This year's quorum (56%) was reached before the deadline. The Board is very pleased with the response and the POA staff is grateful for not having to make numerous last-minute telephone calls. The POA continued its incentive program for residents returning the 2013 Ballot and Proxy before the quorum deadline. And, the $200 incentive worked again!

At the Annual Meeting, Frank Wilcher, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced the happy winners of this incentive program who now have $200 to apply towards ARB fees, POA programs, or their 2014 assessment. They are: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ewell, Mr. Kenneth W. Galbraith, Col. & Mrs. Thomas Gallagher, Mr. & Mrs. Don P. Henderickson, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Malloy. Congratulations to the winners! (If you did not attend the Annual Meeting, your gift certificate was mailed to you.)

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27

POA and Scheduling offices will be closed. No classes.
President’s Report

When I moved to our wonderful Plantation almost 19 years ago, I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to serve as your POA Board President. I love living on HHP and have gained a real appreciation for the work of our fine Plantation management and staff, especially through serving on the Covenants Committee, chairing the Recreation Committee, and last year serving as your Vice President.

Thanks to all of you who voted, our governance process has once again worked successfully. The POA Annual Meeting marked the end of the year for the 2012-13 Board of Directors. Shortly after, the first meeting of the new Board was held at the end of a day of orientation. There are nine members of the Board of Directors, elected for three-year staggered terms to ensure continuity. Although the majority of the members remain each year, three members retire and you, the HHP property owners, elect three new members. According to the by-laws, a Board member may serve only two consecutive terms. The Board welcomes Ben Letizia back and looks forward to working with the newly-elected Board members: Pat Harlacher and Harry Meyers. It is always refreshing to hear new ideas and opinions.

Unfortunately, Werner Sicvol and Jim Ogden have left the Board. Werner has devoted ten years of service to the POA, including working with the Town on the Stormwater Management Agreement and recently on the Telecommunications Task Force. We will miss his wise counsel. Board President Jim Odgen served eight years on POA committees and the Board of Directors while maintaining his career as an architect and his active volunteer work. Jim’s soft-spoken manner and thoughtful opinions helped guide the Board through the process of building the Spring Lake Pavilion and the plan for improving the cellular coverage on the Plantation, which we hope to have completed by this year’s end.

Each Board member serves as the chairperson of a committee. These committees are advisory and provide information and recommendations to the Board. They pass on the concerns and interests of the residents to the Board. The committees consist of a staff member(s), a chairperson from the Board, and six or seven residents. This year’s assignments are:

- Architectural Review Board: Michael Keskin
- Communications: Harry Meyers
- Covenants: Jerry Cutrer
- Finance: Tom Hoppin
- Maintenance: Ben Letizia
- Nominating: Terry Conway
- Recreation: Pat Harlacher
- Security: Tom Kuczkowski

I look forward to serving as your Board President and to chairing a very able Executive Committee that includes Terry Conway, Vice President; Tom Hoppin, Treasurer; and Pat Harlacher, Secretary.

All of your Board members take our responsibility to best represent you seriously. The Board values your opinions and thoughts. If you want your feelings known, please use the Board hotline: 681-8800, ext. 9, or send a letter to the POA Service Center. Board meeting Minutes are available on the Plantation Website.

--Lois Wilkinson
General Manager’s Report

Welcome New Board Members
Congratulations to Ben Letizia, Harry Meyers, and Pat Harlacher for their election to the POA Board.

Recognition
I would like to thank retiring Board members Jim Ogden and Werner Sicvoll for their service to the HHP community. They, along with their fellow Board members, took on several difficult issues during their tenure. These individuals, along with the rest of the sitting Board members, are responsible for the completion of numerous projects throughout their tenure including the renourishment of the Pine Island Beach, the construction of the new Spring Lake Pavilion, a blueprint for improved cell phone and wireless data services, and the completion of the rearmoring of the Bluff along the Port Royal Sound. The leadership these individuals brought to the Board room has taken our community to yet a new and even higher level of appeal to the next generation of potential property owners. They will be missed. Hilton Head Plantation is a far better community due to the invaluable service they have provided.

We would also like to congratulate the following individuals for three years of continuous service as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Jonathan Doe, Recreation Committee; John Gilbert, Covenants Committee; John Holihan, Finance Committee; Audrey King, Communications Committee; Dave Morse, Maintenance and Recreation Committees; Al Persico, Architectural Review Board and Covenants Committees; Joseph Pesce, Architectural Review Board; Gordon Simmons, Architectural Review Board; Edna Wilcher, Maintenance Committee; and Robert Zinn, Architectural Review Board.

For six years of service as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Charlie Cherrix, Nominating Committee, and Patricia Harlacher, Security Committee.

For nine years of service as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Steve Cunniff, Recreation Committee, and Margita Rockstroh, Communications and Recreation Committees, and Gary Van Dam, Election Committee.

For twelve years of service as a member of one or more of the POA’s committees: Earle Nirmaier, Recreation Committee, and Dick Waltz, Nominating Committee.

The POA Board also recognized the following members for making a special contribution over the past year: The Avid Gardeners for their generous donation of the flagpole for the new Spring Lake Pavilion; Ernie Elliott for his continued community service and commendable work installing a vehicle wash rack in the POA’s Maintenance Yard; The HHP Fishing Club for their donation of an educational sign that provides the catch and weight parameters of the species of fish that is permitted to be kept if caught in saltwater; the Bocce Club for their donation of time and talent for a mentoring program for Kids Kamp; the HHP Train Club for their holiday design for the train layout at the Plantation House and providing guest engineers for children and family programs to enhance the enjoyment of the event; Tom Kuczkowski, Maury Tepper, and Freddie Hodges for their work reviewing and revising the Standard Operating Procedures of the HHP Security Department; Roger Benning for his generous donation of time and talent to build the tennis shed for the Spring Lake Racquet Club; David Drake for his assistance with the incident involving Security Officer George (Skip) Reuscher who was hit by a car during an incident at the Cypress Gate on October 21, 2012.

In 2001, we started a process that recognizes POA staff members for certain milestones of service to the Hilton Head Plantation community. This year’s recipients include: For five years of service: Chydonna Chambers, Front Desk Receptionist; Chrissy Fly, Director of Activities; Cpl. Raymond Gibbo, Security Department; and Lt. Edward Sutton, Security Department. For ten years of service: Cpl. Tomika Busby, Security Department. For fifteen years of service: Art Benoit, Chief of Security; Dianne Masales, Administrator of ARB/Covenants; and Dick Wirth, ARB Consultant.

