Seeing Us Through the Storms

It was an unprecedented past 12 months with two major storms causing the Governor of the State to issue an Evacuation Order not once, but twice. Both times Hilton Head Plantation took a hit – granted, a much larger impact from Hurricane Matthew was inflicted. Every storm is different and preparing for every eventuality when Mother Nature’s wrath is involved is a formidable task.

The HHP staff is one component of preparation especially when we arrive at the stage of executing our Hurricane Plan. But the unsung heroes are the present and past Board members who made the decisions to craft agreements with the Town of Hilton Head Island, the Fire Department, and to accumulate funds in a Weather Casualty Fund for just such a disastrous event. Besides these agreements, equipment and infrastructure improvements were implemented to help mitigate the impact of a hurricane event. There is nothing like the feeling of helplessness that comes with witnessing firsthand rain, tides, and a storm surge backfilling lagoons and spewing water out of storm drain grates designed to drain storm water.

No amount of infrastructure will totally mitigate damage and flooding from a major storm event; however, scores of HHP Board members over several decades made decisions to meet the challenges imposed by such natural disasters. There are far too many to name all of the Board members that had a hand in our Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery Plans, but these are the Board members that were in place during the past three years (2015-2017) that were in part responsible for providing the resources for our preparation and recovery efforts: Bob Clemens, Terry Conway, Jerry Cutrer, Jonathan Doe, Lee Ensalada, John Gilbert, Pat Harlacher, Tom Hoppin, Michael Keskin, Audrey King, Ben Letizia, Jim Lucas, Toney Mathews, Harry Meyers, Ann Schwab, Doug Skelly, Mary Ann Strayer, and Lois Wilkinson.

All of our HHP Board members, past and present, deserve our thanks for their spirit of volunteerism, expertise, and foresight which helped shape the standard of living we enjoy in HHP. Over the holidays please make an effort to thank a few Board members, past or present, for their service.
President’s Report

Suddenly the air is cooler and the humidity has dropped to more comfortable levels. How did it get to be November so quickly? The months continue to roll by and although the Lowcountry doesn’t experience the extremes of seasonal change like some parts of the country, we can still enjoy autumn and look forward to the upcoming holidays.

At its September meeting, your POA Board of Directors considered the detailed budget recommendations prepared by staff and reviewed by the Finance Committee, then adopted the operating budget for 2018. Thanks to General Manager Peter Kristian, Assistant GM Todd Lindstrom, the Department Heads, Treasurer Jim Lucas, and the Board members who serve as Chairs of the standing committees for their diligent work during this process. If you sometimes feel as if Hilton Head Plantation is like a small city...it is. The 2018 budget calls for expenditures of $6,954,000 with 17% of that amount funded from non-residential assessment income including commercial assessments, daily gate passes and vehicle permits, franchise fees, and advertising. Next year’s assessment was set at $1,368 for an improved lot paid by cash or check and $1,395 if paid by credit card. This represents a $19 increase over 2017 and includes another $250 per residence adjustment for Hurricane Matthew-related costs and partial rebuilding of the Weather Casualty Fund. The 2018 Board will have to decide whether a third $250 adjustment will be required in 2019 but it will be critical that your POA restores its reserves to responsible levels.

Finally, a word about golf carts and automobiles. When you’re driving and approach golf carts on one of our four golf courses waiting to cross the road, DO NOT STOP TO WAVE THE GOLFERS ACROSS. Stop signs are posted on all cart paths for the golfers and road traffic has the right-of-way. What you may see as a courteous gesture is actually putting yourself and the golfers at risk. Vehicles behind you are not expecting you to stop suddenly and traffic approaching from the other direction may not sense that you are stopping. Please continue on and let the golf carts cross when the traffic is clear.

All of your Board members take seriously our responsibility to represent the best interests of Hilton Head Plantation residents and value your opinions and thoughts. If you wish to communicate with the Board, please call 843-681-8800 ext. 9, or email board@hhppoa.org, or send a letter to the POA Service Center. You may also email me at president@hhppoa.org. Board meeting Minutes are available on the Plantation website: www.hiltonheadplantation.com under Documents/Forms/Minutes.

--Jerry Cutrer
General Manager’s Report

Coffee with Peter
Our last Coffee of the year will be held on Thursday, November 16, 10:00 AM, at the Plantation House. Brian Fatzinger from Volunteers in Medicine will be our special guest.

Support Local Businesses
During the shoulder seasons, especially if you have the occasion to eat out or require a service provider for a repair or other need, keep in mind our local establishments. Our local restaurants survive during the winter months on the patronage of Island residents. Service providers also depend on Island residents to keep them going during the off-season. Please consider patronizing our local businesses.

Pine Island Update
The HHPPOA has been reimbursed by the Town of Hilton Head Island for our first beach renourishment project under a three-year agreement with the Town. We anticipate exercising the second installment early next year depending on the status of our permit application for additional beach renourishment and the installation of a boardwalk/emergency access to Pine Island.

Funds have been set aside for the construction of a boardwalk from the Dolphin Head Recreation area to the Pine Island isthmus. If you are a frequent visitor to Pine Island you know this stretch of beach took a major hit from Hurricane Matthew last year and again this year from Hurricane Irma. We have been notified by DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers that our application to place additional sand on the Pine Island Beach, as well as install a boardwalk that will permit access during most tidal exchanges, has been approved. We are now working with the Town of Hilton Head Island on their approvals.

Turkey Trot – Route Change!
An early reminder that Thanksgiving is just around the corner and with Thanksgiving comes...turkeys, and with turkeys comes...the annual Turkey Trot. On Thanksgiving morning some of our roads will be used for the Annual Turkey Trot sponsored by the Island Recreation Center. This event consists of a walk, which will be conducted this year in the Chinaberry Community and 5k and 10k runs. The 5k and 10k runs start at Skull Creek Boathouse at 8:00 AM. Runners will come through the Cypress Gate and run on Seabrook Drive to Whooping Crane Way. Once on Whooping Crane Way they will run to the intersection of Oyster Reef Drive and then turn around and retrace their steps back to the Cypress Gate to the finish line. The route was changed to impact fewer total streets and neighborhoods and provide more alternative routes around the event. If you are traveling on Thanksgiving morning, please plan on using the Main Gate between 7:30-10:00 AM to avoid delays (the Cypress Gate will close at 7:30 AM). This is a great family event and open to all residents of the Plantation. For more information on how to sign up for the Turkey Trot, give the Island Recreation Center a call at 843-681-7273.

This event will cause delays along Seabrook Drive and Whooping Crane Way. Please schedule your morning activities and errands accordingly as traffic will be held up in these areas to allow for the safe passage of the participants in the Turkey Trot. This event is one of the many ways HHP gives back to the greater community. It also allows us to showcase HHP to many individuals who may not have had an opportunity to pay us a visit.

Adopt a Storm Drain
During heavy rainfalls our storm drains are susceptible, especially this time of year, to pine straw and leaf litter clogging storm drain grates. This is more prevalent on our reverse crown roads (roads with drains in the middle of the road). It is next to impossible for Security and Maintenance crews to get to every drain within the Plantation during such storm events. As we have asked in the past, if you feel comfortable “Adopting a Storm Drain” to assist with keeping the drains clear of pine straw and leaf litter, this will help prevent street flooding. We do not want to put anyone in harm’s way, but if you are capable of assisting with a drain on your street, this will help keep the storm water flowing. Many residents have already adopted drains in their neighborhood and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Observe the Rules of the Road
With the holiday season almost upon us we will have many visitors who are unfamiliar with our roads and leisure paths. Please be patient, observe the speed limit, do not tailgate, and use your turn signals. We were all once new to HHP and unsure as to how to get to our final destination. Golf carts and other motorized vehicles are not permitted on our leisure paths or roadways. Golf course, HHPPOA, and Cypress service vehicles that are providing maintenance or other services are permitted to use our roadways with caution.

