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FROM TOWN HALL



by John Turner

In November we will be asked to approve or deny a 1/2% increase in the Charleston County sales tax—bringing it up to 9%. I'm writing this piece to lay out the arguments for and against approval, based on the situation as we know it today. Town Council brought this issue up for discussion at the August meeting, but decided to take no formal position, aye or nay. However, each of us indicated the we personally would oppose the increase, in part because we believed there was insufficient benefit to residents of lower Johns Island. In particular, we were concerned that there was no commitment to improve access and egress not only for Seabrook and Kiawah, but also for anyone living on or using Bohicket and River Roads. Since our Council meeting, Charleston County Council published the ordinance to levy the tax increase, and the road projects described therein may alleviate our concerns, at least in part.



Seabrook Looks at Proposed Sales Tax Increase

Where do we stand on the Charleston County proposed 1/2% sales tax increase?

That ordinance stipulates sales tax revenues up to \$1.89 billion will finance costs of highways, roads, bridges etc. including "...US 17 at Main Road flyover and widening Main Road from Bees Ferry to Betsy Kerrison with Parkway type section at Bohicket" (sic). A number of other projects are referenced covering most of Charleston County. In addition, up to \$210 million would finance green belts and greenspace acquisition. The ordinance can be read on the Charleston County Council web site; it was also reported on by the Post and Courier 9/7/2016.

Reasons to support the tax increase:

- Taken as a whole, there's no doubt that the roads and infrastructure projects referenced would substantially enhance economic development and the general social well-being of Charleston County residents.
- Without the tax increase, substantial road and infrastructure improvements in the Low Country are unlikely. Even

if there is an increase in the state gas tax, most of that money would go toward the midlands and upstate, because the center of influence has shifted from the Low Country with Glenn McConnell's departure. That was the message delivered emphatically by Senator Campsen, Rep. McCoy and others at the town hall meeting organized by Mayor Ciancio. There's no way to accurately pin down this belief, but it's a mantra repeated often enough to carry some weight.

- The flyover at Main and Savannah Highway and widening Main to Betsy Kerrison would essentially create a four lane access and egress route from the Seabrook/Kiawah traffic circle to US 17. That would certainly alleviate congestion and facilitate emergency evacuation. The "parkway type section at Bohicket" was a late add, but it seems to have backing of influential Johns Island property owners and the Coastal Conservation League.

Reasons to oppose the tax increase:

- It's only a 1/2% increase, but 9% is a big sales tax.
- It will be a long time to fruition, especially for the projects benefiting Johns Island. For example, the "flyover" is just a concept. It may be as much as 7-8 years before it becomes reality.
- In spite of the "no tax/no improvement" position, some of these projects will have to be done anyway. This probably includes the flyover.
- I-526 is not addressed at all.
- County Council is presently adamant that the projects referenced in the ordinance will be done. However, these are political decisions, and there will always be wiggle room.

Speaking of wiggle room, this article describes the situation as I see it at the time this is being written—September 11 for publication October 1. Things could change. I can only promise that we on the Town Council will do our best to keep you informed.▲



Along any of Seabrook Island's lagoons, ponds, lakes or other waterways you may hear a very distinctive loud rattling call, a flash of blue and a splash of water as a Belted kingfisher plunges head first into the water catching an unsuspecting fish near the surface. Occasionally you may also spot this beautiful medium-sized, brightly colored bird with a very distinct shaggy topknot sitting on an isolated tree branch or dead tree limb over the water's edge surveying its kingdom.

A very territorial and fearless bird the Belted kingfisher will aggressively protect its territory. I witnessed a female belted kingfisher dive-bomb and chase off a juvenile eagle that dared to sit on a tree branch too close to its lagoon. At the same time these birds are very leery of humans and are difficult to get close to.

Over 90 species of kingfishers occur word-wide but only the Belted kingfisher, *Megaceryle alcyon*, is found throughout much of the United States and Canada. Here they breed and are year-round residents. It is even depicted on the Ca-

Seabrook Wild Things

by Members of the Environmental Committee

The Belted Kingfisher King Of The Lagoon

PHOTOS BY CHARLES MOORE



and a dark blue breast band on its white belly. Whereas all young birds have an orange or brownish-red band on the upper belly only the female keeps the band and as with all her plumage brightens as she matures.

The Blue jay with its bright blue plumage is the only Seabrook Island bird somewhat similar in appearance. However, it is smaller, more slender, has a single pointed head crest, a smaller bill and a thin black collar around its neck.

Although primarily a fish eater the Belted kingfisher eats a wide variety of prey including

nadian \$5 bill.

In winter they migrate south into Mexico, Central America and the West Indies. They occasionally travel great distances and frequent areas such as Colombia, Venezuela and have been recorded in Greenland, Ireland, Portugal, Hawaii and other Pacific Islands.

The Belted kingfisher is a stocky bird of about a foot in length with a wingspan of between 19 and 23 inches. It has a shaggy multi-pointed crest or topknot, a thick pointed bill and is one of the few birds where the female is more colorful than the male. Females are also slightly larger than males.

The head and body are slate blue. There is a white collar around its neck

insects, crustaceans, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and even small birds and mammals.

They nest near inland waterbodies in the spring, digging and excavating a long nesting burrow in the mud or sand along the waters' edge. The tunnel angles up so that should the water rise an air pocket would protect the eggs and young birds. The female lays five to eight oval, pure white eggs and both sexes incubate the eggs.

Keep your eye out for this very unique bird along Seabrook Islands many waterways but you may hear its loud piercing and rattling call as it streaks across its kingdom long before you can spot it.▲

Charles Moore
Environmental Committee



THANKS JEFF

Jeff Bostock recently announced his resignation from the Seabrook Utility Commission. Jeff has served on the Commission since 2008. He and Dot are moving to Naples, Florida where their son lives.

Jeff has contributed his time, energy and expertise to numerous organizations on the Island including both the Seabrook Island Club and the SIPOA. He has been involved with the Green Space Conservancy as well as contributing extensively to programs at Camp St. Christopher.

Jeff is a retired engineer who came to Seabrook following work at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His work there included some high profile contributions to our nuclear weapons technology. In that regard, fellow Seabrooker Kimber Smith tells this story:

Jeff Bostock attended a meeting with members of a local community who were seeking information on how Seabrook managed the Horizon Plan construction with a group of construction managers who were all volunteers. A concerned woman at that meeting asked Jeff what was in his former background that qualified him to have such success working with such a varied group in completing the project. Jeff replied, "I made nuclear bombs".

End of questions. Meeting adjourned!▲

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CAP'N SAM EDISTO

Dear Cap'n Sam,

NOTE: On August 23rd, all electric power on Seabrook Island went down. The outage lasted for a significant part of the day, going out at around 10AM and not returning 'til very early the next morning. Utility Commissioner Lee Vancini corresponded with Berkeley Electric seeking information on what had happened. Here is their reply:

Dear Mr. Vancini,

Thank you for contacting Berkeley Electric Cooperative.

We understand your concern and apologize for the power outage on August 23, 2016. Please allow us to explain exactly what occurred last Tuesday in the Seabrook Substation on Johns Island. A regulator failed on circuit 3 and caught fire which then spread to the roof of the control house, buss work and switches above it along with the exit circuit cables on circuit 1 and 3. When the initial crew arrived at the Seabrook Substation, the Local Fire Department was waiting on them and they could see the smoke rising up from down the road. They quickly opened the high side switch dropping the transmission feed and de-energizing the entire substation, so the Fire Department could battle the control house fire. The Fire Department did a great job of putting out the fire before the roof fell inside and damaged more equipment. After securing the substation, the Line Superintendent and the Johns Island Line Crews started the process of determining what they had available that was not damaged in order to restore power.

The final results were not good because of the damage within the substation. The only back feed sources available were from outside of the substation with ties to other

substations for the approximately 5,000 members without power. This was also limited because the Seabrook Substation is located at the end of the system adjacent to the ocean. Fortunately, we were able to restore partial power to about ¼ of the members by using tie points with Legareville, Vanderhorst and Wadmalaw Substations. The remaining power would not be restored until around 1:00 a.m. when we made partial repairs to damaged equipment within the substation to utilize our mobile substation until full restoration could be achieved.

All hands were on deck and everyone worked safely and as quickly as possible. While the Johns Island Linemen were working on back feeds, our Manager of Power Supply and the Substation Crew were busy gathering materials needed inside the substation. They used our mack truck to transport the mobile substation to Seabrook. And our engineers assisted on load projections to help us determine the capabilities of our

back feeds.

Please know that we perform bi-annual infrared inspections on all of the equipment in our substations. Additionally, we visit the substations monthly to perform visual inspections and ensure the equipment is working properly. Unfortunately, there are times when equipment defaults and that is the case in this situation.

Again, we apologize for the delayed power restoration. We want you to know that your Co-op is working for you. We are continuously upgrading and enhancing our system, so we can provide our members with quality, dependable electric utility service. Please let us know if you have any further concerns or questions.

Thank you, once more, for your correspondence and for being a loyal and valued member with Berkeley Electric Cooperative since October 1990.

Kindest Regards,
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Why Northerners Think All Southerners Have One Accent

A small North Carolina island shows how different the Southern accent can be.

by Dan Nosowitz

The tiny island of Ocracoke, off the coast of North Carolina, is unimpeachably Southern. The most remote of the Outer Banks islands, founded by Sir Walter Raleigh and the point of capture for Blackbeard the pirate, it's a favorite vacation destination throughout the South—sort of the Nantucket for those below the Mason Dixon line. And yet if you were to speak to an Ocracokian, you wouldn't necessarily know it by their accent.

In fact, there's a pretty fair chance you'd have no idea where they're from. Being a small island, having been settled by Europeans very early, and being isolated from other parts of the South, Ocracoke has a singularly strange accent, some parts of which do not sound Southern at all. The most classic accent example in Ocracoke is appropriately nautical: "high tide." Ocracokians do not say "hah tahd," as the rest of the South would. Instead they say "hoi toid." It's a weird remnant from colonial days, trapped in amber.

The fact that Ocracoke has a weird accent is not, in itself, weird; there are plenty of pockets of strange accents scattered around the country and the world. What makes Ocracoke so unusual is that it's located in the South, which linguistically does not really operate in the same way as other regions. The South is, just like the North, composed of dozens of micro-accent and dialects, but Southern accents do not really divide up evenly as they do in the North. With much greater population density, Northeastern accents can be split fairly evenly by geography: your proximity to the cities of Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia has a large effect on your speech patterns. The South is divided in much more peculiar ways, and even the devoutly Southern linguists I spoke to, all of whom were very proud and defiant about their own Southern speech, said they'd essentially be unable to distinguish a Houstonian from an Atlantan from a Memphian.

But that doesn't mean those differences aren't there—they're just split in a different way. If you want to really distinguish between Southern speakers, you'll have to readjust what kind of information you're hoping to find.

The first problem with defining a Southern accent is agreeing on what is the South. "If you ask 50 people to draw a circle around what they think is the South, you'll get 50 different responses," says Dennis Preston, a linguist (and proud Southerner) who specializes in the ways non-linguists perceive accents. Simply going by any areas which include elements typically associated with the South will include parts of many states not normally assumed to be Southern at all: as far north as the southern sections of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois.

There are really only a few major linguistic quirks that associate a speaker as "Southern" to the vast majority of Americans. One is the monophthization of the vowel sound "eye," as in the

word "guide." In most of the country, that's pronounced as a diphthong, or compound vowel: it moves from "ah" to "ee." In the South, that's flattened into a monophthong, which is made up of only one vowel, so "guide" would sound somewhere in between "gad" and "god."

Preston conducted a study in which he took pronunciations of the word "guide" by speakers in several cities on a North/South spectrum, ranging from Saginaw, Michigan straight south to Dauphin, Alabama. Amazingly, the subjects were able to not only pick out the Southern versus the Northern speakers, but could actually order them, on average, correctly, based on just how flattened that vowel was.

Another monophthongization is in the "oy" vowel, which outside the South is a compound vowel made up of "oh" and "ee." In the same way "guide" is flattened, so is "boil," becoming closer to "ball."

Perhaps the most well-studied quirk is one used by Bill Labov to form a map of the South. (Labov, of the University of Pennsylvania, is easily the most important American linguist of the 20th century, maybe ever. I have literally never conducted an interview with a linguist in which Labov wasn't mentioned.) That quirk is known as the pin-pen merger. Throughout the South, those two words are homophones, sounding the same; this is not the case anywhere else in the country. There are many, many more speech patterns that are associated with the South, but some of those are waning in use, or are not used in certain sections of the region, or are only used by people of a certain age, class, race, or some other signifier. The fact that those few widely recognized features are part of such a gigantic area is, frankly, crazy; there's no other region that includes so many obvious features in nearly 100% of speakers. Imagine even talking about a "Northeastern" accent. Impossible!

With a few exceptions, which I'll get to in a second, the major dividing lines in the South are not geographic. "Currently, you're starting to see a big rural/urban split in the 20th and 21st centuries," says Paul Reed, a specialist in Appalachian English at the University of South Carolina. This is not really true in the rest of the country; someone from Long Island or New Jersey has, with some variations due to class, age, or ethnic identification, the exact same accent as someone from Manhattan or Brooklyn. A farmer from rural Wisconsin has the same accent as a broker in Madison or Milwaukee. Not so in the South.