May Coffee with Peter
Our next Coffee is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 4:00 PM. Besides our usual updates, Richard Cyr, General Manager of our local water PSD, will be our special guest. If you are new to our community, this is a great way to become acquainted with the workings of the POA. As always, the coffee will be hot and fresh and the donuts and other goodies plentiful.

Marketing and Representing HHP
As evidenced by our continuous improvement of the Plantation’s infrastructure and facilities, Hilton Head Plantation continues to shine as the most desirable residential community in the Hilton Head area. The Board and staff are constantly striving to maintain that position and enhance the value of HHP properties. In these parsimonious times, we continue to set ourselves apart by making fiscally sound improvements that both augment the beauty of the Plantation and provide other dimensions of recreation. The Spring Lake Pavilion has been completed, the POA has an open permit to renourish the Pine Island Beach for the next nine (9)

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years within the limits set by DHEC, the Bluff Revetment project has been completed – safeguarding a cherished amenity known as the "Bluff walk", a new electronic announcement board has been installed at the Cypress Gate, and the Spring Lake Racquet Club has been given an overall facelift.

All of these improvements are designed to keep Hilton Head Plantation fresh and enhance property values. Please remember that we are all ambassadors for Hilton Head Plantation. The most valuable endorsement of HHP comes from you. It's our collective responsibility to advocate for the great place we call home. Here are a few key points to remember for your "elevator" speech: HHP is a residential community; we have an abundance of natural beauty, 4 golf courses, 12 Har-tru tennis courts, 10 miles of leisure paths, a full-service country club, a new state-of-the-art community center (Spring Lake Pavilion), a 4-diamond fine dining restaurant (The Old Fort Pub), outstanding security, a marina, miles of beaches, playgrounds, Seabrook Farms, the Bluff walk, Whooping Crane and Cypress Conservancies, the Dolphin Head Recreation area, a diversity of house styles and price points; we are entirely debt-free due to sound fiscal management; we have activities for every age group; we are family and kid friendly; and we have one of the lowest annual assessments in the area. These are just a few points to get you started.

Photo ID and House Guest Card Validation Stickers
Your Photo ID and House Guest cards will need to be validated for the 2013 season. You can get your cards updated by visiting the POA Service Center at 7 Surrey Lane. To be eligible to receive your sticker, you must be a member in good standing; i.e. assessments paid, no outstanding fines, or covenant violations.

Projects

Cypress Gate Project
As part of this year’s paving repairs, we are going to be replacing a section of the asphalt roadbed adjacent to the inbound lane of the Cypress Gate with a stamped concrete product similar in design to the application at the Main Gate's inbound lanes. The next time you are using the Cypress Gate, please take note of the condition of the asphalt immediately adjacent to the podium where the Security Officer stands. The asphalt is rutted and raveled in that area. This is due to all the vehicles constantly stopping. Larger vehicles take more of a toll in that location. To mitigate this phenomenon, we will be installing this concrete product, which is not prone to rutting or raveling (characteristic of an asphalt application). The stamped concrete has the side benefit of giving a slight rumble to the driver which tends to aid in slowing vehicles down as they approach. This project will involve some temporary lane closures while the prep work and concrete cures. We will keep you informed as this project gets closer to commencement. The work is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 15. Please use the Main Gate to avoid delays while the project is underway. The automated lane will be used for all traffic entering the Cypress Gate during the construction phase of the project. We will keep you posted via email blasts and the two announcement boards as to the exact dates of the project.

Road and leisure path repairs for identified areas are underway.

Spring Lake Pool
The filter system at the Spring Lake Pool has been replaced with a new, more efficient filter system that is designed to hold up during the heat of the summer and maintain the clarity of the water.

Future Pool Renovations
Concept plans for a new design for the Spring Lake Pool area, which will include a boardwalk connection between the new Spring Lake Pavilion and the Plantation House, are underway. This may include new aquatic features such as a splash pad, zero entry area, several water features, and a lap pool area. We have instructed the land planners, Wood+Partners, to factor in the use of the newly renovated filter system. These plans are still in the concept stage and once reviewed by the Recreation Committee and the Board, we will have an opportunity for public comment. Funding has not been established for this project.

Cell Tower
Crown Castle Solutions is working with POA staff and the Town of Hilton Head on the preliminary work and permitting needed for the installation of the new monopole disguised as an evergreen tree to be installed between White Tail Deer Lane and Dolphin Head Drive. We will have more on this project as construction plans are firmed up.

Visitors
With spring upon us, please be aware there will be more visitors in the area. Be patient with those looking for their destination; we were all first-time visitors at one time and very unfamiliar with the area. The visitor driving pensively along our roadways may be the next potential buyer of one of our properties. Let’s make them feel welcome.

Stay Safe

Peter Kristian
Security - Traffic Safety

Some things to remember:

The driving behaviors associated with aggressive driving – speeding, stop sign running, following too closely, and others – are all present on the Plantation. In an effort to modify these behaviors, the POA Board has suggested the Security staff issue more state tickets as opposed to POA warning citations. This strategy is aimed at reducing our accident rate and slowing our aggressive drivers down.

To effectively address these safety issues, Security Officers on the Plantation are enforcing the state traffic laws aggressively. Traffic law enforcement is a time proven method of: increasing pedestrian safety, seat belt use, child safety seat use and helmet use, and reducing the incidence of impaired and aggressive driving.

If you are a motorist and you are stopped on our roadways, here are some ways to improve your traffic stop experience:

- Invoke the "Golden Rule" and treat the Officer the way you would like to be treated.

- HHP Security Officers are licensed in the State of South Carolina and have all the powers of a Sheriff’s Deputy while on HHP property.

- Remember that you are required to cooperate with all reasonable requests that a Security Officer may make.

- If an Officer signals for you to stop, remain calm and pull over safely.

- Based on the laws of the state of South Carolina, be prepared to produce your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance card.

- Remain in the vehicle unless the Officer instructs you otherwise.

- Once an Officer pulls you over, they are responsible for your safety and the safety of your passengers.

- Keep your hands visible.

- If you believe the reason for the stop is vague or unclear, you can ask the Officer for details.

- Remember, traffic stops are video taped.

