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The Club Year in Review



FROM **SEABROOK** ISLAND CLUB

Jim Zielinski Seabrook Island Club Board of Governors

After two years navigating the difficulties and dislocation caused by COVID-19, The Seabrook Island Club Board of Governors entered 2022 with a mindset and mission to move the Club in the direction of significant improvement. A new General Manager, Mitchell Laskowitz, had just joined us and we were excited about the impact his experience and creativity would have. In the end, 2022 proved to be a year of incredible advances for the Club and I'd like to share some of the highlights.

AMENITIES UPGRADES

Several capital projects started, some finished, and some are underway. We expanded the Golf Veranda 40% and added a "Pour My Beer/ Wine" wall there and at the Ocean Terrace, which itself was upgraded significantly inside and out as a members-only destination. A wood-fired pizza oven came into service, and big screen TVs now can be found almost everywhere around the Club (with the pro football Direct TV service). We broke ground on ambitious renovations to our Racquet Club. Long overdue and with little investment over the years, Racquet Sports is on the cusp of becoming a spectacular amenity with new social areas, additional pickleball courts and bocce, and an overall enhanced aesthetic. Less visible, but very important, improvements occurred in the Island House kitchen, the cart barn, and the maintenance building. In 2023, planned upgrades include a members-only beach area at Ocean Terrace and replacing Crooked Oaks' irrigation system and fixing its pond bulkheads and bunkers.



Seabrook Island Club Executive Chef Daniel Doyle and Culinary Staff

RECORD NUMBER OF EVENTS

Our Membership was treated to almost 60 "members-only" events last year. These included live music, pool parties, trivia nights, themed dinners, and the immensely popular "Tuesday Night Pop-Up Parties." In addition to the Beach Club and Island House, we staged events at The Racquet Club and Equestrian Center, allowing Members to get more engaged with those parts of our Club. We made the Island House a "members-only" venue when Pelican's Nest is most busy, from June 1 until Labor Day. Our annual events were hits as well. From July 4th Fireworks, to the Alan Fleming Tennis Tournament, to the Member/Guest golf events, the Club outshined all previous vears

DELIVERING ON DINING

The Board charged Mitchell with improving the consistency and quality of our food and beverage offerings. He took on this challenge in earnest and, along with new Executive Chef Daniel Doyle, added highly skilled food service professionals to the Club, both in the kitchens and dining rooms. The F&B team have made tremendous progress, both in menu variety and food quality, and the positive feedback from Members has been outstanding, even as we have expanded the number of venues, dates, and hours.

INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS

The Club and Board increased the level and frequency of communication with Members significantly last year. In addition to our quarterly Open Member Meetings, we held an informative "Club Finances" presentation to help Members understand the dynamics and details of that topic, plus ten "coffee chats" with 20-25 Members each. I did an interview with this newspaper in June. We launched an ongoing Member survey to ensure up-to-the-minute feedback. In addition to sending regular weekly emails to our Membership to keep everyone informed about Club happenings and governance items, the GM and Board answered hundreds of emails from

UPDATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, & PRICING

Many of our policies and procedures at the Club were outdated or needed improvement. The Board worked carefully to address these. Our Compensation Committee now has benchmarking salary data for all positions. We completed a salary review so that each employee is properly compensated. We have specific goals and guidelines for management bonus programs. We instituted a 360-degree review process for all senior managers for better insight into their performance. Recognizing the value of our dedicated employees, we improved their benefit packages, instituting a more advantageous 401(k) plan and shifting to a more flexible and competitive PTO (paid time off) program. We published a Code of Conduct to establish clear and acceptable behavior expectations for Members and guests. We reviewed pricing for all amenities for both Members and guests for 2023. Working with our Club consulting team we determined our joining fees were well below comparable clubs and needed realignment. We increased joining fees for all membership categories. But first, we gave existing Members a chance to upgrade their membership at the "old" rates. Almost 300 Members increased the level of their membership.

Throughout it all, our mission statement guides our decisions: "Provide an elevated Club experience within a Member-owned oceanfront club where the enjoyment of Members and guests is of the highest priority.'

I want to thank the Board Members who have worked tirelessly on many of the projects described above. I also want to thank our conscientious management and terrific employees for their contributions. They make the enjoyment of our Club possible.

With the work completed last year, we are well positioned for continued success. We have a vision, and are working diligently to execute on it, to deliver an elevated Member experience in all facets of Seabrook Island Club.

Happy New Year Seabrookers!



FROM TOWN

Katharine Watkins

As we look forward to 2023. we would like to review some common questions that we receive here at Town Hall.

How do I view the meetings?

To view all meetings, go to the Town of Seabrook Island's YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/@ townofseabrookisland5287 Then click "Like and Subscribe" to receive notifi-

There are videos of each meeting posted on the Town's website along with the upcoming agenda and approved meeting minutes: https:// www.townofseabrookisland.org/ At the top of the page, go to Meetings>Agendas & Minutes. From there, select the board page to view all of them.

How do I make a public comment?

At the top of the page on Town of

Seabrook Island's website, go to Meetings > Public Comment Portal. We will have the ordinances and variances listed there. Additionally, they can be found on the home page as an an-

All public comments can be submitted via email to the Town Clerk. at: <u>kwatkins@townofseabrookisland</u>. org or by mail: 2001 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. Comments are forwarded to the appropriate board (i.e., Planning Commission, Town Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, etc.) and are archived with a copy of the approved minutes. Additionally, all public comments are available to view upon request.

Who is the appropriate Staff Member to contact?

Town Hall has expanded and can be difficult to remember who to contact for your question. Below is a breakdown of who does what at Town Hall:

- Town Administrator, Joe Cronin
- o Assists the Mayor with the day-today operations of the Town
- o Supervises Town Staff and manages outside service providers
- o Implements the Town's budget o Acts as the Operations Official

- under the town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- Town Clerk/Treasurer, Katharine Watkins
- o Provides accounting, clerical, and secretarial services to the Mayor and Town Council
- o Serves as the municipal clerk for all regular, special, and emergency meetings of Town Council
- o Schedules and streams all meetings in the Town
- o Acts as Town's chief archivist and the main point of contact for all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests.
- o Presides as the Clerk of Court.
- Zoning Administrator/Chief Code Enforcement Officer, Tyler Newman
- o Responsible for the administrator of the town's planning, zoning, and code enforcement functions
- o interprets, monitors, and enforces a variety of applicable ordinances, codes, and regulations related to zoning, business licensing, permitting, nuisance abatement, and health and safety issues.
- · License & Permit Specialist, Lynda

- o Primary point of contact for individuals and entities seeking to establish or renew a business license.
- Assists homeowners, builders, an contractors in obtaining permits for construction, maintenance, or renovation work.
- o Coordinates with Charleston County on permitting and inspections within Town limits
- Short-Term Rental (STR) Compliance Manager, Nichole Nettles
- o Responsible for administering and enforcing the town's STR ordi-
- o Processes STR permit applications, ensures compliance with the town's STR regulations, coordinates the inspection of STR units, enforces violations of the STR ordinance. and responds to public inquiries, complaints, and requests for ser-
- Administrative Assistant, Beth Rine-
- o Performs a variety of administrative duties in support of the Mayor, Town Administrator, and other members of town staff.
- o The initial point of contact for the

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The Seabrook Island Club has

scheduled a Special Meeting for all

club members on February 17. The

meeting is a result of a petition from

a group of members who want the

Club to address specific changes to

its current bylaws. George Conbeer

has been instrumental in asking for

Q: Tell us a little bit about your-

self and your background with the

Barbara and I have been Club

Members since 2010. We moved to

Seabrook full time in 2011 after 24

years in Winnetka, IL. We have three

children and five grandchildren who

My business career spanned over

40 years in banking, technology,

finance and pharmaceuticals. I've

filled roles as a sales manager, CFO,

COO and CEO in multiple companies.

I graduated from Princeton University

and attended New York University's

Stern School of Business. I served as

an officer in the US Army from 1968 to

In 2012 I was asked to participate

in the ad hoc Membership Research

Committee (MRC) which the Club

BOG formed to analyze the Club's

membership offerings to determine

if member's needs were being met.

all love Seabrook like we do.

these changes.

Seabrook Island Club.

and investigated literally every aspect

of the Club. That experience became

invaluable to me later as a member of

the BOG and several key Club com-

In 2013 I was asked to join the Fi-

In 2014 I was elected to the BOG

and served for five years. During that

time, I was chair of the Operations (1

year), Long Range Planning (2 years)

and Finance Committees (2 years),

and co-chair of the Membership Com-

mittee (3 years). I served as Club

Treasurer for two years, Vice Presi-

dent for one year, and member of the

Executive Committee for three years.

Q: Tell us about the group of

members interested in reviewing

Our group of "concerned Members"

came together in May and consists of

15 long time Members of the Club,

many with extensive experience in

Club governance. We had extensive

ommunications with members of the

Board at various points this past year.

We submitted questions for the Board

before each Open Meeting and had two

sit down meetings with the Board's Ex-

ecutive Committee, one on August 28th

and one on November 30th.

nance Committee and remained on

the FC for six years

the Club's bylaws.

TheSeabrooker@yahoo.com

"Communication is the beginning of understanding."

The Seabrooker will report regularly on Island happenings, as well as newsworthy events that affect property owners and residents. As Seabrooker volunteers with a common objective, we are committed to securing the facts and reporting to you in a forthright, honest and unbiased manner

Co-Founders: Red Ballentine, (1924-2006) Fred Bernstein (1924-2010) Co-Founders

Michael Morris

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got married in May of 1993. They

would go on to raise their two sons and

on a getaway in 2001, Holli and Greg

would fall in love with Seabrook Is-

land, South Carolina where they would

Holli greatly loved her golden re-

trievers, Goldie, Tasha, Sophie and

Sadie and never missed a belly rub

or trek out for poop patrol. She had a

passion for collecting lighthouses and

hourglasses, watching professional

auto racing, rooting for her New En-

gland sports teams and spending time with her friends at the Seabrook Island Garden Club since 2012 as the club Membership Chair and Correspond-

ing Secretary. She may have been

feisty and stubborn at times, but she

would always go to bat for anyone she

loved and will be greatly missed by her

family and anyone she called a friend.

and the physicians and nurses at the

Hollings Cancer Center. Donations

can be made to Lung Cancer Re-

A public memorial service will be

held January 7th, 2023 at 2:00 PM

at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 3673

Maybank Highway, John's Island, SC

Linda "Lucy" Budzyna

Seabrook Island just lost one of its

beloved residents of 31 years, Linda

"Lucy" Budzyna. She was for many

years the owner and operator of the

very popular Lucy's Red Sky Grill,

located just outside the gates of the

island. Under her leadership and

amiable personality, the grill became

famous among many of Seabrook and

Kiawah residents and visitors for its

A special thanks to the MUSC

move together to spend their lives.

Jerry Reves MD

Katharine Watkins

Beth Wright

THIS MONTH'S SEARROOKER VOLUNTEERS (ARTICLES & PHOTOS)

Alan Armstrong Mark Andrews Joanne Fagai Mary Fleck

Martha Goldstein Lottie Kilraine **Ed Konrad Bob Leggett**

Susan McLaughlin **Bob Mercer** Patrick Peste Olivia Plyler

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Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to theseabrooker@yahoo.com



Helen "Holli" Mary Bolte passed away on December 2nd, 2022 at her home in Seabrook Island. Holli was a rock. She was tough and a survivor and always came out ahead, but lung cancer returned in January of 2022 and came back with a vengeance.

She is preceded in death by her father, Raymond J. Morin, mother Georgette Mandéville-Morin and brother Retired Colonel Raymond J Morin Jr. and sister-in-law Judy Morin.

Holli is survived by her loving husband John "Greg" Gregory Bolte, son Dr. Myers P. Heritage and fiancé Allie Merrihew, stepson Peter J. Bolte and former husband Paul D. Heritage.