Projects 2018
The following are the projects and items that are budgeted for completion or purchase in 2018: repair/replace the RV Park fence, PH irrigation system, Pine Island Beach renourishment, Maintenance yard renovations, Security Dispatch Center HVAC unit, replace three sliding doors at the Security gates, replace carpet lower level Spring Lake Pavilion, replace Dodge Charger patrol vehicle with Dodge Durango patrol vehicle, replace one Dodge Charger patrol vehicle, exterior

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General Manager’s Report
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painting Spring Lake Pavilion, repair/replace identified roadways, repair/replace identified sections of leisure paths, install a connection to Pine Island, replace tractor, replace the flooring in the Plantation House rest rooms, repair/replace the fence at the Spring Lake tennis courts, replace wind screens at the Spring Lake tennis courts, replace the upstairs windows at the Plantation House. Inclusion on this list does not indicate that the project or purchase will absolutely be completed in 2018. It merely indicates that these projects/purchases will be evaluated by the Board and staff based on present status and budget considerations. This list does not include storm water repairs/improvements that will be carried out by the Town of Hilton Head Island at the Town’s expense.

Hurricane Recovery
As noted in my October report, just when we thought we were close to turning the corner on our Hurricane Matthew recovery, Hurricane Irma paid us a glancing visit. Staff was already trying to work on “normal” repair and replacement projects while also juggling projects inflicted on all of us by Hurricane Matthew. Hurricane Irma did not help us trying to turn that corner. We will get the remaining road and leisure path repairs completed as well as a couple of outstanding repair and replacement items like painting the security fence that borders our Cypress entrance. We have several storm water projects that are in the queue waiting for attention by the Town. We appreciate your patience as we catch up and try to work between the rain drops on several projects.

Status of Projects for 2017
• Headlands Drive has been resurfaced and restriped.
• We are in the process of making repairs to our roadways and leisure paths.
• The fence that borders our Cypress entrance is being prepped for painting.
• Our new Gate Pass system has been installed.
• New carpet has been installed at the Plantation House, the Security building, and the upstairs of the POA Service Center.
• The exterior of the Plantation House has been painted.
• The south side parking area at the Plantation House has been seal coated and striped.
• Whooping Crane Way has been seal coated and restriped.
• The fences for Spring Lake tennis courts 1 & 2 have been painted.
• A berm with landscaping has been installed at the intersection of Seabrook Drive and Whooping Crane Way.
• The shoulders of Whooping Crane Way have been top dressed and reseeded for the winter.
• The basketball court at the Dolphin Head Recreation area is scheduled to be resurfaced by the end of 2017.

Economic Indicators
We all have certain barometers to measure success. When Assistant GM Todd Lindstrom and I analyze our monthly budget performance numbers, we always look at the expense side to see where we can save dollars or get a better deal on goods or services. However, we also look to the revenue side of our income and expense statement to measure how HHP is doing economically. HHP is usually in sync with the rest of the country, but we seem to be exceeding the norm in a more robust manner in a few areas, most notably our Capital Transfer Revenue is up. This is the 1/4 of 1% for each home sale. Plantation Living advertising revenue is at an all-time high, tennis revenue is exceeding budget, and decal and daily pass revenue is way ahead. All positive financial indicators.

It’s All a Matter of Perspective
I was up visiting with my daughter Elizabeth and her family last month in Charlotte, NC. Elizabeth has three sons ages 12, 9, and 6. Patrick is the nine-year-old middle child and had the duty of accompanying me to purchase bagels and donuts for breakfast on a warm Saturday morning.

It was a real privilege for Patrick as he would be the one picking out the kinds of bagels and, most importantly, the kinds of donuts! Patrick took his duty very seriously and painstakingly selected bagels and donuts that he felt his mother, father, and brothers would cherish. Once the selections were accomplished and a large tub of fruit was thrown in for good measure (to give the impression we were attempting to eat healthy) we arrived at the checkout counter.

A young woman beckoned to us to come to her register for checkout. I greeted the young woman with a “How are you this morning, young lady?” and, before the woman in her 20s could answer, Patrick blurted out in his strong nine-year-old voice of innocence: “Grandpa, she is not young.” A little embarrassed by Patrick’s terse but honest statement, I went for the “save” by saying to Patrick, “She is young to me, Patrick.” Patrick’s truthful, but insensitive, exclamation reminded me that we all have reference points that influence our perspective. We live in a wonderful place, on a beautiful Island that is the envy of most, but then again, it’s all a matter of perspective.

From the HHP Board and the POA staff, have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Stay Safe

Peter Kristian
The “ABCs” of the ARB

It’s been a year since Hurricane Matthew, and through it all our residents need to be commended on how everyone contributed to restoring their homes and personal properties. Many went so far as to get together to assist in restoring common areas of the Plantation and their neighborhoods.

Today is a different story; many neighborhoods have lost their privacy, trees, and natural barriers making residents anxious to fill in the voids in the attempt to establish some screening. There are several steps you should consider before you take matters into your own hands.

The ARB cannot establish legal lot lines, but may be able to assist residents by emailing a digital copy of your site plan, which will confirm your property lines and the corner monuments. Taking this step may help to alleviate future disputes occurring with your neighbors. Prior to any removal of landscape material and/or the installation of new plants, it is suggested that you reference your site plan or plat (available at the ARB office located in the POA Service Center). Listed below are some of the more important ARB Guidelines to comply with:

Major Landscaping Changes or Additions
- If significant (25% or more) changes or additions to an existing landscape are contemplated they must be approved by ARB.
- A complete plan showing all existing landscaping and the proposed new work must be submitted.
- All new work shall be clearly indicated by the use of color highlight and all planting material specified as to the number to be planted, the size and species, as well as the extent of any new lawn or ground cover areas.
- Careful consideration should be given to the height and spread of all plantings at maturity. Foundation plantings should be appropriate in size for their function.

Views
When there are adjacent private properties, improved or not improved, and when there are lagoons, golf courses, marsh, etc. views to the rear of the lot, a triangular area at the rear corners of the lot being landscaped is restricted to the planting of shrubs that will be no higher than four feet (4’) at maturity. These areas are described as follows:

- Full-size lots – An area defined by a diagonal line between two points measured from the rear corners twenty feet (20’) along the rear and side property lines.

- Patio lots – An area defined as above but measured to points ten feet (10’) from the corners along the rear and side property lines.

The ARB Guidelines reference the following topics: lawns, irrigation (a future topic), ground cover, natural areas, and landscaping beyond property lines (a future topic). Keeping in mind the fall and early winter months of the year are the most favorable time to plant, transplant, and fertilize.

The ARB guides and regulates improvements to our community to maintain and enhance the quality of development and property values.

--Betsy Weppner, ARB Administrator, bweppner@hhppoa.org

POA Needs your Updated Contact Info

If you have changed any of your contact information such as:

- Address
- Telephone #

Please notify the POA Service Center at 843-681-8800 ext. 0 or email: agraves@hhppoa.org.

Thank you.

Sign up for POA Email Services

Go to our Website: www.hiltonheadplantation.com. Click on the tab on the left: Email Services. Fill out the short form and select which services you'd like to receive (for example, Safety Alerts).

Advertisements in the Plantation Living newsletter should not be viewed as an endorsement from the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners’ Association, Inc. The Association claims no liability for content of any ads. Ads are accepted on a space available basis.

For Juniors
Now taking sign-ups.
Ages 7-17

Where: Spring Lake Tennis Center
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 PM
*For details, call: Lou Marino 843-301-4453 or Spring Lake Tennis Center 843-681-3626.
"Harry Heron" Master Covenants Bird

This month’s focus: Don’t Forget to Set your Scales Back 10 Pounds!

What a difference a year makes. Last November we could hardly see the houses for all the logs and storm debris lining the streets after Hurricane Matthew!

The holiday season is a time for enjoying family and guests, especially on our beautiful Plantation. Since many of you will be flying around like turkeys, here are a few key points that can keep you out of the coal.

Lights and Decorations

Once again, the holiday season is upon us, and that means that homeowners will be hosting parties and putting up lights and other decorations on their private properties, including mailboxes. Harry wants everyone to fully celebrate the holiday season. However, residents should take care to ensure the decorations and holiday displays do not give the impression that they’ve had one too many “Wild Turkeys.” My avian brothers and sisters from Kentucky are experts at producing this bourbon delight but as Mama Heron always said, “All things in moderation!”