- Procedural questions and concerns about an Officer’s demeanor can be forwarded to the Chief via phone, or stop in and we’ll chat in person.

Please don’t speed, drive aggressively, or drive while you are impaired. Always wear your seat belt and correctly buckle up any children who are riding with you. Obeying all the traffic laws is your best bet for arriving at your destination safely and avoiding a potential traffic stop.

Please Drive Safely.

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

Notice
Your interactions with members of the Security Department and the POA Staff may be recorded.
**“Harry Heron,” the Master Covenants Bird**

*This month’s focus: Be courteous to birds of a feather who don’t always flock together!*

**Courtesy** is an act that is often contagious. In March’s article, I pointed out the first signs of spring — how this gave many of us an opportunity to emerge from our winter cocoons and feel the excitement of a new season. With the days getting longer many residents are not only extending their outdoor activities, but they are doing so in a courteous manner and their actions are rubbing off on visitors and other residents alike. My regular morning routine puts me front and center looking to catch the first fish of the new day. However, our extended cold front this spring has given even me a reason to pause and stay nestled deep in my down cover allowing me to ignore the start of a new day and better justify the mentality of “What’s the rush?” ...there are many more fish to fish and more hours of daylight to get the job done. Besides, the courteous thing to do is to allow the next bird to get the first fish of the day! Boy, am I altruistic!

The start of a new spring season is a perfect time to review the Plantation’s Rules and Regulations, paying particular attention to the Pool Rules (hours of operation, the new no smoking rule), Fishing Rules (what lagoons to fish, hours to fish, the catch and release policy), and the regulations governing the Spring Lake Pavilion, Dolphin Head Recreation, and the conservancies (these facilities all post signs noting hours of operation). You can find a copy of the Rules and Regulations on the POA’s Website: [www.hiltonheadplantation.com](http://www.hiltonheadplantation.com) or stop by the POA Service Center to obtain a hard copy.

The other lesser known document is the Rules for Common Properties. This set of rules reference individual behavior while on common property — something we should incorporate into our daily routine especially when we encounter others. For example, be courteous when passing someone on our leisure paths from behind. Announce yourself by calling out “passing” or ringing your bike bell to warn of your approach. Remember, don’t fly off your perch (off the handle), when you’re almost thrown off balance as someone forgets to announce they’re approaching from behind. To all of our bikers who enjoy the rush of speed, I would like to suggest you slow down and add a BELL to your bike. The sound of a bell provides more of a warning than your voice. As another courtesy, mention the side you’re traveling (“passing on your left”). This simple gesture may prevent at least an awkward situation from occurring, and at most a rear end collision.

Rules, rules, rules, and even more rules — it does seem at times to be overwhelming. I overheard a disgruntled young duckling offer some wisdom to a gosling friend, “These Rules sound great when reading them in your nest; however, trying to apply them on the ‘fly’ can be a real challenge.”

Many have said that the squeaky landing gear gets oiled first; however, those that nurture relationships and pay constant attention to maintaining an ongoing rapport with their fellow beings never seem to run out of oil, let alone have a single squeaky wheel.

Keep in mind that slow and steady most always wins the race across the lagoon, or any other course for that matter.

**Happy Spring!  Harry**

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**Champagne Tour of the Cypress Conservancy**

Join us for a glass of champagne and a tour of the Cypress Conservancy Boardwalk. If you don’t know where it is, it’s time you discovered this lovely natural area right in our own backyard!

**Sunday, May 19, 4:00 PM**

The Boardwalk of the Cypress Conservancy located on Birdsong Way, off Seabrook Drive, near the Cypress Gate.*

The Cypress Conservancy is a 51-acre freshwater wetland containing the only remaining naturally occurring stand of Bald Cypress on the Island. Less well known than some larger conservancies on the Island, the Cypress Conservancy supports approximately 70 plant species and many wildlife species. Come take a walk along the boardwalk and get to know this special place.

*Hosted by the Hilton Head Island Land Trust. For more information, call Marty Hocutt at 682-3199.*

*Directions:  Take the left fork of the Birdsong Way circle, and proceed .4 mile. Parking is available along Birdsong Way.

**Rain date: Monday, May 20, 4:00 PM**
Lowcountry Nature:  **Bald Cypress**

Few plants are more symbolic of southern swamps and bayous than bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), a coniferous (cone-bearing) tree that dominated southeastern swamplands 45,000 years ago. Still found today along riverbanks and marshes, this tree is also planted as an ornamental far north of its native range; in fact, several cultivars of the species have been developed. Unlike most other conifers, bald cypress loses its needle-like leaves in winter (hence the common name “bald”), though in the South its branches are often draped year-round with long strands of Spanish moss.

Bald cypress trees can reach impressive heights of 80-120 feet — one specimen in Virginia holds the current record at over 144 feet tall. The trunk itself may be 3-4 feet across, spreading out at the base. Remnants of Native American dugout canoes made from cypress trunks are estimated to date back over 4,000 years, and the oldest living bald cypress, in North Carolina, is over 1,620 years old. Unfortunately, because of extensive logging during the early twentieth century, only a few old-growth stands of bald cypress remain; the best examples are in Florida's Corkscrew Swamp and the Three Sisters tract along North Carolina’s Black River.

A distinctive feature of bald cypress is its production of numerous woody, knobby “knees” in a spreading pattern around the trunk. These odd-looking structures, each unique in size and shape, arise from the root system and project up through the soil or swamp water. Older trees, and trees growing in deep or flowing water, tend to produce taller and more substantial knees, which can reach heights of 8-10 feet or more. In mature swamps it’s often hard to tell which knees belong to which bald cypress, since the roots of adjacent trees tend to grow together into an interlocking support system.

The adaptive function of cypress knees is still poorly understood. Biologists once assumed they function in gas exchange, providing extra oxygen to the roots, but there’s scant evidence for this. It’s more likely that knees strengthen the tree’s extensive root system, giving anchorage and support in wet substrates and buttressing the tree against strong winds.

In wetlands, bald cypress forests provide food, cover, and nesting areas for many birds and mammals. Seeds from the cones are eaten by squirrels, wild turkeys, and a host of waterfowl. Ospreys and Bald Eagles build nests in the tops of large, old cypress trees and Prothonotary Warblers nest in knee cavities. Hollow, submerged cypress logs are common spawning sites for catfish. Humans have used the oily resin from cypress cones to make a balm for wounds and rashes, and the durable water-resistant wood has been prized for furniture, shingles, flooring, railroad ties, fence posts, and ornamental carvings.