"The cities in the South are tending to not sound quite as 'Southern' as they have in the past," says Reed. What Reed means is that native speakers from the largest Southern urban/suburban areas—Atlanta, Memphis, Louisville—still sound identifiably Southern, but, well, kind of less so than they did, and less so than rural

Ocracoke Island lighthouse, off the coast of North Carolina. (Photo: David Byron Keener/shutterstock.com)



speakers still do.

That's most obvious in what's referred to outside the South (and outside the linguistic community) as the "drawl." Within linguistics, it's sometimes called "vowel breaking," which makes it sound kind of bad. Really what Southerners are doing is adding complexity and layers to certain vowels. Think of the word "friend." Outside the South, that's a very simple vowel sound: "eh." Fehnd. But in the rural South, that vowel sound has a great deal of complication: it turns that one vowel sound into not only two, but maybe even three or four different vowels. A rural Southern speaker might turn "friend" into "free-ay-ind." The word "drawl" implies that people are speaking more slowly, which isn't really the case: what they're doing is cramming more sounds into a single word, which Northern ears interpret as taking more time.

In urban and suburban centers, that word "friend" is still more complex than in the North and West, but not quite as complex; maybe it only has two distinct vowel sounds, rather than three or four.

Another example: remember our old friend, "guide"? So that monophthization actually has a few more layers that can tell you where a Southerner might be from—or, in a very fun example, reveal that Kevin Spacey's rural South Carolina accent in House of Cards is not quite right.

So that monophthization happens throughout the South when that vowel sound comes before what's called a "voiced" consonant. The difference between a voiced and a voiceless consonant is that if you try to make the shortest possible sound with that consonant you can, a voiced consonant will vibrate your vocal cords, where a voiceless will not. The sound "k" is voiceless; you can make it without actually vibrating your vocal cords. But "d" is voiced; if you try to just make the sound of that letter, it'll either come out "duh," vibrating your vocal cords, or more like "t" if you try not to vibrate them.

Throughout the South, that "eye" sound is turned into "ah" when it comes before a voiced consonant, which is why "guide" sounds the way it does. But only in rural areas do people do that same sound change before a voiceless consonant. So if somebody pronounces "right" like "raht," you'll know they're from the rural South; city-dwellers pronounce that word pretty much the same way Northerners do. Reed mentioned that Spacey's character, though he's supposed to be

from rural South Carolina, voices his vowels in a way more similar to somebody from an urban area like Charleston.

Besides the urban/rural split, you'd be surprised at how consistent the Southern accent is across state lines. Even many speakers in Texas, that most independent of Southern states, differ very little from demographically similar speakers in other Southern states. Just like in the rest of the South, some speakers from Texas will distinguish between "which" and "witch" by giving the former a little staticky, cough-like oomph. Some won't! Some Texans will distinguish between "horse" and "hoarse," with the latter sounding a bit like "harse." And, of course, some won't. Some have one of my all-time favorite linguistic features, the excellently-named "intrusive 'r,'" in words like "wash," so that would sound like "warsh." And some won't.

Even some of the grammatical features most associated with Texas are plenty common throughout the South. "Y'all," say. Or the double modal: in much of the country, you only use one of a selection of words which indicate, say, how likely something is to happen. In Texas—and in many speakers throughout the South—you can double those up, which is how you end up with a sentence like "I might could go to the beach." Same thing with the phrase "fixing to," or as it's been compressed by black Southerners, "finna." Those are pretty common in Texas, sure—but also in Arkansas, southern Missouri, Oklahoma, and northern Louisiana, among other places.

These often tend to vary by town or other hyper-local construction throughout the South. So Reed, who is from East Tennessee, can distinguish between East, Central, and West Tennessee, being so familiar with the tiny differences and degrees of differences that separate those regions. But someone from North Carolina would not be able to do anything of the sort, and Reed himself notes that he can't perform anywhere near that level of identification with anyplace other than Tennessee.

A few Southern coastal cities, most famously Charleston and Savannah, were until very recently non-rhotic, but studies indicate that that feature is disappearing amongst the younger generation. That said, non-rhoticity is so associated with those prestigious cities that many residents will still drop their "r" sounds...in just a few famous examples. Some Charlestonians,

for example, will pronounce the name of their city as "Chahleston," but will not drop the "r" in other places where a truly non-rhotic speaker would, as in "yard" or "swear."

South Florida does not show any Southern features whatsoever. As in almost all other ways, Florida makes no sense. Like that island on the Outer Banks.

The pockets of non-Southern Southern accents are scattered across the region. Appalachia is an area of active research, as academics parse its unique sing-song quality of speech. Southern Louisiana, better known as New Orleans and Cajun country, has their own particular variety of English that, well...it certainly has some Southern influence, but not in some of the usual places, and the hefty dose of Acadian French and Spanish and African influence has left it in a fairly unique situation. In fact, New Orleans English has at least as much in common with, of all places, New York City English as it does with, say, Dallas English.

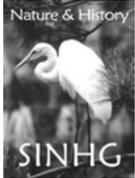
Many New Orleanians also do not monophthize the classic "eye" sound, making them sound almost Northern. New Orleanians of a certain age might say "turlet" for "toilet." That coil-curl merger is unheard of in the South, and in fact is most identified with a disappearing accent of the most Yankee place there is: New York City. Until the mid-20th century, New Yorkers had a similar mutation in that "er" sound, turning "Thirty-Third Street" into "Thoity-Thoid" street. You can still hear it in recordings of FDR or old Marx Brothers movies.

The entire South, save that one pocket of Charleston and Savannah, sort of, is rhotic, meaning they fully pronounce "r" after certain vowels. Non-rhoticity is rare in North America; the one big exception is the Boston area and its Hahvahd Yahd. Even Ocracoke, which some atlases don't even recognize as linguistically Southern, pronounces their "r" sounds.

But the Outer Banks island is still a linguistic oddity. Its colonial throwback linguistics is such an anachronism that it's possible nowhere else in the South has ever sounded like this. In fact, the only places where you might hear someone pronounce "high tide" as "hoi toid" are in, well, another South: Southwest England, like Cornwall and Devon. Even there, you might have to hop in some kind of time machine to hear anything like that accent. Much easier would be just heading out to Ocracoke. The beaches are supposed to be really nice, too. ▲



A map based on *The Atlas of North American English* by W. Labov, S. Ash & C. Boberg, showing where in the US the words "pin" and "pen" are pronounced the same—known as the "pin-pen merger".



SINHG TRIP MAGIC

Every spring and fall the Seabrook Island Natural History Group waves its magic wand and somehow 40+ field trips magically appear. SINHG members then race to review the trip descriptions and select their favorites. Couldn't be simpler. Couldn't be easier. Or is it?

Anyone who's organized an outing for a few friends knows it can be challenging to schedule, coordinate and manage even a single small excursion. Imagine what it takes to create and administer over 80 of these trips every year. If you imagined a lot of hard work by a group of savvy, dedicated SINHG volunteers, you were correct.

Over the years SINHG has established a highly structured methodology used to accomplish this herculean task including the following:

- Trip Evaluation and Strategy
- Trip Scheduling and Pricing
- Trip Communication and Request Selection
- Trip Participant Selection and Notification
- Pre-trip Communications
- Leading the Trip
- Post Trip Evaluation

The trip evaluation and strategy begin about six months in advance of the first trip of the season. During the initial meeting it's decided which trips will be scheduled for the upcoming period. Key considerations are factors such as prior demand, a good mix of trip types, new trip ideas, etc. Trip Leaders are assigned at this meeting.

Over the next few weeks the trips are confirmed and scheduled and Planning Forms are completed. These forms include all the necessary information to price and communicate the trip including descriptions, all associated costs, minimum and maximum

number of participants, dates and times, amount of walking, meal provisions, etc. The second planning session entails confirmation of the overall schedule and identification of any open issues with scheduling or trip content. The final deadline for all planning forms and trip descriptions is about a month later. The trip descriptions are edited and forwarded to the Senior Trip Coordinators for final review and submission to the SINHG Board for approval. This entire planning process takes about two months.

Now the real fun begins. The complete summary of all the trips and sign up forms are communicated as broadly as possible via email to SINHG members, posted on sinhg.org, announced on SIPOA eblasts, the Seabrooker and the Tidelines blog. The goal is make sure all Seabrook Island residents are aware of the opportunity to join SINHG and participate in the trips.

The deadline for signing up for the trips is about 30 days after the initial communication of the trip schedules and descriptions. The volume of trips requested is impressive. For example: this fall SINHG received sign up forms from 302 members requesting 1,353 trip slots. There were 42 trips and 894 slots available. Obviously, demand far exceeded supply. The difficult and time consuming task of assigning trips was led by Julia Thogmartin. Every effort is made to schedule as many participants as possible on the trips they selected as their first or second choice. Once the allocation of trips is completed, trip notifications are posted on the SINHG web site so members can determine which excursions they've been assigned as well as those on which they're wait-listed.

At this point the Trip Leaders take over by communicating regularly with the participants, leading the trip itself and filing all necessary post-trip summaries and evaluations.

In a way, it is magical that this group of Seabrookers can manage these tasks so efficiently and effectively. Led by SINHG Trip Planning Committee Co-Chairs Julie Thogmartin and Kathy Pompe the Committee members include Lynn Baker, Carol Bane, Nancy Brown, Ilse Calcagno, Jean Conyers, Ellen Coughlin, Trish Ernstrom, Martha Grant, Stephen Montagu-Pollack, Cindy Mulligan, Maureen Shmaydey Don Smith and Shawn Sullivan. If you get a chance, please let these people know you appreciate all their hard work. And remember, as we're all enjoying the SINHG Fall trips, they're already hard at work creating new adventures for next spring.

There are a few spots remaining on some of the Fall Trips:

- November 2nd – Center for Birds of Prey
- November 4th – Tombstone Tales Tour
- November 10th – Charleston Distillery Tour
- December 14th – Holiday Progressive Dinner

Details regarding these trips are available on sinhg.org under Trips/Fall 2016 Trip Descriptions.

The Seabrook Island Natural History Group is devoted to disseminating natural and cultural history information about Seabrook Island, Charleston and the South Carolina Low Country to its members through field trips and lectures. More information about SINHG programs, activities and membership may be found by visiting SINHG's web site at sinhg.org. ▲



What's New at McLeod Plantation

Guest Speaker - Shawn Halifax

Thursday, October 13th

Refreshments 7PM / Program 7:30PM / Lake House

All Seabrook Island residents and guests are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for non SINHG members. Information about future programs and SINHG membership can be found at the SINHG web site, sinhg.org.



Shawn Halifax is the Cultural History Interpretation Coordinator for McLeod Plantation which is located at the corner of Maybank Highway and Folly Road on James Island. The 37-acre historical site has deep roots in Charleston's history dating back before the Civil War. The McLeod Plantation has preserved buildings like the McLeod's main home which sits next to a massive 600 year old oak tree. There are also smaller homes where slaves, and then freed men lived, a cemetery a renovated dock and a cotton gin.

The preservationists hope the plantation will be a place where people come together and discuss the history that shaped our society today. "Look at ways to improve how we live today based on some of the things that happened in the past. It's all kind of interconnected," said Halifax.

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Council Meeting of August 23, 2016

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the August 23, 2016, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg, Turner and Wells, Town Administrator Pierce, Town Clerk Allbritton and several guests attended the meeting. The meeting was properly posted and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act were met.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Town Council meeting of July 26, 2016, and the Ways and Means Committee meeting of August 16, 2016, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials:

Mayor Ciancio reported that revenues for the month of July exceeded budget by approximately \$21,480 and year to date revenues exceeded budget by \$160,858. Expenses for July were over budget by \$1,338 and expenses, for the year to date, were under budget by \$111,678. For the month of July, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$6,225 and, for the year to date, revenues exceeded expenses by \$357,005.

Citizens/Guests Presentations,

Comments:

• **Insurance Reserve Fund** – Brenda Mitchell, Field Agent, and Athena Christensen, Field Service Manager Underwriter – Ms. Mitchell stated that the Insurance Reserve Fund

(IRF) allows governmental insurance operations to meet the needs of governmental entities at the lowest cost. All State agencies must take the coverage offered by the IRF but other governmental agencies can choose whether or not they want to use their services. The Town of Seabrook Island has been with the IRF since 1999 and currently has Auto Liability, Comprehensive and Collision (Automobile), Buildings and Personal Property, Inland Marine (Miscellaneous Items), General Tort Liability and Business Interruption policies. Ms. Mitchell reviewed the limits of coverage and cost of each type of insurance in which the Town participates. Ms. Christensen stated that Seabrook Island's coverage is pretty much in line with other towns of similar size except that a lot of them have Data Processing coverage which the Town does not have.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee – Councilman Gregg reported that the Club's Long Range Planning Committee met on August 11 and continues to work on the Club's 2017 Long Range Plan.