Holiday lights and decorations are permitted to go up any time after Thursday, November 23. Holiday lights and decorations must be down by Tuesday, January 16, 2018. White lights are preferred. Blinking lights are not allowed since they throw off my internal navigation system as well as Santa’s...you know, the same reason you need to turn off your cell phones on an airplane – they interfere with onboard navigation instruments. All lights and music must be off by 10:00 PM. Again, all things in moderation, please. Your Christmas spirit in the way of decorations should be a gift to the neighborhood for all to enjoy.

Black Friday Deals

As the holiday season approaches, Harry Heron would like to inform those who are thinking of purchasing a MOTORIZED VEHICLE as to what type of vehicle is authorized for the Plantation’s roadways. Holiday deals will likely advertise many types of scooters, skateboards, motorized skateboards, go-carts, and all-terrain vehicles at bargain prices. These motorized vehicles are not permitted on the POA leisure paths, roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, or in HHP’s recreation centers. Motorcycles may not be driven on Hilton Head Plantation roads, but may be trailered in and stored in a garage. Golf carts are not allowed on leisure paths, and are not permitted on Hilton Head Plantation roads except as authorized by the Hilton Head Plantation Property Owners’ Association Board of Directors.

One more piece of “Folksy Heron Advice” – lay off the gift idea for the "younglins" in your household of BB guns and air soft weapons. They are not permitted to be used anywhere in HHP. Many of these weapons look very real and can easily be mistaken for the real deal and may get the person brandishing such a weapon in a very disastrous set of potential circumstances. Besides, from personal experience, I hate picking out plastic and metal BB pellets from my “Kevlared” undercarriage when an unsophisticated urchin thinks it’s sport to shoot at me during my inspection rounds!

Harry does not express enough his sincere appreciation to all residents who display the American flag. It’s very uplifting and invokes a tremendous sense of pride to view our flag flying in honor of all those who have served or are serving our country. I should mention that the POA Service Center proudly accepts and recycles your faded American flag. Your support is overwhelming.

--Harry Heron

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Security – *Community Policing on the Plantation*

Community policing is one of the tools we use to keep crime in check as compared to the greater Hilton Head Island community. The community policing philosophy is embraced department-wide. Our officers are here not only to enforce the laws and keep the peace, but also to simply serve.

Community policing has been defined as a collaborative effort between law enforcement and the community that identifies problems of crime and enhances the quality of life in the community. We accomplish these goals by combining the efforts of the Security Department, the POA’s other departments, and our community members. Many policing concepts in recent years have tended to isolate officers from the community they serve, which can hamper crime control efforts. A good community policing agency is charged with the responsibility of crime prevention. Most traditional law enforcement agencies are charged with ‘solving’ the crime problem, the drug problem, the DUI problem, the domestic violence problem, etc. Those are predominately REACTIVE concepts. Community policing allows a Security Department to get back to the principles upon which policing was founded: to integrate itself, once again, into the fabric of the community so the people come to Security for counsel and help before a serious problem arises. This allows the officers to provide PROACTIVE solutions rather than to be solely reactive.

For any community policing program to be beneficial there must be a long-term commitment from everyone involved. Our goal has always been to form lasting partnerships between our community members and the Security Department. The present results indicate we have had great success with this technique. By providing even non-law enforcement services to our residents we open up the lines of communication which enhances our crime prevention efforts in a big way. Each and every call for service, whether it is in response to a medical emergency or a call for a jump start, gets our officers out into the community so they can establish a rapport and level of trust with residents. This sustained integration serves to enhance the flow of information from residents to the POA Security Department personnel.

As indicated by the crime reports in the media, criminals and crime are alive and well outside our gates. The Hilton Head Plantation Security Department recognizes the value of bringing the members of the community back into the policing process. Hilton Head Plantation is by no means crime-free; however, by adopting a community policing philosophy we decreased the likelihood of criminal activity gaining a foothold on the

*Call Dispatch*  
843-681-2459 for Immediate Assistance

Plantation. We encourage the community to express their concerns over crime-related or quality of life issues. We will continue to work with the community to provide problem-solving activities. Please join us in our efforts to keep Hilton Head Plantation a safe and enjoyable community. If you see something that doesn’t look right, report it. If you have a crime or safety concern call me, or better yet, come down to the office and we’ll discuss it over coffee.

Art Benoit, Director of Security  
email: abenoit@hhppoa.org

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**Notice**  
Your interactions with members of the Security Department and the POA Staff may be recorded.

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**VOTING Ballot**  
**Holiday Lighting Contest**

1st Nomination - *(House)*  
(Address): _______________________________

2nd Nomination - *(House)*  
(Address): _______________________________

1st Nomination - *(Decorated Mailbox)*  
(Address): _______________________________

2nd Nomination - *(Decorated Mailbox)*  
(Address): _______________________________

**Deadline: Thursday, December 14, 2017**

Please drop your ballot in the voting box at the POA Service Center or the Plantation House.
Holiday Hayride

The POA Activities Department is getting into the holiday mood with another enjoyable “Holiday Hayride” through the winding roads of Hilton Head Plantation.

Bring your family and friends along to view all the beautifully decorated homes while we sing holiday carols and enjoy warm cider, cookies, and other surprises on our early evening journey through the Plantation.

Reservations with payment must be made prior to the event. Limited seats are available, so stop by the Plantation House and reserve your spot! Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Date:  **Saturday, December 16**
Rain date:  **Sunday, December 17**
Time:  
6:00 – 7:00 PM
7:15 – 8:15 PM
8:30 – 9:30 PM
Cost:  **$5.00/person**
RSVP:  **Sherrie or Margie at 843-681-8090**
Meet at:  **Plantation House**
15 min. prior to Hayride

The planned route for the Hayride is as follows (time permitting):  Route is subject to change.

1. Plantation House left on Seabrook Drive
2. Seabrook Drive to Christo Drive
3. Christo Drive to Seabrook Drive
4. Seabrook Drive to Santa Maria Drive
5. Santa Maria Drive to Gaspee Court
6. Gaspee Court to Santa Maria Drive
7. Santa Maria Drive to Anna Court
8. Anna Court to Santa Maria Drive
9. Santa Maria Drive to Margarita Court
10. Margarita Drive to Santa Maria Drive
11. Santa Maria Drive to Old Fort Drive
12. Old Fort Drive to Santa Maria Drive
13. Santa Maria Drive to Skull Creek Drive
14. Skull Creek Drive to Old Fort Pub Parking Lot
15. Old Fort Pub Parking Lot to Skull Creek Drive
16. Skull Creek Drive to Seabrook Drive
17. Seabrook Drive to Palm View Drive
18. Palm View Drive to Seabrook Drive
19. Seabrook Drive to the Plantation House

Holiday Lighting Contest/Driving Tour

As an encouragement for lighting up our holidays, the POA conducts the Holiday Lighting Contest/Driving Tour. The rules for the contest are fairly simple and include some do’s & don’ts.

1. Outdoor holiday decorations should be ready for viewing by  **Monday, December 4, 2017**.
2. A voting ballot is included on page 7.
3. View decorations from the street only. This is not an invitation to “tromp” the lawns of others.
4. Make your selection and return your voting ballot for house and/or mailbox decorations no later than  **Thursday, December 14, 2017** to the POA Service Center or the Plantation House.
5. If there is a particular street that is interested in being represented in the Holiday Tour, please call the POA at 843-681-8800, ext. 242.
6. You will be able to pick up a list of homes on the Holiday Tour by  **Monday, December 18, 2017** at the POA Service Center. The list will also be posted on the website.

And yes, there are POA guidelines for outdoor decorations: 1. White lights are preferred for outdoor decorations; 2. No blinking lights; 3. If floodlights are used, point them towards your home; 4. Turn off music by 10:00 PM and outdoor lights by midnight; 5. All exterior holiday decorations are to be put away by  **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**.

MAILBOX DECORATIONS! If you would like, please decorate your mailboxes. These will be fun to view in the daytime, and will also be part of the contest.

Although Plantation residents use their criteria for judging the winners, the POA encourages tasteful, attractive, and charming decorations. The key is...all things in moderation.