One man, Tom Gaskins, was so fascinated by bald cypress knees and their diversity of shapes and sizes that he amassed a huge collection and opened a popular roadside museum near Palmdale, Florida. The museum eventually closed down after Gaskins’ death in 1998, but to read more about cypress knees and this unusual tourist attraction, see: [http://kozmicdreams.com/tomgaskins.htm](http://kozmicdreams.com/tomgaskins.htm).

--Vicky McMillan
Plantation Golfing
by Jerry Cutrer

Country Club of Hilton Head

The Country Club of Hilton Head opened its 2013 competition season with the appropriately named "Chili Open" tournament. The day started with plenty of sunshine, but a cold front moved in and had the 68 participants scrambling to finish and head into the warm clubhouse for a bowl of chili and all the fixings. Barbour Childress, Ken Buckalew, and Kitty and A.J. Ferrari repeated as Mixed Flight winners, while Barry Dickinson, Michael Keskin, Mark Henrichs, and Bob Clemens captured the Men's Flight Championship (photo at right). Lois Smith warmed up the competition with a hole-in-one on number 14.

CCHH offers comprehensive golf instruction programs including beginner and intermediate adult classes as well as individual golf lessons. Director of Golf Instruction Jeff Picus’ popular junior golf activities feature a Junior Pee Wee Golf Academy for ages 5-8, Junior Beginner to Intermediate Player’s Academy, and Junior Intermediate to Advanced Academy for ages 7-18. The Club also operates week-long Golf Camps during the summer months. Participation is open to all area junior golfers; CCHH membership is not required. The Country Club golf course has two sets of junior tees and has been registered as an official U.S. Kids Golf and PGA Certified Family Golf Course.

(Dolphin Head Golf Club

Dolphin Head Golf Club hosted the 4th Annual Wine & Nine Charity Event. Over 115 members and guests enjoyed nine holes of golf with wine and hors d’oeuvres on the golf course and returned to the clubhouse for a cocktail party and silent auction. Thanks to the generosity of the Hilton Head community, 140 items including art, wine, gift baskets, and golf trips were donated and auctioned off with $3,630 raised for three local charities: Hope Haven, Family Promise, and Memory Matters.

(L-R) Judy Walsh, Cis Muehlberger, and Diane Lukas chaired the DHGC Wine & Nine Charity Event.

(L-R) Jim & Jan Stroh and Rocco & Kerstin Yannarell — winners of the 2013 Wine & Nine Scramble.
Bridge Winners

PH Ladies Bridge
March 8 - Winners
1. Audrey McClain
2. Gloria Campeau
3. Jeanne Napier

March 22 - Winners
1. Emily Eastman
2. Jeanne Napier
3. Sue Creighton
4. Elle Yanofsky

PH Informal Bridge
March 26 - Winners
1. Peggy Alexander
2. Rick Perrini
3. Evelyn Kowtko

PH Team Bridge
March 5 - Winners
1. Josephine & Paul Natale
2. Crystal & Norm Kronenberg
3. Barbara & Don Edwards
4. Don Peterson & Richard Galigher
5. Peggy & Dave Alexander

March 19 - Winners
1. Minnette Paulsen
2. Sigrid Peters
3. Gloria Campeau
4. TIE: Mary Lou Meinholz and Dorothy Feind

Intermediate Mah Jongg
We meet the 1st, 4th, and 5th Fridays at Spring Lake Pavilion, 11:00 AM.

Contact: Peggy Tower 681-2126 or Audrey Callahan 342-2507.

International Club
The International Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month (except during summer hiatus), 11:00 AM, at the Plantation House.

--Carlton B. Dallas 843-290-8668 email: cdallas@DallasInternationalTrading.com

Dog Club
Hello, Dog Lovers! At last, spring is finally in full bloom. To dog aficionados, that means outdoor time with our canine companions, enjoying leisurely walks and romps in the backyard. As you venture forth, don’t forget that dogs can be affected by seasonal allergies just as you can. You may see the obvious signs — watery eyes and sneezing — in your pet, but more often licking and chewing are the symptoms. A quick perusal of the Website for Veterinarian Doctors Foster and Smith: www.drsfostersmith.com yields the following information:

Atopy is the most common form of allergy in dogs and cats. Atopy is often seasonal. If a pet is allergic to ragweed, symptoms occur in the fall. Pets who are allergic to spring tree pollen will show signs in April and May. If a pet is allergic to dust mites, the symptoms may be most dramatic in the winter, when more time is spent inside. Signs of atopy include: chewing at the feet, constant licking of the flank (side) and groin area, rubbing of the face, inflamed ears or recurrent ear infections, recurrent hot spots, and asthma-like wheezing and respiratory problems.

Since we’re on the topic of allergies, pet owners need to be aware that food allergies often have the same symptoms as seasonal allergies. With food allergies, dogs may scratch or lick the face, feet, trunk, limbs, or anal area. They may have ear problems, which are often yeast-related, or skin infections. If your pet is showing signs of an allergy, consult your veterinarian. None of us wants our beloved companions to suffer needlessly.

Speaking of the great outdoors, the Dog Club is taking advantage of the springtime weather to host a Dog Obedience Lesson on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 PM in the field near the Plantation House. Drew Kaufman, Certified Dog Trainer, will provide a learning opportunity which we hope will enhance the time you and your dog spend together. Bring Fido and join the fun this Wednesday at 6:00 PM!

Would you like to join the HHP Dog Club? We have discontinued the practice of requiring annual dues, so all you will need to pay is a $20 fee per family for a lifetime membership. Contact me by email or phone for details. If you joined in the past, but have become inactive, give me a call and I’ll change your status to active.

Happy Dog Walking,
--Helen Collins
Secretary, HHP Dog Club
tel. 689-9303 email: hmcollins@hargray.com

Plantation Living, a Newsletter for Residents of Hilton Head Plantation
**Fishing Club**

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, **April 24**, 6:00 PM, at the Plantation House. The dinner theme is seafood. The speaker will be Chad Holbrook, who is a Fisheries Biologist with the SC Department of Natural Resources. He will speak on “Pond, River, and Lake Freshwater Fishing”. Hopefully, that lecture will inspire more members of the Club to take advantage of the wonderful lagoon fishing available in Hilton Head Plantation.