Since Charleston County prefers not to make changes to their Intergovernmental Agreement for Disaster Debris Removal, Councilman Gregg asked for a motion to approve the agreement and give the Mayor authorization to sign on behalf of the Town. Councilman Crane made the motion. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Gregg explained that the Town's Stand-By Contract for Disaster Debris Management with Phillips & Jordan, Inc., will expire in September but there are two one-year renewal options. Councilman Gregg moved to approve the amendment for renewal for a one-year term and to authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment on behalf of the Town. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and

the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilman Gregg stated that the AirMedCare Network Municipal Site Plan Agreement is also included in Council packets. Under this agreement, AirMedCare Network will accept a resident's insurance benefits as full payment for services if the patient is flown by a participating provider for a medical emergency originating within Charleston County. Councilman Gregg moved for approval of the Municipal Site Plan Agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Communications/Environmental – Councilman Turner reported that one of the buoys used to designate the beginning and end of the designated area for dogs on the beach has come loose a couple of times and Tom Strehle, who installed the buoys, is trying to find a solution to the problem. Councilman Turner also reported that there is static in the ham radio reception at the Town Hall and Max Willis is trying to determine the cause of the interference.

Advertising & Public Relations/Special Projects: Councilman Wells reported that he has received the first Task Order relating to the engineering work to be done by G. Robert George & Associates along Seabrook Island Parkway but did not get it in time to put it on the Town Council agenda and a Town Council meeting will likely be held after Labor Day to approve the work. This Task Order is for work which will cost about \$42,500 and will take up to four months to complete. The Mayor suggested that a special meeting may be required to approve the Task Order.

Community Relations:

Councilman Crane reported that the POA Board did not meet this month and the POA Long Range Planning Committee met on August 9 but he was unable to attend. Councilman Crane reminded everyone about the

celebration to take place on the beach on August 26 in honor of Seabrook Island being named 2016 Best Restored Beach. He also reported that more new pilings have been installed at the launching area of Bohicket Marina. The Gateway Committee is still looking for a way to bring the gatehouse project in closer to budget. Charleston County has recently agreed to allow hydrostatic vents to be used in the structure instead of raising the building so that should help with the cost.

Ways & Means – No Report

Planning Commission – No Report
Board of Zoning Appeals – No Report

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Accommodations Tax Advisory – No Report

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor – Mayor Ciancio reported that a copy of a motion is included in Council packets that will authorize the Town Clerk and the Town's Assistant Clerk, each individually, to discharge the responsibilities of the Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator, during the period of Randy Pierce's medical leave. Councilman Gregg moved to adopt the motion. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mayor Ciancio reported that County Council has agreed by a 6-3 vote to put the ½ cent sales tax referendum on the ballot in November. The referendum will include \$210M for Greenbelt projects and \$600M for mass transit improvement. County Council had declined to include 1-526 on the ballot by a 5-4 vote. Mayor Ciancio stated that his personal opinion is that the projects included on the referendum will not provide sufficient direct benefit to Seabrook Island residents and does not believe he should ask Council at this time to take a formal position on this matter.

Town Administrator

– No Report

Town Council Members

– See Above

Utility Commission

– Chairman Jim

Bannwart reported that operations for the month were normal and the deep well is back in operation. The \$150,000 loan from the Town was repaid in full last week. Cash flow for July was slightly negative due to the waste water side but water sales were positive. Due to this tendency, a rate increase of 6% to the base sewer rate was approved at the July meeting of the Utility Commission. Chairman Bannwart also reported that the Commission worked to repair the waste water treatment system at the Town Hall recently and the estimated cost will be around \$6,000.

Mayor Ciancio explained that the previous chairman, Jeff Bostock, tendered his resignation recently as a member of the Utility Commission. The Mayor expressed his appreciation for not only the significant contributions that Mr. Bostock has made to the Utility Commission but for all of the work that he has done for the Seabrook Island community.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None

Ordinances for First Reading:

• Ordinance 2016-08, An Ordinance to Amend the Development Standards Ordinance, Sec. 12.60 and 12.60.60, Relating to Political Signs – Mayor Ciancio explained that Federal courts have ruled that durational limits for political signs are unconstitutional; therefore, those conditions have been removed and the Town is adding the provision that prohibits the placement of political signs on any property owned, operated, maintained or under the jurisdictional control of the Town. Councilman Crane moved to accept Ordinance 2016-08 on first reading. Councilman Gregg seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

None

Miscellaneous Business: None

Citizens Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. ▲

On Wine

Michael Morris



Ordering wine in a restaurant can be intimidating. You've just been seated and handed both the menu and wine list and in just a few minutes have to decide what you are going to eat and what wine/wines will pair best with your meal. All while trying to remain a good dinner companion. The choices can be overwhelming. Hopefully I can provide a few tips to help make the experience smoother, more enjoyable while getting the best value for your dollar.

First, we have to delve into how pricing works in the restaurant setting. The industry standard for pricing wines by the bottle is a 300% mark-up. For wines that are sold by the glass, the cost of a glass is usually the restaurant's cost of the bottle. The reason for this is that if the restaurant doesn't sell more than a glass or two from a bottle, they won't lose money when they have to dump the rest of the bottle because it is no longer fresh. Therefore, if your table is going to have more than a couple of glasses, it behooves you to buy by the bottle.

If you are going to order by the glass, here are a couple of tips to help you get the best value. In general, avoid the most popular varietals. Sommeliers tend to mark these up the most. Although it isn't done with malice, we are taking advantage of the intimidation factor of the situation and consumers who order wine "by flavor", as if they are ordering a soda. This applies to varietals like Pinot Noir, Malbec, Sauvignon Blanc and most of all, to Pinot Grigio. Even if you prefer Pinot Grigio try to avoid ordering by the glass because it is most certainly going to be the worst value on the entire list. Tell your server or the sommelier that "I usually drink Pinot Noir, but is there anything else by the glass that I might enjoy". After getting a few suggestions, don't be afraid to ask to try one or two of them. The more obscure wines on the glass list are usually going to be much better values because they are wines that the buyer really likes and wants to see move.

The selection of wines by the bottle is really where the wine buyer's per-

sonality comes through. It's where we get to have a little fun and geek out a bit. If you are going out for dinner and suspect that you will purchase a bottle of wine, it is worthwhile to go online to preview the wine list. You can find things that interest you, and do a little research to find out which ones provide the best value. Simply Googling a wine or using one of the many wine apps, you will be able to approximate where a wine should be priced with respect to the 300% standard. Your search results will give you what the wine sells for in a retail shop where the mark-up is in the 150% range, therefore multiply it by two to get the restaurant price. I always check out a restaurant's wine list before I go out. It helps me simplify the ordering process, even if I am going to ask to speak with the wine buyer, which I almost always do. It also helps me avoid being "that guy" at the dinner table who is intensely focused on the wine list while ignoring my company. Finally, when available, ask for the person responsible for the list. Most Sommeliers will be eager to speak to you about the list and will help guide you their favorites and the best values. Despite what many people think, the Sommelier is far more likely to downsell you on a bottle. We want you to enjoy your experience and we want you to return. Neither will happen if you don't enjoy your wine or worse, feel like you were taken advantage of. When asking for assistance the best way to communicate about your price range is to point to a price and let your server know that you are looking in that price range. A good Sommelier will find you something comparable, usually pointing out a few less expensive ones and maybe one at a higher price point that would be well worth the stretch of your budget. If they go immediately to one above your price point...beware.

Hopefully these tips will help you enjoy your next dining experience even more. Please don't hesitate to email me at mikekmorrisjr@gmail.com with any questions or ideas for articles that you would most like to read.▲



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

The National Cancer Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health, periodically produces a statement of importance to the public and to health providers. You can read both on cancer prevention at <http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/patient-prevention-overview-pdq>. This month's column is based on the information about preventing cancer from their report.

Cancer is a disease that as we age we become more likely to develop, yet age is not a risk factor per se. The CDC estimates that this year 1.7 million people will be diagnosed with a new cancer and about a third that number (roughly 600 thousand) will die from cancer in 2016. There are many specific risk factors and for the purposes of this column we will discuss mostly the ones that we can change. We cannot, for example, change our gender, age and genes – all of which affect cancer risk.

Cancer tends to strike fear into people because it is the second (to heart disease) leading cause of death in this country. It also inflicts enormous stress on patients with it and on the family involved in the care of a loved one with it. Needless to say, there is often a reduction in quality of life and even financial well-being in patients with cancer.

Cancer Risk Factors – Where do they come from?

Anything that increases your chance of developing cancer is called a cancer risk factor, and risk factors that a person can control are called modifiable risk factors. The risk factors have been found mainly through large population studies to see who developed cancer and what sorts of things they did prior to disease detection. These are called "observational" studies and they generate hypothesis that later trials are based on to determine if risk factor X causes cancer Y. For example, smoking and lung cancer have been linked through many observational trials, and many other studies have compared smokers against non-smokers with lung cancer as the outcome of interest. Most of the risk factors have been determined by the observational trials and therefore are not on as solid ground as those in hypothesis tested trials.

LATEST INFORMATION ON CANCER PREVENTION



Cancer Risk Factors – The Known Ones

Table 1 lists factors that are confidently associated with various cancers. Avoidance of the risk factors puts us in a safer category in relation to cancer (and in many cases other diseases.) Table 2 lists factors that may be associated with certain cancers.

Smoking is thought to be directly linked to 30% of cancer in the United States. Some of the cancers linked to smoking are lung, bladder, esophageal, mouth, kidney, pancreas, stomach and leukemia. It is also known that not smoking, but being around a smoker, so called "second hand smoking" also leads to these cancers. Smoking is the greatest preventable risk factor for cancer. Stopping smoking or reducing exposure (second hand) to it can reduce risk.

Infection with a virus or some bacteria causes cancer. The human papilloma virus (HPV) causes cancer of the cervix, penis, vagina, anus, and oropharynx. Sexual transmission is common. There is now a vaccine to prevent HPV transmission. Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C are viral diseases that can lead to primary liver cancer. Fortunately there is also a vaccine to prevent Hepatitis B transmission. The *helicobacter pylori* organism increases risk of stomach cancer. This bacterium is very common and occurs more as we age. It is also associated with "ulcers" and can be treated with antibiotics, but untreated cancer can develop.

Radiation is another known cause of cancer. Ultraviolet radiation from exposure to the sun causes non-melanoma skin cancers. Ionizing radiation from medical test and nuclear exposures causes leukemia, thyroid, and breast cancer and is suspected to contribute to myeloma, lung, stomach, colon, esophageal, bladder and ovarian cancers.

Immunosuppression drugs are used in transplant patients and some other patients with autoimmune diseases. The immunosuppression drugs inhibit the body's normal immune system that fights cancer. If one's immune system is inhibited lymphoma, lung, kidney, and liver cancer risk is increased. This is a classic case where the delicate balance between benefit of the drugs and the risk of causing harm must be weighted before taking immunosuppression drugs that are often life-saving.

Cancer Risk Factors – Probable Ones

The evidence is less compelling about risk factors shown in table 2. Because so many of the factors in this table are intertwined, it is hard to be certain that each variable alone causes cancer. What is known is that these factors are generally found in patients with certain types of cancer.

Diet is probably the most complex of risk factors. People have to eat so all people, well and those with cancer, are on a diet, and the diets (meaning what people eat) are not very different

across large groups of people. Eating fruit is thought to protect against cancer of the mouth, esophagus, stomach, and possibly lung cancers. Diets low in fat and high in fiber, fruits and vegetables are thought to be preventive of colon cancer. Diets high in fat, protein, calories and red meat are thought to predispose to colon cancer. There is not enough data to support the taking of any minerals, vitamins, multi-vitamins and other supplements as preventive therapy for cancer.

Alcohol consumption has been linked to some cancers such as mouth, esophageal, breast and colon. It is also believed that excessive alcohol consumption leads to cancer of the liver (along with other liver pathology.)

Exercise has been shown to lower the risk of colon cancer and some evidence exists to support the preventive influence of physical activity on postmenopausal breast cancer and endometrial cancer in women.

Obesity is related to diet and exercise, of course, but also to the development of certain cancers such as postmenopausal breast, colon, endometrial, esophageal, kidney and pancreatic cancer.

Diabetes seems to slightly increase the risk of bladder, breast, colon, endometrial, liver, mouth, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers. Of course, diabetes also tends to coexist with older age, obesity, diet, exercise and the other factors mentioned in table 2 so it is difficult to be sure if it is one or all factors that add to the risk

Environmental factors such as certain chemicals and polluted air carry cancer risk. Asbestos, for example, is a known cancer risk and arsenic found in water can cause skin, bladder and lung cancer. Certain pesticides are also carcinogens (substances that cause cancer.) We have already mentioned second hand smoking as a risk for lung cancer.

The Bottom Line

There are many factors that we cannot control that predispose us to developing cancer, like age, gender, and family history (genetics.) However, there are a great many factors that we do have some control over that are known risk factors for cancer. It is our responsibility to use this information to help us try and avoid cancer as we age. ▲

Table 1:
General Factors Associated with Some Cancers

- Cigarette Smoking & Tobacco Use
- Infections
- Radiation
- Immunosuppressive Medicines

Table 2:
Factors With Possible Association To Cancer

- Diet
- Alcohol
- Physical Activity (inactivity)
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Environmental Factors

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 10th OCEAN WINDS GOLF COURSE
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REGISTRATION @ 11AM
 SHOTGUN START @ 12PM

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED BY
 SOUTHERN ROOTS SMOKEHOUSE
 AND BEVERAGE CART

AWARDS BANQUET AT
 RED'S ICE HOUSE AT BOHICKET MARINA
 FOOD AND DRINKS SERVED



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ALLAN KEENER

Council of Villa Associations and Regimes Information

Open Letter to all Seabrook Island Property Owners, Guests and Visitors

Minutes of our September 10, 2016, meeting with guest speakers: Debra Lehman, John Gregg, Janet Gorski, Chief Ryan Kunitzer, Captain Jim Woods, Kristin Graziano and John Reynolds.