The winners will be announced in the January issue of *Plantation Living* and on the website.
Turkey Trot — Route Change!

The Turkey Trot, sponsored by the Island Recreation Center, consists of a two-mile Walk, a 5K Run, and a 10K Run. Each event starts at the Skull Creek Boathouse at 8:00 AM.

The Fun Walk is a 2-mile loop through the Squiresgate community. Runners will pass through the Cypress Gate, up Seabrook Drive South, down Whooping Crane Way, to Oyster Reef Drive, turn around, and return to the finish line at the Cypress Gate.

For Turkey Trot information or reservations, call the Island Recreation Center at 843-681-7273.

Date: Thanksgiving, November 23
Time: 8:00 AM (Cypress Gate closes 7:30 AM)
Place: Skull Creek Boathouse parking lot

The Turkey Trot is a great family event and is open to all HHP residents.

Call For POA Board Candidates

Why should you consider serving?

Hilton Head Plantation is a wonderful community. It is larger than many small towns, but we face many of the same problems as a small town. Our “Town Council” is the Board of Directors. They oversee every major decision that affects each of us as residents in this very special place. The Board needs levelheaded property owners, hopefully with policy-making experience, to perform the duties listed below. It’s a wonderful way to serve your community and to work with your fellow residents to keep HHP a great place. An application for Board candidacy was inserted in the October issue. If selected, an interview with the Nominating Committee will be scheduled in early December.

Applications are available at the POA Service Center, and on the website under Documents/Board (www.hiltonheadplantation.com).

The Role of the Board is:
- Financial oversight
- Strategic direction
- Governance
- Direction to General Manager

The Board of Directors is composed of nine members. In March 2018, the terms of three members will expire. Of those selected for nomination, three will be elected to three-year terms.

The POA Board meets once a month and each Board member chairs at least one committee. Our committees act in an advisory capacity and provide assistance, recommendations, and information to the Board. Previous experience on one of the POA’s committees is highly recommended, but not required for candidacy.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

For more details, please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee below or contact the POA Service Center.

Jim Collett 843-689-9890
Terry Conway 843-338-0466
Harry Meyers 843-342-2185
Jim Ogden 843-368-2851
Dick Sell 843-681-7388
Doug Skelly 843-816-4611
Werner Sicvol 843-681-4604
Lois Wilkinson 843-689-3614
Jonathan Doe, Chair 704-965-5042
Plantation Golfing
by Jerry Cutrer

Dolphin Head Golf Club

Forty (40) DHGC golfers and friends (right) played in the Third Annual Airborne Outing which raises money to bring four paratroopers and their families to attend a weekend event on Hilton Head Island in February.

Dolphin Head ladies (left) participated in the “Play for Pink Tournament” to raise money for P.I.N.K., an organization that uses lifestyle and sporting events to promote breast cancer research.

Country Club of Hilton Head

Forty-eight (48) CCHH golfers participated in the September Twilight Mixer featuring a couples nine-hole step-aside scramble followed by dinner in the Pub. The teams of Marc and Teckla Meister/Rick and Elizabeth Siebenaler; and Trey and Dina Testino/ Tanner and Becky Mattson tied for low score with a 34 with the Meister/Siebenaler team winning following a score card playoff.

The CCHH Women’s Nine Hole Association hosted their Annual Member-Guest Tournament featuring golf and dinner in a “Treasure Island” theme. Winners were 1st place Cindy Harida, Elizabeth Siebenaler, Judy Baccei, and Jane Hudson; 2nd place Ruth Larson, Mary Frances Peery and Ellen Muhl; 3rd place Cheryl Clephane, Annmarie Kinsky, Tina Moore, and Ginny Freeland.

The CCHH Women’s Golf Association hosted a charity golf event that raised $1,740 through donations and a raffle for Memory Matters.

(right, L-R) WGA Memory Matters First Place Team Diane Sauers, Chris Kohlhepp, and Colleen O’Keefe. Suzanne Stansbury not pictured.

(above, L-R) September Twilight Mixer Winners Marc and Teckla Meister and Elizabeth and Tanner Mattson.

(above, L-R) WGA Memory Matters Second Place Team Lauri Van Niel, Kay Vance, Barbara Neely, and Shelia Johnson.
Lowcountry Nature:  *Planting For Spring Blooms*

*by Miriam Waterhouse*

By the time you read this we should have left the heat of summer behind. November is a perfect time to think about your flowers for next year.

It is fun to plan a design for your garden so that the colors will blend well when they bloom. This can be a formal garden or one that has a scatter of colors for a more natural look. Consider planting hardy bulbs such as crocus, hyacinth, daffodil, irises, and tulip. According to Lowe’s, these are considered as hardy bulbs that bloom in the spring and can tolerate the type of winter that we have here. More tender bulbs such as gladiolus and caladiums are planted in the spring, dug up before frost, and stored during the winter.

When shopping for your bulbs make sure they are free of any visible disease as well as avoiding soft or moldy bulbs. When planting also make sure the soil is loose and well drained. It is also suggested that you add peat moss or a special bulb fertilizer according to the package directions.

In order to have your bulbs grow at the right time you must be sure to plant them at the right depth. Usually that would be about two or three times as deep as the bulb is tall. Too deep would make them bloom later than you expect, or not bloom at all. Likewise, planting too close to the surface could cause them to be affected by late season cold weather.

In the fall, cover the hardy bulbs with about two inches of mulch to protect the roots from colder months, and be sure to keep them watered. Look forward to spring, and that first burst of color in your garden.

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**WHAT:** The Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

**WHEN:** Friday, December 15...rain or shine! Time determined by each field group; home birders pick their own 30-minute time period on that date.

**WHO:** Birders of ALL abilities! We need you even if you are not an expert birder. Some help by serving as a photographer for a small group of birders, while others help by recording the group’s data on a tally sheet. Home birders simply agree to spend a minimum of 30 minutes watching and recording the birds in their yard and feeder. You can even do this from your window!

**WHERE:** Field birders are assigned to a small group in the Plantation while home birders simply watch their own yard.

**WHY:** This is a fun, easy, educational, citizen science project that provides scientists with data needed to track population trends, range changes, and numbers of birds.

Interested in joining your HHP neighbors who participated in last year’s count? For more information or to sign up, please contact Carol Clemens at 843-689-2903 or cclemens318@roadrunner.com.

Thanks...and happy birding!

--Carol Clemens and Mary Jane Majors
HHP CBC Co-Chairs
Finally it’s fall. It happened the third week in October after the heat and humidity worried me and our crops for weeks. Mel Drayton shared his secret for growing huge greens – that’s mustard and turnip. He puts down some 13-13-13 in the rows before planting. He doesn’t plan to use the manure we had dumped at the farm because he thinks the sawdust in it will deplete some nitrogen in the soil, but the County Extension Agent stopped by and said it would be fine and that our sandy soil would benefit from the addition of coarse material.

The Vidalia onions will arrive any day. Be sure to plant them soon and water in with a dose of transplant liquid fertilizer. They will require watering every other day if it does not rain. Checking our website, www.hhpfarmers.com, I see there is a window for planting beets, cabbages, and carrots from December 1 to mid-January. Check it out yourselves for helpful information.

This year we have added a few veggies to our Saturday morning citrus sales during November and December. We’ll be selling tangelos, oranges, and lemons to begin with and grapefruit soon. Also look for fig jam, kumquat marmalade, and probably local honey. Please tell your friends about this!

If a frost is predicted (or you suspect one might hit) remember to take off your timers and drain any sprinklers or sprayers. I lose some EVERY year. Interested in getting a plot? Please call our new plot coordinator, Tom Cook at 609-915-1298. The cost for a 25 by 25 footer is only $30 per year plus a membership fee of $20. You will enjoy nine (9) great dinners on first Thursdays at the Plantation House.

--Diane Middleton 843-384-0794 mastergardener4@hhpfarmers.com

Fishing Club

No club meeting in November. Happy Thanksgiving!

Our annual Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 4, 6:00 PM, at the Plantation House. The food menu is “heavy” hors d’oeuvres; everyone bringing enough to serve six people (six crackers with six slices of processed cheese don’t qualify!). The club will supply desserts and coffee. BYOB. As entertainment, we will be playing some no-cost games with lots of prizes.