At the Plantation’s Annual Meeting on March 23, the Fishing Club was again recognized by Plantation management. This time, we were thanked for donating the funds which paid for the Fish-Recognition Sign located at the weir-end of Spring Lake. If you haven’t seen that sign, go take a look. It shows pictures of fish likely to be caught in Spring Lake together with catch and size limits if an angler chooses to keep his catch. The sign also points out that a South Carolina Saltwater Fishing License is required to fish in Spring Lake.

Also, take a look at the new plaque at the Spring Lake Pavilion where the Fishing Club is prominently listed for the donation by the Club at large and for the specific donation by Evie Kowtko given in Don’s memory.

The Plantation Activities Department has scheduled a Skin Cancer Seminar for the evening of **Tuesday, May 7** (see page 22). Fishing is one activity where exposure to the sun is a given. Anyone who spends time in the sun who hasn’t brought themselves up-to-date on this subject should consider attending this program.

Kids Kamp starts the week of **June 17** and ends during the week of **August 5**. The Fishing Club is an integral part of that activity and we will be needing many volunteers. Please plan to do your part. We are tentatively scheduling a fishing program for The Heritage Girls Organization similar to what we did for the Girl Scouts in 2011. We will be needing volunteers on Saturday, **April 27**.

It has taken a little longer for the lagoon waters to warm up this year. Until they do, activity of the normal cast of characters in our ponds will be low. The best water temperature range for largemouth bass fishing is between 65° and 75° F with the optimum about 72° F. For our bluegill population, the range is between 65° and 80° F with the optimum at 73° F. The range for catfish is between 67° and 85° F with the optimum being 77° F. The temperature in Seabrook Lagoon on March 14 was 52° F. While you are waiting, now is the time to change out your line, or at least strip off a good bit. Retie your knots, oil your reels, replace rusted hooks, and get ready for the fish when they wake up.

For information about the Club, call Dave Morse at 682-2356. For fishing info, call Gary Turner at 342-3254.

---Earle Nirmaier

**HHP Model Train Club**

The March Train Club meeting was held at the home of Frank Gleva — one of our members. The main feature of this visit was the incredible layout Frank has built in his train room. The train table alone is a magnificent work of carpentry, having two levels for train tracks and slide-out drawers with operating controls, all made from beautiful oak wood. The track is Atlas O gauge, three rail. The trains, buildings, and accessories are almost all from the pre-war Lionel tinplate era. Pre-war tinplate trains are brightly colored, very sturdy in construction, and for many they bring back fond memories of simpler days gone by.

Much of Frank’s collection is new and is currently made by MTH. This company manufactures pre-war Lionel products to look and function exactly like the originals. The magic of tinplate is that the trains themselves are the stars of the show as they clank and clatter around the track.

No single product has come to symbolize the legend of Lionel more than the Lionel ZW transformer, with its iconic design. Frank has installed the latest, most powerful, Lionel transformer to power his layout. This is the ZW-L TRANSFORMER — a new and more advanced version of the classic Lionel ZW.

The Club meets monthly from October to June, 7:00 PM, the **second Wednesday of the month** at the Plantation House.

For more information contact David Argent at 314-409-4304, or Dave Garceau 843-342-6023, or hhptrainclub@gmail.com.

---David Argent
Women's Club

The HHP Women’s Club Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 14, at the Sonesta Resort in Shipyard Plantation.

Invitations have been mailed to members with details and reservation instructions. The theme for this year’s event will feature a fashion show and a baby shower. The fashion show will be entertaining and fun for the attendees while the baby shower will allow us to assist less fortunate women and infants in our community. Please plan on bringing an unwrapped gift for a baby boy or girl to the luncheon. Items such as clothing, disposable diapers, t-shirts, bibs, receiving blankets, and other needed baby items will be greatly appreciated.

Please consider assisting in Club activities and events to ensure that the current level of programming is continued. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. You may indicate your interest by completing a HHPWC volunteer form.

The luncheon marks the close of the 2012-2013 Club year. Make a note on your calendar to look for information in July’s Plantation Living about the kickoff luncheon to be held in August for the 2013-2014 Club year. The August event provides an opportunity to learn about and join various activities that are sponsored by the Women’s Club.

You can become a member of the Women’s Club by sending a check for $15 to HHPWC (include your name, street address, telephone number, and email address) to Nancy Keese, 5 King Oak Court, HHI 29926. If you have questions, contact Nancy at HHPWC1@yahoo.com or call 715-0840. Joining is easy; refer to our Club section at: www.hiltonheadplantation.com where you will find the membership form.

--Shirlene Post

Vino Formaggio Group

The Vino Formaggio Group offers wine tasting opportunities for the novice to develop an appreciation for various wines; the making of red and white wines, champagnes, etc.; the pairings of wines with cheeses, and wine etiquette. Wines tasted can be purchased at a discount the day of the tasting. Reservations and payment must be made prior to the date of the event.

If you are interested in wine tasting, please contact either Linda Jones 342-6425 or Lynda Casper 683-9244. You must be a current member of HHP Women’s Club to join.

HHPWC’s Book Clubs

The HHPWC has several active book clubs. There are two requirements for belonging to a book club: 1) You love to read and discuss books; and 2) You must be a member of the Hilton Head Plantation Women’s Club.

There are currently no openings for new book club members. If you would like to join a book club, please contact Claire Lobel at mcpobel@aol.com or 681-8183 to be put on the waiting list. Readers will be placed as openings become available.

Keyboard Club

The Electronic Keyboard Club is looking for NEW members. If you can play a little piano, then you can play the keyboard. If needed, we can loan you a keyboard. We play for parties and sing-a-longs.

For more information, call Sally Davis at 689-2674.
**Out to Lunch Bunch**

It's finally April and the weather is getting warmer, flowers are blooming, and soon it will be swimming weather. But for the OTLB, it means it's our last luncheon for the 2012-2013 schedule. As stated in last month's article, it will be at Bistro 17 in Shelter Cove, on Wednesday, **April 24**. If you haven't made your reservation yet, you must do so by **April 18**, by sending a check for $23 and your luncheon choices to Mary Ruberti, 6 Sea Trout Court, HHI, SC 29926.

For Bonnie and me, it will be our last luncheon as co-chairs. It has been such a wonderful experience. We have met and become friends with so many great women, and we look forward to seeing all of you in the future at HHPWC meetings and OTLB luncheons.

