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GREENSPACE GALA RAISES OVER \$66,000

Will Complete the Corner and Corridor



Head or Tails Game at the Gala

See page 3 for more photos

The Seabrook Island community eagerly attended another very successful Conservancy Green Space Gala on March 18. The Seabrook Island Club again generously hosted the annual event at the Island House, and Seabrook Island Real Estate once more helped make the evening possible with its help and donations. Money was raised through live and silent auctions, a "What's in YOUR bottle?" game, our beloved bead game where the winner took home a bin of awesome electronics, the purchase of vacations in Italy and the "Sumptuous September Saturday" progressive cocktail party. The grand total raised exceeded \$66,000! This money will enable the Conservancy to purchase property to complete a strategic corner and corridor at Block 1, Lot 4 at Seabrook Island Road and Clear Marsh.

Jeri Finke, the Conservancy president as well as the gala chairperson, wel-

comed the attendees to the sold out annual event and thanked Seabrookers for their continuing and generous support of the island's green space acquisitions, which will soon total 28 properties.

After a buffet dinner, Charleston chief meteorologist Dave Williams (WCIV-TV) took the role of auctioneer for the incredible live auction items. As usual, Dave kept things lively and moving at break neck speed, especially for the "Pick your Poison" party! Chick Vladuchick ended up with the highest bid but it was very tense for a moment or two.

The photos tell the story of generous Seabrookers enjoying a beautiful and fun-filled evening. To all who attended the gala, who bid in the auctions and played our games, the Conservancy says thank you! And to those who support us all year long, we offer another thank you..▲

Beth Nichols

RACQUET CLUB DONATES TO BIFMC



The annual Barrier Island Round Robin Benefit Day at the Racquet Club included a separate men's and women's tournament followed by a raffle. This year the Seabrook tennis community raised a record \$6,200 for a great local cause. Pat Tallman, Kathy Bruce and all their volunteers put together a fun and highly successful event.

On Friday, March 25, the check representing the BIFMC donations was ready to be picked up. The Medical Clinic responded that it represented a tremendous gift. "Our new facility has just opened. It is beautiful and the space we now have to serve our patients is unbelievable. We have been campaigning for clinical room 'naming rights'. We will consider the S.I. Tennis Community name on one of the clinical room's doors.

It would recognize Seabrook Island's support for our Miracle on Maybank..▲

ANGEL OAK AWARD 2017 HONOREE, DR. VICTOR AGUSTA

Two hundred exchange members and guests gathered together to celebrate and pay tribute to Dr. Victor Agusta, Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club Foundation's 2017 Angel Oak Award Honoree, Wednesday evening, March 21, 2018 at the Seabrook Island Club.

Dr. Agusta has served as a volunteer primary health care physician at the Barrier Islands free Medical Clinic since it opened its doors in 2008. He has earned the trust and respect of his patients and colleagues at the clinic for his dedication, compassion and caring disposition. He has been instrumental in supporting the growth of the clinic as the number one recruiter of volunteer doctors and nurses.

Exchange President Bob Leggett welcomed everyone to the meeting followed by an invocation by Dr. Charlie Davis and Fallen Hero Remembrance and Pledge of Allegiance by Jim Banister.

Following dinner Post and Courier



(L-R) Exchange President Bob Leggett, Dr. Richard Ulmer, BIFMC Medical Director, Dr. Victor Agusta, Angel Oak Honoree, Alan Armstrong, Exchange Club Angel Oak Committee Chair



(L-R) Vic Jr, Carol and Vic Agusta



Warren Peper

Columnist and Guest Speaker, Warren Peper was introduced by Larry Blasch. Mr. Peper spoke on "Life's Curve Balls" and how to deal with them through personal challenges he faced throughout his career.

The highlight of the evening was Alan Armstrong's Angel Oak Award Presentation to Dr. Victor Agusta-A good friend and outstanding volunteer who has made significant contributions to people in our area.

Dr. Vic accepted this honor with humble thanks while acknowledging the volunteer efforts of other non-profits and charities serving the impoverished population on our islands. He shared the amazing "no cost" medical services provided to BIFMC patients by Roper St. Francis, local physicians and pharmacies and praised his BIFMC volunteer nurse and scribe for putting up with his New York accent and inability to type.

Congratulations, Dr. Victor Agusta-Well Deserved!!▲

Lori Leary



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

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Dear Cap'n Sam: Nice and informative article on piebald deer. Thought The Seabrooker readers may enjoy a pic of a piebald on Seabrook taken in 2014.

Gina Kozek

Dear Cap'n Sam: LET'S NAME OUR GENTLE SKEWBALD DEER

Paul Tillman's article on our "piebald" deer was a most welcome source of information on one of my babies. Your see, I believe it was I who coined the name "piebald" for the little fawn who was born in the manicured bamboo fence to the side of my garden. The deer herd used to sleep there at night and steal away at the break of dawn. They would also snooze there in the hot summer afternoons for many years. Interestingly, they never ate my plants while making my garden their home. All that changed when a misguided person started using RoundUp pesticide on the adjoining lot, and I lost all the animals that frequented what my out-of-Africa brother called my "bl...y Reserve".

But back to the little two-color fawn with the odd rump and funny walk. I wasn't even sure it was a deer. But it walked and slept with the herd and stuck close to one particular female

deer, that I took to be the mother. When it couldn't keep up, she would return each time and sniff and lick it. I did not see it suckle, but I really believe that was the doe who gave birth to this little fellow. I never saw a deer with that coloration other than our handsome young buck then or since. Like all my Reserve regulars, I gave him a name - Toby.

At that time, I phoned a biologist friend and used the word "piebald" to describe the animal, because it looked like a small pony. I phoned our island animal spotter and the Kiawah Nature Center. But no one could tell me anything. I also phoned the Editor of The Island Connection newspaper, and asked her to ask her readers to help research the matter. Some Kiawah "expert" wrote an article on the subject, but it did not tell me anything I did not already know. To-day a photo on Facebook would probably tell us more. What was really troubling me was the fact that I knew that Kiawah had an albino deer. I had already seen an albino mountain lion on the Pelican Watch walkways in the 90's, I had an albino raccoon, (who later gave birth to a litter of normal coloration), and a friend on John's Island had an albino squirrel with a litter of albino squirrels. It occurred to me that the use of pesticides, widespread on Seabrook at the time, could possibly be contributing if not causing these mutations.

For the longest time, Toby came about once a week to my garden, standing always in the same spot where I first saw him. He was always alone, as he is to-day. I would call to him quietly, but didn't approach for fear of frightening him. I see my little pet, now grown to a handsome buck deer with a full rack, quite often. It is usually late in the day when I go out for exercise. He is just as he was as a fawn, not skittish or afraid of people. All my visitors have wonderful pictures of him at every age. Some months ago, when walking by the lake behind the Lake House, I was surprised to find him lying down right by the path near the end of a nature trail. I stopped and sat with him on my Rollator for at least a half hour, and he just stared at me as I chatted away, asking him was he feeling OK, and telling him that where he was was just a little too close to a large alligator. It was getting dark, and I had to leave, but I called Security and asked them to check on him. I called them later, and was told

the Security Officer couldn't find him, in spite of explicit instructions. I got in the car and went back, and he was still there. I called Security again, and asked them to check a little later, and if he had not moved, to alert some one from whatever number they had for hurt animals. I went back in the morning, and he was gone. He was not his usual alert self, and never moved all the time I stayed with him.

I wish there were some way we could take care of him without inhibiting him. With coyotes and bobcats and alligators.....I don't know. I have never seen him run. I'm wondering why no one ever seems to see the possibilities of using his image in our advertising, particularly in our Real Estate office. We do have one photo of him in the Lake House great room, but it is in a corner. A visit to the offices of a certain other prominent island real estate company would demonstrate the value of visual immersion in our island's wildlife and beauty. God knows we have some great photographers. I envisage a life size standing poster of him right inside the entrance door, with

MEET TOBY, OUR ISLAND SKEWBALD MASCOT - Just One of Seabrook's Lovely Surprises Waiting For You

Seriously, National Geographic might well find him worth an article. When I first came to live on Seabrook, Nancy Dawes, our resident photojournalist, and I discussed a collaboration on an article written with just that magazine in mind, but I decided that Seabrook should remain our own secret Xanadu. We were quite happy not to be on the map. Since then, Nancy has gone to God, and I have flirted with death a few times. It was never written.

But let us have at least one really good photograph of him - I know of one - that we can cherish and send to friends. At the very least, we can warn our tourists that he is very rare and very special to us and must not be fed or harassed in any way. I myself have hushed my visiting children guests when they wanted to leave the car and rush to pet him. How I wish someone had come by when I sat with him by the Lake House.

What a photo for my Memorial Card!

Bunny Chamier

DEATH NOTICES



Mr. Robert Arnold Ferguson of Mt. Pleasant, SC died at the age of 94 on February 26, 2018. He and his wife Carolyn lived on Seabrook Island from 1978 until 2005. Upon his retirement he was very active as the first President of the Seabrook Island Association, playing a leadership role in the formation of The Club. He and Carolyn were also very involved with The Johns Island Habitat for Humanity. Bob was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated from The University of Pennsylvania, where he was President of his fraternity and active on the rowing crew team. He continued his education at Princeton University.

Bob was a proud Marine and served in both World War II and the Korean War. In 1950 he married Carolyn Mitchell, of Chicago. He had a successful career in sales and management for Latrobe Steel Company, Dana Corporation and retired as Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Rockwell International. Bob was an avid golfer and tennis player and always liked a good party surrounded by friends.

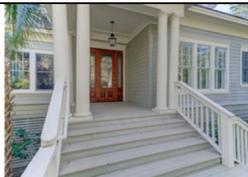
He is survived by his wife Carolyn and their three children - Gail Lucas of Mt. Pleasant, Ann and her husband David Demitruk of Seabrook Island, Mitch and his wife Lynette Ferguson of Hillsborough, CA, and grandchildren Mitchell and Katy Demitruk and the Pittsburgh Steelers.▲

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Red's Ice House Fire

On March 8, Red's Ice House restaurant at the Marina had a major kitchen fire. A number of local firefighters and equipment responded to the scene. As the Seabrooker goes to press (March 27), Red's remains closed. A note on the door at the entrance states that Red's "Will Reopen ASAP".



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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 March 2018 meeting with 14 associations/regimes represented either in person or on the conference call and Seabrooker Editor Michael Morris also in attendance.

Association/Regime Presidents' Roundtable

The topic of the roundtable was on the future of villa association/regime representation to The Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI), Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) and Seabrook Island Club/Seabrook Island Real Estate (SIC/SIRE) and other issues related to COVAR, to include arriving at a plan for its future.