Holli grew up in Rhode Island where she attended Rhode Island College and graduated in 1969 with a B.A.

After finishing her undergraduate degree, she would take the ride of her life - in the most literal of ways competing in the first unsanctioned, original 1971 Cannonball Baker Seato-Shining Sea Trophy Dash. Holli's team took off across the country in a Dodge Van (aka Moon Trash II) and would place 6th with an elapsed time of 39:03 at an average of 74.3 mph.

She then became a flight attendant and would fly for 33 years for TWA and American Airlines. In the later part of flying the friendly skies, she went back to school and would graduate in 1995 from Saint Louis University with a Masters in Social Work. With that, she would transition to working for 4 years as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with Crider Health Center.

In 1992, Holli and Greg met at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles, MO, fell in love and soon thereafter,



THE Seabrooker

Dear Cap'n Sam

I'm very disappointed in the coninual unwarranted increases that the club and the Town of Seabrook are charging for rental guest or STR related properties. I feel my situation is like nany and thus I wanted to share it.

My family started out owning a Pelican Watch villa when Seabrook Island was first being developed. We were the first owner of 1302 Pelican Watch. I have vacationed at Seabrook for my 37 years of existence even after ny family sold 1302 and I wanted my children to have the same wonderful summer memories that I hold dear to ny heart. It has been my dream since they sold that unit to own another one and so after many years of hard work was able to purchase 1353 Pelican Watch in 2020. Renting the unit is what makes it affordable to even have the property due to the significant fees associated with owning a Seabrook unit. Each year since that purchase there has been an overwhelming push to get rid of rental units, deter rental units, increase fees so much people can't afford to rent them and why is my question? Research has been done and it's been reported that it's not the ental guests that have overwhelmed the amenities in the summer. The club has plenty of money so the increase can't be because of lack of funds. So conclude the only reason is to deter the rental of units or to appease the oud complainers that continuously keep fussing about rental guests vet they don't know the difference beween rental guests and guests of owners that have made an influx into the

club in these past 2 years. I don't have statistical data but I would be surprised if not more than 80% of people that have bought at Seabrook vacationed here first which s what makes the deterrent of rental guests so perplexing. If there are a lot f people like me that rent their unit

o be able to afford to have the place

friendly atmosphere, delicious meals,

and live entertainment on Sunday eve-

nings. Lucy entered the world on Oc-

tober 9, 1947 in Lawrenceville, NJ, the

youngest child now survived by her

older sister, Barbara Eckbreth and her

husband, Alan, from Glastonbury, CT

and her brother, Richard Hocking and

his wife, Judy, of Lawrenceville, NJ. Af-

ter a one vear educational experience

at Mitchell College in Groton, CT, Lucy

moved to Killington,VT, where she

and her new husband became owners

and operators of a large hotel, restau-

rant and nightclub in this famous ski

During her time there Lucy became

an avid skier and golfer and lover of

animals. Her caring ways and her at-

tractiveness earned her the runner-up

position in the prestigious Mrs. Ver-

mont contest. Unfortunately her stay

in Vermont ended with a divorce and

she moved on in 1991 to Seabrook Is-

land and purchased a townhome, and

began pursuing her love for golf by

joining the Governor's Club at Kiawah.

She also named two of her cats Divots

and Putter! In January 2021, she chose

to sell her townhouse and move in

on Sealoft Drive. During their time to-

gether starting in 2004, they traveled

across the USA, Canada, Mexico and

Europe to play golf and enjoy the beau-

ty of other states and countries. Sadly

after a long illness, Lucy passed away

Gifts to Pet Helpers, www.pethelp-

ers.org, in her honor would be appre-

on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

with her significant other, Ted Rokicki,

and golf resort town.

comfortably and you keep raising fees | Dear Cap'n Sam which ultimately has these type of owners back out of renting and then sell their unit you are going to end up the opposite of how real estate is positioned now. You will have a large supply, a low demand and thus housing prices will drop and those of you that need to sell to move somewhere else will then not be able to sell your house for a reasonable amount compared to what you bought it for.

When you can show me that rental guests are harming the club and the Island (more so than what it would be like if I, myself along with my friends were using the facilities in lieu of the rental guests) or you can prove to me they are costing the club or Island more (don't forget the revenue they are bringing in that offsets what it would cost members and property owners if there weren't rental guests) then I can get on board with an increase in amenity card fees, increase in STR license etc, but implementing them and then more than doubling these extra charges in the last 3 years baffles me and it is not substantiated.

Your 37 year patron and lover of all things Seabrook (minus the new complainers that need not try to move in and then change things that have always been so perfect at Seabrook) Brooke Sherrill Lyerly

Dear Cap'n Sam

Hi Teri and Mike! We wanted to thank you for the great layout on the History of SIDOGS article from the December issue - it

Have a great holiday season! Thanks so much!

Martha Goldstein

Dear Cap'n Sam

looked great!!

I found the article on pages 16 and 17 to be excessive details of a few people on vacation in Bordeaux. It didn't help my Christmas spirit or other folks who are unable to travel for one reason or another. With so many things to write about I would not subject us to this kind of reporting again.

Phyllis Mikula 2435 The Bent Twig

We enjoyed seeing "A Week on Bordeaux's Canal de Garonne" in December's edition of The Seabrooker. By the number of compliments received suspect several travel agents will be busy arranging trips on canal barges in France for the upcoming year.

Ray Hoover

Dear Cap'n Sam

A big Thank You to Seabrook Neighbors Helping Neighbors (SIV). Kathy Maher took care of a few items for me today She's a life saver. What a

Judith Bennett

Dear District 9 Constituents,

Thank you for placing your trust in me to continue representing you on Charleston County Council for another four years. It has been an honor to serve the constituents of District 9 on County Council for the past four years, and we have made great progress. But as we start the new year with two new members of council, I am looking forward to building greater consensus toward solving the District's most pressing needs.

I am constantly reminded that Safe Roads remains the top issue across District 9 as the region continues to grow. To that end, there are many infrastructure projects affecting the sea islands which will come before Council in the near future including the Main Road Corridor, the Northern Pitchfork, and the Mark Clark Extension to name a few. I hope you will remain engaged in the ongoing dialog as we announce when public meetings will be held to have your voice heard.

I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year! And as always, I hope you will reach out to me with any questions or concerns at jhoney cutt@charlestoncounty.org.

Jenny Costa Honeycutt

Charleston County Council District 9 Cell: (843) 693-6447

Seabrook Island Village

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Death and Dying...But Were Afraid to Ask

Seabrook Island Village is | • Palliative care vs. hospice pleased to present a discussion among panel of experts on this important topic. Plan to join us: Date: January 26, 2023

Place: Live Oak Hall in The Lake House

Although we know our life will end at some point, it's not something most people want to think about. Many wait until death is upon them or their loved one to begin thinking about dying. Even then, fear sets in and most are in death denial.

Do you fear thinking or talking about death? Research shows that those who are comfortable talking about death, actually do not fear death.

Please join us for a conversation about death and dying. We will provide valuable information that will enable you to make informed decisions. The more informed you are, the better your death will be. Yes, there is such a thing as a good death. Here are some of the topics we will

• The concept of a good death Medical treatments...what they are

and aren't Preparing your death plan

Preparing advance directives

• How to help your loved one who is

• Importance of good communication • How to prepare for the probate pro-

Meet the presenters:

Bonnie Compton, APRN, BC CPNP, is an End of Life Doula, Grief Educator, Conscious Living & Dying Coach, Speaker and Certified RTM Trauma Practitioner. She is also a Child and Adolescent Therapist, Parent Coach, and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Bonnie is the author of the book, "Mothering with Courage" and a Reiki Practitioner.

Greg Compton, MD is a geriatric physician who practices palliative care at MUSC. He has cared for seriously ill patients for 40 years. He has been involved with the hospice movement since 1984.

Judge Irvin G. Condon was elected Charleston County Probate Judge in November 1994. During his more than 25 years of service, Judge Condon has worked with dedication and innovation to make the Charleston County Probate Court a national model of excellence. He is an expert in the estate administration process.▲

Mary Fleck

Club to Hold Special Meeting on February 17

Q: You have successfully petitioned the Club to have your name included with the candidates for the next Board of Governors. Why?

I applied to the Nominating Committee because it appeared to me that the Board needed some experienced Members. We are entering a new era for the Club. We have almost 2,300 Members, over 800 of which are relatively new having joined in the last three years. At least 800 families now call Seabrook their primary residence. For the first time in the Club's history, we often lack capacity in our primary amenities. With the unusual resignations of three experienced Board members earlier this year and with four Board members serving their first year in 2022, I came to the conclusion that there is a need for someone with my experience. Despite having recommendations from three past Club presidents, I was not selected by the Nominating Committee. Fortunately, we have a petition process that will allow me to get on the ballot at the Annual Meeting so that the Members can assess my background and experience.

Q: The Club has announced to membership that a Special Meeting will be held on February 17 to address changes to the bylaws. Can you fill us in on what changes you are proposing?

These changes fall primarily into

three categories...First: Limit spending for capital projects without member approval. Historically, it was never contemplated that the Club would be able to accumulate millions of dollars in surplus cash. The Bylaws contain limitation on borrowing without Member approval because it was assumed that the Club, operating as a non-profit mutual benefit corporation, would be required to borrow money for major projects. Last year the Board bought a property on Landfall Way for \$1.5 million without Member approval. This year, they approved spending \$4 million on the Racquet Center without Member approval. The Board announced last week that they proj-

spending in 2023-4. The amendment will fix the "loophole" in the current

Bylaws. Stop the recent practice of amending the Club's Bylaws in material ways without Member approval. Three good examples of that happened this year. First, was the establishment of new standing committees of the Board. Up until this year, the only committees of the Board mandated by the Bylaws were the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee. The Bylaws give the Board the authority to create committees as it sees fit. But, the Board does not have the right to enshrine a committee into the Bylaws, which binds every future Board to maintain the existence and mission of such a committee, without Member approval ated a new standing committee called

Second, was the change that crethe Grievance Committee that materi ally changed the Club's grievance procedures. This should have never been done without Member approval and, as was evident in one very public situa tion, proved ill conceived

Third was the notice in September regarding a new Rule that stripped Members who divest of their Seabrook property their right to remain a Member of the Club. The Board simply cannot contravene a Member's rights by enacting a Rule.

The Bylaws changes that are being proposed address issues that have been brought to the attention of the Board for the past two years in the form of (1) the petition in 2021 with about 1,100 signatures from over 800 Memberships, (2) questions at open meetings of the Board, (3) private communications with Board members and (4) in social media. Unfortunately the petitioners believe that many of the issues have not been fully addressed.

Q: How does the process proceed for the special meeting?

The voting for the proposed resolutions will be by email, in the same man ner as the Club uses for the Annual Meeting. Each proposed amendment will be voted on individually. Assuming we have a quorum, the votes will be counted and the results announced at

Happy New Year and

Cheers to the Next 17 Years!

the Special Meeting.

The biggest challenge in front of us is to educate the Members about the need for the Bylaws changes and the importance of voting to ensure a quorum. A quorum is 50% plus 1 of the outstanding Member's votes. This year this will be approximately 100,000 votes. Different Member dues categories have differing number of votes: Full has 165, Social and Legacy have 110, Community has 55. Historically many Members do not follow all the pros and cons of issues that have been brought to a vote in Annual Meetings. Many resort to assigning their proxy to the Club Secretary who then votes for the Board's position. We plan to an alternative choice of proxy on the Special Meeting ballot.

Our group honestly believes that no Club Member, once presented with the facts, will dispute the need for the Bylaws changes we are advocating.

Q: How has the membership responded to your efforts? E.g. how many signatures on the request for the Special Meeting?

Within 36 hours after alerting Members to the petitions, we had 250 signatures and sufficient votes to nominate me as a candidate for the Board of Governors, and 274 signatures, with twice as many votes that are needed to call the Special Meeting. This effort is unprecedented in the Club's history.