Since we will no longer be the co-chairs, the HHPWC is looking for volunteers to replace us. Please think about it; you'll be glad you did.

Questions? Call:  
- Mary Ruberti 342-3956  
- Bonnie Sudduth 384-5231

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**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 342-2185  
- Barbara Bitner 341-3304

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**Cheers by the Sound**

Come and greet dear friends and make new ones at Dolphin Head Recreation Area. Bring an hors d’oeuvre for eight, a serving utensil, your favorite beverage, paper plates, cups, and napkins.

- **Day:** 2nd Monday of the month
- **Time:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- **Place:** Dolphin Head Rec Area

No reservations are necessary – just show up. For information, call Margita Rockstroh, 682-3171.

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**The Lucky Shots**

This is a group for fun-loving women who like to play golf. If you aren't too serious, but enjoy playing the game, this may be for you. We play 9-holes, usually on Monday mornings at Pinecrest Golf Club in Bluffton followed by lunch (optional). If you would like to meet some new friends and have some laughs while playing golf, contact us. No fee is required although you must be a current member of HHP Women's Club to join. For more information, contact:  
- Nancy Meyer 682-4060  
- Trish Ouellette 342-2534

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**The Alley Gators**

Ladies, this is a new bowling group that you have been waiting for. This will be an afternoon of guaranteed fun and laughs. We'll be rolling the ball the **3rd week of the month on Thursdays, 2:00 PM, at the Main Street Bowling Center**. No Club fee is required, although you must be a current member of HHP Women's Club to join. The bowling cost is $9.00 for three (3) games and there is an additional cost for shoes if needed.

For more information, contact:  
- Kathy Strohmaier 341-3223

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**Island Hoppers**

Spring is in the air and we will truly appreciate the Southern spring when we take our final trip of the season to Sumter, SC. We'll be visiting Swan Lake Gardens on Thursday, **May 2**. We'll be treated to a docent-guided tour of the lake, which is home to all eight species of swan as well as some of the most extensive plantings of Japanese Iris in the United States. Lunch will be at Hampton's Restaurant followed by a tour of downtown Sumter. Cost is $55.

Mark your calendar for Friday, **June 7** to attend our season-ending luncheon at the Plantation House. All Island Hoppers are invited!

You must be a member of HHPWC and Island Hoppers to participate.

Any questions, call:  
- Pauline Ross 689-3294  
- Shirley Forder 342-7181
Caregivers Support Group

Attention all family caregivers and those caring for a loved one! The Caregivers Join Hands support group continues to meet at The Cypress - TV Room in the Clubhouse. Just enter the Clubhouse and bear right to the concierge desk. Let the concierge know that you are going to the TV Room next to the Residents Services Office for a caregiver group meeting.

This monthly support group meets the 3rd Friday of the month from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This is a free of charge support group for anyone responsible for the ongoing personal care and medical care of a loved one.

Come to the group to address your caregiver challenges, learn from each other, prevent caregiver burnout, manage your personal stressors, and connect with others for mutual help and support. This group is focused on your wellness and self-care and is facilitated by a professional clinician and Hilton Head Plantation resident: Ann Martel, LISW-CP.

Ms. Martel is a SC licensed independent social worker and an elder care advocate. She is a 30 year-plus, seasoned clinician with medical, home care, and hospice experience. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ann Martel preferably via email: amartel@hargray.com or leave a message at (843) 785-5995.

Dance Club

Join us at the Hilton Head Plantation Dance Club. The Dance Club meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 PM, at the Plantation House.

You do not need to know how to dance as basic dancing is the current level for most members. However, if you are already an experienced dancer, this is a good opportunity to learn some new, advanced steps from a professional dance instructor. Classes include learning to foxtrot, swing, waltz, South Carolina shag, as well as Latin dances.

You can join at any time. There is a nominal fee of $6.00 per person to cover expenses. There are no other dues and you pay only for the classes you wish to attend.

If you would like to join us or would like more information, call Charlie/Joan Forton at 681-4761 or Dick/Marion Gosson at 343-7482.

Men’s Cooking Club

Enjoy cooking and want to learn more?

Men’s 2nd Wednesday Cooking Club

[This group is now full.]

This group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12 Noon until 2:00 PM, at the new Spring Lake Pavilion. We each demonstrate our favorite meals on a rotating basis. Initial membership is limited to 12 members. Can’t cook? Come anyway! For more information, or if you are interested in attending, call Joe Sanker at 682-2615.

Men’s 4th Tuesday Cooking Club

[This group has three openings.]

Due to popular demand, and over subscription, the HHP Men’s Cooking Club started a second division that meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. While the meeting place will generally be at the new Spring Lake Pavilion, some of the members elect to host their cooking presentation at their respective homes. For information, call Steve Strom at 342-2838.
Farmers Club

From the unseasonable cold of March, we have finally reached the toasty days of April, my favorite month of the year on the Island. Try to get all your vegetables planted this month except for field peas, okra, and for the adventurous — peanuts. Your children and grandchildren will love growing them. Sweet potatoes may also be planted a little later if you have enough space. Last year I sprouted some, planted two, and got quite a nice harvest. I'm still finding them as I fork the soil looking for nutgrass to throw out.

Asparagus is coming up rapidly now. A good way to harvest it over a longer period is to divide the plot into four sections. Cut all the spears in the first section for six weeks. Then cut down the plumes in the second section. It will send up new shoots which you may cut for six weeks and so forth into the third and fourth sections. Be sure to fertilize and mulch it well to keep the weeds down.

Weeding well is imperative now. If you let them go, your plot will be a jungle by June. Remember, we have tillers for your use in the shed. Please clean them well before returning.

Onions should be ready to harvest soon — when the tops begin to yellow. Let them dry in the sun for a few days for better curing, then store them in a cool, dry place. Garlic should be ready about the same time. Dig deep to find the bulbs. Sugar snap and other peas, as well as radishes and cabbage, add to our harvest, and carrots and beans are welcome, too.

Watch for small holes in the leaves of your potatoes and eggplant indicating flea beetles. Spray or dust with Sevin once or twice following the instructions carefully. Neem oil is a great organic product for insects and diseases. And aspirin water made by diluting 3/4 of a pill in a gallon of water has been helpful on puny-looking plants.

When the market opens on Saturday mornings in May, we would be most grateful for any produce that you can spare. Come for a visit or buy yourself some flowers or veggies that you didn't have room for.

