11, 2011 from 9AM to noon in Room 203 at the same St. Mark Church that hosts the Newcomers meetings, the Keowee Anglers will present a FREE fishing class, **Fishing on Lake Keowee**. All are welcome. Mark your calendar if you are interested! To help us arrange for the correct number of chairs, please let us know you are coming by sending an email to bill4pub@charter.net or call him and leave a message at his phone: 944-7880. [NOTE: For parking, please follow the general Newcomers parking custom of parking on the street around the church and not in the two

small parking lots on each side of the building, which are used for handicapped people and special church business.]

With minimal formality the Keowee Anglers pursue the dual objectives of: fostering fellowship among anglers for the development of fishing skill suitable to Lake Keowee and further enjoyment of our sport; and cooperating with other lake oriented groups for the preservation and improvement of our water resource and its fishery.

The Keowee Anglers is open to fishermen and fisherwomen at all levels of skill who wish to enjoy fishing on Lake Keowee. We hold monthly meetings the first Thursday morning of each month which include club tournament award luncheons, real-time fishing roundtables, or speaker events with lake biologists, professional fishermen, tackle vendors, etc. To facilitate the sharing of knowledge and skills, our member-only tournaments, which do not have any entry fee, randomly match into teams members with a lot of fishing success on the lake with members who have not had as much fishing success on the lake.

Some members volunteer to participate in the annual Salem Lions Blind Fishing Tournament, the semi-annual FOLKS Lake Sweep, the FOLKS Adopt-an-Island program, and other community activities.

To find out more about the club and its activities, you can: stop by the Keowee Anglers' table at the September or October Newcomers meetings; come the fishing class mentioned above; contact Bill Walker above; or visit our website at <http://www.keoweeanglers.com>

Hey, What's Happening in the Upstate !?!

To find out, be sure to check out the links on the Newcomer Club Website/Community Group page for links to all the events.

http://www.newcomerclub.com/sites/Community_Links.html

Most theatres, concert halls, art museums. etc. and many other places of interest have links to their respective web pages and phone numbers listed on this page for your convenience.



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.

Margret Nordquist will host the meeting on September 16, 2011. There will be no meeting on September 2, 2011.

New members with or without writing experience are always welcome.

For further information, contact Margret Nordquist at 944-6334, or send email to:

margret061836@bellsouth.net.

Oconee County Habitat for Humanity



Oconee County Habitat for Humanity (OCHFH) dedicated the home of Naomi Rapp, at 198 Old Knox Bridge Road in Fair Play on Friday, August 12, 2011. The OCHFH Team of Jack Lehman, Rick McRae and Jack Ackerman were in charge of refurbishing the 3-bedroom, 2-bath 2008 modular home that included the installation of new flooring and Whirlpool appliances.

Photo: **L - R - Refurbishing team member Jack Ackermann, a Keowee Key resident, family partner Terri Mendonca, Home Owner Naomi Rapp, and Team Leader Jack Lehman, also from Keowee Key.**

Two modular homes have been completed on Jaymory Way in Seneca. Construction of two site-built houses there is underway. Regular work hours are on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. OCHFH welcomes anyone who wants to help. No skills necessary, "on the job training" provided. Interested volunteers can contact Mary Sue Plague at 944-6888 or send email to [c- msplague@earthlink.net](mailto:msplague@earthlink.net)

Landscaping

Landscaping of new homes will resume in the fall. Volunteers interested in garden landscaping can call Lee Jackson at (864) 784-0263, or email scleejackson@gmail.com.

Holzhauser Education Fund

The Holzhauser Education Fund was established by the OCHFH Board of Directors on February 7, 2011. It was named in honor of long-term dedicated volunteers and Keowee Key residents Bill and Grace Holzhauser. The initial funding of just over \$6,000 represents the net proceeds from the 2011 "Swingtime in the Springtime" Jazz concert and the Homebuilders Association of Oconee County golf tournament, which benefitted Habitat. This Education Fund was established to provide financial support for continuing education (post high school) for individual members of Habitat homeowner families. This support will be in the form of quarterly or semester stipends to help defray the cost of tuition, books and supplies incurred at a university, community college or technical school. The amount of the initial stipend will be \$400 per student per quarter or semester of continuing education. The initial response to the announcement of this program suggests that the demand will require additional funding. Therefore, donations made by individuals or corporations can be dedicated either to the Holzhauser Education Fund or the General non-restricted fund. Checks should be made out to Oconee County Habitat for Humanity, noting the preferred fund, and mailed to P.O. Box 685, Seneca, SC 29676.

Resale Store

130 Bountyland Road, Seneca
(864) 888-2118

Summer Store Hours until August 27th:
Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Store Hours will resume on
Wednesday, September 7, 2011: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Sat 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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. The store 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. 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.