Emergency Preparedness on Seabrook Island

Vice President Gary Quigley briefly described the objective of the round table discussion by official/experts in Emergency Preparedness. He noted that COVAR plans to prepare a COVAR publication on emergency preparedness for Seabrook Island. A brief outline of comments from panel participants is set out below.

Debra Lehman, Chair, Planning Affairs, COVAR

Debra Lehman discussed disaster debris removal, and stated that the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI) and SIPOA hold post disaster debris removal contracts with Philips & Jordan. No moneys are spent on the contract, unless a disaster occurs. She is researching the process for Summer Wind Cottages to have a separate contract and offered to email a copy of the Philips and Jordan contract to other associations and regimes that might want to consider a separate contract with Philips and Jordan.

John Gregg, Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem and Public Safety Official, TOSI

Councilman Gregg discussed TOSI's Comprehensive Emergency Plan, explaining that the current plan describes risks, threats and an analysis of the types of emergencies that could arise and that may warrant evacuation of Seabrook Island residents. An updated Emergency Plan was published by TOSI in June, 2016. Councilman Gregg explained that it is difficult to know exactly what the emergency situation will require, but in the event of a hurricane, where there is typically time to react, TOSI needs to have the authority to order an evacuation, declare a state of emergency, set curfews, and initiate additional actions if necessary. Councilman Gregg encouraged participants to sign up for Code Red, as the Code Red System will send alerts to various personal electronic devices. Emergency information can also be accessed by calling 888-314-3177, checking the TOSI Website, and/or following TOSI on Twitter. With regard to post-disaster recovery, Councilman Gregg discussed the Disaster Recovery Council currently in place and various other community outreach programs in place regarding emergency preparedness on Seabrook Island.

Janet Gorski, President SIPOA

SIPOA President Gorski opened her comments by explaining that in the event of a huge emergency, SIPOA would ask the Town to lead in responding to a disaster in the beginning, before SIPOA would step in. For small emergency events, such as the recent Hurricane Hermine, SIPOA would likely use local resources. President Gorski also described three areas of flexibility that

SIPOA has in the event of a disaster: 1) Financial flexibility, meaning SIPOA would be authorized to borrow money, up to, but not to exceed \$3,000,000 to pay for recovery costs, 2) Governance flexibility, meaning the Board can invoke various emergency powers that enable the Board to efficiently make decisions and do what needs to be done in the event of a disaster and 3) ARC flexibility, which means an abbreviated process is in place to repair/replace damaged property with the same structure and materials as the damaged property previously approved by the ARC. She noted that re-builds would require Town/Charleston County zoning and building permits.

Chief Ryan Kunitzer, Fire Marshall, St. Johns Fire Department Chief Kunitzer provided background on St. Johns Fire Department and stated that the majority of fire department responses are events requiring emergency medical services. He explained that there are EMTs on every apparatus ready to respond to medical emergencies. Chief Kunitzer reminded the audience that there are easy things to do in advance to insure people are prepared for an emergency evacuation. These included having an offsite location planned, having a full gas tank, an "easy go bag" ready with clothes, hygiene products, batteries, water, medications and battery backups for cell phones. Chief Kunitzer concluded his remarks by reminding everyone that the fire department will help with evacuations, but the fire trucks will evacuate, as well, so in the event of an evacuation, while they will be the last to leave, they will relocate.

Captain Jim Woods and Kristin Graziano, Charleston County Sheriff's Office

Captain Woods talked about mandatory evacuation, beginning with suggestions about what people need to know. To begin, he suggested that everyone take pictures of their valuables before an emergency occurs, as coverage for valuables becomes difficult when there are no pictures. He talked about the importance of having a plan, a route and a location to travel to and reside in for as many days as needed. Captain Woods stressed the importance of getting out early, before a mandatory evacuation is announced. If a mandatory evacuation is announced, there will be a designated route that must be followed and those routes will have extremely heavy traffic. The evacuation routes will be monitored by law enforcement officials and will have limited access and exit points that everyone will be required to use. It was noted that when storms reach 39 mph sustained winds, all assets, including personnel, will be removed from the roadway, which puts anyone on the roadway on their own until the storm passes. Captain Woods suggested it is prudent to watch weather forecasts on a daily basis and know the evacuation routes, before the need to evacuate arises. Additional information can be found on SCDOT.org and on the SCDOT app.

John Reynolds, Leader, Seabrook Island CERT

Mr. Reynolds explained that CERT was founded as an outcome of Nine-Eleven and is certified through FEMA. CERT is a group of citizens who are trained to respond to emergencies. They work with various community entities and are mobilized in an emergency where or when the sheriff's office or fire department can't be present. Each member of CERT is required to complete training to assist people in the event of a disaster. In addition to working with other community entities, CERT has a trailer that houses supplies and radios. CERT completes radio runs each month to insure the radios are in good working order.

The March 12, 2016, meeting minutes were approved.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM. Next meeting will be on December 10, 2016, from 10 AM to 12 Noon the Lake House.▲

ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

The Entrepreneurial class of graduate school Business Administration of the Citadel has agreed to undertake a study of the economic impact of the Towns of Seabrook Island and Kiawah Island on Johns Island and the City and County of Charleston. The purpose of the study is to quantify the economic contributions of the two towns through a number of factors, including employment opportunities provided by residents and local businesses, the impact of the expenditures of our residents and visitors, the real estate and sales tax contributions of our property owners and visitors, and the volunteer hours and charitable donations of our residents. The study will commence the latter part of September and will be concluded at the end of the school's first semester in the latter part of December.

The Citadel team (pictured) consists of second year MBA students: Caleb Rodgers, Joey Oddis, Eric Olivier, Sean Oddis and Laura Dooley. The students will be working under the direction and guidance of professors Ronald Green and Russell Sobel of the Citadel's graduate school of business. Team members will be contacting the various Seabrook Island entities such as the POA and Seabrook Island Club as well as St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center and businesses at the Marina, Freshfields and the Kiawah Island resort. As part of its effort, the team will circulate a questionnaire to Seabrook and Kiawah residents to generate data for the study.



The data based profile of the two towns will be used in communicating the impact and involvements of the two towns to county and state decision makers. It has become very evident that Seabrook and Kiawah do not get sufficient credit from either the city or county of Charleston for their economic impact as particularly reflected in our efforts to draw attention to the need for improvements to the two roads which allow us to get off island.

It is hoped that among other things we can also capture the percentage of support provided by Seabrook and Kiawah to the St. Johns Fire District; and that we will be able to demonstrate that the cost of services received by the residents and property owners of the two communities from Charleston County is significantly less our economic contribution.

Seabrook Island Mayor Ronald Ciancio stated that he was pleased to have the

Town participate in this project, noting that Seabrook Island has not conducted a study of this nature since November of 1996. Kiawah Island last conducted a similar study about ten years ago. He noted that the demographics and characteristics of both towns have changed significantly since the surveys were last conducted. Mayor Ciancio hoped that in particular, residents will take the time to respond to the survey which will be conducted by the students.

Sue Holloman and George Reinhart are the representatives of the Town of Seabrook Island for the project. Councilman Craig Weaver and Town Administrator Stephanie Monroe Tillerson will provide coordination on behalf of the Town of Kiawah Island. They will help develop the scope of the project and assist the students in finding sources for the data they will need to collect. ▲

Ron Ciancio



Appetites and Anecdotes

by Saffron and Curry

Information for Seabrookers by Seabrookers

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The time of year to start heading downtown again for delightful lunches and dinners when we can wander a little without too much worrying about wilting!



We had heard that **Poogan's Porch** had just undergone an interior renovation so we thought we should check that out as well as seeing if it was still as good an old standby as it used to be. We had reserved a table, inside, in the back room and were glad we had as most of the renovations were to the upstairs with two new dining venues up a long flight of stairs. The front room has been closed off and the bar area expanded with a large high table in the center for folks waiting for their tables. There are still a couple of tables on the front porch for delightful outdoor dining this time of year!

Poogan's Porch began as a local spot in 1976, when the owners of this old Victorian home sold it at a time when Charleston was beginning its restaurant reputation. Built in 1888 the layout lent itself to being transformed into one of the new hot spots for culinary delights. **Poogan's Porch** got its name from a little local dog who came by everyday for whatever leftovers he could scrounge. He knew where to get a good meal in Charleston! He endeared himself not only to the owners but also to the repeat customers.

Poogan's Porch still has the same excellent service it has always been noted for. Those lusciously delicious hot homemade biscuits arrive at the table as soon as you have placed your order. These are probably the best biscuits in a city known for good Southern biscuits. Large and flaky just waiting for buttering. A whole appetizer unto themselves!! A new menu of low country favorites looks very tempting and we chose the crispy skin snapper with local vegetables (\$16) and the famous fried chicken salad (\$14) since the fresh catfish had not yet arrived. The snapper was excellent..cooked perfectly..nice and flaky and the veg-

gies added to the taste sensation. The fried chicken salad was fine..plenty of arugula, nice crispy chicken pieces and we opted for a honey vinaigrette upon finding out that the recommended dressing was a little on the hot side. We also had a side of their local potato chips which were nice and crispy and hot and delicious!! Unfortunately we ate them all!! **Poogan's Porch** had a large dessert menu with TWO chocolate offerings! They all sounded very good but those biscuits and hot potato chips had kind of done us in!

Open for lunch and dinner from 1130am-230pm, and 5p-930p seven days a week! However..they do open at 9am on Saturday and Sunday for a yummy brunch menu with good old shrimp and grits and a waffle with fried chicken! A far cry from yogurt and blueberries! 72 Queen St., reservations are needed...especially if you want to be downstairs..(843) 577-2337. Park across the street in the Queen Street Garage, take your ticket with you and just remember to pay BEFORE you return to your car.

A very local place that we revisited this year is our own Johns Island, **Sunrise Bistro** with delicious breakfasts and good basic lunches since 2009. At the corner of Maybank and Main Rd, this place is always crowded and you are sure to see several friends dining there as well!



Breakfast can be as traditional as you would like it with eggs, bacon, potatoes, grits, biscuits and gravy or choose an omelet of your choice or even be adventuresome and go with some enchiladas rancheros for a south of the border taste. Breakfast is served all day long which is a big plus around here. We went for lunch and had the Sunrise Chicken Salad Wraps. This was a very large and filling wrap and we even had enough for another meal from it. Nice and tasty, lots of chicken and greens were all fresh. You have your choice of many sides and that day we opted for the cooked okra and to-

matoes which was a delicious choice. Several different coffee choices and many other drink choices. No alcohol. They are very accommodating and user friendly, and can help those with the most limiting of dietary restrictions. Just ask!

Sunrise Bistro's parking lot is always full which is the sign of a good place to eat but they do have plenty of tables and people also stop in for carryout. Service is fast so there is a lot of quick turnover. They are open Tues-Sat 7a-230p and Sun 9a-1p and are closed on Mondays. 843-718-1858

We ate at **Sunrise Bistro** after having a tour of that mysterious **Hoopstick Island!** This is a most enchanting 55 acre enclave with up to 10 large available lots with old oaks, pecan trees, pristine meadows, water views and absolute quiet except for the sound of the birds and other local wildlife. Walking out on their dock and looking back is like stepping back in time. You almost expect an old river boat to come along. It is being sold for \$9.9 million dollars which equates to about \$1,000,000 per lot if you wanted to subdivide it! There is a caretaker who lives on **Hoopstick** and keeps it in this lovely, graceful state. We enjoyed just standing, turning around and listening to the absence of sound. So peaceful. We whispered so as not to disturb its reverence!



BY THE WAY...don't forget our ever popular **Fischer's** at the marina... we had the nachos again last night and they are the very best around! Chili, cheese, tomatoes, jalapenos (on the side!!), sour cream, salsa..just can't be beat. Especially with a good cold beer and an exciting game on the TV! A true neighborhood bar!

So sorry to see San Lucas go. Nancy truly tried. We keep hoping a place will be successful in that great, for us, location. Hmmmm..maybe a Sunrise Bistro type café? ▲

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Turtle Patrol Concludes Another Successful Season



The Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol concluded its 2016 season with the inventory of the last nest on Saturday, September 24th. It was another highly successful year with 60 nests and 4,601 hatchlings along with lots of surprises and challenges.

The surprises began on Mother's Day with the stranding and successful release of a 500 pound Leatherback. About 20 Patrol members interrupted their Mother's Day celebrations to help save this magnificent creature. This was followed a few months later when we started finding hatchlings coming out of the sea instead of heading toward the sea. It turns out that hatchlings from Botany Bay decided to pay Seabrook Island a visit. Turtle Patrol members helped send them back to sea and on their way. We also had one nest that produced two golden colored hatchlings.