Check out our website at: www.hhpfarmers.com for helpful advice or to learn the names of your neighbors. Questions gladly answered at mastergardener4@hhpfarmers.com or 342-5884.

--Diane Middleton
mastergardener4@hhpfarmers.com

HHP Softball Club

The mission of the Club is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for slow-pitch softball participants. Our members benefit from an organized physical and mental activity with community neighbors. The Club is open to all residents of HHP regardless of age, ability, and gender. We especially need more female players as we play against local senior co-ed teams.

We practice hitting and fielding drills on Tuesdays, 1:30 PM, at the field near the POA Service Center. Every month we schedule competitive and friendly games at Sun City, Barker Field on the Island, and other local fields. Our roster members choose which, if any, games they wish to participate in.

In March, your HHP Senior Sluggers enjoyed a well-earned victory against senior players at Sun City. In our inaugural visit to The Landings community on Skidaway Island, GA, the team suffered a "heart-breaking" 17-16 loss to their well-balanced team.

We enjoy our team camaraderie and the encounters with other senior teams. There is always good sportsmanship and encouragement offered by the players on both sides. The Club has recently upgraded our equipment and we have extra gloves for use, if needed. Come join us!

Call Bob at 715-2516 to be added to the email roster. Contact HHPsoftball@aol.com if you have any questions.

--Jack Lopez, President
HHP Clubs

HHP Pickleball Club

The Club has flourished over this last year with the support of the Island Recreation Center and new players from all over Hilton Head Island.

This game is easy to learn and great fun to play while you are getting your cardio workout in for the day.

You can watch how pickleball is played by logging on to YouTube.com and entering the words “Pickleball Competition.” You can also come by and use our demo equipment to try it live!

Please contact BC Huselton at 843-342-5471 or email: bchuselton@gmail.com if you would like to be on the distribution list for scheduled play times at the Recreation Center. The typical schedule starting time is 9:00 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for all levels of play.

Address for GPS: Island Recreation Center
20 Wilborn Road, HHI, SC 29926. Coming via business 278: north to Gumtree Road. Turn right on Gumtree Road, go to second street on right (School Road), turn right. See sign ‘Rec Center.’ Go to stop sign (Wilborn Rd.), turn left, courts are off to the right. Park in adjacent lots.

--BC Huselton

Artists' Association

To: All Residents of the Plantation
You are Cordially Invited to Attend
The 29th Annual Art Exhibition of the Hilton Head Plantation Artists Association
At the Plantation House
Spring Fling
Opening Reception
Sunday, April 21, 2013
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served -- artistic hors d’oeuvres and wine

This is our annual spring event where great artwork will be on display and for sale. A portion of the sales will be given to charity. All residents of the Plantation are invited — tell your friends and neighbors to come and fling “Spring Season” with the artist community.

IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST or want to become one (painting, photography, collage, etc.) or are someone who appreciates art and wants to connect with artists, please feel free to come by and attend one of our meetings. It would be a good chance to meet some of our members and to get more information about the group.

For more information about our membership, you may call Jo Dye, our membership coordinator, at 689-3723. We have a diverse group of members at all levels from beginners to professional artists.

Need motivation! Come and see some artists who are painting together on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Plantation House. Please call Evelyn Kowtko at 681-6338 if you are interested in attending. Pack a lunch and prepare to be inspired!

--Jean-Marie Cote

Cardio Tennis

Heart Pumping Fitness

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10:30 AM, at Spring Lake Tennis, court 2

To sign up, either call the Club at 681-3626, or call Lou Marino, USPTA Cardio Tennis Coach, Cell 843-301-4453 (until 9:00 PM), or email: lwmarino@hotmail.com.

After-School Beginner Group Tennis

Now taking sign-ups. (Ages 6 - 10)
Where: Spring Lake Tennis Center
When: Weekdays (To Be Determined*)
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 PM
*For details, call: Lou Marino (843) 301-4453, or Spring Lake Tennis Center 681-3626.
Spring Lake Tennis Club News

It’s not too early to start reserving time for our Annual Spring Lake Wimbledon Team Tennis Tournament. In the past, the Tournament was spread over three days, but it was hard to get people to commit to all three days. So this year, we will be doing a one-day event. Individuals will have to play three matches (nine games per match), with two matches played in the morning, and the third in the afternoon. The awards party will follow the last match.

So mark your calendars:

Draw party will be Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 PM.

The Tournament will be Friday, June 7.

Looking for Competitive Tennis Players!

The HHP tennis challenge event of the year will be held on April 27 with Spring Lake hosting.

This event has been labeled the “Plantation Court Challenge” and pits the best from the Country Club of Hilton Head against the best from the Spring Lake Racquet Club to determine who will have bragging rights for the year. Currently, the Country Club has possession of the trophy, but Spring Lake is ready for revenge.

The format will be doubles combo matches at the 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 levels for men, women, and mixed doubles. Matches will be played simultaneously at both the Country Club and Spring Lake starting at 9:00 AM.

This year, the post event party will be held at the Spring Lake Tennis Center where food and beverages will be provided. The cost is only $10 per player and $5 for each non-playing guest who would like to attend the party.

A sign-up sheet is available at both pro shops. No partner — no problem — as the pros will pair you up.

Don’t wait. Sign up early as last year’s event filled up quickly.

--Neil Strohmaier, John Blake

Bocce Club

Our spring Bocce season is well underway. Red or green, win or lose, players are enjoying the games and the opportunities they afford in trying and/or perfecting new strategies. For example, many more players have been spotted banking the yellow pallino this season in an effort to gain an advantage over their opponents. But, this technique has oftentimes backfired when the opposing team seems to have mastered this tactic. Oops! Who would have known?

During these next few weeks, all teams will be vying for leading positions in their Divisions in order to compete in the playoffs, and hopefully continue on to the championship games, which are scheduled to be played on Saturday, May 11.

The Bocce Pot Luck Banquet will be held on the same evening (May 11), 6:00 PM, at the Spring Lake Pavilion. Hope you can all attend. Please bring a dish that will serve six (6) people. The cost will be $5.00 per person (more details via email).

We are proud to announce that at the POA Annual Meeting held on March 23, the HHP Board of Directors presented the Bocce Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for donating their time and talent with a mentoring program for Kids Kamp.