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Many representatives spoke during the roundtable discussion with the consensus that COVAR is a desired and necessary entity with basically the same mission. The way that mission is fulfilled may be evolving with the mention of these common themes:

- Continue quarterly meetings with specific topics/speakers
Facilitate communication among associations/regimes
Establish an easily accessible and functional website for COVAR and each association/regime

- Quality teleconference capability for meetings
Communication directly to villa owners and not just presidents
Establish an electronic community for COVAR

Facilitate coordination among associations/regimes on maintenance projects to minimize costs
Need facilitators at the helm of COVAR who help coordinate association/regime activities to reach solutions to issues.

Cherie Squire volunteered to fill the empty Board position whether as President, Vice President or Secretary. By acclamation, President Keener declared Alison Standard-Blakey, Vice President, Cindy Brown, Secretary and Floyd DeAndrade, Treasurer. It was decided that these officers along with Appointed Board Members, Lori Leary-Communications Chair, Randy Buck-Town Affairs Chair and Harry Vincent-Safety and Security Chair would meet to decide how to move forward given what was discussed at the roundtable and the COVAR By-Laws. Association/regime presidents will be given the opportunity to concur or dissent on the Board's decision, as COVAR is their organization.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Treasurer DeAndrade reminded all associations/regimes that the COVAR \$10 annual dues is being collected for 2018. All donations should be made payable to COVAR and sent to Treasurer Floyd DeAndrade at 1924 Marsh Oak Lane. Year to date, 28 of the 41 members have contributed the annual dues.

Recognition of Allan Keener and Gary Quigley

Lori Leary presented Allan Keener and Gary Quigley, outgoing Board President and Vice President, respectively, with Hege gift certificates in appreciation of their long years of service to COVAR and their numerous accomplishments over those years.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with the next meeting to be determined by the newly established Board. Note: A quorum was not present at the March meeting for voting purposes.



Wine Rosé
Michael Morris - Vintage Wine



Rosé is all the rage these days. Most in the industry are excited about it because it was under appreciated for so long. A well chilled rosé on a hot summer day is a wonderful thing. Unfortunately, with its rise in popularity comes the inescapable truth, As with Pinot Grigio in the 90s, most of what is out there is without character and save a few examples, overpriced.

Recently I've been introduced to the wines of Clos Cibonne. Their wines, made from the obscure grape Tibouren, are wines that transcend the category and stand by themselves as serious, contemplative wines that deserve your attention.

Clos Cibonne dates back to 1797 when the Roux family purchased the property from Jean Baptiste de Cibonne, a Captain of

the Royal Marines of Louis XVI. The true soul of the state can be traced to 1930 when Andre Roux modernized the winery, replacing the more widely known and popular Mourvèdre grape with the native varietal Tibouren for which he had a strong affinity. While these days, with hipster sommeliers always looking for the newest, most esoteric wines, such a move wouldn't raise many eyebrows. In 1930, it was a risky move indeed.

Situated just 800 meters from the shores of the Mediterranean and surrounded by hillsides that increase airflow to protect them from hot summers, Clos Cibonne take a unique grape and vinify it in a unique manner. The Tibouren is fermented in stainless steel and is then transferred to very large (500L) and very old (100-year old) foudres. These vessels are not topped off all the way and thus are aged under a fine layer of spent yeast

cells (fleurette) in a manner similar to Sherry.

Clos Cibonne takes a unique grape from unique terroir and ages it with a unique process creating two rosés. One cuvée from younger vines, and one cuvée, Cuvée Spéciale des Vignettes, from older vines. These wines are definitely not just a simple summer quaffer. They are complex, thought provoking wines that deserve a space in your cellar. They are lush yet restrained, with a silky, waxy texture. I can only imagine the heights these wines attain with time in the cellar and hope that one day I will be able to experience them at their peak of maturity.

They are worthy of making the effort to seek them out.

Making Better Use of Your Technology
Where Have All the Passwords Gone?

I know I have covered this topic before but I think it is worth revisiting again. These days, our smartphones have become the mini-computer that we take everywhere. We use them to communicate, shop, navigate and listen to music and audio books. Considering the price of a new Galaxy, Pixel, iPhone or Droid, we are paying for very sophisticated equipment. Indeed, you can purchase a Windows 10 computer for half the price of a new smartphone. Having all that power and information in your pocket or purse is convenient, but it also puts your information at risk.

As our lives increasingly become more connected to the internet, we are amassing an enormous collection of passwords. If you are keeping track of them in a little notebook, you are leaving yourselves open to password theft by anyone who can read. I have a password management app on my smartphone. My phone requires my fingerprint (or 4-digit code) to wake-up and the password app requires another swipe of my fingerprint (or a 6-digit code) to open. There are dozens of good password apps that work

on Android and/or iOS. Some are free and some have one-time, monthly, or annual fees. Dashlane consistently comes out on top of the list year after year. Sticky Password, RoboForm, and LastPass are also good.

If you are not comfortable keeping all your passwords in an app on your phone, then slowly begin changing your passwords using a naming convention. The one that I use is very simple and allows me to remember my passwords. Sites are now requiring passwords that have 8 or more characters, capital letters, lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. That's a lot to remember. So here is a little trick I use. I have come up with a nine-character base that never changes. It consists of four lowercase letters, four numbers, and a character, e.g., sbrk9876#. Each time you create a new password you add 2, 3, 4, or 5 letters from the name of the site, or the whole name of the site in all caps. For example, your Amazon.com password could be AMAsbrk9876# or AMAZsbrk9876#.

You could stick the name of the site in the middle, e.g., sbrkAMAZON9876#. Your Google password could be

GOOSbrk9876# or sbrkGOOG9876# or GOOGsbrk9876# or even EL-GOOGsbrk9876# (GOOGLE spelled backwards) - whatever works for you, so long as you are consistent. Now, all you have to remember is the nine-character base and where you are adding your version of the name of the website. Easy-peasy and you have met the password requirements of most internet sites.

This works great for sites you visit regularly that don't contain any financial or credit card info that someone could tap into. I don't recommend using this convention for your banks, brokerage accounts or investment sites. Those passwords should be unique, complicated, and changed at least every 6 months. Those are the passwords you should keep in a secure app.

So take some time to make sure your list of passwords is secure and come up with a formula that helps you remember your passwords so you won't constantly be looking for that little, unsecure, notebook.

Denise Doyon

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Next month we are going to try something new! I know many of you have questions about your technology. So, in the tradition of Ann Landers and Dear Abby, send your tech questions to me at querydenise@gmail.com and I will answer as many of them as I can in the space allotted for my column. I look forward to hearing from you.



FROM TOWN HALL

JERI FINKE

Seabrook Island residents take great pride in the natural amenities of our island, and take seriously our responsibility to protect and preserve them. Any possible action that could damage our beaches, denigrate the marshes, or harm protected wildlife gets our attention. And certainly, the possibility of oilrigs off the South Carolina coast has our attention.

Of the three local entities that govern life on the island, it is the Town of Seabrook Island that has jurisdiction

over the island's beaches and also regulates some of the economic drivers that are part of keeping the island viable and such a vibrant community and desirable vacation destination. All would be threatened by the many and varied negative effects of oil industry development off our coast.

With these factors and others in mind, the Seabrook Island Town Council has taken a firm and active position against opening up the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to oil and natural gas exploration and drilling as proposed by the Trump Administration.

An executive order signed last spring started a new five-year program (2019-2024) for selling leases on 98 percent of the OCS, including the two regions off the South Carolina coast identified as the Mid and South

Atlantic regions.

Fortunately, there are strict procedures in law for opening up the OCS and nothing can happen overnight. There is a several step process that allows for public comment and input before OCS leases are actually sold and offshore drilling can begin. However, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) within the Department of the Interior is pushing the five-year program forward as quickly as statute allows. The Town registered its opposition last summer when the five-year program was first announced, and again restated its vigorous opposition during the second comment period that just closed on March 9.

That second comment period was an opportunity to respond to BOEM's analyses of the environmental, economic and social impact offshore drill-

ing would have on each of the OCS regions under consideration. In its letter, the Town took exception to BOEM's almost exclusive reliance on the oil industry's exaggerated economic promises while dismissing sound and proven science about the always chronic, albeit often disastrous, environmental risks of offshore oil drilling, and production.

In addition to fully participating in the BOEM process, the Town of Seabrook Island has joined several other coastal municipalities, along with the Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast, in a proposed law suit intended to stop seismic testing permits from being issued for the Mid and South Atlantic Regions. Seismic testing, perhaps more accurately called air gun blasting, is the first step in oil exploration and disrupts the ac-

tivities of marine mammals and their food web and causes declines in fisheries, both commercial and recreational.

And finally, as part of its effort to stay fully engaged on this issue, the Town Council is making sure our state and federal representatives are aware of our opposition to offshore drilling, and the Town Council is asking for them to make every effort to ensure the Mid and South Atlantic are closed off under the Administration's five-year program. The Town argues there is no national energy emergency that requires opening the OCS to drilling while putting so much at risk environmentally and for so few, if any, economic benefits.

The mayor's letters to BOEM on behalf of the Town Council can be found on the Town's website: www.townof-seabrookisland.org. ▲



TOWN HALL MEETING
Town Council Meeting
February 27, 2018

After the pledge of allegiance, Mayor Ciancio called the February 27, 2018, Town Council meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Councilmen Crane, Gregg and Wells, Councilwoman Finke, Town Clerk Allbritton and Town Administrator Cronin 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 January 23, 2018, and the Ways & Means Committee meeting of February 20, 2018, were unanimously approved as written.

Financials: Mayor Ciancio stated that \$300,000 has been transferred from the General Fund to the Road Improvement Fund and, along with the funds in that account that were not spent in 2017, the total is now \$851,768.95, which is the approximate amount the Town estimates it will spend on the Seabrook Island Road project. Revenue for the month of January was \$38,403, which was \$12,671 under budget, mostly due to business license receipts. Expenses for the month of January were approximately \$48,673, which was \$50,250 less than budget. In January, expenses exceeded revenue by \$10,270.

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: None

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards: Public Safety/Club Long Range Planning Committee - Councilman Gregg reported that the Seabrook Island Club's Long Range Planning Committee did not meet in February.

The Town's Public Safety Committee met on February 12, 2018. At this meeting, the Committee looked over a draft RFP for debris management services. Once changes suggested by Town Administrator Cronin are incorporated into the document, Mr. Cronin will use the final RFP to solicit bids. The Committee also reviewed proposed revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan that would address action items identified in the January training and exercise sessions. The Public Safety Committee is scheduled to meet again on Monday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m.

The Disaster Recovery Council will hold a review session on March 15 to consider the report of the Town's consultant concerning the January training and exercise sessions. Councilman Gregg reported that Kiawah's Town Administrator has confirmed that Kiawah will host the jointly

sponsored Disaster Awareness Day in 2018. Once the Town has more information about the event, Town Council will be asked to approve an expenditure that will be used to help offset costs incurred for the event.