We have an extraordinary Club with wonderful Members. The rapid growth over the last three years has caused a myriad of concerns such as curtailment of non-member revenue, member satisfaction in the dining facilities, lack of financial transparency and lack of Member input on major projects. The Members spoke and the Board sometimes listened. But they have not responded to the common sense measures we are seeking in regard to providing Members more say in capital projects spending and safeguards against changes to the Bylaws without Member approval.

We hope all Members vote in the Special Meeting ballot and have their voices heard on these important mat-



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look forward to helping you and your friends and family in 2023.



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vers, and American Oystercatchers. In that short three month span, our Stewards interacted with 746 people. Most were adults (89%), but often kids brought their adults with them to hear about the birds. A majority of the interactions were visitors to Seabrook Island (64%). Few visitors have the access to the numerous educational articles and blogs that residents receive from sources like SIPOA, the Seabrooker, and Seabrook Island Birders. Visitors often need to learn proper beach etiquette around birds, dolphins, and turtles. The dedication of the Shorebird Stewards creates a friendly educational atmosphere while also limiting human disturbance for the birds that depend upon Seabrook Island for their survival.

file of shorebird information. The spotting

scope brought people over to ask what we were

seeing, and stewards could show them some

of our special birds like Red Knots, Piping Plo-

Also, quite evident from the observations of the Stewards was the continued success of the Town of Seabrook Island Beach Rules for Pets. During the three months of stewarding, dogs were reported in the Critical Habitat on only four occasions. Those were early in the season before new signs and buoys were installed. This was down significantly from the year before. Birds see dogs as a predator. They then interrupt their feeding activities, or their energy saving roosting periods, when they perceive this predator threat. So, the absence of dogs is great news for the birds. Thank you to all our dog owners and their dogs that enjoy the

We cannot talk about the stewards without talking about the birds that they protect. Critically threatened Red Knots arrived early this year with a flock of three hundred counted for the Christmas Bird Count. The flock continued to grow to one thousand by March and to 4000 - 6000 using the beaches of Seabrook and Kiawah by the end of April. But the flock is not always made up of the same individual birds. Birds that arrive early in the year are part of the Southeastern US population. Many of them were seen on beaches in Florida or Georgia



ARTICLE BY MARK ANDREWS & BOB MERCER (Co-Chairs SIB Shorebird Steward Program) PHOTOS BY MARK ANDREWS

THE Seabrooker









Red Knot flock, banded Red Knot with satellite tr



on nest, SIB Shorebird Stewards!

Save the date:

Sea Island Shorebird Festival

May 11-12, 2023

The Seabrook Island Birders Shorebird Stewards are working together with the Kiawah Shorebird Stewards, the Kiawah Conservancy, SCDNR, SC Audubon & Manomet to host the first shorebird festival to be held on our islands Thursday and Friday, May 11 & 12, 2023.

Please join us for bird walks on both islands, field trips to Captain Sams Inlet, and to hear prominent shorebird biologists present exciting new information on the critical importance

artists and photographers at our Festival hub on Friday afternoon.

of Kiawah, Seabrook & Deveaux for shorebirds. We will also feature shorebird organizations,

Look for our registration website to come later in January.



before being counted here. Later in April and May, birds arrive from the Caribbean & from Fierra del Fuego, Argentina/Chile.

How do we know? About two percent of the Red Knots wear colored flags on their legs with codes that identify them like wearing a name tag. Some of the stewards take pictures of the birds, find the flags and report those to researchers through a central data base Researchers can then understand migration through the patterns that form from comparing the dates and places where the birds were seen.

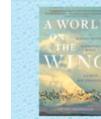
As part of their commitment to shorebird research, Shorebird Stewards helped SCDNR and other researchers as they captured Red Knots to apply the colored flags and new GPS satellite transmitters. On April 20, stewards explained the trapping activity to beachgoers, while keeping folks out of the capture zone. This banding operation was extremely successful with over 150 knots banded and 15 new ransmitters deployed.

Stewards also participated in two coordinated counts of Red Knots along the Georgia and South Carolina coasts. While biologists flew in helicopters and counted from the air, stewards counted on the beach. In mid-May, the total count from Georgia to Captain Sams was over 1000 Red Knots. A big number, but down from vhat it could be.

In addition to stewarding and assisting with Red Knot research, stewards work to educate the public about the American Oystercatchers, Least Terns & Wilson's Plovers which nest on North Beach. This year was a disappointment with poor nesting success. Our resident American Oystercatchers, U5 and his mate, nested three times this year but lost their eggs to crows and gulls. Higher king tides in May over washed the Least Tern and Wilson's Plover nests. The Least Terns did not renest here, the Wilson's Plovers did but we did not see chicks. Seabrook Island owes a huge thanks to those dedicated Shorebird Stewards for their diligence and willingness to help people (primarily risitors) better understand our beaches!

The Seabrook Island Birder Shorebird Stew ards team is always looking for new volunteers for this interesting and important endeavor. If ou'd like more information on the program nd volunteering, please email us at Seabrook slandBirders@gmail.com.

Note the two very interesting Seabrook sland Birders' upcoming programs on this page. Our January 22 program is A World on the Wing with Scott Weidensaul, renowned bird migration expert and Pulitzer Prize finalist author. And save the date for the first ever Sea Island Shorebird Festival, May 11-12,



Seabrook Island Birders presents A World on the Wing by Scott Weidensaul Book reading in January









Join Seabrook Island Birders as we read A World on the Wing by Scott Weidensaul

Scott is a renowned bird migration expert, and author of more than two dozen books on natural history. These include New York Times bestseller A World on the Wing, and Pulitzer Prize finalist Living on the Wind. He's a contributing editor for Audubon and is a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society. An active field researcher, his studies of migration have taken him all around the world.

Our island-wide book reading culminates in an author led Zoom program on Sunday, January 22, 2023. SIB members can attend a book club style reception at the Oystercatcher Community Center at 4 pm, then view Scott's Zoom at 5pm. SIB members & guests can view the 5pm Zoom from the comfort of their homes.







appreciation of the movement and behaviour of migratory birds might bring me into closer contact with what it means to be a living thing on Earth - Ashish Ghadiali, The Guardian

Read Scott's book: A World on the Wing available at Indigo Books, John's Island Library, Amazon Use the OR code to register



Attend Scott's program: Sunday, Jan 22, 2023 4-5pm reception at Oystercatcher Community Center, Zoom with Scott at 5pm

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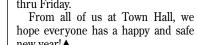
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World's oldest tortoise has seen off two world wars and the British Empire

The world's oldest tortoise has lived through two world wars, witnessed the rise and fall of the British Empire, and has just turned 190

Jonathan, the Seychelles Giant Tortoise, hatched in the Georgian era and is the oldest known living land animal on Earth and the oldest chelonian ever recorded.

Born in the early 1800s, Jonathan has lived on St Helena - an island situated in the midst of the South Atlantic Ocean - since 1882. Jonathan's age is an estimation but shell measurements documented from a photograph taken shortly after his arrival to St Helena show he was fully mature and at least 50 years old when he arrived from Seychelles in 1882 – although it is likely that he is even older.

Joe Hollins began caring for Jonathan when he worked as the St Helena's vet and, although now retired, still helps look after the tortoise. Mr Hollins said: "When you think, if he was hatched in 1832 - the Georgian era - my goodness, the changes in the world. "The world wars, the rise and fall of the British Empire, the many governors, kings and queens that have passed, it's quite extraordinary. "And he's just been here, enjoying himself."

At the start of 2022 Jonathan achieved the Guinness World Records title for the world's oldest living land animal and this month, he has also been named as the oldest

Jonathan has spent the majority his life on the British Overseas Territory, one of the world's most remote islands. He lives in the grounds of Plantation House alongside three much younger tortoises called David, Emma and Fred.

He has witnessed more than 35 governors come and go from Plantation House and has seen the island introduce radio, telephones, TVs, internet, cars and an airport. Mr Hollins said it has been a "privilege" to look after the elderly animal, who he described as "magnificent". "I do | ed him over the years.



Joe Hollins began caring for Jonathan when he worked as the St Helena's vet



think he's fabulous actually, he's a great animal," he said. "And as a vet – what greater privilege is there than to be looking after the oldest known living land animal in the world? mean, how often does that happen? "It is such a privilege to be able to care for this magnificent animal."

To celebrate his 190th birthday residents from across the island will be come together on Friday to honour Jonathan over three days at a birthday party at the Governor's House. Highlights will include a display of a range of posters celebrating Jonathan's life, bearing pictures and messages from those who have visit-

The town honored Jonathan's birthday with a series of activities which included a chat with the Governor and his wife as they fed Jonathan his favourite vegetables. The event streamed live online from the Plantation House so anyone from across the world could join in with the celebrations. An animated video and song dedicated to celebrating Jonathan's life premiered during the celebration, and he was given a 'birthday cake' - made entirely out of his favourite healthy foods.

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A special stamp was made alongside other memorabilia which islanders were able to win during novelty tortoise-themed games. ▲



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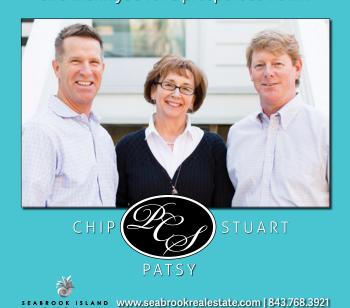
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Market Volatility Will Continue In 2023 Due To Fed, CPI and GDP Uncertainties



Federal Reserve actions, high inflation and Recession worries domnated the markets in 2022, leading to losses for both stocks and bonds. The bad news is that it's difficult to see how these worries can turn nto market-friendly trends in early 2023. The good news is that the bad news will be priced into the markets at some point and we will be able to envision the inevitable reversal to ositive trends

The Fed is a key factor in the uncertainties in my title. A year ago, the Fed's "dot plot" 2022 forecasts were as follows: +4.0% GDP, +2.6% nflation (using the Fed's preferred measure, the Personal Consumption Expenditures price index or PCE) and three Fed Funds rate hikes of 25 basis points for a total of 75 bps (0.75%). The actual numbers will look somewhat different: roughly +0.5% GDP, +5.5% PCE inflation and seven rate hikes totaling 425 basis points (4.25%). So, late in 2021, the Fed was still optimistic about the economy, believed higher inflation was "transitory" and was clinging to ZIRP (its zero interest rate policy) and Quantitative Easing (buyng bonds to suppress bond yields). Luckily for them, they can swing and miss three times without being

Clearly, the Fed pursued its easng policies far longer than was required after the COVID Recession and ignored obvious signs that the combination of monetary and fiscal stimulus was feeding the inflation monster. However, I have to say Putin's war in Ukraine and China's adherence to its Zero COVID policy were key factors in the higher in the slowing of global economic

That's the problem with forecasting: there's always something that pops up unexpectedly to make the forecaster look like an idiot.

More on that topic later, but the immediate question to be addressed is whether stagflation (slow growth accompanied by high inflation and high unemployment) is the inescapable outlook for 2023. Not according to the Fed. They are currently forecasting +0.5% GDP, +3.5% inflation and 4.6% unemployment. Although the economy would be skating on the edge of Recession, the Fed foresees hiking Fed Funds another 0.75% and then staving there through yearend 2023. Based on their track record, being correct, or count on the Fed

sticking to their plan very far into the New Year.

Economists like to remind us that Fed policy changes work with long and variable time lags. In plain English, neither the Fed nor we mere mortals will be able to judge the impact of the tightening policy imple mented last March until this Spring or even later than that. #JPow and his crew may yet hit the fabled Soft Landing that avoids a Recession even as inflation returns to their 2% longer term target. Not likely, but

So, on to the topic of the 2023 Outlook. Notice I am calling it an outlook versus a forecast. That's because I am no longer in a professional role that requires forecasting, so l don't do forecasts!