There were also plenty of challenges. The shifting beach conditions resulting from the rerouting of Captain Sams and the King Tides made it difficult for both the turtles and the Turtle Patrol to find suitable nest locations. A full 80 % of the

nests had to be relocated to avoid being washed away! One of the ongoing goals of the Turtle Patrol is to educate the public about Sea Turtles. Our efforts were expanded this year with improvements to our web site (siturtlepatrol.com) which included a section called "Turtle Pics" where we post some of the best photos of our sea turtle visitors and hatchlings. We also added a "donate" button which allows visitors or supporters to help fund the Patrols activities. Most significantly we added the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol Facebook page. The page was developed by Joshua and Amanda Shilko and in just a month it has been visited over 63,000 times and a video (taken by the Shilko's) of a nest "boiling" has been viewed over 15,000 times.

As usual, the success of the Turtle Patrol is a direct result of the hard work of our 140+ members who walk our beaches, protect the turtle's nests and collect data for the Department of Natural Resources. These volunteers put in thousands of hours to make this all work. The turtles are grateful! ▲



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Recently there have been articles in the Post & Courier about what restaurants in the Charleston area are doing to reduce their food waste. Several prominent downtown restaurants take their food waste to the Bees Ferry Composting Center. On the Upper Peninsula they received a grant to begin an experiment to compost their food waste as well. Perhaps it is a sign of things to come for the rest of us, but we don't have to wait to join in. The compost, which is the natural product of the process of organic matter decomposing, is the very best fertilizer you could possibly use on your garden. It adds organic matter to your soil which in turn increases necessary microbial activity, helps balance the pH of your soil and helps your soil retain the proper amount of moisture. Best of all it is free!

Backyard composters are generally available at big box hardware stores and there are a wide variety of them available on-line. Most are quite simple and easy to use. They can be filled with your fruit and vegetable scraps from the kitchen and yard debris like grass clippings and leaves. Very reliable sources report that our abundant live oak leaves take far too long to break down to be useful. In order to avoid attracting animals to your composter you should keep all meat and oil out of your composter. Composting is a win-win situation. It reduces the waste going into the landfill and it provides "black gold" for your plants. It is certainly worth giving it a try. ▲

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Seabrook Island Birders learn about Banding Projects on Kiawah

On September 28, the Seabrook Island Birders received a presentation by Aaron Given regarding the various banding projects done on Kiawah each year. Aaron has been the Assistant Wildlife Biologist and Master Bander for the Town of Kiawah Island since 2008. The fall migration monitoring began in 2009 at the west end of Kiawah Island (Captain Sam's) bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and the Kiawah River creating a funnel for migratory birds. At that site they currently operate 25 mist nets daily from August 15 to the end of November. Nets are opened 30 minutes before sunrise and closed approximately 6 hours later.

In 2015, a new banding site was added on the east end of the island - Little Bear. The two banding sites are located at each end of island about 8 miles apart. Both sites are situated in coastal scrub/shrub and high marsh habitats, however, the Little Bear site is in an earlier stage of succession. Collectively, during the 2015 fall migration 7,140 birds were banded and 1,533 were recaptured of 93 different species. The best day in 2015 was on October 6th when 436 birds were banded plus 20 recaptures, all at the Captain Sam site as Little Bear was closed until October 12 due to the flooding at the Ocean Course. The results of the 2015 fall banding season are shown below.

Top 10 Species Banded at Captain Sam's

1. Common Yellowthroat (1266)
2. Gray Catbird (843)
3. Yellow-rumped Warbler (595)
4. American Redstart (241)
5. Red-eyed Vireo (189)
6. Painted Bunting (147)
7. Black-throated Blue Warbler (145)
8. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (142)
9. Prairie Warbler (138)
10. Northern Waterthrush (101)



Top 10 Species Banded at Little Bear

1. Gray Catbird (563)
2. Common Yellowthroat (424)
3. Yellow-rumped Warbler (423)
4. Painted Bunting (78)
5. American Redstart (72)
6. Northern Cardinal (69)
7. Red-eyed Vireo (68)
8. Palm Warbler (68)
9. Swamp Sparrow (66)
10. Ruby-crowned Kinglet (45)

Some rare and notable species captured at Captain Sam site in 2015 included Black-billed Cuckoo, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Swainson's Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler,

Bay-breasted Warbler, and Lincoln's Sparrow. Some notable species absent in 2015 included Eastern Kingbird, Brown Creeper, Wood Thrush, Chestnut-sided Warbler, and Canada Warbler. Little Bear had 3 species captured that had never been captured at the Captain Sam site: Green Heron, Saltmarsh Sparrow, and Seaside Sparrow. Some rare and notable species at the Little Bear site included Green Heron, Eastern Kingbird, Tufted Titmouse, Blue-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Clay-colored Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, and Lincoln's Sparrow.

Although the statistics shown above show the counts for 2015, history for the site shows trends since 2009 and migration patterns for the various species. In addition, during the banding process, the birds are measured and variations between adults and juveniles can be noted, including molting patterns. As an example, on the first round of the first day of the 2016 season, 4 Great Crested Flycatchers were captured in one net. It was most likely a family group as there was one adult and three juveniles.

The 2016 fall migration banding season began on August 15 and will

continue daily until the end of November. The Little Bear site will increase from 10 - 16 nets in 2015 to 15-20 in 2016. At the end of the presentation, Aaron explained to the Seabrook Island Birders how they could get involved and volunteer on the banding project.

Kiawah also conducts a Marsh sparrow banding program. It began during the winter of 2011-2012 with the objective of determining habitat requirements, site fidelity, relative abundance, and distribution of the species. The birds are flushed into mist nets at high tide roosts in the salt marsh. Three species of coastal "marsh" sparrows winter in the salt marshes of Kiawah Island: Seaside Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, and Saltmarsh Sparrow. This group is considered species of high conservation concern due to their specialization of habitat that is considered spatially restricted. It appears that this group may be particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise and loss of saltmarsh habitat along their wintering grounds along the southeast United States.

The sparrows are captured in mist nets placed in suitable saltmarsh habitat. The nets are deployed to coincide with high tide which concentrates the sparrows into smaller patches of habitat. Each sparrow is identified to species, banded, and a series of morphological measurements are taken. To date, 4 years of data is available with similar information as noted in the fall migration above.

Finally, Painted Bunting banding began in the summer of 2011 with the objective to study their movements, distribution, and site fidelity. Painted Buntings readily come to feeders offering white millet and the birds are easily captured in a specially designed cage with a feeder placed inside. Banding occurs from May-September at Kiawah Island's resident's homes. ▲

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Dave Bauhs Passes The Gavel!

As of this October, Dave Bauhs will be stepping down as president of Green Space after steering the Conservancy through a very successful year. During his tenure he oversaw a very prosperous Gala in March, raising approximately \$74,000, and the acquisition of 3 new properties through either purchase or donation. Thank you, Dave, and Seabrookers!

As Dave passes the gavel next month, the Conservancy has obtained a total of 21 lots which will remain forever green. Our continuing goal is to add to that number, from the present 413 vacant lots on Seabrook Island.

It's been my pleasure to brag about Dave, but here are his own words regarding his presidency:

"My biggest satisfaction during my tenure on the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy Board, and my time as president, was the overwhelming support we received from the Property Owners. This support ranged from individual property donations, generous attendance at the annual Gala, and cash contribu-

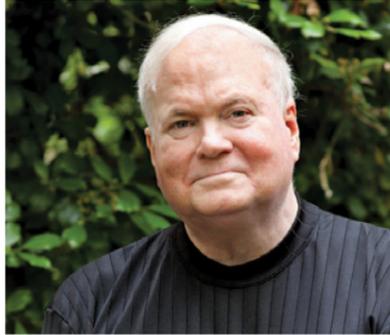
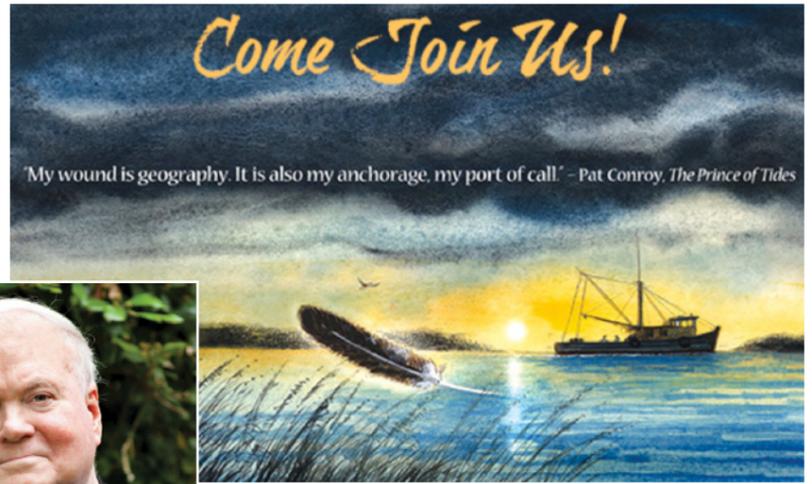
tions. In particular, I want to express my gratitude for the extra support we received when we needed additional funds to complete the Bateau Trace acquisition. It is worth noting that seven additional properties came under the control of the Conservancy in just the last two years.

Although I have completed my term on the Board, I will continue to support the great work the Conservancy does to protect the character of Seabrook Island. It is a lasting legacy. I particularly want to thank the existing Board members for their great contribution, and express my confidence that forthcoming Boards will continue this outstanding effort."

Dave leaves behind big shoes to fill. Fortunately, the incoming president is up to the task! Jeri Finke is already widely known as a remarkably outstanding Gala chairwoman. She will don a second hat this year, and preside over the Green Space Conservancy Board, as well! Welcome aboard, Jeri. We are lucky to have you. ▲

Cathy Coleman

Pat Conroy Literary Festival Honoring South Carolina's Beloved Prince of Titles



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The inaugural Pat Conroy Literary Festival will celebrate Place as Character and Muse in Southern Literature.

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exhibition, and a series of instructive workshops for writers, all centered around the University of South Carolina Beaufort's Center for the Arts.

Each year the festival will highlight a different theme from Pat Conroy's writing life. The 2016 festival theme is **Place as Character and Muse in Southern Literature**, a concept reflected in all of this year's programs—and also honoring our host city of Beaufort and the iconic Carolina lowcountry which served as Conroy's beloved home and inspiration.

Unless otherwise noted, all events are ticketed and held at the University of South Carolina Beaufort Center for the Arts (805 Carteret St., Beaufort, SC). For ticketing information and purchases, visit www.uscb-centerforthearts.com and click on Shows & Tickets. ▲

Edisto Calm by Andrea Hazel



Andrea said, "I call this one "Edisto Calm. I finished it this week while chilling out at Edisto Beach for a few days. It is one of my favorite views from a fishing dock of the gazebo at Seabrook Plantation on Edisto Island, SC. Oddly enough, the Seabrooks were owners of my Edisto ancestors, which I only found out in the last couple of years (after I fell in love with this view). They were the largest holders of slaves on the island, and owned several plantations there. Family research has not shown that any of our folks lived on this particular one, but I think it is very likely that they had seen this view, as it is near the old boat landing."

This piece will be on display along with a dozen or so other Hazel paintings at the Edisto Historic Museum (8123 Chisolm Plantation Rd, Edisto Island, SC 29438 / (843) 869-1954) September 16th and will run through the Fall.



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Vote for Smart Investment Moves

The presidential election is little less than a month away. Like all elections, this one has generated considerable interest, and, as a citizen, you may well be following it closely. But as an investor, how much should you be concerned about the outcome?

Probably not as much as you might think. Historically, the financial markets have done well – and done poorly – under both Democratic and Republican administrations. Also, many factors affecting investment performance have little or nothing to do with the occupant of the White House. Consequently, no one can claim, with any certainty, that one candidate is going to be “better for the markets” than another one.

Still, this isn't to say that any given presidential administration will have no effect at all on investors. For example, a president could propose changes to the laws governing investments, and if Congress passes those laws, investors could be affected.

But in looking at the broader picture, there's not much evidence that a particular president is going to affect the overall return of your investment portfolio. As mentioned above, many factors – corporate earnings, interest

rates, foreign affairs, even natural disasters – can and will influence the financial markets. But in evaluating a president's potential effect on your investments, you also need to consider something else: Our political system does not readily accommodate radical restructuring of any kind. So it's difficult for any president to implement huge policy shifts – and that's actually good for the financial markets, which, by their nature, dislike uncertainty, chaos and big changes.

The bottom line? From your viewpoint as an investor, don't worry too much about what happens in November. Instead, follow these investment strategies:

- Stay invested. If you stop investing when the market is down in an effort to cut your losses, you may miss the opportunity to participate in the next rally – and the early stages of a rally are typically when the biggest gains occur.
- Diversify. By spreading your dollars among an array of investments, such as stocks, bonds and other investments, you can help reduce the possibility of your portfolio taking a big hit if a market downturn primarily affected just one type of financial

asset. Keep in mind though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.

- Stay within your risk tolerance. Investing always involves risk, but you'll probably be more successful (and less stressed out) if you don't stray beyond your individual risk tolerance. At the same time, if you invest too conservatively, you might not achieve the growth potential you need to reach your goals. So you will need to strike an appropriate balance.
- Forget about chasing “hot” stocks. Many so-called “experts” encourage people to invest in today's “hot” stocks. But by the time you hear about them, these stocks – if they were ever “hot” to begin with – have probably already cooled off. More importantly, they might not have been suitable for your needs, anyway. In any case, there's really no “short cut” to investment success.