On the evening of February 15, the Town hosted a question and answer forum led by Dwayne Cartwright, President and CEO of Berkeley Electric Cooperative. The session was primarily scheduled due to concerns expressed by residents regarding the restoration of power following Hurricane Irma. Mr. Cartwright answered questions about improvements that have been made to reduce the chances of outages due to flooding, about Berkeley Propane delivery delays and the potential impacts of the failed nuclear facility and how it will affect resident's rates. Berkeley Electric purchases the bulk of its electricity from Santee Cooper and Santee Cooper is a 40% participant in the expansion of nuclear facilities at V.C. Summer.

Councilman Gregg reported that the Town has received a check for \$1,966.70 from the State that represents the final payment of the Federal and State funds on the Town's Request for Public Assistance that was submitted in 2016. This payment covered debris removal costs incurred by the Town following Hurricane Matthew. The total of all payments received by the Town on its Request for Public Assistance from Hurricane Matthew is \$106,972.23. FEMA has requested further documentation from the Town's contractor concerning debris removal following Hurricane Irma in 2017 and the request has been forwarded to the contractor.

Public Relations/Communications - Councilman Crane reported that the Town held an open house on Friday, February 23, for residents and property owners to provide assistance in understanding the effects of the preliminary FEMA flood maps. Approximately 70-80 people from Seabrook Island and Kiawah Island attended. Representatives of Charleston County Building Services gave a short presentation and then assisted individuals using various tools to find their property on the flood maps and helped them understand the significance of changes, if any, indicated by the maps. The appeal process, which is open through April 18, was also addressed.

The Communications Committee will meet on March 6 and will review a prototype for a new Town website. Councilman Crane also reported that an unsolicited "travel writer" request from Columbia Metropolitan Magazine has been referred to the Seabrook Island Club.

The Town Council held a Strategic Planning Session on February 22 that was led by Bill Taylor, from the Municipal Association of South Carolina. The session was designed to address setting short and long term goals and objectives, assigning levels of priority and estimating the associated cost/benefit considerations. Special Projects/Beach Administration - Councilman Wells reported that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee had met recently and recommended approval for additional funds. One of the programs the Committee recommended for fund-

ing is the dolphin education program. All of the Committee's recommendations for approval are more fully addressed in connection with discussion of Ordinance 2018-02 amending the 2018 budget.

Councilman Wells also reported that the RFP for relining all the major drainage pipes under Seabrook Island Road and repair and upgrade the storm water system adjacent to the Marina should be sent out within the next two weeks.

Community and Government Relations: Councilwoman Finke reported that Charlie Moore, who is a member of the Seabrook Island Birders has approached Town Council about financing the cost of printing a brochure, "Respecting Seabrook Island Shorebirds and their Habitat". The brochure also contains information about the Town's rules for having dogs on the beach. Council has suggested changes to this section and Councilwoman Finke is awaiting the final draft of the brochure. Councilman Gregg made a motion for the Town to pay \$340 to have 2,000 brochures printed in the form to be agreed upon by Councilwoman Finke. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Councilwoman Finke reported that she has made suggested changes to the Town's comment letter on the proposal to open the outer continental shelf to drilling off our coast. The Mayor stated that this letter is consistent with the Town's past position opposing offshore drilling and seismic testing and will be mailed by the end of this week.

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 stated that the Town's General Fund balance is approximately \$1,857,000. The previous year was a good year financially, generating almost \$300,000 of revenues in excess of expenditures. Over the past 6 years, Council has tried to increase the Town's emergency reserve, which now stands at \$1,637,184. The Mayor stated that it is his goal to have the Emergency Fund balance reach \$2,000,000 incrementally over the next few years. Councilman Gregg moved to transfer \$200,000 from the General Fund into the Emergency Fund. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Town Administrator - Items to be addressed by the Town Administrator were deferred until after first reading consideration of the draft budget amendment (Ordinance 2018-02).

Town Council Members - See Above

Utility Commission - Chairman Jim Bannwart reported that operations for the waste water facility were normal for January. As far as the budget, there was a positive cash flow of \$12,500 due to higher water sales. The

Utility Commission has just finished a lining project of 600 lineal feet of 8" sewer pipe in the area of Gnarled Pine and Seabrook Island Road. Chairman Bannwart also reported that the Commission is still negotiating with the contractor regarding their management contract.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: None
Ordinances for First Reading:

Ordinance 2018-02, An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget to Appropriate \$65,000 from State Accommodations Tax Fund Balance - Town Administrator Cronin stated that the Town, in 2017, received a check from Charleston County for State Accommodations Tax revenues that were due to the Town but erroneously paid to the County. These funds were not used in 2017 and then rolled into the State Accommodations Tax fund balance at the end of the year. The 2018 budget ordinance did not appropriate the expenditure of any surplus funds from that account. The purpose of the budget amendment is to increase Line Item #8501 - Tourism Related Expenditures from \$80,000 to \$145,000, a net increase of \$65,000. Councilman Gregg made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-02 on first reading. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Confirmation of Recipients of 2018 State Accommodations Tax Funds for Tourism Related Expenditures (#8501) - (Deferred from Town Administrator's Report) Mayor Ciancio remarked that the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee previously met and recommended various items that were contemplated when the 2018 budget was adopted. It is appropriate for Council now to authorize those expenditures. Councilman Gregg made a motion to authorize the expenditure of State Accommodations Tax for the following:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Beach Patrol (\$75,208), July 4th Celebration (20,000), Kick-It at Bohicket (17,000), Governor's Billfish Tourn (12,200), Alan Fleming Tennis Tourn (10,000), Dolphin Education Prog (10,000), TOTAL (\$144,408).

Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Ordinances for Second Reading:

Ordinance 2018-01, An Ordinance Amending the Development Standards Ordinance of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Article 4.0, Establishing of Zoning Districts and Map; Section 4.10, Official District Map; so as to Clarify the Effective Date of Amendments to the Official District Map - Town Administrator Cronin stated that the intent of this ordinance is to resolve a conflict between two statutes in the DSO as to when a rezoning is effective. One statute says that it is effective the day after Council approves it and the other says that it is effective once it is reflected on the Town Zoning Map. Since the Town Zoning Map

is only updated once yearly, Section 4.10 of the DSO will now state that the printed version of the Official District Map, "together with any amendments approved pursuant to Article 20 of this Ordinance but not yet incorporated into the printed version of the map," shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of all land within the Town. Councilman Gregg made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-02 on second reading. Councilman Wells seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Approval of 2018 Beach Patrol Contract

(Deferred from Town Administrator's Report) - Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Town had advertised an RFP in the Post & Courier with bids due on November 20, 2017. The one bid received was from Island Beach Services, who has provided beach patrol services for the Town in the past. The Town received correspondence recently that the company's official name is Island Beach Services DBA Barrier Island Ocean Rescue and this has been incorporated into the current contract. The contract for 2018 provides for beach patrol services to be provided from April 1 through September 4, 2018. There is an increase in coverage and will range from 1 or 2 personnel per day in 1 vehicle per day to up to 4 people in 2 vehicles per day with overlapping shifts. The full amount of the contract is \$125,208. The funds will come from State Accommodations Tax (\$75,208), from Charleston County Accommodations Tax (\$40,000) and from the General Fund (\$10,000) and be charged to Account #6291 (Beach Patrol). Councilman Gregg moved to approve the 2018 Beach Patrol Contract in the form presented to Council. Councilman Crane seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Miscellaneous Business: (Deferred from Town Administrator's Report)

Town Administrator Cronin reported that the Town will hold a shred event on Friday, March 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be a free service for residents. Information regarding the event has been posted on the website as well as the Town's social media. The Town had several residents comment about the intersection of Andell Bluff Boulevard and Seabrook Island Road, particularly the large rut at the intersection. Employees from Charleston County came out recently and patched the roadway and dug up and replaced the concrete storm drain that had been damaged. Town Administrator Cronin reported that he has followed up on an item carried over from the Strategic Planning Workshop and has reached out to the regional Council of Governments to set up a meeting to get the process started for the Town's Comprehensive Plan update.

Citizens Comments: The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.▲

Fresh Produce Giveaway in Memory of Ed Rinehimer



This Fresh Produce Giveaway is In loving memory of Ed Rinehimer



On Saturday, March 3rd, Sea Islands Blessing Basket held its first Fresh Produce Giveaway of the year at the Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church located on Bohicket Road.

The produce available included carrots, sweet potatoes, collard greens, onions, cabbage, mustard greens and fresh blueberries. The produce is intended to supplement the diets of low income families on Johns and Wadmalaw islands and was made available on a first come basis. Approximately 25 volunteers, including cadets from the Citadel participated in helping to sort, pack and load food for the clients. Volunteers also helped to prepare and serve lunch to everyone. At the event, 154 people were served representing a total household count of 415 individuals. Of that group 208 were over the age of 60, 92 were between 18 - 59 and 115 were 17 and under.

The distribution was in memory of Ed Rinehimer who passed away last year. Mr. Rinehimer, who lived on Seabrook, was a long-time volunteer with Meals on Wheels and the Blessing Basket. Lois Rinehimer shared this: "His wish to encourage donations in his memory to the

Sea Islands Hunger Awareness Foundation was his gift to the residents of these neighboring islands. It was apparent from the outpouring of support that many people returned that love". Memorial gifts made in Ed's memory are fully funding four Fresh Produce events in 2018.

In addition to the fresh produce, a hot lunch of grilled chicken, sweet potato casserole, green beans, Hawaiian rolls and desserts was served in the fellowship hall at the church.

Another service of medical screenings was also made available to the attendees. Wellness checks for blood pressure, diabetes and breathing issues was provided by a team from the Charleston Street Wellness Patrol who had a certified advanced EMT present. Of the attendees, 20 people used this service furnished free of charge.

Three additional Fresh Produce distributions are scheduled for later in the year at sites to be determined. The dates are June 2, August 4 and October 6.

Volunteers are always welcome. You may contact Louise Baucom, Volunteer Coordinator at louisebaucom@gmail.com. ▲

St Patrick's Day - Downtown



(L-R) Mary Hogan, Dick and Michael Morris, Betsy McGroarty, Jane Morris and Bob McGroarty at the Hibernian Society on Meeting St.



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FAUXCOUNTRY NEWS DOT Recommends Johns Island Residents Commute Between Midnight & 2am to Avoid Traffic

The Charleston Department of Transportation issued a recommendation to Johns Island residents today that suggests they complete their daily commutes between midnight and 2am to avoid traffic. The time guidance is being offered as a permanent solution to the nightmare traffic problem that has made local residents cry oceans of tears on their steering wheels each day.

Johns Island is the least-appreciated borough of Charleston and only has a fraction of the transportation infrastructure it really needs. Instead of investing in proper roadways to move high-volumes of Johns Island residents each day, the city pours millions of dollars into flooding projects that don't go anywhere. The DOT has offered the new driving suggestions because they're



sick of hearing complaints and don't feel like dealing with it.

DOT Senior Director James Yates explained the benefits of the recommendation. "If Johns Island residents could get their work commute, school travel, and shopping done between midnight and 2am, it would be best. Those are the only two hours of the day that aren't currently plagued by gridlock traffic. We don't have the money to properly fix the roads, and we're sure as hell not extending I-526 anytime soon. The

locals will just need to adapt to their new condensed lifestyle."