However, I still follow the investment strategy process I developed over the years. For individuals, it starts with taking a very long term view to set asset allocations between stocks, bonds, alternative assets and cash reserves (the Glass Half Full Perspective). From time to time, you will need to rebalance to your asset allocation targets. In my opinion, speculation and short term trading are only acceptable if your financial situation allows you to assume additional risk

Anyway, the aim of my process is to understand what is being priced into the markets at any given point

The Economy: Flattish GDP and pected. The inverted yield curve | the decline that began in early Jan (short term interest rates higher than the 10 year Treasury yield) is inflation the world experienced and | a historic Recession warning with a very strong track record, but the COVID distortions to this economic cycle may make it a moot point. Both consumer and business sentiment are quite pessimistic currently, but these surveys are very volatile. A longer term risk is that we may be on the verge of a "sea change" from suppressed interest rates and low inflation to higher rates. I will keep that in mind this year and plan to address that risk in a future GHF column. I do not think investors are pricing in either a Recession or higher growth, so this factor could go either way as the year progresses.

Bond and Stock Market Valuation: I continue to believe bonds are overvalued because bond yields are well below current inflation. Howev-I would not count on this forecast | er, it is nice to get 4% CDs and bond yields! If inflation truly moderates

toward 4% or so in 2023, these cur rent yields would be attractive. S&P 500 valuation (the price/earnings ratio is 16.5x) is reasonable if you believe the current consensus EPS forecasts for 2023 (\$230) and 2024 (\$254) are correct. A slow economy and still-high inflation puts these estimates at risk and the recent trend toward negative revisions (EPS estimate cuts) is a concern. I don't think Valuations reflect the risk of accelerating estimate cuts at this time.

The Federal Reserve: Investors eem to be thinking the Fed will reverse course and cut rates within the next few months. I disagree and will take the Fed at its word that it planning to continue tightening. Don't Fight the Fed!

Technical Indicators: The 10 year JS Treasury Bond (10UST) yield hit 4.2% in October, the highest level in 15 years. From a charting perspective, it has broken downtrend lines that date back to the 1980s. This is a sign that the multi-decade Bull Market in bonds may be over. In the near term, the 10UST has retreated to 3.5%, so investors do not appear to share my worries that bond yields will continue to rise.

As with economic sentiment stock market investors are pessimistic, but they are always manic/depressive. If investor surveys become extremely bearish, this "reverse indicator" would be a signal for a stronger rally. However, trending measures such as moving averages are bearish, as are indicators of market breadth. The momentum of uary 2022 has shown some signs of reversing which is not unusual after months of declines. Overall, the stock market Technical picture is tilting toward bearish.

My outlook is for continued high financial markets volatility until the direction of fundamental factors such as the economy and earnings growth are resolved, so it looks like another challenging year lies ahead of us. Tactically, I prefer to be "too cautious" during times like this. Fed policies, inflation rates and Recession risks will determine if I can support a more bullish perspective at some point in 2023.

Here's wishing my readers a Prosperous New Year!▲

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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Staying Healthy with a Mediterranean Diet

It is the time of year to make plans for staying healthy in the new year! We have The main food group recommended written many times that there are only a s vegetables – the fresher the better, but few things about our health that we can canned and frozen can be used. Greens actually influence. One is our lifestyle in a salad or cooked with extra-virgin including exercise and the other is what olive oil are important sources of fiber. we eat – and just importantly what we do Fresh fruit can be used as a dessert. not eat. When the word diet appears in Beans prepared from dry are best, but a title thoughts quickly turn to food and f canned are used look for low-salted then unpleasant restrictions. However, ones. Whole-grain breads are a mainstay since the 1960's a growing body of sciof the diet and served with most dishes. entific evidence has revealed that there For meats, chicken or grass fed pork is is a simple, good, and good for you diet best. Fish with fat such as salmon is recwe can all stick to that promotes good ommended. Many cheeses such as feta, health and prolongs life. It is the authenricotta, Parmesan, and mozzarella are on the diet along with yogurt.

Background Studies in the middle of the last century demonstrated that people living in some places along the Mediterranean Sea, principally in Crete, had a longer life span than Americans and most Europeans. Years of subsequent work found that the diet of these people was composed mainly of fresh vegetables, extra-virgin olive oil, and fruits but meat, especially red meat was limited. The investigation that followed indicated that the diet in this region had little saturated fat, but was high in Omeg-3 fatty acid and fiber. Best news of all, when the diet was followed by people not living in the Mediterranean but in places like the U.S., folks on this diet also had improved health and a reduction in many deadly

What Exactly is the Mediterranean Diet?

The Mediterranean diet is based on the triad of wheat (bread), grapes (including red wine), and olives (extra-virgin olive oil.) So it is a diet that allows great flexibility owing to the inclusion of fresh vegetables, beans, fruits, potatoes, and occasional chicken and fish with red wine, water, tea, or coffee to drink. Food is prepared by cooking (frying, baking, or sauteed) with olive oil. Cheese and yogurt are included, but most dairy products are verboten as are desserts. Local and seasonal ingredients keep the variety going all year round. The food is quick and easy to prepare and best of all tastes good! Turns out the olive oil provides a high satiety factor that keeps one cidence of some cancers like breast, prostate, and colorectal that are the very common killers in our country. This is thought to be because of the many anti-oxidants in the fruits and vegetables. There is also evidence that people on this diet have less early onset of dementia and that depression is less frequent. Finally, people who stick to the Mediterranean diet live longer than those who eat the typical western diet.

Foods and Drinks to Avoid There is a lot one can eat on the Mediterranean diet, but also some much-consumed items on our diet that are excluded. Leading the list is all pro-This diet has probably been studied cessed food including vegetables and scientifically more than any other. There meats. Red meat can be used for cookare hundreds of papers on the health ing, but should not be eaten nor should maintenance afforded by the Mediterany of the white fat-containing meats ranean diet. To briefly summarize these such as pork. Avoid all prepared foods by category, it has been proven that and drinks that have added sugar and the diet is beneficial in preventing and limit alcohol to red wine - no cocktails, mitigating heart disease. It reduces the beer, and other adult beverages. All the bad cholesterol, lowers blood pressure, fast foods, snacks, and other tempting and reduces death from heart disease in foods out there are generally off-limits. those who have known coronary artery The table lists ultra-processed items to disease. It reduces death from all causes be left on the grocery store shelf.

The Bottom Line

Every day we have to choose what to eat. If we make intelligent decisions we can consume healthful and healthy on the diet. Following a Mediterranean foods that have been proven to prolong diet is also associated with a lower inour life. The choice is ours. **\(\rightarrow**

Table:

Types of foods NOT on the Mediterranean Diet and to be avoided when shopping

(modified from Paravantes, E. The Mediterranean Diet. Alpha. 2020)

Frozen, packaged foods like pizza, chicken nuggets, French fries Sweetened candy bars, cereals, and breakfast bars

Chips and other salted snacks

Health Benefits

of cardiovascular disease death by 25%.

Diabetes is also prevented or lessened

on this diet which been shown to be as-

sociated with a 50% risk reduction in the

onset of diabetes. In part this is due to

the fact that people usually lose weight

Most soft drinks and fruit drinks

Canned Soups Cakes, cake mixes, and cookies

Instant noodles, shelf-stable breads with preservatives



Commerce Is Organized

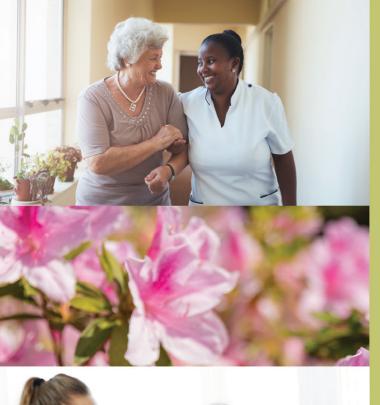


"No taxation without representation" became a rallying cry for colonists in the mid-18th century. Prior to the American Revolution and the country's independence, the British government imposed a series of taxes on goods imported to the colonies. Many American colonists, including those in Charleston, felt these taxes were unfair and sought ways to openly resist the British government's control.

In late 1773, Charlestonians got their chance. On December 1st, a vessel containing a shipment of over 250 chests of tea arrived in Charleston Harbor. A group including local politicians and landholders met and discussed how to handle this shipment of taxed tea. By December 3rd, the group agreed not to pay the duty on the tea which forced the boat, and its contents to sit unclaimed in the harbor. After 20 days unclaimed, the tea was seized and brought ashore where it was stored in the Exchange Building. Though less dramatic and violent than the Boston Tea Party which occurred just a few weeks later, the Charleston Tea Party sent a message to the British government that they wouldn't play by their rules. It also sent a clear message to merchants that Charlestonians weren't interested in purchasing highly-taxed goods.

In response, local merchants or ganized to advocate for the business community. On December 9, 1773, Charleston area merchants met at Mrs. Swallow's Tavern on Broad Street to form what became the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. John Savage, a local merchant who built his fortune working with Gabriel Manigault, was appointed president and a committee of 21 was selected. According to a 1917 Annual Report, the Charleston Chamber of Commerce is "the oldest city-commercial organization in the United States and the second oldest commercial organization of any kind in the United States. Only the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York ante-dates us.' Today, the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce continues to be an active membership organization that serves as a voice for the business community in

The Charleston Tea Party in 1773 gave momentum to the revolutionary sentiment brewing in South Carolina. While it may not have been as visible as the Boston Tea Party (copycats 2 weeks later), it had long term impacts on the local business community and played a crucial role on the road to revolution.▲





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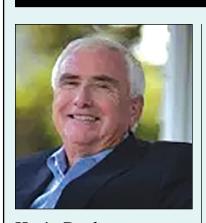
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Kevin Boyle

My wife Suzanne and I moved permanently to Seabrook Island nearly two years ago after living in Madison, CT for 48 years. We wintered here for several seasons and realized Seabrook is a magical place to live from a people and environmental perspective. Our intent was to identify a place where we could actively engage in the community and start the next life chapter. We landed in Horseshoe Cove and enjoy marsh and sunset views. We joined the Turtle Patrol and I am an active member of the Exchange Club serving on the Child Abuse Prevention Committee. Suzanne is a mentor for MUSC nurse

I have a Bachelor degree in Business from Quinnipiac University and a Master in Marketing from the University of New Haven. I held leadership positions with various industrial manufacturing companies. I joined the Loctite Corporation (Henkel) in 1986 and served as the Vice President of Industrial Channel Management (Loctite) for the last ten years of my career. I am known for my integrity, honesty and willingness to embrace a challenge and talk about possibilities. Strategic vision, people skills and the ability to work across diverse boundaries are strengths that allowed me to work collaboratively in a corporate structure to envision and implement new policies and practices. Some innovative work included development of cross functional teams and creation of an analytics data base derived from customer supply data recognized as a best practice. I initiated and led a Consortium of non-competing manufacturers to share and identify best business practices recognized as an industry benchmark. Post retirement from Henkel Corporation in 2010 was the start of my consulting practice Industrial Distribution Consulting, LLC. I worked with manufacturers and distributors in North and South America until 2019.

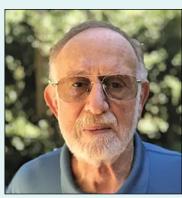
Board experience includes seven-year terms for two different industrial manufacturing corporations. I was professionally active in three industrial trade associations serving on their Board of Directors, as an officer and on multiple committees.

Nearly every day I comment that we live in paradise. However idyllic as that sounds I recognize we have issues and opportunities on Seabrook. Population demographics, home construction, social, safety and health needs, the natural wildlife and beach environment reflect some of the challenges.

The impending impact of development outside the gate is evident in plans for Andell West, MUSC, Seafields, etc.