Elections – and even presidents – come and go. But when you “vote” for solid investment moves, you can help yourself make progress toward your financial goals. ▲

Chris Dias
Edward Jones

Scott Votes for Charleston Port Deepening, Other Water Projects Around South Carolina

WRDA also contains Scott-Rubio Coastal Surveying Amendment

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) today (Sep 15) voted for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which includes authorization for the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project. The bill also contains language inserted by Senators Scott and Rubio (R-FL) regarding coastal storm and flood risks, and a provision inserted by Senator Scott making improvements to the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority.

Senator Scott worked to ensure the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project was authorized as part of this year's WRDA bill. The deepening project will make the Port of Charleston the deepest port on the east coast, and able to accept significantly larger ships coming through the now-expanded Panama Canal. These post-Panamax vessels will account for 62 percent of container shipping fleets worldwide. Senator Scott said, “The Port of

Charleston is vital to our state's economic future, and I was happy to work with Senator Graham to ensure our port will continue to grow and create jobs. According to a University of South Carolina study, approximately 1 in 11 jobs in South Carolina are tied to the port, bringing an economic value of \$53 billion annually.”

Senator Scott also worked with Senator Rubio to authorize the South Atlantic Regional Systems Management Strategy, a comprehensive assessment to proactively address the coastal storm and flood risks of vulnerable coastal populations, ecosystems, economies and infrastructure along the south Atlantic coastline. The study will look at both the current vulnerabilities and those predicted for the future.

Scott said, “It is critical that we have the best information possible when planning for the future. Our

coastal areas are home to millions of people as well as significant economic drivers for the state of South Carolina. This study will help South Carolina be better prepared when planning future growth from Little River to Bluffton. Finally, Senator Scott worked to secure a provision to improve facilitation for water infrastructure for the Lake Marion Regional Water Authority (LMRWA), along the I-95 and I-26 corridors in South Carolina.

“As our economy continues to grow alongside our population, it is critical that we ensure the proper water infrastructure is in place to meet the needs of our state. The improvements contained in this legislation will be very helpful in that regard,” Scott said.

WRDA now heads to the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote. ▲

Making Better Use of Your Technology Where Did I Put That Stuff?



I am sure that many of you are using “The Cloud” to store stuff. Amazon, Google, Apple (iDrive), and Microsoft (OneDrive) all have their own cloud storage systems. Then there are options such as Dropbox, SugarSync, Box and Backblaze. From a practical standpoint, these systems are great ways to store your files, videos, and photos because they allow you to access this information from any wifi connected device without having to store the information on your device. Personally, I am heavily invested in Dropbox, Evernote, Google Drive, OneDrive, Box and the Amazon Cloud. If you find you, too, have your “stuff” scattered around different cloud storage facilities, you may often find it hard to remember where you put something.

Enter, the cloud storage manager. This handy little tool allows you to collect all your online backup and storage

solutions in one place and manage them all with a single login. You can upload something directly, move files, and even upload files to multiple locations at the same time to make sure you don't lose anything. Many of them also allow you to share documents. Overall, these cloud storage managers let you save time, stay organized and find stuff long after you forgot where you put it.

The future of personal computing is quickly moving away from Windows PCs and iOS MacBooks. Sales of both are declining, being replaced by sales of Chrome OS based Chromebooks which store all of your data in the cloud. Why? Because Chromebooks are very inexpensive and don't require lots of effort to keep them safe, they are virus-free, and you don't have to worry about backup everything all the time. That means that cloud-based storage is quickly becoming the way to store and manage our digital lives. But keeping track of all your stuff can be confusing.

There are a number of good

cloud managers out there. I use Otixo (<http://bit.ly/2d3jU0>). Outside of the fact that it is the most highly rated cloud manager at the moment, Otixo has a free service that meets the needs of most individuals allowing you to manage up to 35 clouds and upload 2GB of data per month. For \$9.99 per month (or \$9.99 per year) you can upgrade to a bit more capacity with a 5GB per month upload limit for your 35 clouds. Both plans have desktop and mobile apps, offer easy data transfer, file and folder sharing and encryption services. Otixo is not the only option. There are a few more but none with a “free” plan or a reasonably priced basic plan. Also, Otixo is intuitive which makes it easy to learn and they have great customer service if you need help. I use it on my Windows PC, my phone, and my Chromebook. It plays nice with Windows, iOS, Linux, Chrome OS and Android.

If you would like to compare other services, Best Backups recently posted a great article comparing their top picks (<http://bit.ly/28KsTti>).▲

Denise Doyon

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THE WATER WELLNESS MISSION

There are currently 23,000 residents on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands, of which 3700 are at or below the poverty level. Sadly, 90% of the children on these islands are living below the poverty level.

Many of these residents do not have clean, safe water in their homes. With no alternative, they are buying water from the grocery store to use for both drinking and cooking, something they can ill afford to do. They are spending a premium for what most of us take for granted. This is money that could be going for clothing and food.

Many have wells but a great percentage of these wells are badly in need of repair or simply just don't work any longer. These "in need" people cannot afford the hundreds or thousands of dollars to repair or replace their wells.

This is an astonishing situation and one that exists right here where we live. Imagine, this is happening to those who work on Seabrook Island and Kiawah but they are too proud to draw attention to it.

The most pressing need for clean water is on Wadmalaw. This low-lying, less populated island has no municipal water, whereas the more populated Johns Island has a municipal water system that serves many of its residents. Because of the less populated Wadmalaw, it is highly unlikely the island will have municipal water anytime in the near future. The estimate of water officials has been \$30 million to bring water there. The numbers just don't work.

In early 2016, the Sea Island Hunger Awareness Foundation (SIHAF), a non-profit on Johns Island began to recognize this lack of clean water. The Foundation then went to work to find a solution; a solution that would help bring clean water to those in need even if it was one house at a time. In February of 2016, a committee of seven volunteers from SIHAF formed the Water Wellness Mission which became an affiliate of the Foundation. The mission was to identify and help one family at a time obtain clean water. Starting just seven months ago, Water Wellness has quickly raised \$45,000.

The need is large. Hearts and pocketbooks opened up. People reacted. As of this writing in early September, all the money raised has gone directly to the cost of installing new wells and water filtration systems for six families on Wadmalaw. The average cost per family to install the well, pump, tank and a water filtration system is \$5,000. The Water Wellness goal is to raise \$75,000 in the first year which will help fifteen families.

The Water Wellness Mission effort is now driven by eight volunteers. The group's duties include raising money, communicating with its database and donors and organizing and supervising all work performed to provide wells and clean water systems. Each proposed family well is visited by a committee member after an application and the need has been verified by the Water Wellness committee. The approved family is then placed on the waiting list. To date, there are over fifteen applications from families who do not have clean water. The list continues to grow.

The group's sole source of funds is from donations and grants. With so many struggling families in need of clean water, we would like to ask for your support. ▲

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Many homes like this one on Wadmalaw in need of cleaner water



Ms. Boykin and her six grandchildren relied completely on bottled water. You can read her story on fightislandhunger.org. The family was visited by a Foundation team, a well was dug, other water related issues addressed and now the Boykins have clean, safe water in their home.

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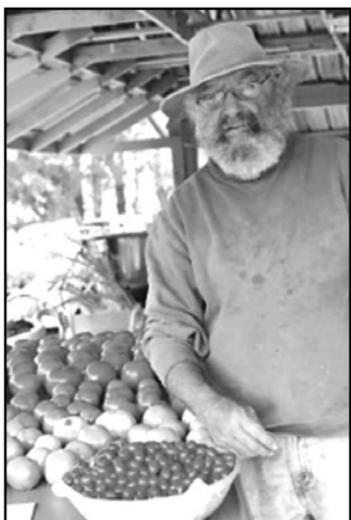
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GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Friday, October 14, 2016 • 9:30AM
Seabrook Island Lake House

Join the members of the Seabrook Island Garden Club welcome guest speakers, Sidi Limehouse and Louise Bennett from Rosebank Farms. Sidi will present a history of the development of Johns Island and Seabrook. Louise will do what she does best - her talent and knowledge of beautiful flowers.

For information on membership please contact:
Nancy Wair, Email: nwair@neo.rr.com

Not sure the Seabrook Island Garden Club is for you?
The club is always happy to welcome you as a guest, so come check us out!

Our meetings each month include refreshments at 9:30 am, a short business meeting at 10:00 am, and our main event speaker at 10:15 am. Our meetings conclude at 11:00 am and take place on the second Friday of each month at the Seabrook Island Lake House.

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DIETER LANTIN

Photographer of the Month

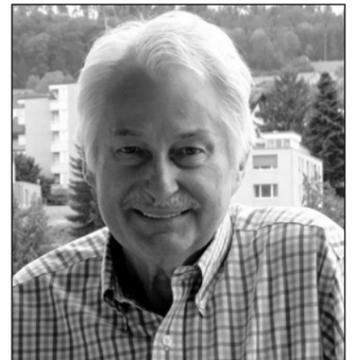
Born at the end of WW2 in Germany, Dieter grew up in rural Lower Saxony in northern Germany. Following completion of High School, he left his home town to live and work in Cologne, Zuerich and Lugano, until emigrating to Canada at age 21.

Thanks to his command of German, English, French and Italian, and a completion of his Commerce Degree at the Universite de Montreal, and more studies at Columbia University in International Business, he enjoyed a productive career with Air Canada, where he developed, as Director of Customer Environment in Marketing, the first true Business Class in Airline History. Subsequent appointments took him to Winston Salem NC. In 1994 he founded an international marketing company for Aircraft Interior components servicing the newly opened market of Russia and all the states of the former SU, which he is still running today.

Through his engagement with the Jaguar Club of NC, Dieter and his wife Heidi's hobby, they were introduced to Seabrook Island in 1998 and decided to settle here. They moved into their newly build home in July 2000!

"While I have not studied photography formally, I attempt to express my creativity and passion for those personal and environmental elements I feel strongly about".

"In my display you see Nastia, the granddaughter of a friend in Moscow and my grandson Aaron during a visit



to Seabrook Island...both at different stages of their development.

Nature is reflected in the majestic display of pine woods in Vermont, Lake Konstanz in Bavaria with the commanding Alps in the background, and the tranquil Swiss mountain farms in winter.

The focus then shifts to the new Russia, as evidenced by the modern Moscow City in contrast with the Russian Czar, Peter the Great, the Novodevichy Monastery and the pompousness of Catharina the Great's palace near St. Petersburg, the longest Imperial palace in the world.

Finally, returning to Seabrook, I find the beauty of nature as it surrounds us. Perhaps, my photos may stimulate thoughts about the utility of our actions and our need to preserve that what needs preserving".

Thank you for spending your time to come and view my work! ▲

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T H E S I P

Administrative News from the Seabrook



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The following is an operational summary of our activities in August and early September.

Security:

Pete Pelay, G4S Security Account Manager, left G4S for employment with another company. Jennifer Miller has been appointed as Account Manager.

Lake House & Community Center:

The Beach Award Celebration/Sock Hop on August 26th was very successful. Many people attended the afternoon beach activities of kite flying, corn hole, and bocce ball, and the food truck was a big hit! The sock hop was also well attended. Many people have asked that we make Beach Celebration Day an annual event!

ARC Activity:

New Homes:	
Applications Pending.....	17
New Homes Approved, not yet started	7
New Homes Under Construction	17
New Homes Complete YTD	10
Repair & Maintenance Projects:	
Maintenance Projects Approved in August	43
Maintenance Projects Approved YTD	445

Operations & Maintenance:

The tropical storm on September 2, 2016 was less severe than forecast. There were a few downed trees, little rain, but due to the nature of the debris, which included small branches that weren't bagged, the cleanup took longer than anticipated. We will continue to remind owners to bag their yard debris as our regulations require, and also to remind contractors that they can't leave debris curbside.

In anticipation of the storm, we decided to use this event as a practice drill and lowered the lakes, prepared the generator to run the Admin Office if necessary, arranged for street cleaning the day following the storm, monitored weather and road alerts and had security officers on standby for downed trees or other emergencies. Fortunately the storm did little damage, but each exercise is a learning experience.

Administration:

The Audubon International Sustainable Communities Committee has been meeting to work on Phase 2 of the certification process. They will be holding several community forums to receive owner input on specific focus areas during the next two months. We hope to have the Audubon International program director at the November forum. Please watch the e-blast and Tidelines for the dates and times.

From September 14th - 18th the Community Associations Institute (CAI) Large Scale Managers Annual Conference was held in Charleston. Participants from large scale communities in the US, Australia and Dubai toured Daniel, Kiawah and Seabrook Islands. On September 16th, 140 managers toured the Lake House, Beach Club and Island House, and attended lunch and educational sessions here. Many participants told me that Seabrook was the most impressive of the three communities they visited - and this is a tough group to impress! Many thanks to the SIPOA staff, who all came together to organize the event and welcome the guests, our Lake House volunteer tour guides Janet Gorski, Julie McCulloch, speakers Tim Kana, Steve Hirsh, Janet Gorski, David Allen and Ron Ciancio, and bus captain Katrina Burrell for making the day a success. ▲

Heather Paton
hpaton@sipoa.org

REMiNDERS



CONTRACTOR AND GUEST PASS REMINDER

Salt Marsh and Bay Pointe are a part of the SIPOA. Per our Rules and Regulations, guests and contractors going to these residences need to obtain guest or contractor passes from the gate before entering these areas.