Dave Morse has done a great job in lining up speakers for next year’s meetings. Most of them have spoken to us over the past several years and have received rave notices. Leading off will be Al Stokes, Manager of the Waddell Mariculture Center in January. February will have Dave Harter, President of the Hilton Head Island Sport Fishing Club and Board Member of the Port Royal Sound Foundation. David Lauderdale of the Island Packet will be with us in March, Josh Boyles of Southern Drawl Outfitters at Moss Creek in April, Steve Schabel with his "Birds of Prey" in September, and finally, Joel Vos, Educational Coordinator for the National Wildlife Refuge in Hardeeville will wrap up the year in October.

After a break from Kids Kamp and the summer heat, we’re getting “Fishing Mondays” back off the ground (and into the water). This is a great opportunity for new members who aren’t familiar with the fishing opportunities presented by the Plantation in both fresh and brackish water lagoons. Richard Fitzgerald has a world of knowledge about bass fishing, which he loves to pass on to inexperienced anglers. We meet in the parking lot at the Plantation House by 8:00 AM on Monday mornings, alternating between fresh and salt water fishing.

Thanks again to Gary Turner who has spent many years as Club Secretary and Board Member and is “retiring” from those positions. Gary will remain a member of the club. We will not soon forget Gary’s efforts as instructor at fishing seminars and as the preparer of those great Lowcountry Boils.

Check us out at our website: hhpfishingclub.com.

--Earle Nirmaier
Kayak Club

A big thank you to Barb Wiebe for her 18 months as the captain of the HHP Kayak Club. She can take great pride in her leadership and for getting us on the water to so many wonderful places. Welcome aboard to our new captain, Nonie Steele and her faithful first mate Carol Benton. We look forward to paddling together with all our neighbors interested in kayaking.

We hope you will join us at meetings scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Plantation House. Our next scheduled “land” meeting is January 23, 2018. However, social launches are planned on the 30th of each month, weather permitting. Don’t want to paddle that day? Come join us for the social. Information and registration information, as well as all upcoming events, membership form, local resources, and interesting links, can be found on our website at: www.kayakclubhhp.weebly.com. If you are interested in the HHP Kayak Club or have questions about the club and our activities, please contact Nonie Steele at 843-802-4138 or kayakclubofhhp@gmail.com. Happy paddling!

--Carol Benton

Hilton Head Plantation
ARTISTS
Association

The Hilton Head Artists Association has gotten off to a great start this year. First, we had a delectable Edible Arts Dinner for our members that was creative and delicious! That was followed by our annual Art Market which was open to all HHP residents. Our resident artists showcased their best 2D and 3D work, and many guests were able to find “just the right piece” to take home.

The colors of fall bring new inspiration to the artists of the Lowcountry. HHP artists are busy creating original works of art that reflect the beauty of the season. Our members are made up of painters, sculptors, photographers, jewelry designers, and fiber artisans. We work independently and together to support each other. We have monthly meetings with inspiring speakers who inspire us to learn and grow as artists. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, we have something that will interest you.

If you would like to check us out, stop by any Wednesday morning at the Dolphin Head Recreational facility to see our painters in action. Call Evelyn Kowtko at 843-681-6338 for information on this group.

We also have a monthly newsletter that lets our members and supporters know what’s happening in and around Hilton Head. If you would like to subscribe, get information, or join our group, please email us at hhpartistnews@gmail.com.

--Mary Elizabeth Sullivan
HHP Artists Association

Bocce Club

This has been an exciting bocce season. Congrats to all who participated and gave it their best. It ends this week when our winners in five divisions are enjoying play-off games, ending with our final championship game scheduled for Saturday, November 18. We encourage all of our league members to come out and support their fellow bocce player.

Hope to see y’all at our Awards Potluck Dinner at 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 18 at Spring Lake Pavilion. Our new champions will be honored. Any questions contact David Breault at breaultd27@hotmail.com.

--Sandy Stern

Men’s Cooking Club

Men’s 2nd Wednesday Cooking Club
This group meets from noon until 2:00 PM, at the Spring Lake Pavilion. We each demonstrate our favorite meals on a rotating basis. For more information, call Joe Sanker at 843-682-2615.

Men’s 4th Tuesday Cooking Club
While the meeting place will generally be at Spring Lake Pavilion, some members elect to host their cooking presentation at their respective homes. For information, call Steve Strom at 843-342-2838.

For Adults

Saturday, 11:00 AM
at Spring Lake Tennis, court 2. To sign up, either call the Club at 843-681-3626, or call Lou Marino, USPTA Cardio Tennis Coach, cell 843-301-4453 (til 9:00 PM), lwmarino@hotmail.com.
The Avid Gardeners (TAG)

TAG meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month starting at 9:30 AM.

Instead of a meeting this month, we are delighted to invite all members, friends, and any interested HHP residents to take part in our Silent Auction:

“MAKE IT...BAKE IT...SEW IT...GROW IT”

Friday, November 17
Spring Lake Pavilion
9:30 AM - 12:00 noon

A variety of kits will be available for purchase for personal use or for gifts. An abundance of refreshments will be available! It’s an excellent chance to check us out! Cash or checks preferred. Proceeds go to providing many service projects within our plantation as well as throughout the Island in general!

FYI, HHP neighborhood sign decorating for the holidays by our members will be taking place shortly. We are always in need of new supplies.

By the time you receive this, most yards will be dwindling. I have learned a great deal from members about when and how to manage many things better. President Caroline Alderman gave me my first Amiga plant, “Bright Eyes”, a variety of the Elephant Ear, which will go dormant. She suggested to mark these plants with a plastic fork. When spring arrives early, I can see where those reoccurring plants will pop up when I’m planting new ones.

Join us for our first fundraiser and meet some incredible women! If interested in joining our membership, call Corliss Zampino 843-681-6062.

--Cheryl Hocevar

Newcomers Club

We hope that all of you Newcomers enjoyed the Fall Festival and Pig Roast on October 17 at the Plantation House. Great friends, fabulous food from Jimmy Fitts Catering, and a cool autumn evening made for a memorable time.

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, Newcomers will not be having a November event. However, mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Mingle Fest and Ugly Sweater Contest, which will take place on December 9 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, at Spring Lake Pavilion. Come prepared for an evening of food, laughter, and music. Please bring an appetizer to share, your beverage of choice, and an unwrapped toy or a cash donation for The Deep Well Project. You will receive an invitation and more information by email. We suggest that you RSVP promptly since this event will fill up quickly.

Another not-to-be-missed upcoming celebration is Jingle Fest on Main Street scheduled for December 7. Watch for an email with important details about this fun community event.

A huge thank you goes out to the businesses and their representatives who help keep the HHP Newcomers Club running. You have already heard from Jeff Hedden and Bob Dalton of Hilton Head Insurance and Brokerage. In January we will welcome Steve Sherman of Freedom Boat Club. Tim Drake of The Greenery will be with us in February. In April we will have a chance to meet Scott Mallon of H&H Auto. Other sponsors this year include: Jan Williams of Edward Jones, Addison Cook of the South Carolina Yacht Club, Bill Brady of CrossRoads Financial Group, and Rick Saba of the Carolina Realty Group. Please remember these local businesses as you become established on the Island.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving! See you at Jingle Fest and Mingle Fest.

--Mary Albright, Publicity

Spring Lake Tennis Drill Clinics

Tuesdays 11:00 AM
Forehand and Backhand
Groundstrokes

Fridays 11:00 AM
Volleys and Overheads

Call Spring Lake Tennis Center
843-681-3626
or Lou Marino 843-301-4453
Caregivers Support Group

This support group for family caregivers is surely needed and continues to expand! We have met for over six years now! What a wonderful group of caring loved ones who are always helping each other. That’s what a mutual self-help group is all about. You get some time out (respite) from your caregiving and you connect with others who have similar challenges. The benefits = a sharing of laughter and tears, you attend to your personal needs (feelings, spirit, and challenges), and you can help another caregiver. This group is always a value to your personal wellness, as well as your loved one’s care.