Johns Island resident Angela Krause vented about driving on Johns Island. "My soul is slowly dying every day on this God forsaken island of stagnation. I literally spend half of my existence motionless on a two-lane road. We could have bought a house on James Island by the connector, but my dumb husband wanted new construction, so we're stuck in traffic purgatory for eternity. Jesus, take me now."

Johns Island's traffic will worsen later this year when a real estate developer bribes a corrupt local official into approving the construction of 1,200 new homes in the area. Residents will then discover it's faster to swim to work than it is to drive. ▲



Seabrook Island Club Recognized for Environmental Excellence

Excerpts from Audubon International press release - March 2018

Seabrook Island Club has retained its designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program.



"Seabrook Island Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Christine Kane, Executive Director at Audubon International.

Seabrook Island Club is one of 25 courses in South Carolina and 893 courses in the world to hold the honor. The golf course was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 1996. After designation, courses go through a recertification process every three years.



This year the recertification process, coordinated by Sean Hardwick, Director of Golf Course Maintenance, required a visit by a local community representative. Amy Dabbs, a Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent, was given a tour of the course and sent her observations to Audubon International. "Seabrook Island Club proves that it is possible to balance humans, animals, and the environment in harmony. Their commitment to environmental stewardship is clear," Dabbs reported.



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Soothing the Beast

Written by Katherine Tandy Brown

You're likely familiar with the quote: "Music has charms to soothe a savage beast." Shakespeare, right? Wrong! Fellow English poet and playwright William Congreve actually said that. But no matter, for nothing has changed in the ensuing years. There's still no shortage of beasts to soothe, be they real or imagined. Though your chances of facing a fire-breathing dragon are slim, thank goodness, if a situation or emotion feels real, it's definitely in the "beast" category. And music can be your knight in shining armor.

Modern-day beasts can include temporary or chronic physical pain, relationship issues, illness, depression, overloaded calendar syndrome, and life-changing decision-making. And, of course, those pesky twins, stress and anxiety. Feel free to add your own. Music can at least add a "Maybe I can do this" dimension to a problem.

Beloved '60's folksinger Pete Seeger even used music to influence changes in civil rights, world peace, and environmental issues.

One December I witnessed music's calming power when I was in the emergency room for an infusion. An elderly woman was wheeled into the cubicle next to mine, moaning and crying nonstop. The ER doc couldn't calm her down enough to find out the source of her discomfort. When another emergency demanded his immediate attention, he asked two nurses if they could give it a try, and left. They had no more success than he had...until they began to sing Christmas carols to her, and she quieted right down.

Many hospitals now offer music therapy, i.e. patients listening to, and/or participating in, music. Some 5,000-plus registered musical therapists practice in the U.S. Research validates its use for improving outcomes and quality of life in operating and recovery rooms, thus lowering amounts of

pain-relieving drugs needed. Music can help restore speech after a stroke or traumatic brain injury, can reduce the side effects of chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and can improve day-to-day life for dementia patients by increasing memory recall, reducing agitation, and improving physical coordination.

Studies have shown that a good set of tunes can give your immune system a much-needed boost and can improve performance during exercise. Want to up your reps at the gym? Download whatever motivates you - whether it's Aerosmith or Elvis - and pump away.

Music can even make a groaner of a task into a doable one. I'm not big on house-cleaning, but when impending company forces my hand, I reach back to my roots and the rooms soon reverberate with James Brown, "the Wicked Pickett," the Kinks, and the Stones. Though I may be a bit hoarse afterwards from warbling along, housework becomes a breeze.

A treasure imparted on the Lowcountry in 1979, the USCB Chamber Music Series brings in world-class musicians led by charming cellist Edward Aaron. Google him and prepare to have your socks knocked off by his creds. His fellow performers are of the same caliber. Attend a concert and prepare to embrace a fresh perspective on the chamber music genre. This is the real deal.

As are the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra and its charismatic conductor Fred Devyatkin, who perform in their "new" home, Sea Island Presbyterian Church, where wide windows frame views of live oaks, palms, and afternoon sunshine. Sort of like a ground-floor treehouse. Fred introduces each piece with enthusiastic, informative chat. The audience can then tap their toes or chill, eyes-closed even, to exciting, lovely, and/or inspiring strains from talented musicians.

If you'd rather make music, add your shower singing voice to your church choir or dust off your high school sax and rock'n'roll with the OLLI-sponsored Lowcountry Community Concert Band. Try out for the Lowcountry Chorale, or one of two

barbershop singing groups, the Beaufort Belles for ladies and Harbormasters for men.

Another option offering a much-needed service is always looking for new singers. Lowcountry Threshold Choir sings at bedside for people who are nearing life's end or need cheering up. The group can bring their peace-filled music anywhere - from the Hospice Floor or Infusion Room of Beaufort Memorial Hospital, to a private home. And there's no fee for the visit.

As a member of this choir, I've watched folks in their last stages of life who were lying still when Threshold arrived, eventually sing along or at least "mouth" the words of a favorite hymn.

Years ago, my dad suffered a series of strokes in his 70's that left him blind and quite hard of hearing and landed him in a nursing home. For a time I sadly assumed we'd never be able to communicate again, until one day the facility owner, a kind woman who'd been my father's office nurse, set me straight.

"Your dad's mind is fine. Just talk slowly and loud enough, and he'll hear you." And as he'd been a physician and a musician, she added, "You might try singing to him."

So I chose his favorite hymn, "In the Garden." You probably know it. Initially, my alto was nervous, but grew stronger. And when I began the chorus, "And he walks with me and he talks with me..." suddenly his quiet but clear tenor joined in, "And he tells me I am his own." As we sang together - I, through tears of joy - his voice strengthened, and we finished the second verse together, just like old times. That experience soothed my own savage beast of loss and grief for quite some time.

No matter what your beast of the day may be - whether it's embracing a midlife career change, trying to make sense out of world politics, struggling to get over a case of the flu, or coercing your family into sitting down to dinner together - remember to slide a little music into your life and allow yourself to groove a bit. It won't change your circumstances but it'll definitely ease your mind.▲

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Speaker: Dr. Trita Parsi - author of the just-published book, 'Losing an Enemy - Obama, Iran and the Triumph of Diplomacy' (Yale University Press, 2017). One of the nation's top experts on Iran, Trita Parsi has addressed many World Affairs Councils around the nation. He is founder of the National Iranian American Council, the author of numerous publications on US and Iranian foreign policy, a frequent media commentator, and was recently adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. Born in Iran, raised in Sweden, Trita Parsi is a graduate of Uppsala University, the Stockholm University School of Business, and a U.S. resident for many years. He has been a scholar at the Middle East Institute and Wilson Center in Washington.▲

Turtle Patrol Prepares for 2018 Season

Kick Off Meeting and New Member Orientation April 5th

The next Turtle Patrol season is just around the corner and the Patrol Leadership Team is already busy planning and organizing for 2018. Last year's 70 nests, 8373 eggs and 5,508 hatchlings kept the 150 Patrol members busy. But they're all hoping for more in 2018.

The 2018 Turtle Patrol Season will begin with the New Member Orientation and Kick-Off Meeting on Thursday, April 5th at the Lake House. The New Member Orientation will be held in the Osprey I conference room at 6 PM and the Kick-Off Meeting will be held in the Live Oak Hall at 7 PM. The New Member Orientation provides an overview of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol activities and the Kick-Off Meeting provides an overview of the upcoming season and the opportunity to schedule beach walking days and order Turtle Patrol T Shirts.

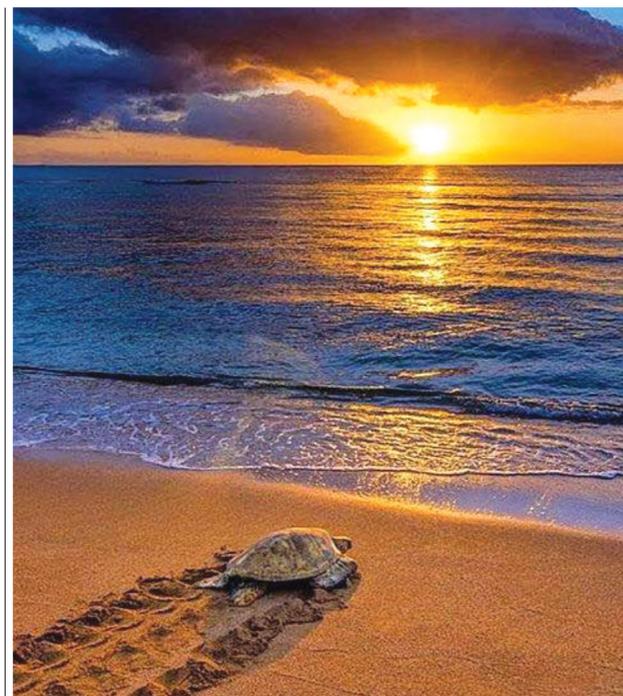
Volunteer Opportunities

As always, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Here are some of them:

- Walkers - walk a section of the beach on an assigned day
- Inventory Team - assist in inventorying hatched nests
- Social Committee - assist with Patrol Social functions
- Education Committee - Help prepare and deliver educational materials
- Pre-Hatching Activity Team - maintain nests due to hatch

New Member Training - April 21st

On Saturday, April 21st the New Member Training will be conducted at the Oyster Catcher Community Center from 10:00 AM until Noon. This session provides detailed training for new Turtle Patrol Members along with a chance to meet the



Patrol's leadership team.

T Shirt Pick Up Party - April 28th

On Saturday, April 28th the T Shirt Pick Up Party is scheduled from 10 AM until Noon at the Oyster Catcher Community Center. Turtle Patrol Members can pick up their official Turtle Patrol T Shirts while socializing with fellow Turtles and sipping a complimentary Bloody Mary or Mimosa.

Purpose of the Patrol

The purpose of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol is to protect and preserve the sea turtles that visit our beaches. In order to accomplish this, members of the patrol walk the beaches every morning during the nesting and hatching season. The season typically runs from May until October. Generally, the beach patrols begin (appropriately!) on or around Mothers Day. During these walks, members identify and locate nests. The nests are then protected with screening and are recorded and monitored. When evidence of hatchlings occurs, and sufficient time has passed to allow all hatchlings to emerge on their own, the nest is inventoried to collect data for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Since 1990, the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol has identified over 900 nests on our beaches and the number of nests has been growing. During the last 27 years sea turtles have deposited over 100,000 eggs on Seabrook Island and over 80,000 live hatchlings started their life journey on Seabrook Island sand.

To learn more about the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol and how you can help, go to the Patrol web site, siturtlepatrol.com or check out our Facebook page under Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol. You can also contact Patrol Leader Terry Fansler at terry@caretstway.com with any questions.▲

Gary Fansler

Seabrook Wild Things

by Members of the Environmental Committee

Is it a Copperhead? Most likely Not!