The challenge lies in how to prepare for change; both present and future yet sustain the unique magic and charm of Seabrook to accommodate all home owners, guests and

I believe that my strengths as a visionary, strategic planner, collaborator, negotiator and team player are assets that would support a role on the SIPOA Board. I appreciate this opportunity and would be privileged to serve and support SIPOA's Strategic Plan. ▲



Sam Dolinsky

Our family first came to know Seabrook as a place to vacation during the '90's. In 2004 we committed to SI by buying a lot with grand plans. By 2010 Sarajane and I had purchased a home on Privateer Creek Road and became full time residents the following year. Our three grown children and seven grandchildren know this is

I hold a bachelor's degree in psychology from the City College of New York and an MBA from the City University of New York with a concentration in industrial psychology. While pursuing my graduate degree I taught in the

New York City School System. My business career began with a chemical manufacturer where I had corporate responsibility for professional staffing and training. I was later recruited to lead the Management Training function for the Eaton Corporation, a global, diversified manufacturer, in Cleveland, Ohio.

I remained with Eaton, for thirty-two years culminating as the corporate Vice President of Leadership and Organization Development with responsibility for executive development, succession planning, coaching, organization development, as well as creating Eaton's Corporate University.

Over the years my interests led to serving as a trustee or member of an advisory committee for an array of Northeast Ohio community organizations targeting education, the arts, human relations as well as regional economic development. They include the Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland Scholarship Program, Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, and Karamu

On Seabrook, having served as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee for five years, I was elected to the BOD to complete a one year term where I serve as the Vice Chair of the LRP and Chair of the ad hoc Committee on Volunteerism. Over this period, I have played a role in the Bi-Annual Survey Sub-Committee for 2020 and 2022, the committee to recast the SI "vision statement", and most recently working to improve our practices and processes as they relate to generating greater Volunteerism.

As Seabrook Island continues to grow and change, we potentially benefit from an infusion of people with a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience who have chosen to join us. Leveraging their capabilities is essential to what we are as a community and what we will become. Our vitality is dependent on volunteers. While many will gravitate to areas of personal interest, we need to emphasize the role island governance plays in helping perpetuate what we all value about Seabrook. We need to make certain that the intake valve on our pipeline to Island leadership remains open. Newcomers must recognize the critical role governance plays and become more involved early in their assimilation.

My career plan never included staying with one business for thirty plus years. However, in so doing I had the opportunity to work under five unique CEOs, each of whom breathed life into the values and vision of the organization. They continue to serve as my model of excellence for leaders in general, whether C-Suite executives or members of a Board of Directors. ▲



Sue Ferland

My husband and I bought our home in Seabrook in 2016 and following retirement in 2018 became permanent residents. We happened upon Seabrook during a trip to Kiawah and fell in love instantly with the North Beach area. We enjoy all the wildlife, the beach, the Club facilities, the Lake House, the friendly and interesting people, and generally- the lifestyle that the Seabrook community offers.

I am aware that these great amenities don't just happen- they are planned and are the result of deliberate actions taken by the people of Seabrook working together through SIPOA, the Club and the Town. I believe that my work/life experiences can help that conscious effort to maintain and improve Seabrook while balancing the needs of our unique natural and human environ-

Most of my working career was spent in the public utility sector, where balancing the needs of multiple stakeholders is integral to the job but delivering a consistent service (electricity) is paramount. Not that different from SIPOA's role on the Island delivering timely, consistent HOA services while balancing the needs of its varied membership.

My background is in chemistry and engineering. I was the Environmental & Chemistry Manager at a nuclear power facility in NC, where I worked for 15 years. I managed a workforce that monitored and maintained the power plant's systems and managed the environmental impact of plant operations. I was a member of the Site Communications Team and the site Safety Chairman. There were few women working at a nuclear power plant and I was the first in a technical- management position, yet I never found that to be a roadblock that could not be overcome. I also worked for GE and for an Industrial R&D facility.

After my daughter was born, I became a stay-at-home mom and an unintentional house flipper. We moved every 2-3 years – each move providing a new community to understand and a new house to improve. I have hands-on experience with almost every aspect of planning and executing a house makeover. I have worked with very effective and also | consider now with regard to a potenvery challenged HOA's in different parts of the country. Along the way I learned to play golf, and at two of those clubs I was President of the Ladies Golf Association and a member of the Board. I was also a member of the Board for two home-owner POAs in NC. In my free time I like to play golf, garden, swim, boat, and actively participate in Turtle Patrol.

I think I can offer a different perspective to SIPOA, in particular, if asked, on the ARC, Environmental, GOMC. Planning and/or the Safety Committee. I believe there is more than one way to achieve an objective. I like to work as a team member or individually to improve things- either in process or execution. On principle, I accept the importance of process but I do not accept- "but, we've always done it that way" as an excuse for not trying to make something better. **A**



Andrew Grimalda

I am asking to serve as your SIPOA Board representative because I am committed to preserving the beauty and the community atmosphere of our island. My wife and I are full-time residents, and we have been blessed to become friends with many in our community - full-timers, part-timers and renters. As a board member, I believe it's important to impartially consider the interests of all owners and to conduct our business in a completely transparent manner. My experience has given me the skillset to do this.

I culminated my working career as Professor at the School of Business & Economics, Concordia University, Irvine CA where I started both the Economics and Data Analytics majors, and taught Finance and Strategy to senior level undergraduate and graduate level students. Additionally, I volunteered as a debate coach during which time we won 2 national championships.

Before joining Concordia, I owned and grew a healthcare administrative services company to become one of the 100 largest in the United States. Prior to this, I served as the Chief Financial Officer for a regional insurance carrier, and then for a national healthcare management company.

I also had a distinguished military career, retiring at the rank of Colonel. I served as an Army Ranger, Deputy Chief Logistical Operations for reserve forces NE, Commander of senior reserve officer warfare training, instructor at the U.S. Military Academy, and Commander of a battalion-size unit in combat during Operation Desert Storm.

I hold a Bachelor of Science de gree, in Engineering, from the United States Military Academy, West Point, and a Master's degree in Management Science from the Sloan School of Management, M.I.T.

I wish to continue the fine work our SIPOA Board is doing, Additionally, I would like to see greater discussions between SIPOA, the Club and the Town. I would also like to get more member input regarding potential uses and build-out of association facilities, and work with the county and other barrier island communities to better understand what mitigating techniques we should tial future rise in sea level.

Most importantly, I want to maintain a spirit of cooperation that will keep intact all we love about Seabrook for generations to come. I would be proud to serve as your SIPOA board representative.



Susan May

My husband and I purchased our home on Seabrook in 2015, and lived here part-time for several years while still working. We now live on Seabrook full time, and LOVE IT. Our three grown daughters and their families love coming here whenever they can, as well.

I served as Assistant General

Counsel at Subaru of America for nearly 30 years, many of which I spent as the head employment lawyer for the company. One thing I learned was how to get along with a wide variety of people. I also learned that in order to gain my co-workers' respect, I had to be willing to listen and to think about how the various decisions I made might impact them. I loved my job and the people worked with, and I feel that I can bring this same sense of respect and willingness to learn to the SIPOA Board, if I am fortunate enough to be elected.

Seabrook is a magical place, but it s not immune from real world problems. As Seabrook has grown, so too have our issues, like formulating and enforcing policies that are equitable to both residents and owners who choose to rent their properties, meeting ever-challenging budgetary constraints (particularly in this inflationary period), balancing increased building demand while still valuing our open space and protecting our vibrant wildlife, and maintaining or finding sufficient parking.

I am currently serving my second year on the SIPOA Legal Committee, as well as my first year on the Finance Committee. To say that I have learned a lot about Seabrook from serving on these committees is an understatement, and I believe I have contributed to these committees with not just the professional experience I gained during my career, but with a solid common sense, practical

Finally, I want to stress the word community." My husband and I carefully researched and visited several places in which to retire. Seabrook "won," not just because it is beautiful, but because it offers a true community in which to live. And I view our community as more than Seabrook. It is also Johns Island. which has schools that need our help. I volunteer as a reading tutor at Zion Elementary School.

In sum, I would love to try to bring my past experience and current community involvement to the SIPOA Board to help address the challenges we face, and to preserve all the wonderful positives and opportunities which both Seabrook and the greater community in which we live offer

Thank you. ▲



Joyce Phillips

My Seabrook story will have many of you smiling by the end of this paragraph. Larry and I discovered Seabrook 10 years ago. On a friend's suggestion, we spent time on Kiawah. While there, we became curious about that other island off the roundabout. So we came to Seabrook the following year and came back again and again. In 2017 we purchased a Spinnaker. We enjoyed it for 4½ years and sold it after purchasing our house. We now reside on Seabrook full-time. Surely you have

never heard this unique story! My interest in Seabrook began immediately. I was elected to the Spinnaker HOA Board of Directors in October 2017 and served on that board until July 2021. I also served on the Seabrook Island Club Membership Committee from 2019 to 2022. In 2021 I was privileged to be a member of the Club's Search Committee for a new GM/COO. In June 2022 I was elected to the SINHG Board of Directors and am a trip leader. I currently serve on SIPOA's Activities Committee.

My professional career of 38 years is framed by 22 years administrative experience working for boards as school district superintendent, assistant superintendent, and state education administrator. I have experience in policy based governance; bylaws; budgeting and finance; communications; contract negotiations; long range planning; buildings and grounds.

My volunteer board work prior to Seabrook includes 10 years service on 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) community-based nonprofits. I am a leader with positive people skills. I am an active listener, reflective thinker, and find value in engaging multiple perspectives to reach resolutions. I am collaborative by nature, seeking common ground and quality decisions.

My education is a B.A. from the University of South Carolina; M.A. from the University of West Florida; Ed.S. and Ed.D. from Indiana University.

I grew up in Columbia, SC. Larry and I met at USC and married upon graduation. We have two adult children and 8 grandchildren. Our daughter's family lives in Phoenix; our son's family in Indianapolis.

Why am I interested in serving on the SIPOA Board? I think I have the background, experience, and leadership qualities to represent and serve Seabrook property owners. The island is reaching build out; a significant number of properties changed ownership in the last 2 years; the permanent resident population is increasing.

It is imperative that common interests and responsibilities be discussed in search for solutions. Collaboration is key whether it is long range planning; environment; finance; general operation and maintenance; activities; communications; or safety and security.

Seabrook Island is unique. The governance structure is complex. TOSI, SIPOA, SIC. Each entity has its own area of responsibility. Those differences are consistently shared with new residents and long-standing residents alike. Yet, there are areas in which all entities have a connected interest. Those areas need to be more fully explored and promoted.

I believe my involvement with Seabrook Island boards and committees since 2017 demonstrates my commitment to the island. ▲



Mike Sankovich

My name is Michael Sankovich. My wife Katherine and I have been married for 36 years. We vacationed at Seabrook in the late 90's with our two children and fell in love with the area. We bought a Summerwind Cottage in 2014 and moved here full time in January 2018.

We are now retired. I worked on Wall Street for nearly 36 years in the Sales and Trading departments of major investment banking firms; Salomon Brothers, JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch and Cantor Fitzgerald. My focus included bank regulation and accounting, balance sheet management and derivatives.

While on Seabrook, I have been on various SIPOA committees; Activities and the Newcomers Reception Subcommittee. LRP Facilities Subcommittee, and the Architectural Review Committee, I did some delivery for Backpack Buddies as well. Participation of our neighbors across committees of the SIC, SIPOA and charities is admirable. I wish to participate further as well. I think folks I have worked with find that I have a strong attention to detail and that I am respectful of differences of opinion.

challenges to success; some regulations, policies and hard facts cannot be changed but must be dealt with nevertheless. Life on Seabrook faces similar challenges. We live on an island with a physical boundary. Our island is about the most idyllic place on earth, and accordingly, the influx of full time residents is on the rise. We need to ensure that our facilities and homes remain first class and complementary to Seabrook's natural beauty. With some forward thinking and hard work I think we can find that balance between needing to accommodate a larger population and the comforts and pleasures we on Seabrook Island are entitled to. I think my past experience will help us find this balance.▲



Professionally, I have dealt with



Sarah Cassidy

I fell in love with Seabrook Island in 2018 visiting as a renter. The natural beauty and wildlife of the island allows me to unwind as I approach the low country. I am invested in preserving its natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere and being part of the vibrant community. As a non-resident owner, I oring a unique perspective that will help represent all types of owners.