You will benefit from a professional support person, Ann Martel, M.S.W., LISW-CP (HHP Resident). Ann has over 35 years’ experience in Healthcare, Mental Health Care, Senior and Hospice Care and private counseling related to illness, stress, grief, and caregiving. She is also a caregiver for her parents. Ms. Martel consults with families and patients privately, making home visits to HHP residents and Bayshore residents on a referral and private fee basis.

If you are a family caregiver or significant other caring for a loved one, this group is for you! The group meets once a month, 3rd Friday of the month, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM at The Bayshore, 421 Squire Pope Road, in the Reflections Reading Room, 3rd floor. No fee for group attendance.

Email Ann Martel for more information and request inclusion in her email notification list: amartel@hargray.com or call 843-785-5995. See Ann’s helpful blog by going to www.annscaregivertips.blogspot.com.

Woodcarvers

Woodcarvers have many projects in the works – birds, figures, bas-relief, etc. Come spend some time with us. Experience is not a factor; we learn from one another.

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Euchre Club

We meet at Spring Lake Pavilion, 6:15 PM, the 3rd Friday. The game is easy and lessons are taught. If it sounds like something you’d be interested in, email: chuck.stewart@e3partners.org or call 843-715-2529 or 330-283-2827.

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Softball Club

The HHP Softball Club has been together now for nearly five years. We’re having a lot of fun and would like to invite potential new players to come out and join us, and see if you’re interested.

Weekly practices are on Mondays, 1:00 PM (new time as of November 13), at the softball field near the POA Service Center. We get together, throw the ball around, and work on basic fundamentals of the game including hitting, fielding, and base running. Practices are fairly low key, and generally a great way for the players to work on their game and meet new friends at the same time.

In terms of games, we don’t play in a league, but are able to play a game almost every week against teams from Sun City and the Landings (Savannah). Usually we play every Wednesday versus Sun City, and on Saturdays versus the Landings. The games are great fun, we have solid competition, and have met a bunch of great people along the way. We also play in 2-3 tournaments per year, usually in Sun City. We participated in a tournament in Sun City on Saturday, November 11.

We always want to attract new players (male or female) to the team. You can practice or play as much or as little as you are comfortable with. Our team is made up of some really great people. Come and join the fun!

If you’re interested, please feel free to contact Bob Huisman at modybloo@hotmail.com or come out and join us, or watch a future practice or game!

Softball is fun!

--Rick Sarcione, President
617-513-0234 mobile
RCSarcione@aol.com

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--Chuck Stewart

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The HHP Craft Workshop would like to thank everyone who attended our fall craft and bake sale. Your support of our local non-profit Hospice Care of the Lowcountry is always heartwarming. Because of your support of the sale we are able to donate $9,250 to Hospice in 2017 bringing our total contribution over the past 21 years to $229,391.

Some of the best sellers at this sale were baby and children’s sweaters, homemade bath salts, beautiful greeting cards, decorative shell items, stuffed animals, ornaments, and doll clothes. Of course, the delicious bake sale items sold out.

If you saw something at the sale that you would like us to repeat at future sales, please let us know. If you purchased something at the sale and would like another, give us a call. We may have the items available in storage. And, if you have any suggestions for our next sale we would love to hear from you.

Thank you again for your support and hope to see you at our spring sale.

--Dawn Edgington
843-689-9391

Tee Timers

The Tee Timers have been filling four tee times (14-16 golfers) each Wednesday at Oyster Reef, Bear Creek, or Dolphin Head Golf Clubs. We play 9-holes in the afternoon, with some going on to play 18-holes. The clubs have been very welcoming and have graciously given us a group rate. We welcome new members. Please email Carole Ide: carolehhi@me.com if you’re interested in joining and playing actively. You must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club to join the Tee Timers.

--Carole Ide

Out to Lunch Bunch

Well ladies, we’ve had a great start this year and dined at some appealing venues. We will not meet in December, but don’t forget to attend the HHP Women’s Club holiday luncheon. We will resume our luncheons in January at ‘It’s Greek to Me.’

Hope to see you at the HHPWC luncheon.
Happy Holidays.

--Cynthia P. Smith

Women’s Club

HHPWC’s Holiday Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at the Country Club of Hilton Head. Cost is $29 per person for lunch, which includes one glass of wine or beer. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for Deep Well. Cash or checks made out to Deep Well are also acceptable.

The program will be the Providence Presbyterian Bell Choir, a three octave bell choir, that will entertain us with a selection of holiday songs under the direction of Joo Soo Son. Information will be emailed or mailed to members, along with reservation instructions. Seating is limited, so reserve your place early.

You can become a member or renew for the 2017/2018 year at the meeting or by sending a check for $15 payable to HHPWC to Sally McAllister, 34 Royal James Drive, HHI, SC 29926. Please put “2017/2018 Membership Dues” in the memo area of your check along with your email address and phone number. Contact Sally with questions at HHPWC01@gmail.com or refer to the club section of www.hiltonheadplantation.com to find the membership form (select Recreation and Activities on the left, then Clubs). We hope to see you at the luncheon!

--Marcia Hopper

Knit Wits

This friendly group of women welcomes all skill levels of knitting. The group meets every Wednesday, 2:30 PM, at the Dolphin Head building. No fee is required, although you must be a current member of the HHP Women’s Club. Come, have fun, laugh, knit, purl, and relax. For more information, contact:

--Ceil Meyers 843-342-2185
--Barbara Bitner 843-341-3304

Card Sharks

We’ll be playing cards (starting with canasta and euchre) every other Monday, 1:00 PM, at the Plantation House. All are welcome. You must be a member of the Women’s Club to play.

Please email Jean Conroy at jac37@icloud.com if interested.

--Marcia Hopper
843-689-9391
Vino Formaggio Group

The Vino Formaggio Group’s first wine tasting in October was a big success with hats off to the chefs at Dolphin Head Golf Club and Chair Susie Marquis. The next wine tasting event will be on **Sunday, December 17**, 5:00 PM, at Dolphin Head. To make this a very special evening, the cost will be $25 this one time.

The Vino Group offers wine tasting opportunities for ladies to develop an appreciation for various wines. There are three tastings at each event, which are paired with appetizers. To be a member of the group, attendees must be a member of the HHP Women’s Club. The Vino group meets four times a membership year on Sunday nights (5:00 PM) at Dolphin Head Golf Club, with annual dues of $5.00 per year. You may join anytime by contacting Mary Marquis.

Attendance is limited; this tasting is $25 this time only and should be paid well in advance to guarantee a reservation. Make check payable to Vino Formaggio and mail to Mary Marquis, 26 Crooked Pond Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. Once paid, there will be no refunds, unless canceled at least one week prior to the event.

Members will receive email notification prior to each wine tasting event.

Questions may be directed to Mary (Susie) Marquis at 843-341-5777 or via email: doug6307@aol.com.

--Linda Watts, Publicity

HHPWC’s Book Clubs

"The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough is an historical account of the development of flight and the role of the Wright brothers. The book portrays the perseverance of two young men who focused their entire life on one goal – flight – almost to the exclusion of everything else.

**PRO:** Well written and researched; opened our eyes to the fact that they were not the only ones pursuing flight; amazed at their accomplishments with limited financial means and no institutional backing.

**CON:** The detailed history of the technical aspects of the development of flight would be of more interest to those in aviation. The title may not fit the book, since it is not really biographical. We never felt that we had more than a glimpse of their personalities.

**Conclusion:** We recommend the book to others based on the good discussion it prompted.

--Recommended by the Relaxed Readers

Interested in belonging to a book group? You must be a member of the Women’s Club to join one of the groups. Contact Margita Rockstroh 843-682-3171.

Green Thumbers

Please join us for the HHP Green Thumbers meeting on **Monday, December 11**. Green Thumbers meets on the second Monday of each month at Spring Lake Pavilion, 10:00 til 11:30 AM, beginning with coffee and refreshments. Our December meeting will feature decorating our homes in true Southern style. Designer Ellie Linscott will share festive ideas and demonstrate how to make holiday centerpieces that will dazzle your guests.