VEHICLE RECORDS REMINDER

Recently the State of SC began issuing new license plates with new numbers to replace older license plates on existing vehicles. Our gate entry database records both barcodes and plate information, and we are experiencing an increased number of database notifications about mismatches between barcodes the associated vehicle tags. If you have received new plates, please remember to contact the SIPOA office to update your vehicle information in our database. Call Robin at 843-768-0061 or by email at receptionist@sipoa.org.

OCTOBER 2016

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Island Property Owners Association

LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT



OPERA LITE SERIES

The Opera Lite Experience at Seabrook

Beginning in 2002, the intriguing world of opera - its history, development over 400 years, cultural context, and performance - has been presented on Seabrook Island during the fall and winter months. Many residents and guests have enjoyed these sessions. But it is hoped that many more, perhaps unaware of their existence, will choose to include them in their Island activities.

Each opera is self-contained in the 90 minute session with the opera shown in an abridged fashion featuring the high points. Each week brings a different production with the works ranging from current to vintage. These sessions are informal and fun with performances supplemented by text subtitles in English. The voices and acting are amazing. You may be surprised how dramatic and enjoyable this art form can be. All sessions are FREE and previous exposure/knowledge of opera is not necessary.

Indeed, newcomers are encouraged to give it a try. Join us on Thursdays from 3:30PM to 5:00PM for enjoyment



mixed with enlightenment as we bring back our Opera Lite Series.

Schedule of Operas

10/6	LUISA FERNANDA
10/13	LA FORZA DEL DESTINO
10/20	TURANDOT
10/27	NORMA
11/3	OTELLO
11/10	WILLIAM TELL
11/17	L'ALLEGRO ED IL PENSEROSO

For information, contact: John Benzel (843) 768-1174 or jdocbenz@gmail.com

The Best Fitness Apps of 2016



Personally I love my fitness apps. Firstly, they are always with me. Secondly, they are easy to personalize, which is vital if you are going to keep with them. Sustaining a fitness routine often requires daily habit and lifestyle changes. The fact that my phone is keeping me on track, makes all the difference.

Some of the apps highlighted here are tracking tools. You can log workouts, count calories, and collect stats about runs, walks, and bike rides to see how overtime you're improving. Others listed here seek to motivate, whether it be via a great music playlist, raising money for charity or finding your competitive spirit.

MyFitnessPal is a mobile app and website that gives you plenty of tools for tracking what and how much you eat, and how many calories you burn through activity. Of all the tracking tools I've used, MyFitnessPal is by far the most user friendly one to work with, and it comes with the largest database of foods and drinks. With the **MyFitnessPal** app you can watch what you eat 24/7, no matter where you are.

If you need a helping hand at the gym, **Fitness Buddy** is an option. The app features more than 1,700 exercises and more than 1,000 complete workout videos, which target your core, chest, arms, back, legs, or cardio.

If you want to tap into your inner

Thanksgiving Fitness Events

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the Lake House is gearing up for its Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot and Sprint Triathlon Relay. Leave the cooking for later or for someone else and join us at the Lake House on Thanksgiving morning for Seabrook Island's Annual Turkey Trot!

This (just over a) 5K race will start promptly at 8:00am from the Lake House and will take you through the front half of the Island. Event shirts are limited; availability and size are not guaranteed after Monday, November 7th.

Thursday, Nov. 24th • 8:00AM • Cost: \$20.00

Registration forms are available at the front desk of the Lake House. Remember, there is no better way for Seabrookers and their guests to start Thanksgiving Day!!



6th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay Swim. Bike. Run.

Before the tailgating begins and the games start...why not have some fitness fun! Join us at the Lake House on Saturday, November 26th for Seabrook Island's 6th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay.

Saturday, Nov. 26th • 8:00 AM • Cost: \$50.00 per team

It's a triathlon with a team twist! Instead of an individual tackling all three events, we would like to put a Seabrook spin and share the fun among a team of three. Teams are comprised of one swimmer, one biker, and one runner that will work together to complete all 3 legs of the event.

Registration forms are available at the front desk of The Lake House. Please note, this event will be capped, so sign up early to ensure your team is a part of our 6th Annual Sprint Triathlon Relay!

For more information about the Turkey Trot or the Sprint Triathlon Relay, please contact Jamie Mogus Mixson at jmogus@sipoa.org.

Lake House Information



An active **AMENITY CARD** is **REQUIRED** for use of the Lake House Fitness Center, including the Indoor (Fitness) Pool. The amenity card allows the Lake House employees to easily identify who should be charged for use of the Lake House Fitness Center, including the Indoor Fitness Pool. Replacement amenity cards, as well as guest amenity cards can be obtained through the Amenity Office.

Property Owners/Club Members have the ability to access the Lake House from 5:00 AM to 11:00PM with their Property Owner/Club Member amenity card. To obtain before and after hours access to the Lake House, please visit the Amenity Office. Guest of Owners/Members and Rental Guests do NOT have before and after-hours access.

Please note, there is NO Property Owner/Club Member code to enter the Lake House. Please bring your amenity card when accessing the Lake House.

dragon and compete with either yourself or others, Strava can help. Track your runs and rides with GPS, join Challenges and see how your running and riding compares with friends and strangers. You can follow routes you've created or find and view your activity map as you record. The app also supplies key stats like distance, pace, speed, elevation gained and calories burned.

There's nothing as motivating for me as being able to donate to my favorite charity as I workout! And yes, there's an app for that. Charity Miles tracks workouts, such as runs, walks, and bike rides and donates money for every mile you complete. Corporate sponsors such as Humana, Johnson & Johnson, and Chobani foot the bill and make donations on

your behalf.

Music can make all the difference to how your ride, run or workout goes. The iPhone friendly Spring, has a huge collection of more than 40,000 songs, as well as some pre-made playlists for workouts. What I like about Spring is you can personalize the beat and pace of your playlist to suit where you are in your workout.

Natasha Stevens is a certified Personal Trainer and Yoga Instructor at the Lake House on Seabrook Island. When she's not working with her clients, you'll find her plugged in on the rowing machine and perhaps singing! Contact her at either 843 637 7618 or noo.stevens@gmail.com for a free consultation on building a fitter you.



PRESIDENT SIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There's been a great deal of talk about a new gatehouse during the past ten plus years. A new structure was planned as a part of the Horizon Plan facilities in 2005. However, the building of a new community center and outdoor facilities, the Lake House, by SIPOA and a new Island House, Beach Club and Racquet Club by the Club, pretty well used all the resources of the building committees. Consensus on design requirements and specifications for the new gatehouse wasn't reached, and the project was 'deferred'. SIPOA performed an inexpensive 'facelift' - mostly a new coat of paint and some additional landscaping. None of the deficiencies were corrected; no improvements were made. Nonetheless we knew this was unfinished business, and started to plan for new processes and a new design in 2013.

The current gatehouse is SIPOA's second gatehouse; it was built in the

mid-1980's, making the structure more than 30 years old. It's a wood frame structure, with cedar roofing shingles and painted wooden siding. The Low-country environment generally is extremely hard on structures necessitating frequent maintenance and repairs. The SIPOA gatehouse takes even more of a beating. While it has an HVAC system, its windows are open every day so that heat, humidity, exhaust fumes, insects, pollen and mold spores find their way in. It's been flooded on more than one occasion. Exterior lighting is inadequate. The landscaping is nowhere near as attractive as are the plantings around our more modern buildings. Overall, the current gatehouse gives visitors a very unattractive first impression.

The gatehouse is 'home and office' to two to four members of SIPOA's Security staff twenty-four hours each day, seven days each week, 365 days a year - as it has been for nearly 30 years. The building is never, ever closed. Commercial vehicles and private automobiles drive by at all hours of the day and night. Emergency vehicles race past. Commercial vendors, visitors, guests, and property owners stop in for various reasons. This happens whether it's a delightful day or we have storm conditions. The elevation of this site is less than 6 feet above sea level, one of the lowest spots on the island. During the flooding last fall, nearly a foot of water was actually sloshing through the building. Whether it's freezing cold or beastly hot makes no difference. I'd venture to say that this small building sees considerably more use than any other structure on the island.

There's a lot that's wrong with this building including:

- No setting to privately discuss security issues with members of Seabrook community or other staff members;
- Structural issues with roof, siding and foundation requiring significant expenditures in excess of amounts permitted by FEMA and Charleston County for older buildings which do not conform to post-Hugo building codes;
- Outdated HVAC and electrical systems especially in light of technological advances and use of technology;
- Issues with mold and mildew which are very costly to eliminate.

Could the building be refurbished? Yes, but the idea of improving or renovating this structure faces a minefield of issues. Any significant modifications require a County issued building permit which will not be issued if the modifications include any change to the structure's footprint and/or if the cost of the modifications exceed 50% of the structure's value. Even if allowed, a renovation of this structure only pushes its eventual replacement further down the road to a future date, probably less than five years away. Frankly, renovation would be a waste of money. Because its age and deficiencies are showing badly and correcting them will not be permitted by the County, the gatehouse needs to be replaced.

Periodically over the past three years, a subcommittee of the SIPOA Planning and General Operations and Management Committees developed requirements and specifications for a new, updated gatehouse. A design was approved. Construction specifications and plans were developed.

As originally designed, the new gatehouse was an approximately 1,000 square foot structure located 100 feet south of the current structure. The new location provides additional space for traffic control and is at a higher elevation. The structure's design incorporates the eave structure of the Lake House, Island House and Racquet Club. However, for flood control purposes, it was to be built upon a concrete slab 42 inches deep and with water-proof panels for each of its four sides. These flood-proofing elements alone turned out to be significantly more expensive than originally estimated. So, when the construction bids were submitted, even the lowest bid was significantly over the anticipated and adopted budget.

SIPOA's GOMC group went back to the design and construction plans looking for modifications which would reduce the overall budget. Key staff and SIPOA's architect met repeatedly with building officials from Charleston County; after much discussion, they approved revised plans which require neither 3+ feet of concrete nor elaborate flood control panels. These modifications significantly reduced the costs. Although construction bids are still somewhat higher than the approved budget, when viewed over the 25-30 year life of this building, it made excellent long term financial sense to move forward now and build a new gatehouse. For all of these reasons, at its September meeting, the SIPOA Board of Directors approved moving forward with the construction of a new building.

In addition, a sub-committee of the SIPOA Board of Directors is reviewing security processes and procedures in general with an emphasis on those related to security's mission of control-

ling access into our community for property owners, renters, guests, visitors and contractors. Over the years, some processes have become unnecessary. Others have been subject to abuse and require modification. Some processes can be better handled with technology upgrades. Property owners have consistently rated the gate and access control as a feature that is extremely important to them. The Board believes that the updated processes and procedures will ensure the safety, security and well-being of the members of our community by:

- Providing more effective and efficient oversight of access to our community;
- Authenticating persons as members of the Seabrook community who seek access via vehicle; and
- Validating the identification and permission of vehicles that seek access to the Seabrook community.

Additionally, the role of the Security force in our community will be refined. For example, commercial access controls and fee collection will be moved from the gatehouse to another location [probably the SIPOA Administration Building]. Various mechanisms for enforcement of local traffic rules will also be enhanced.

The SIPOA Board will hold sessions to discuss modifications to processes and procedures but all are encouraged to review the materials which will be provided. I urge everyone to cooperate with these initiatives. They are designed to enhance the safety and security of our community and all of its members. ▲

Janet Gorski
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World Affairs Council of Charleston
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Monday, October 3, 2016

Reception - 5:15PM - hors d'oeuvres and beverages are served.
Speakers - 6:00PM followed by an opportunity for questions.
There is ample parking available around the Citadel Alumni Center.

Topic: 'Britain

Votes to Leave the European Union: the Background to Brexit; the Possible Consequences; and the Impact on the United States.'



Speakers:

Dr. Samuel Wells

former Deputy Director of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, and Director of West European Studies



Dr. Sherrill Brown Wells

Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University and former Editor of the State Department's American Foreign Policy Current Documents series

The June 23 British vote to leave the European Union, 'Brexit', was stunning and unexpected. Prime Minister David Cameron immediately resigned, to be succeeded by Theresa May. Beyond its shattering impact on British politics, Brexit's reverberations are potentially enormous, impacting the British economy, the cohesion and future direction of the EU, and even the continued unity of the United Kingdom itself. Washington was caught flat-footed and is highly uncertain how Brexit will impact American interests. The process of separating the UK from the EU is likely to be very difficult, and it is unclear what terms will be negotiated, given how closely intertwined they have become. Whatever the outcome, Brexit, is certain to become a defining event of the present and, indeed, future decades of the 21st century.