Northern Water Snake

PHOTO BY DIANE HARVEY



Corn Snake

PHOTO BY GEN COX



Copperhead Snake

STOCK PHOTO

snake and three rattlesnakes - pigmy, Eastern diamondback and timber). The most common snakes in South Carolina (as listed by the SC Department of Natural Resources) are the black racer, brown snake, corn snake, Eastern garter snake, rough green snake, water snake and rat snake. None of which are venomous.

Is it a copperhead?

All copperheads are not copper color. Do not get close enough to look at the head (most venomous snake heads are triangular), the shape of the eye pupil (vertical in venomous vs round in harmless snakes), to look for the heat sensing pit between its nostril and eye (venomous) or if it has

a single row (venomous) or a double row (harmless) of scales after the anal plate - "Just go the other way"

You should be able to identify a copperhead from a safe distance by its hour glass dark colored cross bands. These dark bands may or may not be connected at the top but are always wider on the sides and narrow near

the upper-most surface of its back. The overall color may be tan to dark brown with or without the reddish or copper color. The tail of a juvenile copperhead has a sulfur yellow tip that fades with age. This yellow tip is utilized as a lure to attract prey such as mice, frogs, lizards, etc.

A snake often confused with the copperhead is the corn snake (red rat snake). It is frequently brightly colored, being red or copper color with a darker pattern of blotches. The blotches are not hour glass shaped or reach to the lower sides of the snake. The copper color and darker blotches lead many people to miss identify this snake as a copperhead.

Two additional snakes frequently confused with the copperhead are the Eastern rat snake as the juveniles have a distinct pattern of dark blotches on a pale background and the Northern water snake which may be colored similar to that of a copper head, but the cross bands are always broader on top and narrower on the sides of the body. Snakes are an important part of our natural environment. Be safe "Go the other way".▲

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As a Charleston tour guide, I am often asked to help people prioritize their stays. I encourage guests to take the time to explore the downtown historic district. With 100 buildings from before 1776, and 1,000 from before 1861, Charleston possesses more old structures than any city in America. Equally important, our preservation laws and zoning laws were written 100 years ago - so not only are things old, they're remarkably well cared for and accurate. Tourists are consistently overwhelmed by the purity and vastness of our historic district.

I suggest parking in one of the lots around the City Market. Once settled, you can walk almost everywhere. Downtown is small, and built on a grid, so it's easy to find your way. There are about two dozen museums in a one square mile area. You don't have to have an agenda, just systematically stroll our streets, and pop in and out of the museums that interest you. Most of the sites are \$5 to \$15, take 30 minutes to an hour, and are nicely curated.

To get a better grasp of the city and the region, it is important to take a tour. The three primary modes are busses, carriages and walking.

They are all regulated by the City of Charleston Tourism Commission. Guides must be licensed, pass a history exam, and be re-certified every three years.

There are some differences to consider. Busses cover the most ground, and provide protection from the elements. They're a good way to see a lot of the historic district quickly. Carriages are charming, last about an hour, and are especially good for families with children. They are also good for photographers who want to sit back and snap away. Walking tours tend to stay in a more concentrated area, last a little longer, and go into more depth. Walking guides often gain access to buildings, parks and private property.

The question often arises, "how did all this get here?" Charleston was the fourth largest city in the United States in 1790 - behind Philadelphia, New York and Boston. At one point prior to the American Revolution, nine of the ten wealthiest families in the country were from South Carolina. She sent more children to school in Europe than the other twelve colonies together. They were effectively the wealthiest and most educated people in early America. We are now the 200th largest city in the U.S., so these are stunning revelations for the typical tourist. Most do not realize how big, influential and sophisticated Charleston was relative to other American cities.

Agriculture and trade were the cornerstones of the economy, and South Carolina excelled at both. With a year round growing season, 50 inches of annual rainfall, and rock free soil, it is some of the finest farming in the world. Charleston harbor, with her broad channel and the good protection provided by her barrier islands, is one of the best on the eastern seaboard.

As a result of this potential for profit, an appetite for slave labor quickly developed. As the largest city in the



South until overtaken by New Orleans in 1820, Charleston was the leading importer of slaves in the U.S. Approximately 1/3 of American slaves trace their ancestry through this harbor, and by 1710 there were more Africans than Europeans in the region.

Rice was the crop of choice in the Lowcountry. Introduced in the late 1600's, it exploded onto the scene. For a period of time prior to the American Revolution, South Carolina exported more rice annually than any nation in the world. Asian nations grew more potentially, but they were consuming theirs. Carolina Gold, as it was known, was being grown to be brokered overseas, and to feed the British Empire.

Cotton did not become King until 1793, when Eli Whitney invented the

cotton gin. The gin made it easy to remove the seeds, thus making cotton affordable for the first time. Quickly 60% of the world's cotton was being grown in the South, increasing the demand for slave labor. I like to describe rice as the foundation of wealth, and cotton as the icing on the cake.

Tensions escalated rapidly between the North and South in the 1800's. With so much power and pride, it should not come as a surprise that South Carolina was the first state to secede from the Union. December 20th, 1860, the leaders of the state signed the Ordinance of Secession. Shortly thereafter, other southern states seceded and the Confederacy was formed. Four years of warfare brought devastation to the region. The old phrase "the men were

dead and the money was gone", helps to describe the post war years, and for about a century it was frozen in time.

Ironically, it is because of the defeat and lying dormant for so long, that Charleston is now the most preserved city in this country. Healthy cities tore down their old buildings in the name of progress, but there was no economic justification for that here. Prosperity ultimately returned, but by the time it did, preservation and zoning laws were well established. Instead of urban renewal, we were blessed with preservation by neglect.▲

Tommy Dew
Tommy Dew's Walking History Tour
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COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN SEABROOK ISLAND BUS

Saturday, April 7th, 2018

The Lake House will once again be chartering a bus to take Seabrookers and their guests to and from the Cooper River Bridge Run.

ENJOY THE RUN AND AVOID THE HASSLE... RIDE WITH US!
Cost: \$25.00

Race Day Itinerary:

- The bus will leave promptly at 5:50 AM from the Seabrook Island Real Estate Parking Lot on Saturday, April 7th.
- The Cooper River Bridge Run begins at 8:00 AM.
- The bus will leave from behind the Aquarium Parking Garage once all participants have finished.

Please Note:

REGISTRATION FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.

Registration for the bus ride DOES NOT REGISTER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE COOPER RIVER BRIDGE RUN.

To register for the Cooper River Bridge Run, please visit bridgerun.com.

There are NO REFUNDS for race or bus registration.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

For more information or to register, please contact The Lake House at 843.725.1581 or jmoigus@sipoa.org

BALANCE

An essential component in the quest to Age Powerfully, Confidently and Fit

The fact is that all functional movements require a working balance system. Activities as basic as getting up out of a chair, to walking, climbing stairs, dancing, jogging, playing games such as golf, tennis and pickle ball and this list can go on. Good balance prevents injury, improves athletic performance, provides confidence and assists in performing the activities of daily life.

Although declining balance due to the aging process is partially based in unavoidable biological changes; behavioral factors and environmental factors are just as important, and this is where balance training exercises and mindfulness of balance issues come in to make a big difference.

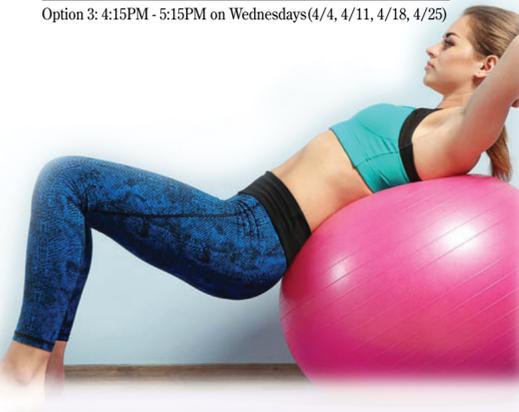
It is a fact that strength, power, and endurance decline as part of the aging process. It is also a fact that some of the decline can be counteracted through physical activity. Key activities include strength training, cardiovascular training, flexibility exercises, and balance exercises.

It is for all of the reasons above that Alison is excited to continue offering Balance classes incorporating flexibility, posture and strength exercises. (see above)

Previous participants will continue to work on their skills, improving posture and coordination, increasing core strength and flexibility all with the goal of maintaining, challenging and improving their overall balance abilities. New participants will join in working on these skills at their own pace alongside of returning participants. All class members at all skill levels will continue to benefit from the limited class size

BALANCE SEMI PRIVATE SERIES CONTINUES IN APRIL

- Level 1**
Option 1: 3:00PM - 4:00PM on Wednesdays (4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25)
Option 2: 9:45AM - 10:45AM on Saturdays (4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28)
- Level 2**
Option 3: 4:15PM - 5:15PM on Wednesdays (4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25)



Alison's Balance Tip for April

and the individual instruction and attention they will receive from Alison. Please note, spots in semi private series are limited and preregistration is required. There is minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 participants.

The cost per semi private series is \$40 per participant. Please note, registration for a series includes all four classes at the same time on the same day throughout April. These workshops are not included in the Monthly Class Pass. There are no refunds. Fee will be charged to your Property Owner/Club Account.

For more information or to register for one of the semi-private series, please email Alison Standard at alsfitnesinc@gmail.com. Please make sure to include the series option you would like to register for, as well as your Property Owner/Club Account.

FOOT TAPS EXERCISE

Stand tall with your feet hip-width apart in front of a step (the bottom step of a staircase will work) or low piece of furniture. If needed, hold onto the wall or a sturdy piece of furniture for balance. (As you get stronger, perform the move without holding onto anything.) From here, slowly raise one foot to tap the step in front of you, and then slowly return it to the floor. Perform 15 to 20 taps, then repeat on the opposite leg.

Please note, before starting new exercises, please check in with your doctor about your health and your risk of fall injuries.▲



HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

HEALTHY AGING TRAVEL TIPS

One of the many things that being older can afford is the time to travel, sometimes travel long distances and for prolonged times. For example your author and his wife went cruising on our 41 foot boat for 6,000 miles circumnavigating eastern North America, taking off and on 2 years. We have friends who sailed their boat around the world the world over 5 years. Most people do a shorter trip (time and distance.) Nevertheless, there are things regarding one's health to consider before extended travel - defined as more than a few days and miles. Make a portable medical record to take (see Table.) One good resource to use prior to travel is the CDC website. (<https://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/>)

Preventive Medicine

Prevention is the best medicine. Don't travel if one is not fit enough to do so. If unsure, ask your physician about whether you should embark on that trip of a life-time or weekend away. Assuming it is safe to travel there are some other important things to always remember. First is to take more medicine than you anticipate needing. Be meticulous in counting up the number of pills that one takes a day and be sure to have the minimum supply plus 3 days in case there are unplanned delays in the travel plans. Also, be sure to carry and electronic copy of all prescriptions on a thumb drive. (Your doctor should send you a pdf of all prescriptions with a recent date so that if your medicines are lost you can get a refill.) Always carry these prescriptions with you whenever travelling. Also, it is good practice to have prescriptions filled at a chain drug store because they will have on file your prescriptions.