We have some new updated information for you related to the Hopeful Horizons December Service Project that we discussed at the October meeting. Recently, CODA and Hope Haven merged to become Hopeful Horizons, a Children’s Advocacy, Domestic Violence, and Rape Crisis Center and they are in great need of school supplies including book bags and gift cards with $10 to $20 loaded on them for Walmart, Target, and Dollar Tree. In addition to your donations, our $3.00 donation will be used to purchase additional gift cards for school supplies.

If you have not joined the Green Thumbers already, there is still time. Dues are $12. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Edna Coombs at 843-342-7184.

Happy Thanksgiving.

--Cynthia Smith
Train Club

This club is for anyone who is interested in trains. Some of our members have extensive layouts, some have only a circle of track for a Christmas tree train, and some have no trains but just like railroading in general. The club has a permanent layout in the Plantation House, both O-gauge and HO-gauge, for the use of our club members and is also available to be run upon request.

We provide running trains for some of the Plantation functions, such as July 4th, the fall Hayride, and the Children’s Christmas party. We provide assistance to anyone who needs help in getting a train running or just wants information about the hobby. Our club members or guests do presentations on various train topics of interest. On occasion, we may visit another train club in the area, attend train shows, or visit a train museum.

Regular meetings are normally at the Plantation House, 2:00 PM, on the second Wednesday of the month. Our December meeting, however, will be a lunch meeting with details to follow.

Invited guests and newcomers are always welcome. Please consider attending.

For additional information, contact Bob Gluszik, at email: hhptrainclub@gmail.com or 843-415-5825.

Dog Club

Hello Dog Fans! Now that the weather is cooler, our thoughts turn to playing outside with our canine companions, and that brings to mind the kind of toy best used outside – balls.

The best toy balls can be found in your local pet store. You may have to pay a little more than you would at a grocery or discount store, but you are more likely to find a truly suitable toy ball. Shop carefully, considering the following characteristics:

Size – The ball must be too large for your dog to swallow, but not so large that he cannot clamp his mouth onto it.

Durability – The ball should be made of sturdy rubber or similar product with at least a little flex. Your dog should be able to sink his teeth into a ball when playing fetch.

Safety – A ball that is too hard can damage your dog’s teeth. One that is too flimsy can be torn into pieces that your dog can swallow. When playing, make sure that you are not near a street or other unsafe area, so that your dog won’t inadvertently run into danger when chasing an errant bounce. Some dogs don’t want to play fetch with a ball; they would rather push the ball around on the ground. In that case, select a large ball that they can easily see when it is right against their muzzle.

Speaking of safety, a new product has become available that can be a boon to pet parents who have a furry friend that frequently bolts. This small tag that hangs from your dog’s collar is essentially a GPS tracker that can send an alert by email, app, or text, via the AT&T cellular network. It’s waterproof and shock resistant. At $80, it’s pricey, but can provide much-needed peace-of-mind to the owner of a dog that tends to run away. For more details, go to GPS Pet Tracker and Activity Monitor online at: shop.whistle.com.

Next month: Chew Toys

Happy Dog Walking,

--Helen Collins  Secretary
tel. 843-689-9303
hmcollins@hargray.com

“Friendly Foodies”

Following a summer break, our cooking/dining club is back in full swing. Last month was an Octoberfest theme, and we will have 16 guests at 2 different homes in November utilizing the local bounty of the season. While our roster is full at the moment, we are happy to add interested residents to our wait list.

Contact Lynn at: Lynnjenningstaylor@gmail.com or 917-207-3233. Happy cooking!

Happy Fall Y’all!
Spring Lake Tennis Club

Spring Lake would like to congratulate four teams that qualified and played in the USTA Combo State Championships on October 19-23. They are as follows: women’s 65 & over 7.5 combo “SL Ageless Wonders” (captain Judy Larkin), men’s 65 & over 7.5 combo “SL Don’t Remember” (captain Eric Bretzel), women’s 40 & over 7.5 combo “SL Las Amigas” (captain Vilma Beitia), and women’s 18 & over 8.5 combo “SL Shot with a Chaser” (captain Amy Abernathy).

The Spring Lake winter schedule will consist of USTA Tri-Level teams, and Men’s and Ladies Interclub. Feel free to come out and “root” our teams on. You can call the pro shop for match times at 843-681-3626.

What a difference a year makes! Last year Hurricane Matthew cancelled our Octoberfest Tennis Social; Hurricane Irma tried, but failed. This year over 50 people played tennis and enjoyed the German grilled brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, hot pretzels, and delicious desserts – all made by the Tennis Social committee members.

Nothing beats home cooking and grilling – WUNDERBAR! The tennis was as hot as the brats and pretzels. We worked off the calories playing, only to put them back on as we enjoyed the company of our fellow tennis players on the “Biergarten Pro Shop Patio”.

Now we’re all looking forward to the New Year, and our kick off tennis social event – the “Holiday Hangover Party” on New Year’s Day. Here comes 2018! It’ll be here before you know it. Stay warm on the courts. Winter is nearly here.

--Brian Doyle

(above) Grill Master Dan Wojcikiewicz

(above) The crowd enjoyed the brats, pretzels, desserts, and much more!

(left, L-R) Ed Loeser, Pat Kenworthy, Lee Hakala, Anita Loeser, and Annie Hakala, enjoying grilled brats.

Big Band

The Big Band was back in October, after an early fall break, practicing at the Plantation House on Monday evenings. We welcomed some new players into the group and said goodbye to some others. Over the next few months the Band will be trying out new tunes to add to our repertoire as we look ahead to another busy season starting in January/February.

Happy Thanksgiving! --Mike Nicastre 860-638-7351 HHPBigBand2016@gmail.com

Rock & Blues Musicians Club

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM, Plantation House. Email asmithson69@gmail.com or call Tony Smithson for details. All ages, all genders, all skill levels are welcome.
Although Hurricane Matthew damaged numerous members’ boats and marina docks, the Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club (HHPYC) still prevailed with an abundance of events over the last year. Hurricane Irma delayed our September land/sail/cruise excursion to Beaufort until November. This event included guided tours of the Santa Elena monument and USMC museum located at Parris Island and Santa Elena History Center in Beaufort.

General meetings held monthly (except in the summer) feature catered dinners by local restaurants with guest speakers discussing marine-related topics.

Our November general meeting held at the Plantation House will highlight the year in review, including a slideshow of this year’s trips and events:

**March** – Savannah Yacht Club luncheon and cruise;

**April** – Southern rendezvous cruise to St. Simon’s Island;

**May** – Commodore’s Ball at the Country Club of Hilton Head;

**June** – Blessing of the Fleet in Port Royal Sound accompanied by a pig roast at the Plantation House;

**July** – Northern rendezvous cruise to Charleston;

**August** – Up the Creek luncheon and cruise on Hilton Head; Palmetto Bluff luncheon and cruise to Bluffton; the Change of Watch Ball in **December** gives us an opportunity to thank our outgoing Board of Governors as well as welcome the new regime. This is a dress up affair with a live band which provides a night of dining and dancing to end the year in style. HHPYC membership is available for HHP residents. For information visit our website: [www.hhpyc.org](http://www.hhpyc.org).

---Rick Sauers
Power Fleet Captain

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**Bunco**

We meet on the 3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, at Dolphin Head Recreation building.

---Joan Heller 843-681-4720

**Mah Jongg**

We meet every Tuesday in the Dolphin Head Recreation facility, 1:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to play, but please commit to play each week so that we have an idea of how many game sets and tables are needed. A current year’s game card (available online from the National Mah Jongg League) is necessary to play.

Interested parties, please email:

---Judy Finney judyLfinney@gmail.com
---Ellie Linscott linscott9070@roadrunner.com

**The Happy Times Party**

One Sunday a month, amiable HHP folks gather to share food, drink, and conversation, at one of the Plantation’s loveliest spots – Dolphin Head. No reservations, no RSVP, no meeting, no agenda, no dues – just a good time. Bring your own beverage and a contribution to the finger food table. Ice provided.

**Date:** 4th Sunday (except December)
**Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM
**Place:** Dolphin Head Recreation Area

For more information, call Dottie Distelheim at 843-342-6828. To get a monthly reminder, email: distel2380@yahoo.com.