We bought our Spinnaker townhome in 2020, and enjoy visiting often. My nusband and I have two teenagers and we have lived in Charlotte, NC since 2007. Before that we lived and worked in Boston. I was raised in the Washington, DC area and graduated from Virginia Tech. I earned my MBA from Suffolk University in Boston.

I have been a member of the SIPOA Communications committee for the last two years. I recently worked on developing a Welcome Program pilot for new owners. My corporate experience and my previous volunteer committee board

work from the last 20 years will bring my communication skills, networking experiences and creative ideas to the Nominating committee. I have served as chair of multiple volunteer PTA committees, including participating on the PTA nominating committee. I have also chaired several committees in the Junior League of Boston and Charlotte. I have served as a literacy tutor and enrichment volunteer in elementary schools, and am currently mentoring two college students through local non-profits. I have a strong attention to detail and am deadline-driven.

I began my Marketing career in commercial real estate, but have been working primarily in the Financial Services industry since 1999. I currently work as a Marketing Director at Equitable Financial. I regularly interview candidates for positions at my corporate organization, which allows me the opportunity to keep my communication and analytical

skills sharp and evaluate which roles are a good match for different types of people. I am a good listener and understand that all views are important to consider when making decisions. I believe being open minded and factual can help build trust and connections that enable alignment and progress towards goals. The two most important issues that I see facing Seabrook Island in the next five years are coastal adaptation planning

due to climate changes, and volunteerism. I look forward to seeing residents and non-residents become more engaged in all the volunteer opportunities that exist to keep Seabrook Island and its wildlife naturally beautiful and sustainable, and to meet the needs of the community. **\(\Lambda \)**



Timothy Croal

In May of 2020, I retired from 40+ years in industry, where I started as a shop worker and culminated as a President & CEO. Following retirement, my wife Graciela and I sold our Camarillo, CA property, intending to move back to San Diego. After several empty-handed house hunting trips, we joined friends (also Seabrook Islanders) on a coastal Carolina vacation that wrapped up in the Kiawah/Seabrook Island area. Smitten, we followed up quickly with a house hunting trip. We concluded Seabrook Island was a better fit and fell in love with and bought a house on Marshgate Drive, which has been our primary residence since January 2021. We have made many great new friends since moving in and are taking full advantage of all the Island has to offer, especially golf, kayaking, pickleball, walking and hosting the steady stream of family (including three children and two grandsons) and friends who visit. I am currently on the BOD of The Croal Open to Fight MS, a 501c3 dedicated

o eradicating Multiple Sclerosis. We are the largest private fundraiser in the state of Wisconsin, having raised nearly \$1M since our inception. This year alone we raised nearly \$100K. Further, I have worked with various community organizations, including Rady Children's Hospital and The San Diego Food Bank. Additionally, Graciela and I have contributed significant time and treasure to various other church, civic and charitable organizations. Finally, I have served as a youth sports coach and a mentor to several aspiring business leaders.

Having led business units and operating companies within multi-billion dollar publicly traded entities (Eaton, AME-TEK and Steel Partners) across a variety of industries, I have come to know what good leadership looks like and does. I am relentless in pursuit of goals, and believe my skills and experiences align well with those necessary to serve on the Nominating Committee, including developing, implementing and executing process to evaluate, attract, develop and retain Top Talent ("A" Players), collaborating with internal and external teams (including BODs) to achieve consensus, and leading diverse, high-performance teams to deliver continuously improving results.

Recognizing that I was rarely the smartest person in the room, I always surrounded myself with strong, diverse, capable, independent-minded people to support achieving our Vision and Strategic Goals. To achieve a Vision as reaching as SIPOA's requires exceptional leadership dedicated to the cause. I have and continue to develop a network within the Seabrook Island community. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I would view my principal role as ensuring we uncover and attract Talent with not only the right skillset and experience, but also with a mindset that is consistent with and embraces fulfilling the SIPOA Vision, and would draw from the network I am growing.

Seabrook Island is a terrific place to live. I'd like to be part of the team that keeps it that way, and hope to contribute by serving the SIPOA board and the Seabrook Island community on the Nominating Committee.



Lucy Hoover

Ray and I have owned a home on Seabrook Island since 2006. In the spring of 2014, we moved into our vacation home in the Village of Seabrook and became full-time residents. At that time, we began designing and building our current nome on Dove Nest Court.

Our family discovered the Lowcountry; when taking a gamble, I rented a villa on an almost unknown Kiawah Island for a week's vacation with our three small children. The efforts to develop the island in an environmentally sensitive manner and the unspoiled beaches drew our family back to the island again and again and led to the purchase of a small villa there in 1986.

Eventually, we started to welcome grandchildren and wanted a larger second home to accommodate our expanding family. Happily, we looked next door at Seabrook Island and were instantly drawn to the island's natural beauty and environmental consciousness. Ray and I quickly appreciated the friendliness and community spirit on Seabrook Island and after making our first purchase never looked back.

Our family lived in Atlanta, GA, for over 40 years, where I was an elementary school teacher in public and private schools. I have both an undergraduate and a master's degree in Education, emphasizing Elementary and Middle School Math. When not in a classroom, I was an active Mom to our three children serving on many community organizations such as PTAs, including one year as a President and another as Treasurer, the neighborhood swim and tennis club board also serving as the President for a year, and as a Girl Scout Leader.

After more than thirty years, I chose to retire from teaching. Our children had completed their educations, and Ray's architectural practice began to expand to international venues. We were fortunate to live in Dubai, UAE, for five years, and through that experience, we both gained knowledge and understanding of a vastly different culture and different world views. During those five years, we split our time between Atlanta, Dubai, and Seabrook Island, always returning to the island as soon as we could when based in the US.

Through my participation and leadership roles on Seabrook Island such as President of Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy and as a member of the Environmental Committee, I have a comfortable understanding of SIPOA's role in the community. With this knowledge, I would be able to communicate the obligations to possible candidates before they commit to becoming a nominee for a board position. In my opinion, it will be important to encourage property owners who exhibit the qualities of a "Servant Leader," which is needed to be an effective community leader in a representative form of governance. I would be willing to listen to views different from my own to better understand the perspective of the possible candidates.

I would very much like to help encourage the next SIPOA leaders to consider running for an office, knowing they will be committing time and energy to support and improve the quality of life we all enjoy on Seabrook Island. Adapting an old Girl Scout saying, I would like to leave Seabrook Island not only cleaner than I found it but an even better community than I found it.

-HSeabrooker

Communication and Staying Informed on Seabrook Island



JOANNE FAGAN C.O.V.A.R. President

COVAR, The Council of Villa Associations and Regimes represents 41 member communities on Seabrook

This month, COVAR would like to focus on transparent communication from our governing bodies and why it is paramount to understand the inner workings of the island. This article will not address the Seabrook Island Club and its communications to their membership.

Navigating the various entities that controls our environment can sometimes be confusing as each body, SIPOA (Seabrook Island Property Owners Association) and Town of Seabrook Island Town (TOSI), control certain aspects of our day-today life on Seabrook Island.

In trying to gain firsthand experience and obtain accurate information, as a representative of COVAR, I attend SIPOA meetings, TOSI Town Council Meetings, as well as participate on the TOSI Disaster Recovery Council and ATAX Committee.

The only way for you receive to accurate information and stay educated regarding our island home is to attend meetings either in person or

With virtual meeting platforms, it is easy to do this on your own schedule. While SIPOA's meetings and in person at the Oyster Catcher Community Center (OCCC), TOSI Town Council meetings can be viewed in real time on You Tube. They are also recorded, with individual links to specific agenda items posted to the Tidelines blog(tidelinesblog.com) within 2 days of the

Stay up to date on current SIPOA issues by accessing the "Community Documents "page posted by SIPOA on Gate Access(www.gateAccess. net). You will find meeting minutes from the various SIPOA committees as well as Consent Agendas for past SIPOA Board meetings, Annual Survey Data, Deer Management Program, Alligator Program, Roadway Management Reports-there is a trove of information available.

If you have not signed up for "Currents", sent out by SIPOA monthly, as well as the weekly SIPOA Eblast, please visit their website and click the link titled "Stav Connected with Us!" This link will bring you to the

While you are on the SIPOA website, www.sipoa.org, browse the various tabs not just the Homeowner tab. Under the Visitor and Guest tab you will find the newly enacted SIPOA Short Term Rental (STR)Guidelines including new rules about the number of allowed vehicles at STR's. The timeline for enforcement of the new policy is included in this section. There is also a "Public Comment" tab on the home page. This is the best way to submit a question or comment to SIPOA. The SIPOA Rules and Regulations can also be found through the "Resources" tab under Governing Documents.

Also, please take the time to thoughtfully submit your answers to the SIPOA homeowners survey. This survey was emailed on October 19th and is due by November

SIPOA has put out a call for qualified candidates for election at the Annual 2023 meeting. Consider

are conducted in real time on Zoom | whether you have a talent or background that could benefit your community by volunteering to be on one of the various SIPOA sub-commit-

> Mark your calendar for the SIPOA Annual Meeting, to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

> The Town of Seabrook Island webwww.townofseabrookisland. org, contains a calendar of all Town Council and Committee meetings, along with their corresponding agendas and past meeting minutes. You can also visit YouTube, www. youtube.com and search "Town of Seabrook Island." Here you will find links to recorded meetings such as Town Council, budget planning, public safety, and planning commis-

> On the Town website, you will also be able to search for recently enacted ordinances as well as find links to the permitting applications and guidelines for Short-Term Rentals. Upwards of 80% of the STR's are in COVAR member communities. Email your Town Council members

> and SIPOA Board members with specific questions when you cannot find the information you are seeking on their websites. While social media can have a positive place in our life, please do not rely on social media posts to become educated. Go to

E-mail information for SIPOA Board members, TOSI Town Council members and its administrators is available online through their respective websites:

www.sipoa.org

 www.townofseabrookisland.org There are many current and upcoming projects that could potentially change the fabric of the Seabrook Island that you have come to know

- SIPOA Long Range Planning Committee is investigating a major change to the Oyster Catcher Community Center and pool deck located at North Beach.
- The upcoming annexation re-

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Jill Butler

Ann Clark



quest to TOSI from Bohicket Marina regarding their expansion project to include a member only yacht club.

- The increased concern for drainage issues on Seabrook Island Road that have arisen from the The Seafields development construction adjacent to the Andell Inn at Freshfields.
 - Logistical questions regarding the future MUSC medical facility
- The increased demand on the Seabrook Island Water and Utility Commission.
- Effective communication on all evels, in addition to community involvement, is paramount to achieving understanding of the inner work-

 The possible impact on infrastructure with the planned Harris Teeter and commercial project on the Andell lot adjacent to Freshfields.

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ings of Seabrook Island.▲

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Arrangements made by fellow Garden Club members

JANUARY 2023

Dianne Thompson Cain, Karen Nuttal





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SEABROOK ISLAND GARDEN CLUB HOSTS

Forty-two members of the Seabrook Island Garden Club gath-

ered at the Oyster Catcher Commu-

nity Center to celebrate the holiday

season with a fun evening of food

and fellowship. The tables were

decorated with seasonal centerpiec-

es designed by Garden Club mem-

bers. In addition to an elaborate food

spread provided by the board and

committee chairpersons, there were

champagne toasts, raffle prizes, and

gift bags filled with daffodil bulbs

ready to be planted. President Karen

Nuttall thanked everyone for their

hard work in planning this event

and several other holiday events on

Seabrook. Garden Club members

participated in the annual Seabrook

Island Holiday parade, decorated the

Christmas tree at the Lake House,

and sponsored the holiday Light Up

Upcoming January events include

a presentation by Kevin Jones from

the Coastal Carolina Orchid Society

and the annual Garden Club Winter

Open House scheduled for January

29, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 pm at the

Lake House. All Seabrookers are in-

Susan McLaughlin

vited to attend the Open House! ▲

contest on the island.