Immunizations

One should always be up to date with vaccinations. However, when travelling this can be a requirement and is certainly prudent protection. Immunizations include Tetanus, Flu, Rubella, and Pneumonia. There are others that may be required for foreign travel. An electronic record of the list and date of immunizations is a



Americans have been increasingly taking drugs of abuse for half a century. Deaths from opiates have been particularly alarming in the last two years. Sixty three thousand, six hundred Americans died in 2016. Because of opiate overdose deaths, the American life span has declined for the last two years.

"The President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis," published on November 1, 2017, stands out as current and comprehensive. Nonetheless prevention is discussed in only 8 of the 138 pages of the report. Prevention must be the centerpiece, else the effort will be successful only at the margins. We need a major public health campaign. Citizens must be activated. There needs to be a major consciousness raising effort about the dangers of ingesting any and all substances of abuse. Our citizens who are vulnerable, especially children, will need special attention.

handy thing to have to verify your immunizations and again this is available electronically from your physician.

Allergies

Be aware of any allergies you have to medicines or food. This should not be a problem unless you are unconscious and alone. For this reason, if you have a major food or medicine allergy, invest in a bracelet that you wear that clearly indicates your allergies. It may also be prudent to carry an EpiPen if you have had or have been told you could have an anaphylactic (life-threatening) allergic reaction.

Eating and Drinking

One of the joys of travel is sampling the food and drinks of other places. It can also be one of the causes of great distress. Some foods cause some people to have a variety of gastrointestinal responses from vomiting and diarrhea to constipation. Likewise anything one drinks from water to the most sublime vodka can cause problems. Water in some countries is notoriously unfit for drinking and some of the alcohols are potent. The obvious advice is to avoid bad water by drinking only bottled water and to eat foods that you trust to your stomach and intestines. The other rule is remember - everything in moderation. Just because it tastes good does not mean it is either good for you or agreeable with your digestive tract. It is probably a good idea to talk with your physician about medicine you should take with you for nausea and vomiting and diarrhea. Better to find your own small supply than try to find it in a foreign land.

Staying Hydrated

As we age it is crucially important to stay hydrated. Normally we should drink 8-9 glasses of water or fluid a day to remain hydrated. However, if we are at altitude, in the sun, out in the cold, out in the heart, exercising or any number of other things that we tend to do while travelling, it is easy to get behind in our fluids. So drink lots of safe water when traveling. Failing to do so could lead to dizziness, fatigue or other cardiovascular problems.

Sleep

I know nobody wants to miss a thing. But, sleep is necessary to a safe and healthy trip just as it is at home. Travel itself generally disrupts sleep because of the inconvenience of schedules, being in unfamiliar surroundings and general excitement. Add to that jet lag if travel more than 1 time zone away from home. Jet lag is real and tends to affect people differently. It is worse going East than West, but a general rule is that it take a day for every time zone one has crossed to really adapt to the new time. Jet lag also affects older people more than younger. Symptoms of jet lag are disturbed sleep (insomnia and early waking), fatigue, mood changes and a sense of "feeling bad." Try to anticipate the change by going to bed earlier before travel if headed East and go to bed later if headed West. Get plenty of rest before going - sleep can be stored up. Try to stay on the new time schedule when arriving no matter how difficult it is.

Seasickness

One way to avoid jet lag is to take a boat. Of course, you become subject to a new threat on the open water. As with jet lag some people are more subject to this than others. I have a friend who can look at Charleston Harbor from the battery and get sick! Certain risk factors make this a more likely problem: women, alcohol, colds, heavy and fatty foods are all risk factors. Chances are you know if you are prone to seasickness and if so take some medicine before and during your cruise to prevent it. Consult with your physician about what is best for you.

Insurance

We have many friends who have had accidents or illnesses while away from home. For travel in this country if over 65 you probably have Medicare and you are covered anywhere in the U.S. If you are younger than 65 check where you are going to see if your coverage works there. If in a foreign land this will give you the chance to find out for yourself the quality and cost of care, should you need it. Most

Table - Portable Medical Record*:

Brief typed medical record of chronic illnesses and surgical procedures with dates

A recent electrocardiogram with interpretation

All x-rays (they are all digital and easily downloaded)

All MRI or other scans

List of Allergies (foods and medicines)

Immunization record (type and date)

Blood type

Pdf of all prescriptions - dated recently

*When traveling have a "thumb drive" or CD Rom with digital data below with you to show whoever needs to see important items in your "portable medical record."

people are shocked to find high quality and very low cost when they have had to seek medical care abroad. Foreigners in our country are unfortunately exposed to the same problem as our uninsured when seeking assistance in this country.

The Bottom Line

Travel is one of the perks of being old. We can go to places we never had time to visit when younger. However, just like at home we have to take care of ourselves and plan how best to maintain our health. There are many things to do before leaving that will help insure a *bon voyage*.▲

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THE SIP

Administrative News from the Seabrook



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Heather Paton
hpaton@sipoa.org

Operations & Maintenance:

The stormwater pipe lining project is in progress. Our contractor SAK Construction, has already completed 2,000 of the 9,700 linear feet of pipe scheduled for lining this year. The project will continue through May.

Boardwalk 1 construction is complete. We added 4 handicap parking spaces and have purchased 2 handicap accessible port-a-potties. A new shower station will also be installed this month.

The stormwater outfall excavation projects to improve water flow near Up Da Creek and Little Creek are complete.

We have identified candidates for the 2018 Engineering Intern program and have offered two candidates positions for the summer. The interns will begin in late May and concentrate on an asphalt condition assessment and maintenance recommendations.

Safety & Security:

The new ABDI gate software system went live on February 1st. We've received very positive feedback about the visitor pass app. The properties that are managed by rental companies have been set up so a pass-voucher can be sent to the renter before they arrive. When the renter arrives at the gate, the voucher is scanned and the pass prints automatically.

Administration:

Annual assessment bills were mailed in February and payments were due by March 31st. Our auditors were on site last in March to gather information needed to complete our annual audit.

On March 15th Julie McCulloch and I attended the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program (AISC) Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony was held to recognize SIPOA as the first certified sustainable private community in SC and to acknowledge the certification of the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Oldfield Community Association. Audubon International will be publicizing the award in their marketing materials. See the President's Report for photos from the ceremony!

ARC Activity:

New Homes:
Applications Pending = 8
New Homes Approved, not yet started = 3
New Homes Under Construction = 19
Repair & Maintenance Projects:
Maintenance Projects Approved by staff in February = 69
Total YTD = 139

Communications:

publiccomment@sipoa.org Activity - Jan & Feb

November Topic	# of comments/questions
Address Change	1
Art Show	1
Berkley Propane	1
Bike Safety	1
Billing	1
Budget	1
Comcast Contact	1
Dog Bags	1
Dead fish	2
Gate Passes	2
Garden Plot access-way	1
Security	1
Shred Day	1
Trailers	1
Tree Removal	1
Turkeys	1
Parking	1
Total	19

AMENITY CARD

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 daily use of the facility. 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.▲



Thank you for your help in maintaining the cleanliness and quality of The Lake House Fitness Center by following the rules below:

- Wipe down equipment after each use.
- Return weights to the racks provided. Do not drop or throw weights.
- Children 15 and under MUST be under the direct supervision (within arm's reach) of an adult.
- Closed-toe athletic shoes are required.
- Shirts must be worn at all times. Swimsuits are not acceptable attire in the fitness center.

OAPAGES

Island Property Owners Association

LAKE HOUSE SPOTLIGHT

Look and Feel Like a Champion

Powerful reason why women should strength train



Many women shy away from strength training because they are afraid they will "bulk up", they believe they are not fit enough to train, or they simply do not know how to get started in a safe and effective way. This is unfortunate as any reason that keeps women from strength training robs them of one of the most empowering enhancements they can make in their lives. Weight lifting jump-starts massive change in one's body, mind and spirit. Here's why:

Your confidence and self-esteem shoot through the roof regardless of age: Often women over a "certain age" feel invisible and underestimated. Knowing that you are physically strong helps you feel mentally strong and emotionally empowered. Achieving weight lifting goals gives you confidence that spills over into the rest of your life.

Your body becomes a fat burning machine: Individuals who have more muscle mass have a higher metabolic rate, which is enormously helpful for weight loss and long-term weight control. For those of you who just do cardio workouts, you run the risk of burning muscle in addition to

fat. With strength training, fat burning continues long after the training stops.

You sculpt your body and create a shapelier you: Marilyn Monroe, the model of femininity and sexuality during the 40's, 50's and early 60's was way ahead of her time when it came to her workouts. She lifted weights to stay toned and curvaceous. If it worked for Marilyn, it will work for you. The bottom line is that you will get more definition from lifting and contrary to one of the biggest myths out there; you will not "bulk up."

You get stronger and more self-reliant: Stronger muscles mean stronger connective tissues and joints, which can help you avoid injury while working out—or while lugging grocery bags up the stairs. Strengthening and stabilizing muscles can alleviate low back pain and ease the discomfort of arthritis and fibromyalgia. Best of all, feeling stronger allows you to engage in more physically challenging activities and do them with the assurance that you can handle anything.

You ward off osteoporosis: Lifting weights significantly increases bone mineral mass and density. Essentially, the bones must get stronger

to help support the stronger muscles. This is a factor in warding off both osteoporosis and osteopenia later in life. And if that's not enough for you, weight training can reduce blood pressure, improve cardiovascular function and reduce diabetes risk.

Every woman regardless of age or circumstances should seriously consider strength training. Clearly there are tremendous benefits that go way beyond adding muscle. So embrace the weights and watch your body and life change before your eyes. ▲



April Goyer is an orthopedic training specialist, health coach and personal trainer at the Lake House on Seabrook Island, SC. She provides a complimentary consultation to help you gain a fresh perspective on everything you have at your health and fitness disposal. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact April Goyer at 614-893-8519 or april@aprilgoyer.com.

Senior Men's Basketball

Seabrook men over 50, who are interested in playing 3-on-3 half court pickup games at The Lake House Basketball Court, please contact Butch Malia at maliarb52@gmail.com



APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Julie McCulloch
President, SIPOA
Board of Directors

This is my first President's letter since taking office in February, so I wanted to touch on a few topics that I hope will be of interest to you.

Most importantly, thanks to everybody who voted at this year's Annual Meeting and to those who attended in person. It was a standing-room only crowd, which to me indicates the level of passion and pride we all take in being part of this magical place. During the Q&A session, property owners asked a number of questions, one of which I want to address here. The others will be covered in upcoming communications.

Question: Why did the Gate House cost more than \$1M? Are we going to do a forensic accounting of this project? Can we have a line-by-line accounting of the expenditures?