Sam and Sherry Wells are especially well-qualified to address these issues, bringing both the expertise and the insights in European affairs of the political analyst and the historian. As a professor at GWU, Dr. Sherry Wells focuses primarily on the EU and its history. She is the author of many books and articles, including a recent biography of Jean Monnet, considered the father of the EU. She is a graduate of Vassar College and received her Masters and Ph.D. from the London School of Economics. Dr. Sam Wells taught at Wellesley College and the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill before founding the International Security Studies Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He was until very recently Director of the Center's Western European Studies program. He is the author of numerous publications on U.S. - European relations, American diplomacy, and European integration. ▲



MASTERWORKS I:

St. Georges' The Anonymous Lover

Starts: October 20 @ 8:00pm

The Gaillard Center - The Martha & John Rivers Performance Hall

95 Calhoun Street • Charleston, SC 29401

Tickets: \$28.00 - \$72.80

The Anonymous Lover petit opera will make its world premiere in South Carolina featuring Megali Léger and her considerable vocal athleticism and ringing high notes. Continuing the French musical motif, Maestro Daniel welcomes virtuoso French-born violinist Romuald Grimbart-Barré serving as guest Concertmaster and soloist performing Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 44 in G Minor. ▲

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Second Annual New York-to-Seabrook Connection Party
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
6:00 pm • Live Oak Hall, Lake House

All New Yorkers who call Seabrook home, whether seasonally or year round, are invited. An Evite will follow in September with details. If you have not already received this "save the date" in an email, then you are not in our data base. If you are interested in joining us, please email your name, email address and town or city in New York where you lived, so we can add you to our list for future mailings.

Email to: NewYorkSeabrookConnection@gmail.com

The NY-SI Committee:

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TINA MAYLAND EXHIBITS NEW LARGE-SCALE WORKS

Seabrook Island Lake House Gallery

October 1-December 30

Tina has studied oils and pastels domestically and in France, England, Italy and the Caribbean under numerous regionally and nationally known artists. She served on the Board of Directors of the Charleston Artist Guild for four years and is a member of the Seabrook Island Artist Guild. Tina's artwork is represented by the Wells Gallery at The Sanctuary on Kiawah Island and at the Spencer Art Gallery in Charleston. Her paintings can also be seen at the Hang It Up Gallery in Hartwell, GA. Tina is also the exclusive painting instructor for the Kiawah Island Golf Resort and is the author of "The Six Commandments of Painting: The Shalt-Nots That Will Save Your Artwork." She won 3rd place in the People's Choice Art Show, sponsored by First Federal Bank.

More information on Tina's artwork and art classes can be found at www.TinaMaylandArt.com. Non-residents of Seabrook who are interested in seeing the exhibit may contact



Tina at TinaMaylandArt.com.

SIAG counts over 100 members from Seabrook Island, Kiawah Island and Johns Island. For more information on the Guild's events, workshops and membership, please visit our website: www.seabrookislandartistguild.com. ▲

SIAG

October 2016



Artist-of-the-Quarter

The Seabrook Island Artists Guild presents an exhibit of all new large scale paintings by Tina Mayland, Oct. 1- Dec. 30; the Lake House Gallery, Seabrook Island.

Fall Festival at Kiawah Freshfields:

In conjunction with the Fall Festival held at Kiawah Freshfields, on October 8, from 9:30-3:00 pm, Seabrook Island Artists Guild will offer a collection of paintings in different mediums and photographs.



Gary Kunkelman's Still Life with Carolina Wren

Still Life Workshop:

Artist Gary Kunkelman offers a "Three-Hour Still Life" workshop on Oct. 11 (1:00-2:30pm) and Oct. 12 (2:00-4:00pm), in the Eagle's Nest Studio, the Lake House, Seabrook Island. The workshop is free, but space is limited. Please register with Gary at garyk1@comcast.net



Amelia Rose Smith's Every Path

October Guest Artist:

Amelia Rose Smith

Multi-talented artist, Amelia Rose Smith, will be the guest artist at the October 18 Seabrook Island Artist Guild meeting, starting at 2:00pm, the Lake House. The event is open to the public.

For more information on the Guild's events, workshops and membership, visit: www.seabrookislandartistguild.com ▲

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CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON
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Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7pm

Location: The Calcagno Residence, 2871 Hidden Oak Drive

Ben-Haim Serenade for Flute and String Trio

Dohnányi Serenade Trio in C Major, Op. 10

Haydn Flute Quartet in G Major, Op. 5 No. 4

Jenny Weiss, violin; Ben Weiss, viola;

Timothy O'Malley, cello; Regina Helcher Yost, flute

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7pm

Location: The Wildermann Residence, 3138 Privateer Creek Road

Beethoven String Quartet No. 8 in E Minor, Op. 59 No. 2

Debussy String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 10

Karen Kim, violin; Frances Hsieh, violin;

Ben Weiss, viola; Timothy O'Malley, cello

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7pm

Location: The Conyers Residence, 2415 Cat Tail Pond Road

Program to be Announced

For tickets, visit: www.chambermusiccharleston.com

You are invited to the Charleston Museum's

ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC • October 23, 2016

1 - 4 pm at the Dill Sanctuary • 1163 Riverland Dr. • Charleston, SC 29412

On October 23, from 1 - 4 pm, join The Charleston Museum and the FANS for our Annual Family Picnic! Bring your friends and family for a day of food, music, activities, and more!

This year's Annual Family Picnic will include:

A Lowcountry Picnic (including fried chicken, ham, mac & cheese, chicken fingers, iced tea, lemonade, as well as wine and beer from the Marina Variety Store.)

Live Music by The Allen Kinney Project • A Nature Walk with Billy McCord

A Birds of Prey demonstration & release • Children's games and activities

A SCDNR touch tank • Face painting • And more!

This event is perfect for any age and tickets are all inclusive.

Please bring lawn chairs or a picnic blanket. Pets are not permitted on the property.

Purchase your tickets online or call 843.722.2996 ext. 235.

Pricing is as follows:

\$25 Members • \$30 Non-members • \$10 children (ages 6 - 12) • Children ages 5 & under FREE!



ISLAND NOTICES

HUMORIST JEANNE ROBERTSON

Wednesday, October 5th • 7:30PM
 Tickets \$10 on sale 9/21

Jeanne Robertson is a professional speaker who specializes in hilarious humor based on her life experiences. Speaking to thousands of people annually, she utilizes her positively funny style to illustrate that a sense of humor is much more than a laughing matter. It is a strategy for success.



GOLDEN BEAR REALTY "GRAND OPENING" OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 11 • 3:30-5:30PM

Join us for our Open House and meet owner Mike Nicklaus, the youngest son of Jack Nicklaus.

THE CHARLESTON MUSEUM PRESENTS ITS 2016 FALL LECTURE SERIES

October 12, at 6PM
 Curator of Natural History Matthew Gibson will present on Technology and Paleontology - 3D Scanning Fossils



The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes long, followed by a brief Q&A. All lecture in this series are FREE and open to the public.

Holy Spirit Parish 11th Annual Used Book Sale October 14th-16th

Holy Spirit Family Life Center • 3871 Betsy Kerrison Pky • Johns Island

Friday, October 14 • 2-6PM

"Preview - First Choice of Books & Refreshments" • \$5.00 donation

Saturday, October 15 • 10AM - 5PM

Sunday, October 16 • 10AM - 1PM • Free Admission

Hardcovers \$3.00 • Paperbacks \$1.00

Book selections include Mystery, Novels, Non-Fiction, Travel, Biography, Memoirs, Religion, Health & Fitness, Children's Books and much more.

Home-baked goods are also available.

Proceeds to benefit Holy Spirit Saturday Emergency Food Pantry.

CLEAN OUT THOSE OLD FILES!!

Shred 360 will be at the Town Hall
 Friday, October 14 from 10AM - 1PM • Side Parking Lot

You can bring paper trash, computer disks and drives as well as old tax returns to be shredded. Paper may be brought to the site in cardboard boxes, but they are not able to shred the actual box.

This is the free Shred Day that enables Seabrookers to safely destroy any of these items.



Fall Program Line-up

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Oct. 20th - Stan's "Downtown Charleston Photo Shoot"
 Nov. 17th - Marty's "Downtown Charleston Theme Assignment"
 Log onto www.seabrookislandphotoclub.com and click "2016 Schedule" for program details.

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA GROUP BEGINNING FALL, 2016

A new Hand and Foot Canasta Group is forming this Fall for Seabrookers. If you are already a player and would like to join us, or if you want to learn, please contact Carol Lynne Chretien as soon as possible at cchretie@live.com. More information will be forthcoming once we know how many folks are interested.

We will play at the Lake House.



D.I.R.T. (DIGGING INTO ROOTS TOGETHER)

Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
 1:30-3:30PM • Lake House

If you are interested in genealogy and looking to network with others who share your interest, or would like some guidance in getting started on your own family history journey, please join us. For further information about meeting dates, times and agendas, as well as useful information for all the genealogists among us, please check out the blog at diggingtogether.blogspot.com or email us at diggingtogether@yahoo.com

CHARLESTON COASTAL CHOIR

NEWLY FORMING COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Charleston Coastal Choir is a new community chorus offering an opportunity for experienced singers to share their talent. The group is a mixed chorus that performs a variety of traditional choral music **October through March**. Selections

for both women's chorus and men's chorus are included in the repertoire as well as opportunities for solo and ensemble singing. **Rehearsals are 2pm, Mondays at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.** Membership in the group is open this fall. Beginning in January membership will be by audition only. For information about membership, contact the Director of Music: Mr. Van McCollum (vanmccollum@bellsouth.net or 404 401-0678 cell)

CALIDORE STRING QUARTET

Sunday, October 16, 2016

4:00PM - Church of our Saviour

Ticket Release: 9/30

Jeffrey Myers - Violin;

Ryan Meehan - Violin;

Jeremy Berry - Viola,

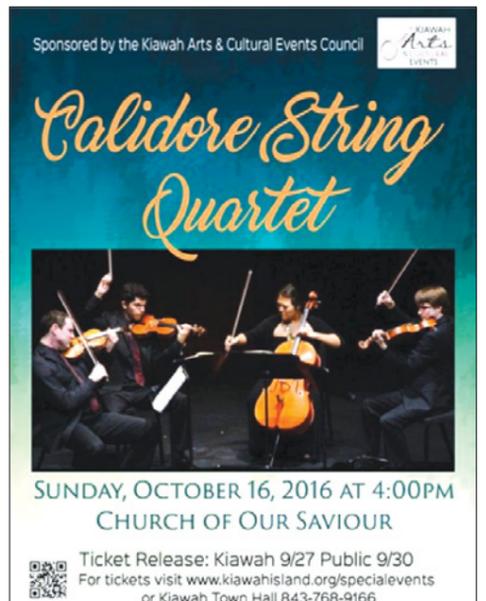
Estelle Choi - Cello

Described as "the epitome of confidence and finesse," (Gramophone Magazine) and "a miracle of unified thought," (La Presse, Montreal), the Calidore String Quartet has established an international reputation for its informed, polished, and passionate performances.

The quartet is currently artists-in-residence and visiting faculty at Stony Brook University (SUNY) and has been appointed to the prestigious roster of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center Two for 2016-2019 seasons.

The Calidore String Quartet won grand prizes in virtually all the major U.S.

chamber music competitions as well as several international competitions in Europe. The quartet regularly perform throughout North America, Europe, and Asia and has debuted in such prestigious venues as Wigmore Hall, Lincoln Center, Seoul's Kumho Arts Hall, Schneider Concerts (NYC), and at many festivals, including Verbier, Ravinia, Mostly Mozart, and Festspiele Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. In 2015, the Calidore String Quartet released its critically-acclaimed debut recording of quartets by Mendelssohn and Haydn and will release an album on Editions Hortus commemorating the World War I Centennial. The Calidore were featured as Young Artists-in-Residence on American Public Media's Performance Today and their performances have been broadcast on National Public Radio, BBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Korean Broadcasting Corporation, and elsewhere.



21ST BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

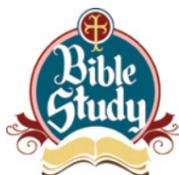
November 9, 2016 • 6PM • Seabrook Island Club

Marines from Seabrook, Kiawah and Johns Island will celebrate the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps. The Corps was created November 10, 1775, at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, PA.

Marines around the world celebrate the birthday with dinners, balls and remembrance ceremonies. A dinner will be held at the Seabrook Island Club on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:00pm. This will be the 13th annual dinner for local Marines that will include veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Also there will be MECEPS (Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program) who are active duty Marines and their spouses/guests from the Citadel. These Marines are outstanding enlisted Marines who are completing their undergraduate degree and will become Marine Corps officers upon graduation.

If you are a Marine and would like information and/or sign up for the dinner, please contact Ed Dear at 843-768-5950.



SEABROOK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday • Lake House • 1:30PM-3:30PM

(Monday, September 12 - Monday May 22, 2017)

For information, please contact Patti Tully at 843.768.8097 or pattitully@gmail.com or Jody Garvey at 317.371.2330 or garveyjody@gmail.com

SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House • Every Monday • 11AM-1PM

For more information, contact Denise Doyon at dendoyon@gmail.com



INDOOR PICKLEBALL

St. Christopher's Camp
 Fridays • 12:30-2:30
 If interested, please contact Mary Torello at mary.torello@yahoo.com



CHARLESTON COUNTY BOOKMOBILE

The Charleston County Bookmobile will be at Freshfields Village the first and third Tuesday of every month from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. The Bookmobile will be parked behind Hege's and Java Java.

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Every Monday • 9AM • Lake House
 The Monday Bridge Group needs new players! They meet Mondays at 9:00 am at the Lake House, so stop by and join the fun. For more information, please contact Ilse Calcagno at 843-768-0317.





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