Lynn Miner at the raffle table





Karen Babb, Joy Palmer, and Stephanie Hamilton

So many beautiful homes participated this year in spreading holiday cheer on Seabrook.

Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Place 2405 the Bent Twig







3rd Place 3143 Baywood



So many beautiful homes participated this year in spreading holiday cheer on Seabrook.

Happy Holidays from the Seabrook Island Garden Club!

Kiawah River Wins Grand Award in Builder's Choice Awards for Urban and Community Planning





the Grand Award in Urban and Com- for development. One Builder's Choice munity Planning at the 2022 Builder's Design juror says Kiawah River "feels Choice Design Awards by Builder Magazine! The theme of this year's awards another noted, "there's a lot of really approgram was innovation. We are so pealing things about this project." grateful that our community's thoughtful master plan and sustainability initiatives were acknowledged for the singular Grand Award bestowed on a master planned community by one of the most | of the sea island aesthetic and ideals of respected and well-known publications in the industry.

As the region's only agrihood, Kiciples of sustainability, with only half | River a beautiful place to live.

Kiawah River has been honored with | of the property's 2,000 acres planned stitched into its natural element," while

The community is a maritime oasis of residential, future retail and hospitality offerings with custom and semi-custom homes that feature an innovating blend quality green building.

We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and are so grateful for the awah River truly embraces its natural | builders, architects, designers, farmers, riverside setting and was created as a artists, residents and many others that green community that employs prin- work so hard every day to make Kiawah



JANUARY 2023







Approval of Minutes:

• October 25 were approved

• November 8 were approved. **Presentations:** None. **Public Hearing Items:** None.

Town Clerk Watkins listed the individuals who submitted public comments prior to the meeting. Copies of the comments are available with these minutes and upon request.

Reports of Town Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- Advisory Committees ■ Community Promotions and Engagement Committee - Councilwoman Fox noted the Communications Promotions and Engagement Committee has canceled the November 17th meeting. Councilwoman Fox reminded all the upcoming Holiday Extravaganza on December 8th from
- 5:00PM to 8:00PM at Town Hall. ■ Environment and Wildlife Committee - Councilwoman Finke summarized the Environment and Wildlife Committee meeting of November 10th.
- Public Safety Committee Councilman Kortvelesy noted the Public Safety Committee meeting for November 15th was canceled and the upcoming meeting will be held on December 20th.
- Public Works Committee None.
- Special Committees None. • Ad Hoc Committees - None.
- Board of Zoning Appeals None. • Planning Commission - None.
- · State Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee - None.
- Utility Commission Commissioner Smith-Jones summarized the special Utility Commission Meeting of November 3rd, which focused on the 2023 Budget and a review of the Management Contract. Commissioner Smith-Jones noted the bid for the management of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission was awarded to Woodard & Curran for a five-year contract with renewals and summarized the bid process the Commission went through to award the contract. A discussion was had on the selected contractor and whether that contractor has a local office in South Carolina

Reports Town Officers:

■ Update of Town's Request for Public Assistance (Hurricane Ian) - Mayor Gregg noted that on November 14, the Town took part in a so-called Scoping Meeting

with representatives of Federal **Emergency Management Agency** ("FEMA"). Mayor Gregg added the Town has provided the FEMA representatives draft documents of a Rented Equipment Summary Record and Damage Inventory using forms prescribed by FEMA together with copies of invoices and related documents for charges incurred by the Town and Seabrook Island Utility Commission. It is expected that once any suggestions by the FEMA representatives have been addressed, the final versions of those documents will be sub-

mitted in support of the Town's

Request for Public Assistance. Re-

imbursement by FEMA for costs

incurred is expected once FEMA

has completed its review of the

Town's Request and supporting

■ Invitation for Volunteers to serve

on Town's Board of Zoning Ap-

peals - A current member of the

Town's Board of Zoning Appeals

has expressed the intention not to

serve another term. Consequent-

ly, there will be an opening on the

Board at the start of 2023. I en-

courage residents who are inter-

ested in service to the community

to acquaint themselves with the

role of the Board and inform the

Town without delay should they

have an interest in serving on the

Town Administrator - Town Ad-

ministrator Cronin updated Council

on the status of the Administrative

Assistant and the Communications

& Event Manager. Town Adminis-

trator Cronin noted that the Town

has received some complaints about

the vegetation at the traffic circle

and notified the Town of Kiawah of

this issue as they are responsible for

the landscaping at the traffic circle.

■ Report of Financials for the Month

of October 2022 - Ms. Watkins

summarized the financials for Oc

O Total fund balance ending on Oc-

O Unrestricted revenue for Oc-

tober 31, 2022, was \$8,137,309

an amount about \$1,434,970

more than the balance as of Oc-

tober totaled \$147,789 and

unrestricted revenue for the

vear totaled \$1,634,879 repre-

senting about 107% for the 2022

annual budget and being about

\$296,701 more than for the

taled \$87,745, and expenditures

for the year totaled \$988,276

which is 70.1% of the 2022 annu-

about \$203,895 more compared

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O Expenditures for October to-

O Expenditures for the year were

to the same period of 2021.

O Excess of revenues over expen-

same period in 2021.

al budget.

Town Clerk/Treasurer

tober as follows:

tober 31, 2021.

documentation.

Town Attorney - None

 Zoning Administrator o Code Enforcement Summary (10/25 - 11/14) - Zoning Administrator Newman summarized the code enforcement summary between October 25th through November 14th, A discussion and clarification were had on the breakdown on the types of businesses the code enforcement officers are encountering that are in violation of not having a business license decal on their vehicle.

ditures was \$60,044 for October

and excess of revenues over

expenditures was \$646,603 for

the year compared to an excess

of revenues over expenditures

of about \$1,017,951 as of Oc-

tober 31, 2021, reflecting the

decrease in revenues in the pe-

riod this year as compared last

Ordinances for Second Reading:

Ordinances for First Reading: • Ordinance 2022-07: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31. 2023. Town Administrator Cronin summarized ordinance 2022-07 for the budget for the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Ordinance 2022-07; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor. Ordinance 2022-07 passed first reading.

Other Action Items: - None. Items for Information or Discussion: - None.

<u>Citizen Comments:</u> - None. Council Comments - None. The meeting adjourned at 2:58PM.

December 6, 2022

Town Council Meeting

WORK SESSION Guest Presentation: Representatives from MUSC for the anticipated Medical Facility on Seabrook Island Road. Representatives from MUSC were as follows: Dr. Patrick Cawley (CEO), Sunday Tuk, and Brian Panique (representatives MUSC development). Dr. Cawley presented on the anticipated MUSC Medical Facility on Seabrook Island Road specifically why this is needed for our area, what services the facility will provide, design of the facility, and current timeline. A discussion was had on the proposed timeline for construction on the facility. A discussion was had on the impact of a contribution from the Town of Seabrook Island to make the facility go. A discussion was had on the commitment made from the Town of Kiawah and how that contribution spurred additional contributions from the community.

Mayor John Gregg (mirror mayor

- Appointment to Town Boards and Commissions
- Committee (7 seats, 2-year terms) ■ Board of Zoning Appeals (1 seat, 5-year term)
- Planning Commission (3 seats,

• Update for FEMA - Mayor Gregg noted that on November 14, the Town submitted a so-called Certification of Small Projects to expedite review of the Town's Request for Public Assistance in consequence of costs incurred as a result of Hurricane IAN. The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") status of the Town's request reflects that the request is Pending Final

in the past two years.

 Update to Inquiry of Power outages - Mayor Gregg summarized the inquiries of residents concerning recurring power outages on the island Mayor Gregg noted that all inquiries were forwarded to the Town's contact at Berkeley Electric Cooperative ("BEC") and that he shared the response received with inquiring residents. Mayor Gregg added that he expects a follow-up with our contact at BEC after the first of the year for an update of progress on BEC's can anticipate them being put back

Patricia Fox - None.

- Accommodations Tax Advisory
- 2-vear terms)

Mayor Gregg noted the current openings on some of the Town's Boards and Commissions at the beginning of next year, specifically: all members of the Town's ATAX Advisory Committee; one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and three members of the Planning Commission. Mayor Gregg summarized the applications received and noted which candidates he will nominate for these vacant positions. Mayor Gregg confirmed with Town Clerk Watkins that all candidate applications were sent to all members of Council for review. Council clarified if residency was required to be on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the state statutory requirements. A discussion was had on use of the volunteer form and clarified ways to attract applicants for the Town's Boards or Commissions. A discussion was had on the process of appointing the applicants to the various boards and commissions to fill the upcoming vacancies and where to find all applications for those who have applied with-

FEMA Review.

investigations **Town Council Members:**

• Jeri Finke - Councilwoman Finke noted the regularly scheduled Environment & Wildlife Committee will be postponed either to another time in December or having a second meeting in January. Councilwoman Finke thanked Seabrook Island Utility Commission for their article in the Seabrooker. Councilwoman Finke inquired as to whether beach trash cans will be back on the beach, and, if they can be, when residents

- Barry Goldstein Councilman Goldstein summarized the preliminary designs for the Town Hall Annex and Town Hall Garage from
- both ESP Associates and Mike Karamus. A discussion was had on the proposed designs for the Town Hall Annex and garage. A discussion was had on if the proposed garage design to prepare for potentially using all electric equipment. A discussion was had on how the bid process will be if it will be divided into individual projects or one bid package for all updates. A discussion was had on the design of the potential park behind Town Hall. A discussion was had on the status of the road project with regards to MUSC and Sea Fields. A discussion was had on where the funding will be coming from. A discussion was had on moving the entrance to Town Hall to be opposite Landfall Way. A discussion was had on whether the Town needs approval from the source of the Town Hall property to build the garage. Council clarified when the installation of the charging stations from Berkely Electric Cooperative would be and where they will be lo-
- Dan Kortvelesy Councilman Kortvelesy noted the upcoming Public Safety Committee Meeting will be on December 20th.

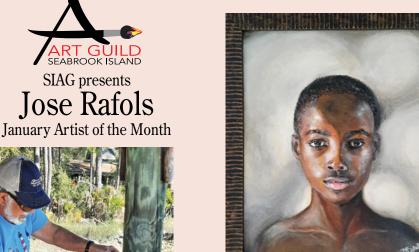
cated with the proposed design.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

• Items for December 13th Meeting Ordinances for Second Reading:

- An Ordinance 2022-07: An ordinance to adopt a budget for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023. Town Administrator Cronin summarized the budget ordinance to include the updated budget document for month end from November, as it will be up for Public Hearing and Second Reading at the December Town Council Meeting.
- MyGov Permit System Update Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the status of MyGov.
- AirMedCare Renewal for 2023 Town Administrator Cronin summa rized the AirMedCare renewal for 2023 based on previous discussions at the Town Council Budget Work Sessions.
- 2023 Meeting Dates & Holidav Schedule - Town Administrator Cronin summarized the upcoming standing meeting and holiday dates for 2023. Introduction of new Administrative
- Assistant Beth Rinehimer Town Administrator Cronin introduced Beth Rinehimer as the new Administrative Assistant.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM. ▲





Wayne, he held the position of professor of Anatomy and Neurobiology until his retirement in 2016. He and his wife Lori currently reside both in Valparaiso, IN and Kiawah Island. SC. He is a member of both Kiawah and Seabrook Island Art Guilds. During his long scientific ca-

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eer, Rafols published numerous line drawings of brain cells using Rafols emigrated to the Unitintegrated microscopic, camara lued States and obtained a PhD in cida and computerized techniques. Neuroscience at the University of However only a few years before Kansas. Upon completion of his retirement, he began to understand degree, he began a 48-year long the complexities of color, values and career in neurotrauma and stroke light intensity needed in depicting research. He also taught neurosciperspective and therefore, successful ence to medical students at Wayne painting. This process was largely fa-State University in Detroit, MI. At • • • • • For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, • • • • • •

Jose Rafols lived and studied in Bar-

celona, Spain through the 1960s. In

this "modernista" (Art Noveau)

city, he immersed himself in what

would become his life-long love af-

fair with the visual arts by visiting

art museums and salons exhibiting

the work of local and international

painters. At that time, Barcelona's

prominence in the nascent Bau-

haus, Noveau and Surrealist move-

ments provided him with much in-

spiration.

cilitated through his participation in workshops, demonstrations and critiques in the both above mentioned Guilds. His preferred media are oils and acrylics and the subject matter for his painting is eclectic; ranging from the low country and mountain landscapes, local flora and fauna, as well as an occasional portrait done mostly in naturalistic/impressionistic styles.