Answer: As background, due to its size and importance, this project was competitively bid, with 3 bids being received, and the low bidder selected. The contract was a standard American Institute of Architects (AIA) document. Like the Lake House, design and construction project management project was the responsibility of the architect, Glick Boehm. The general contractor, Hill Construction, had their own project manager and site superintendent. Supervision and coordination was the responsibility of SIPOA staff.

After acceptance of the low bid, SIPOA staff worked to further "value-engineer" the facility to be more cost-

effective by focusing on the flood proof design. Staff revisited the Charleston County building department which allowed us to redesign the building from dry-flood proof conditions to wet-flood proof conditions. This redesign and further negotiations with the contractor resulted in savings of more than \$150k.

With these savings, the actual CONSTRUCTION cost of the Gate House was \$780,470, which was approved by the Board. This included all associated site work, including demolition of the old building, stormwater collection, and preparation of the new site. It also covered road work, which included repaving the entrance and exit lanes and curb realignment to accommodate vehicles leaving the Equestrian Center.

This facility is much more than an "average house." It has sophisticated controls and emergency systems in it, including a backup generator, lightning protection and NEMA 6 electrical fixtures. In order to accommodate a new building at grade in the flood zone, the building was built to the wet-flood proofing standards dictated by FEMA and enforced by Charleston County, which adds to "typical" building costs.

Below are the key expenditure categories:

- Site Preparation: \$229k (demolition, site/road work, soil treatment, concrete, utilities)
- Field Support & Fees: \$177k (supervision, overhead, permits, licenses, fees)
- Plumbing/HVAC/Electrical: \$152k (includes generator and lightning

- protection)
- Carpentry/Waterproofing/Insulation: \$109k
- Roofing/Siding/Doors/Windows: \$92k
- Paint/Flooring/Finishes: \$19k (includes lockers and fire extinguishers)

One unplanned expense during construction happened when we found that the entry gate arm and associated controls for the property owner bar code lane wasn't in a condition to move to the new location, so Board approval was obtained to purchase a new unit at a cost of \$21,600.

Were there other budgeted and approved expenses associated with the entire Gate House PROJECT? Yes.

- Landscaping/Lighting: \$56k (trees, soil prep, planting, irrigation)
 - Information Technology/Security Systems/Furniture: \$27k
- Total cost for the Gate House PROJECT: \$966,070

As to forensic accounting for this project, there is no indication of anything untoward in the bidding or negotiation process that led to the contract award. Nor is there any indication of any inappropriate activity during construction. As such, the Board has seen no need to expend additional funds for any further analysis of the contract or its execution.

The contract documents and financial records for this project have been, and continue to be, available to any property owner who wishes to see them. Please contact SIPOA Executive Director, Heather Paton, to make an appointment.

On to other topics:

As some of you may know, SIPOA recently lost two of our directors, Ed Williams and Ed Houff, due to resignations for personal reasons. We will miss them and wish them both well. The Board has appointed Rich Siegel and Janet Gorski to fill out their terms this year, respectively.

On March 15th, I was honored to represent Seabrook Island at an Audubon International Sustainable Communities awards ceremony in Okatie, SC. Christine Kane, Executive Director of AI, recognized the commitment and dedication required to receive this exceptional award. She lauded Seabrook Island as the FIRST certified community in South Carolina and only the 6th in the world! Congratulations to the SIPOA staff and all of our volunteer homeowners who were part of this almost 7-year journey.

Throughout 2018, SIPOA will, undoubtedly, be faced with new issues and challenges. But you, as a property owner should know that the Board of Directors is working for the benefit and betterment of ALL of you, not any particular faction. We will continue to strengthen the working relationships and bonds between SIPOA and the other key stakeholders in the island, the Club and the Town. Although each of these entities has a somewhat different "business model," the fact remains that Seabrook Island will be stronger



SIPOA Executive Director Heather Paton, SIPOA Board of Directors President Julie McCulloch and Christine Kane, Executive Director of Audubon International

as a community if we can find common ground where we can, work together when we can and minimize the times when we just "agree to disagree." This is a small island and we owe it to ourselves and each other to ACT as a single community.

To help build that sense of community, SIPOA will continue to focus on improving the communication technology that we provide. We'll keep using Go-To Meeting online software for monthly board meetings. We also are looking into ways to improve the audio quality, which we know has not always been satisfactory. We also plan to investigate the feasibility and practicality of enhancing the communication technologies offered at the Lake House

and Community Center.

From time to time, property owners may have questions such as "when is the next brown and white day?", "when can I put out my yard debris?", "do I need to get a beach fire permit?", "can I put a fire pit on my deck?" or "how do I get a new bar code?"

The best way to get answers to your questions is to send an email to SIPOA via publiccomment@sipoa.org. Most are answered almost immediately and you can be comfortable knowing you have received the facts, rather than someone's opinion.

Thanks for your support and your active engagement in keeping Seabrook Island a great place to live, work and play!▲



PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH Ed Conrad

Ed began photography 9 years ago when his wife, Aija, began birding. They quickly learned that combining photography and birding interests is a wonderful way to explore new places, learn new skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Ed and Aija have since traveled throughout the US and worldwide in pursuit of their mutual hobby.



Ed says he has learned to be patient in composing photos through the lens, taking time to find and watch the many fascinating bird behaviors. And by simply looking around them when searching for birds, they find a variety of other interesting subjects to photograph. In Ed's Lake House display, he focuses on this variety: scenery from their worldwide travels, and old barns which have become fun to find and photograph throughout the southeast.

And of course, the birds. In Ed's display, he's included some of his favorite Seabrook Island subjects. The endangered and threatened Piping Plover and Red Knot are treasures for all Seabrookers to protect. Ed has photographed the banded U5 Oystercatcher for several years, and he says it's like an old friend. The Reddish Egret is majestic on North Beach when it arrives in the summer. Least Tern courting behavior of presenting fish is a hoot to observe.

Aija and Ed spend their time between their Seabrook villa and home in Atlanta, as well as lots of time on the road traveling. They are members of Seabrook Island Birders, and Ed is on the SIB Executive Committee. You'll often see them on North Beach, Aija with binoculars and spotting scope, Ed with long lens camera. Stop by and say hi, and talk birds and photography! Contact info: Email: edkon6@aol.com / Cell: 678-362-7068 Flickr bird photo site: www.flickr.com/photos/edkon/



SEABROOK ISLAND ARTISTS GUILD April 2018 Calendar

WHAT: Artist-of-the-Month, Pat Van de Graaf - Watercolors
DATE: Through April 2018
WHERE: The Lake House Gallery

WHAT: Artist of the Month Reception - Pat Van de Graaf
DATE: Friday - April 6th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Refreshments served
WHERE: The Lake House Gallery

WHAT: Sergio Roffo - Two day SIAG Workshop - Coastal Landscapes
DATE: April 2-3, 9:00am - 4:00pm each day
WHERE: Oyster Catcher Community Center
COST: \$200 for Guild members and \$225 for non-Guild members; Register with Pat Van de Graaf at pvdgraaf@aol.com by March 23rd. Make your check payable to SIAG and indicate it is for Roffo w/s. Please mail check to Pat Van de Graaf, 2390 Cat Tail Pond, Seabrook Island 29455. Class size limited. Sign up soon.

WHAT: April meeting and free painting demonstration Whimsical Artist Tate Nation
DATE: Tuesday, April 17, 2:00-4:00pm, 1:45-2:00pm refreshments
WHERE: The Lake House

WHAT: Blues by the Sea Artist Show and Sale
DATE: Sunday - April 15th 1:00 - 7:00 pm
WHERE: Kiawah Freshfields Village

WHAT: Artist of the Month Reception Pat Van de Graaf
DATES: Friday - April 6th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm Refreshments served
WHERE: The Lake House Gallery



Pat Van de Graaf, artist, long-time Seabrooker and guild board member, will be the artist of the month in April. Pat Van de Graaf is a watercolorist and printmaker, an Exhibiting Member of The Charleston Artist's Guild and the Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Norwalk, CT. She has been printing for over 25 years and studied at the Art Students League in New York City and Syracuse University. She graduated from The University of Bridgeport with a degree in Printmaking/Art History. Pat's prints have won numerous awards in local and regional shows and are part of many private and corporate collections.

Pat began painting in watercolors again after living in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Surrounded by marshes and the sea in both South Carolina and Connecticut, she enjoys capturing their beauty with the unique qualities that watercolor brings to painting. She is represented by The Spencer Art Gallery and the Charleston Artist's Guild Gallery in downtown Charleston. Pat will hold a reception at the Lakehouse on April 6th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

To learn more about the Artists Guild, events, workshops and view the work of member artists, visit www.seabrookislandartistsguild.com

Join us for a new twist on our event:



Saturday, May 5th • 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This year we'll be partnering with Lowcountry Dog Magazine to bring you a "May the 4th Be with You" event, with appearances from some of your favorite Star Wars characters. Dress that dog up as Yoda and come on out. Our dog-friendly summer kickoff is sure to be a hit with the whole family.

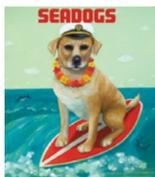
\$5 per car in advance on our Facebook page under events • \$10 at the gate. Live music, food trucks, beer and margaritas (it is Cinco de Mayo, afterall), local vendors, and much more. More details coming soon!

Deep Water Vineyards

Charleston's only vineyard and winery offers tastings Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5. Owned and operated by Jesse and Andrea Freiwald. Deep Water Vineyard is Charleston's "hottest" destination location. Previously "Irvin House Vineyards" we are Charleston's only working vineyard and winery.

We grow 4 types of the muscadine grape - carlos, ison, noble, and tara. From the grapes, we make five different wines - Low Tide, Magnolia, Deep Water Blend, Lowcountry Red, and High Tide. We also have a chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon from California that we vint and bottle onsite and also blend with our muscadines, for a total of 9 wines available. Our tasting includes all 9 wines and a souvenir stemless wine glass for \$7

SEADOGS Annual Beach Walk - April 19th



SEADOGS, the Seabrook Island dog and beach advocacy group, announced today that the annual Beach Walk will take place on April 19, 2018 starting at 5PM on North Beach. The Beach Walk is a tradition that has helped the Seabrook Island community combine fun for dogs (and their humans) with charitable giving to worthy Charleston animal causes.

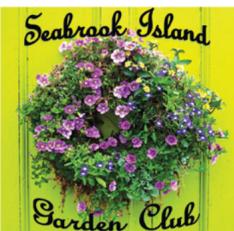
For the dogs, Beach Walk is a great time to run and play on the beach with other friendly dogs in the community. For the humans, there is the satisfaction of being able to take advantage of a wonderful feature of Seabrook island. Past President Jerry Cummin has participated in numerous Beach Walks and stated: "Many dogs enjoy their spot on the Beach. The Beach Walk is a community celebration of the joy the dogs and their owners have while playing on the Seabrook Island beach. It is an added bonus that the event raises funds for other dogs in Charleston to survive and thrive."