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*(above, L-R) Sue and Jim Donham, and Tom and Anne Campbell.

*(above, L-R) Madeleine Thiessen, Theresa Schneider, and Linda Ackerman.
**Program** | **Instructor** | **Date/Days** | **Time** | **Place** | **2017 Fees**
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Chair Yoga | Gayle Caporale | Mondays | 4:00 - 5:00 PM | SLP | $6.00 = 1 ticket
Gentle Yoga | Gayle Caporale | Tues. & Thurs. | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | SLP | $55.00 = 10 tickets
Pilates | Holly Wright | Tues. & Thurs. | 8:30 - 9:30 AM | SLP | $100.00 = 20 tickets
Beginner Pilates | Holly Wright | Tuesdays | 9:40 - 10:40 AM | SLP | $142.50 = 30 tickets
Low-Impact Aerobics | Louise Lund | Mon. Wed. Fri. | 8:30 - 9:30 AM | SLP | $180.00 = 40 tickets
Total Body Cond. | Louise Lund | Mon. Wed. Fri. | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | SLP |
Total Fitness | Vilma Beitia | Mondays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | SLP |
Total Fitness | Jackie Spindel | Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:30 PM | SLP |

You must use a 2017 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the above classes. Tickets are available for purchase at the POA Service Center and the Plantation House. (* 2016 Universal Tickets will not be accepted. *)

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**Qigong Class - New Year New 6-week session**

Qigong (chee gong) is an ancient Chinese healthcare system that was developed before the written word in Chinese monasteries, hospitals, and imperial courts. It integrates movements, breathing techniques, focus attention, and self-applied massage. Qigong means cultivating or working with energy and is practiced for health maintenance, increased vitality, and inner peace.

Our instructor, Bénédicte Gadron, will be teaching a six-week session beginning Monday, January 8. Classes will be held on Mondays at the Spring Lake Pavilion from 4:20 – 5:20 PM. The new class session runs January 8 through February 12, and the cost is only $40/person for the entire session. If interested, please sign up at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090.

**Dates:** Mondays, January 8 through February 12  
**Time:** 4:20 – 5:20 PM  
**Cost:** $40/person  
**Place:** Spring Lake Pavilion  
**Instructor:** Bénédicte Gadron

Qigong's great appeal is that anyone can benefit from practicing it, from the very young to the very old. The movements are easy to learn. They can be performed standing, sitting, or lying down, and can be adapted for physical limitations. No special equipment or clothing is required. A minimum is needed in order to have this class so sign up today!

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**2018 Universal Fitness Tickets on SALE beginning December 4**

For those HHP residents who attend any of the Universal Fitness Classes, the new 2018 tickets will go on sale beginning Monday, December 4. The 2018 tickets CANNOT be used for classes until January 2018.

- 1 ticket - $6.00  
- 10 tickets - $55.00 ($5.50 each)  
- 20 tickets - $100.00 ($5.00 each)  
- 30 tickets - $142.50 ($4.75 each)  
- 40 tickets - $180.00 ($4.50 each)

Due to the one week of canceled classes from Hurricane Irma, the Activities Department will accept exchanges of up to 5 Universal Fitness Tickets from 2017 for 2018 tickets.

No refunds will be given. For questions, please contact Chrissy at 843-681-8800, ext. 226. Tickets can be purchased at the POA Service Center or the Plantation House.
**Children’s Holiday Party**

The Children’s Holiday Party is only a month away! Don’t miss this year’s holiday fun! There will be yummy goodies, Christmas crafts, Millie and her puppets, and Santa – of course!

**Please sign up your child or children in advance by providing a gift for each ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN to be distributed by Santa during the party.** The gift should not exceed $10. Label each gift with YOUR child’s name and bring it to the Plantation House or the POA Service Center to be placed under the tree for the party **NO LATER** than Wednesday, December 6.

- **Date:** Sunday, December 10
- **Time:** 1:30 PM
- **Place:** Plantation House
- **Ages:** Children 8 and under
- **Admission:** A non-perishable food item
- **Deadline:** Wednesday, December 6

*Again, please remember to sign up your child or children **IN ADVANCE** by dropping off the gift that will be presented to each one of them during the party. We MUST have the gifts at the POA Service Center or Plantation House by the deadline in order for your child to attend the party!!

**Volunteers Needed**

Prior to the December holidays, volunteers will be needed to help decorate the inside of the Plantation House and the Spring Lake Pavilion. Parties start the first week in December so we could use your help! If you are interested in helping us, please contact Chrissy Kristian, 843-681-8800, ext. 226 or Sherrie or Margie, 843-681-8090.

- **Date:** Monday, November 27
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Place:** Spring Lake Pavilion

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 28
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Place:** Plantation House

**Light refreshments will be provided both days!**

**Thank you!**

**Community Blood Drive**

The Activities Department is teaming up with OneBlood for a community blood drive on Monday, December 11, between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM. OneBlood is a not-for-profit community asset. They are the sole provider of blood to the hospitals in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, and they have been serving the Hilton Head Hospital for almost a decade. Blood donated with OneBlood stays in our community to help the needs of our local patients.

- **When:** Monday, December 11
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- **Where:** Plantation House parking lot (inside the OneBlood Big Red Bus)
- **RSVP:** Margie at 843-681-8090

To schedule an appointment, call Margie at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090 today!
**Kids’ Night Out**

The Activities Department is hosting a fun-filled Kids’ Night Out on Friday, January 19, from 6:00-9:00 PM for all kids in grades K-5th for $7/child. The festivities will include a pizza dinner, karaoke, and conclude with the showing of the movie, “SING.”

To register, please see Margie at the Plantation House with your $7 BEFORE the deadline on Monday, January 15. Questions? Call 843-681-8090.

- **Date:** Friday, January 19
- **Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM
- **Place:** Plantation House
- **Cost:** $7.00 per child
- **Deadline:** Monday, January 15
- **RSVP:** Margie at 843-681-8090
- **Movie:** “SING” (Rated PG)

**Movie Description:** Dapper Koala Buster Moon presides over a once-grand theater that has fallen on hard times. An eternal optimist, and a bit of a scoundrel, he loves his theater above all and will do anything to preserve it. Facing the crumbling of his life’s ambition, he takes one final chance to restore his fading jewel to its former glory by producing the world’s greatest singing competition. Five contestants emerge: a mouse, a timid elephant, a pig, a gorilla, and a punk-rock porcupine.

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**Watercolor – Start to Finish**

Have you ever wanted to try watercolor painting but didn’t know where to start? Then this class is for you! Do you already paint in watercolor but would like some guidance? Then this class is for you, too! The Activities Department is excited to be partnering with LeAnn Kalita, local artist and HHP resident, on Thursdays beginning January 11 at the Spring Lake Pavilion to offer a series of watercolor painting classes. There will be lots of painting, sharing of information, individualized instruction, and always lots of laughs.

**When:**
- **Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25**
  - 1:00 – 4:00 PM
- and February 1 (one-day workshop)
  - 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**Where:** Spring Lake Pavilion

**Cost:** $220 for full session (OR $49/class and $90/workshop)

**Questions?** Margie at 843-681-8090

**Watercolor Basics and More** – Like a good New Year’s resolution, we will use January classes to improve on watercolor basics and strengthen skill levels.

Interesting shadows, leaving the white, juicy colors, adding “punch” to a painting, are just a few of the issues which will be addressed as we paint each day. Our full day workshop will allow us ample time to put it all together, plus more. All levels welcome. If interested, please sign-up at the Scheduling Office with Margie. Your check or cash payment IS your reservation. For questions, call 843-681-8090.

**Instructor Bio:** LeAnn fulfilled a life-long desire to paint when she first picked up a paintbrush 20 years ago and she’s been passionate about painting ever since. Her works have been juried into a variety of regional, national, and international exhibits receiving assorted awards including numerous “Best in Show”. In addition, her paintings were selected by the U.S. Dept. of State to be exhibited in U.S. embassies and she was included in the U.S. Dept. of State gift calendar – “Homage to American Women Artists”. Visit her online gallery at: www.leannkalita.com or contact:Kalitart@gmail.com.

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**Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Margie at 843-681-8090.**