There will be a reception honoring Jose Rafols at The Lake House on Monday, January 9th, 4:30-6:00 pm. Please come out to speak with Jose and see his beautiful art‼▲ Beth Wright



Seabrook Island Artist Guild Demonstration Artist for January Susan Colwell

Born at Camp LeJeune, N.C., Susan was raised in Toledo, Ohio. As a youngster she was enrolled in classes at the Toledo Museum of Art, and as a teenager she had her first solo exhibition at a Toledo art gallery.

After moving to Zurich, Switzerland with her family, her love of art became an obsession. She was exposed to the Great Masters as she and her family traveled throughout Europe. Susan earned her BFA in painting and graphic art from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Susan worked in social work and as an artist for advertising agencies in Ohio, California and New York. Years ago, she moved to Charles-

ton, the home of her great-grandparents. Living in Charleston brought back beautiful childhood memories of crabbing, pluff mud, and grandma's fried chicken. Susan states, "The Lowcountry is a continual source of inspiration because I am moved by the ever-changing light and softness I feel in the atmosphere." Susan has been represented by

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galleries in South and North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Virginia. She currently is represented by the Meyer-Vogl gallery in Charleston. She is collected all over the world

and is a member of AIS, American Impressionism Society and AWA; American Women Artist.

Susan will demonstrate her impressionistic style on Tuesday, January 17, 1:30, at The Lake House in the Live Oak Room. **A**







List of 2023 Opera 101 Series

January's Artist-of-the-Month Jose Rafols will continue his excellent opera series beginning January 10th at the Sandcastle on Kiawah Island. Start time is 2:00pm. All Seabrookers are welcome!

01/10 "Norma" (Vincenzo Bellini) - Bel Canto (I)

01/17 "Faust" (Chales Gounod) - Romantic (F) 01/24 "Les Pecheurs des Perles" (Georges

Bizet) - Romantic (F) 01/31 "Manon Lescaut (Giacomo Puccini) -

Romantic (I) 02/07 "Samson et Dalila" (Camille Saint-Saens) -Grand/Romantic (F)

02/14 "Carmen" (Georges Bizet) - Romantic (F) 02/21 "Madame Butterfly" (Giacomo Puccini) -Romantic (I)

02/28"Aida" (Giuseppi Verdi) - Grand/Romantic

..."Die Gotterdammerung" (Richard 03/07..Wagner)-Epic/Romantic (G) 03/14 "Der Rosenkavalier" (Richard Strauss) -

Romantic/Modern (G) 03/21 "Akhnaten" (Phillip Glass) - Contemporary

..... "Fire Shut Up in my Bones" (Terence Blanchard)-Contemporary (A)

A, American; F, French; G, German; I, Italian



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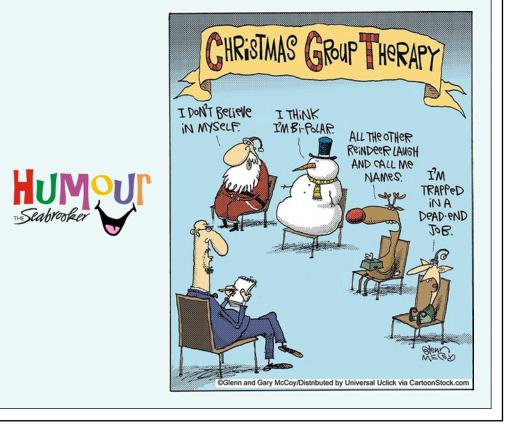
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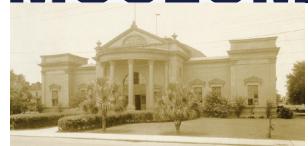


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> The celebration's ticket price will include music provided by Professor Ping, an open bar featuring a special anniversary craft beer, 1773 Anniversary Ale, proudly brewed by Holy City Brewerv. a reception, and an evening packed with historical fun. Rec ister here or call 843.722.2996 ext. 235 before tickets sell out. Guests must be 21 or older

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ronment and beyond.

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Friday, January 13th | 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. When:

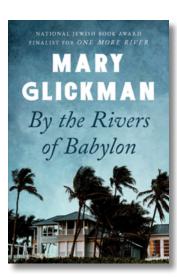
About The Charleston Museum:

The Charleston Museum, founded in 1773 and considered America's first museum, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located at 360 Meeting Street in downtown Charleston. The Museum is home to the most extensive collection of South Carolina-related natural and cultural history materials known, two National Historic Landmark Houses and the Dill Sanctuary, a 580-acre wildlife preserve. The Museum's mission is to educate Charleston area residents and visitors about the natural and cultural history of the South Carolina Lowcountry through collections, exhibitions, preservation, conservation, research, and related programming. Museum exhibits provide a comprehensive overview of the South Carolina Lowcountry, while its historic houses offer insight into the families that owned the properties, the people they enslaved, and historic Charleston architecture. The Dill Sanctuary is only available for special scheduled programs.

For information, please visit https://www.charlestonmuseum.org/ or call 843-722-2996. ▲

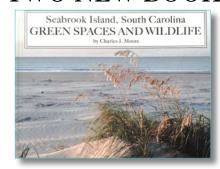
Olivia Plyler

SEABROOKERS RELEASE TWO NEW BOOKS



I'm delighted to announce that I have a new novel coming out in February, my fifth, By the Rivers of Babylon. It's a story very close to my heart as it concerns the people and culture of Johns Island, circa 1996, before the onslaught of residential development, when it was largely farm and marshland. I'm sure ou'll agree. Things iave changed.

Mary Glickman



The natural beauty of Seabrook Island and its abundant wildlife are depicted in a new book Seabrook Island Green Spaces and Wildlife, by photographer Charles I. Moore. This book highlights both the importance of GREEN SPACES to is land WILDLIFE and the vision, care and dedication of past and current residents to maintain a natural environment where families and wildlife can coexist

Charleston Coastal Choir Concert

The Charleston Coastal Choir presented their Christmas program to a "full church" audience this past December 5th at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church. The Choir is composed of Seabrook and Kiawah Island residents and conducted by Van McCollum.

The program opened with quartet of Ralph Finno, Nat Malcolm, Van McCollum and David Schaeffer singing "Here Comes the Light". The full choir followed with Welcome the Holidays, All on a Cold Winter's Night, The Joyful Bells are Ringing and Candle in the Night. Also included in the first set was a solo by pianist Jessica Minahan White, A Christmas Lullaby.

The quartet added Sleigh Bells (a Ukrainian Carol) followed by a ladies double trio singing We Need a Little Christmas. That group consisted of Debbie Banecker, Beth Connolly, Elise Jurgens, Veronica L'Allier, Kim McMurray and Lynn Russell.

The full choir concluded with another set of five holiday songs ending with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

A warm, standing ovation was a well deserved audience participation! **A**





Conductor Van McCollum with

ANGEL OAK AWARD

The annual award was first presented in 2012 and recognizes a person who performs volunteer services which contribute significantly to the people and/or quality of life of Wadmalaw, Johns, Kiawah, and/ or Seabrook Island. The award is named after a historic tree on Johns Island which clearly represents the people, culture, and natural environment of the islands. The 2021 recipient was Seabrooker Charlotte Moran who was recognized for her work with the Sea Island Habitat for Humanity, Charleston Symphony Orchestra League, and Mt. Zion

Holiday Gift Fund. The recipient need not live on the aforementioned islands but the service noted for the award must have been performed on those islands.

The Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club is soliciting nominations for its 11th Angel Oak Award



to a charitable organization serving the islands. The recipient will also receive a memento and have their name inscribed on the Angel Oak Trophy which is permanently displayed on the barrier islands. The Exchange Club is seeking

The recipient will be recognized at

a banquet on May 17 and will receive

an honorarium of \$5000 which he/

she can designate for assignment

nominations from the public. The deadline is February 11. Nomination information and forms can be found on the Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club website (www.ksexchangeclub.com).

Please contact Alan Armstrong at alan9631@comcast.net or 410-274-7545 if you have any questions.▲

Alan Armstrong

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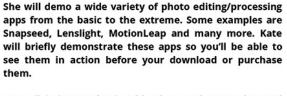
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This presentation will demonstrate easy to use photo editing apps and other ways to use your phone in fun and creative ways. Kate Silvia will discuss different apps that enable you to capture photos with creative effects. This presentation is not just specific to iPhones but other mobile devices as well. These apps can be used on any image on your phone - even photos moved from another device via the cloud or something similar.



Kate Silvia is a professional landscape photographer and educator based in Charleston, South Carolina. Her passion for the natural world is matched only by the desire to share that passion with her students. Kate is a natural teacher and is often requested to speak at camera clubs and photo organizations throughout the Southeastern U.S. and beyond. She offers e-books, online photo classes and more one her website.

This meeting is free to SI Photo Club members. Non-Photo Club members fee is \$10 (which can be applied to an annual membership). Refreshments at 6:30, Presentation at 7pm.

SIDOGS 2023 ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, January 25th - 6:00 PM Live Oak Hall - The Lake House Featuring Dr. Kristi Oldham, DVM "It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island"

SIDOGS, the Seabrook Island Dog Owners Group, announced today that their Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, 2023, beginning at 6:00pm. The event will take place in the Live Oak Hall at the Lake House. All Seabrook Island residents are invited to attend the meeting. Also, we are always looking for new members, so please join us to learn about the good work SIDOGS does for the Seabrook Island community.

On this year's agenda, the officers will provide a brief annual review of 2022 for the SIDOGS organization. Then we are honored to present "It's A Dog's Life on Seabrook Island", a conversation with Kristi Oldham, DVM on some of the environmental and physical challenges for your four-legged loved ones living on Seabrook Island. Dr. Oldham is an integrative veterinarian who has been serving the greater Charleston community for over 15 years. She currently serves the community as a mobile veterinarian, and recently opened a clinic on River Road named "Trinity Island Veterinary Clinic". Dr. Oldham is certified in acupuncture as well as food therapy and has a diverse education in holistic medicine. She is particularly interested in the interconnectivity between her patients and their human companions.

As in past years, SIDOGS will also be collecting charitable donations for a local organization. This year we will be collecting for "Michael's Healing Heart Fund" at Dorchester Paws. This fund allows Dorchester Paws to pay for the medical bills of the neglected and abused. The fund was named in honor of a dog named Michael, who arrived at Dorchester Paws after being abused and tortured with gasoline. You can read more about Dorchester Paws and the "Michael's Healing Heart Fund" on their website: https:// dorchesterpaws.org/about/. Dorchester Paws is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Dorchester County, SC.

As the meeting will be held during dinner time, we will have a potluck meal. If you can, please bring either an appetizer, main dish, or dessert to share. SIDOGS will provide wine, beer, and

For more information on the event or about SIDOGS, please visit our website, www.sidogs.org or contact us at siseadogs@gmail. com. We hope to see you there! ▲

Martha Goldstein



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