This year, SEADOGS has designated Charleston Animal Society (charlestonanimalsociety.org) to be the 501 (c) (3) charity for giving. Charleston Animal Society is a No Kill

shelter that has provided a wonderful place for dogs and cats to be loved and then adopted within the Charleston area. Representatives from Charleston Animal Society will be present at the event and will bring a few dogs that are ready for adoption. As in previous years, there will be a President's challenge for giving. President Mitch Pulver said "At the recent SEADOGS General Meeting, we heard about the great work Charleston Animal Society is doing in the community, and just as importantly, in areas devastated by natural disasters. It is in the spirit of helping Jerry and I will match all donations of \$100 or more, up to a grand total of \$2000. Last year, we raised over \$6,785 at this event for Hallie Hill. Let's beat that number this year!"

All residents of Seabrook Island are invited to join the SEADOGS Beach Walk on April 19, 2018 at 5PM on North Beach. Access to North Beach is through walkway 1 or 2. Please see the poster which will be available in early April for more details. Your dog will have fun and so will you. Although not a requirement for attendance, please consider being generous to local dogs (and cats) at Charleston Animal Society Hill by bringing a donation to the event. Checks can be made directly to Charleston Animal Society. The rain date for the Beach Walk is April 20, 2018 at 5PM.

For more information on the event or about the SEADOGS, contact either Mitch Pulver at mjpulw@yahoo.com or Jerry Cummin at hutchiejerrycummin@gmail.com



David Manger presents Landscaping for Wildlife with Native Plants

The Seabrook Island Garden Club Friday, April 13, 9AM Seabrook Island Lake House



Be sure not to miss our special guest speaker, David Manger, at the next Seabrook Island Garden Club meeting. David is the owner of Roots and Shoots Nursery located in West Ashley. The nursery specializes in native plants, with the goal of enhancing the beauty and health of our outdoor spaces while also supporting the local wildlife.

At last month's meeting Stan Ullner graciously donated several large, signed photographs of flowers. All of the photos are printed on archival art paper and would make a wonderful addition to anyone's home art collection. We will begin the April meeting with a raffle of one of the pictures. The raffle tickets will be priced as follows; \$2.00 each, 3 tickets for \$5.00 or 8 tickets for \$10.00. These funds will go towards our education outreach.

Finally, this year's SIGC Spring Luncheon is scheduled on May 11, 2018. Come celebrate 30 years of excitement, education and camaraderie. A three course lunch will be served at the Island House at 12:00 PM. The cost is \$27.

We look forward to seeing you at the Seabrook Island Lake House on Friday, April 13 starting at 9:00 AM for the last meeting of the 2017-2018 year. New neighbors, and guests are always welcome.



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

SEABROOK STITCHERS

Lake House Mondays 11AM-1PM For more information, contact Denise Doyon - dendoyon@gmail.com



SEABROOK ISLAND RUNNING GROUP

Calling all runners! There is a running group forming on Seabrook Island. The goal is to get runners of all levels together for running and socializing.

- Group Run • Saturdays at 8:00AM
• We will meet in front of the Lake House. Any distance/level welcome.
• As the days get longer, we will schedule evening runs.
• For more information on all future events, runs, and socials, please join our SI Running Group Facebook page. For questions, please call or text Isabel at 912-399-1793.



NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP STARTING - APRIL 18

If you have experienced the death of a significant person in your life, we invite you to participate in a peer support group. The group will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm at the Lake House in the Eagle's Nest room.

Grief is both a universal response to the loss of a significant person and a highly individual experience that has no set timeline. The purpose of this peer support group is to provide a safe, comfortable and supportive environment where those facing loss can share their stories and find compassion from peers. This group is not therapy or counseling, and will be led by an experienced facilitator.

For additional information, contact John Sesody: jsesody@gmail.com or Mary Fleck: maryfleck@gmail.com

ISLAND NOTICES

Capriccioso! The Island Choraliers Mens' Glee Club Annual Spring Sing Sunday, April 15, 2018 4 pm Church of Our Saviour No admission charge



SEABROOK ISLAND HOUSE CONCERTS

Chamber Music returns to Seabrook Island Tickets are \$50 each and advance purchase is required - Please call: (843) 763-4941

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 7PM The Calcagno Residence, 2871 Hidden Oak Drive TELEMANN Canonic Sonata No. 2 in D Major BACH Italian Concerto BWV 971 for Wind Quintet MOZART Serenade No. 11 for Winds in E-flat Major K. 375

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 AT 7PM The Van de Graaf Residence, 2390 Cat Tail Pond Road HANDEL Trio Sonata in F Major for Flute, Viola and Harp SAINT-SAENS Fantasie for Violin and Harp, Op. 124 REGER Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola DEL AGUILA "Submerged" for Flute, Viola and Harp

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 AT 7PM The Conyers Residence, 2415 Cat Tail Pond Road HANDEL Sonata for Flute, Violin and Piano in G minor, Op.2 No.2, HWV 387 MOZART Violin Sonata No. 23 in D Major, K. 306 FRANÇAIX "Musique de Cour" for Flute, Violin and Piano

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019 AT 7PM The Wildermann Residence, 3138 Privateer Creek Road THE EAGLES Hotel California MCCARTNEY Live and Let Die LED ZEPPELIN Kashmir BEETHOVEN String Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 18

RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON 14TH ANNUAL RESPIRE CARE CHARLESTON GOLF TOURNAMENT

Crooked Oaks Golf Course • Monday, April 9th Sponsored by Kiawah residents, Pat and Bill Wert



Golfer and sponsorship slots are still available for this enjoyable tournament, but they're going fast! For the cost of a single greens fee (\$175 per golfer) you will enjoy lunch, refreshments and dinner in the Atlantic Ballroom at the Seabrook Island Club. After golfing for the day enjoying the ocean views, sit back and relax with other tournament players and guests with a casual dinner. Golfers, teams and sponsors can register by contacting Executive Director, Jennifer Hartig at 843-408-5243 or email at Jennifer@respitcarecharleston.org.

Tournament Schedule of events: Registration begins at 11:00 am followed by a Putting Contest at 12:00 pm. Shotgun start begins at 1:00 pm with a reception and awards following completion of play (around 5:30 pm). This event is rain or shine.

MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Welcomes New Members! Please join us for Monday Morning Bridge. You do not need to bring a partner. For more information or to register, please contact Ilse Calcagno at 843-768-0317.



THE SOUTH'S MOST ENGAGING ART FIELDS | Lake City, SC | April 20-28, 2018

ArtFields started in 2013 with a simple goal: honor the artists of the Southeast with a week's worth of celebration and competition in the heart of a traditional Southern small town. With more than \$120,000 up for grabs — and awarded based upon the input of every visitor to ArtFields and a panel of judges made up of acclaimed artists and educators, the competition offers life-changing cash prizes to artists across all media who live in 12 Southeastern states.

More than 400 masterpieces will be displayed in locally-owned venues, from renovated circa 1920s warehouses and Smithsonian-qualified art galleries to upscale restaurants and start-up boutiques, in a celebration of art and community. What was once one of South Carolina's most prosperous agricultural communities becomes a living art gallery as we recognize, celebrate, and share the artistic talent of the Southeast.

Seabrook Island has three of our resident artists in the competition: Ted Henderer, Kathleen Pompe and Patricia Schaefer.

PITTENWEEM by Ted Tenderer



DOUBLE VISION by Patricia Schaefer

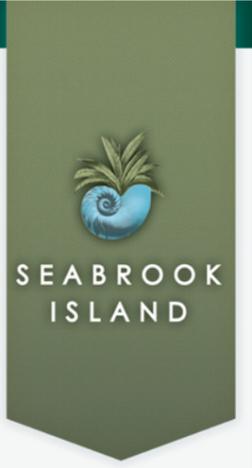


CANYON RHYTHM by Kathleen Pompe



Congratulations

Seabrook Island Real Estate Sales Executives, for their outstanding 1st quarter performance!



Seabrook Island Real Estate Sales Executives are not ordinary real estate agents. They don't sell properties - they welcome new neighbors.

Nobody knows Seabrook like they do! Our Sales Executives are trained to use their own experiences from years of living and dreaming in our community to connect the feeling of being a Seabrooker with the needs and wants of their prospects and clients. They then become your new neighbors and friends.

Year after year, **Seabrook Island Real Estate**, by results and reputation, far exceeded all others as the foremost provider of real estate services on Seabrook Island.

We are the only real estate company with a full-time marketing staff and program focusing only on Seabrook Island and our unique lifestyle. As a subsidiary of the Seabrook Island Club, revenue from our company stays at home and is put back into the Island.



Patsy Zanetti
Stuart Rumph
Chip Olsen



Tom Peck
Pat Polychron



Mary Ann Lloyd
Kathy Rigtrup



Stuart Spisak



Emery Macpherson



Trish & John
Ernstrom



Molly Burkart
Marc Chafe



Bill Britton



Candice Haynie



Natasha Stevens



Kathleen McCormack



Miriam Burich



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2018 LISTINGS

2656 PERSIMMON POND CT UNDER CONTRACT IN 4 DAYS!

HOMES

- 1184 Oyster Catcher Ct
- 2455 The Haul Over
- 2249 Catesbys Bluff
- 2958 Baywood Dr
- 2981 Deer Point Dr
- 2667 Foxlair Ct
- 2941 Baywood Dr
- 1813 Landfall Way
- 2405 Cat Tail Pond
- 1021 Crooked Oak Ln
- 2590 The Bent Twig

VILLAS

- 2254 North Beach
- 1017 Marsh Pointe
- 2062 Salt Marsh
- 1942 Bohicket Marina
- 3036 Fairway One

- 3026 Fairway One
- 1021 Marsh Pointe
- 1940 Bohicket Marina
- 2439 Charlestowne Place
- 2904 Atrium
- 2011 Salt Marsh
- 721 Spinnaker
- 1313 Pelican Watch
- 1227 Creek Watch
- 542 Tarpon Pond
- 950 Sealoft
- 508 Tarpon Pond
- 3019 Ocean Winds
- 522 Tarpon Pond
- 535 Tarpon Pond
- 1352 Pelican Watch
- 1105 Summerwind
- 1913 Bohicket Marina
- 1342 Pelican Watch
- 621 Shadowwood
- 1644 Courtside
- 602 Shadowwood

LOTS

- 2272 Seascape Ct
- 2811 Old Drake Dr
- 2837 Cap'n Sams Rd
- 2490 Cat Tail Pond
- 3262 Seabrook Island Rd
- 2869 Seabrook Island Rd
- 3056 Seabrook Village Dr

UNDER CONTRACT

- 2656 Persimmon Pond Ct
- 3162 Blue Heron Dr
- 3076 Marshgate Dr
- 2685 Gnarled Pine
- 917 Sealoft
- LB9 Seabrook Village Dr