Bocce is an easy-to-learn game, and you don't have to be Italian to play. Contact Bob at 342-3115 or: rjbredin@roadrunner.com.

Good luck to all.

--Sandy Stern
The Avid Gardeners (TAG)

Magnus, Nemo, Orko, Plato, Q, Rocky, Saturn. As the winter storms named after Greek gods engulfed the nation, we remembered past winters and thanked the “gods” that enlightened us to settle in the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

Now that the threat of frost has passed, we can add new plants and return to full-time gardening. For our March meeting, we journeyed to Savannah for a shopping spree at the Secret Garden Nursery & Greenhouses. We eagerly await the results of our selections.

Fourteen TAG members are certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat associates. Diane Churchill, member of the Audubon Society and speaker at our February meeting, explained the procedure and encouraged more to participate.

Sandy Stern, Awards Chairperson, reported that as a result of our projects and achievements we received six 1st Place and two 2nd Place awards from the West Lowcountry District Council.

The Floral Arrangers guided by Olivia Ford and Nadine Korosi continue to meet the second Friday of the month. A recent class featured unusual reflective creations. The workshops are training sessions for our next Flower Show to be held in two years.

The Avid Gardeners continue to seek projects that complement our plantation. A flagpole, donated by TAG, has been installed on the grounds of the Spring Lake Pavilion. The HHPPOA recognized the donation at its Annual Meeting on March 23.

Carol Guedalia, horticulturist from The Greenery, will demonstrate how to create containers for small spaces, choosing color combinations, and grouping of containers for effect at our April 19 meeting. All HHP residents are welcome. A 9:30 AM social is followed by a short business meeting and then the speaker.

As has been our practice, our May meeting will include a tour of members’ gardens followed by an end-of-the-year luncheon at which next year’s officers will be installed. They are: Co-Presidents, Sarah Jebo and Pia Cannon; 1st VP/Programs, Eileen Creek; 2nd VP/Membership, Sharon Jaunsem; Secretary, Gail Ladwig; and Treasurer, Dick Phillips.

For further information, phone Sharon Jaunsem at 682-2262.

---Midge Kennedy

Yacht Club

The Yacht Club’s February 21 meeting with dinner catered by the Skull Creek Boathouse was another sold out event. The meeting featured a well-received lecture on bottlenose dolphins by Peter Schramm, Master Naturalist. The March 21 meeting featured a St. Patrick’s Day dinner and the Leprechaun had a special surprise guest performing magic for the group. A record group of new members was hosted by the Yacht Club Board for a party at the Spring Lake Pavilion on March 10. A day cruise to Harbour Town on March 28 with Bloody Marys on the Promenade and lunch at the Quarterdeck completed the month. Preparations are now underway for the Southern Rendezvous at St. Simons on April 25-26.

Enjoying the February dinner and dolphin talk are Ben and Chris Rush (above) and (right, L-R) Kathleen McPartland, Mike Finnerty, Joe McPartland, and Ethlyn Finnerty.

If you are a property owner in Hilton Head Plantation and have a boat registered in SC, you are encouraged to contact our Membership Officer, Steve Schlader, at 689-9937 or visit our Website at: www.hhpyc.org. In addition, new additions for the waiting list for Social Members (persons living on the Plantation with a past history and/or interest in boating) are encouraged. By joining, you can look forward to a great year of events with many new and old friends.

---Jim Ackerman

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.

Days: Mondays
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Place: Dolphin Head Rec Area
Contact: Jim Gorddard 689-3273
HHP Big Band

It’s been a busy time for the HHP Big Band. We had a return engagement at The Cypress on February 18 where we played to a full and enthusiastic house. Dr. McConnell never fails to be on his feet dancing to “New York, New York.” That was followed by our first performance at TidePointe on March 14. What a beautiful venue and a warm audience that was. On March 19, we played a full dance program for the Newcomers Club at Spring Lake Pavilion.

The “Big Night” of the month, however, was our Thank You concert on March 8. In spite of a last minute change of venue from Dolphin Head (too darn cold!) to the Plantation House (mega thanks to Chrissy Fly for getting the information out on the POA e-blast and Sharon White for putting it on the message boards), we had a SRO audience of very enthusiastic and appreciative neighbors. Not much room for dancing, but a few people did manage to find a space. Many thanks also to Keriann Ginter who was responsible for scheduling, advertising, and asking the maintenance people to set up the chairs, and Denise McAllister who put our “ad” in Plantation Living and fielded calls about the program. Their efforts really helped make the program a success.

We would also like to thank the clubs who have asked us to play at their events — the HH Ski Club, the Avid Gardeners, and the Newcomers Club. These gigs have supported our Gift of Music Fund, and made it possible for us to present a set of Suzuki hand bells to the children at the HHI Elementary School for the Creative Arts. We love to play, and we love to share our Big Band music with others, but being able to give something back to our community in this way makes it really worthwhile. Thanks to all of you for helping make that possible.

--Marianne Currie

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WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THESE SCARVES!!! The picture is great, but wait until you see one around your neck. Jane Alvarez, one of our most talented ladies, has another beautiful new item for you. These lovely summer scarves are 72” long, so they can be worn many ways. Right now, as I write this in March, Jane tells me there are 7 colors, 6 of each color, and she has finished 42. Hopefully, we will have at least 50 or more by the time of our Sale.

Several of you know Jane and have bought her necklaces for yourself and/or some in quantity for gifts. So far, she has sold over 500 necklaces and has added 6 new colors, making necklaces available now in a total of 36 different colors. Also, she has made some longer that do not tie but go over your head.

Pillows have been a big seller every year, but this year we will have some that are quite different. A friend of one of our members, who is a part-time resident, offered to make some for us if we would give her the fabric. At about the same time, we received a donation of some absolutely beautiful fabric which we passed on to the lady who offered to make the pillows. The result: large, gorgeous pillows. We will also have some special children’s pillows that our member Faye Reinhart has made.

Marie Stae will have lots of new cards, which are beautiful and reasonable. Also, she has several embroidered hand towels. There are still many new and creative items in the works that even I don’t know about at this time. So, come early and bring your Heritage guests, your friends, and your relatives. Be ready to enjoy yourselves as you browse and shop at our Sale. The value is unbeatable — get a headstart on your Christmas shopping. If you have any questions, please call me.

--Charlotte G. Ward 681-8407 email: cgwardhhi@roadrunner.com

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Plantation Living, a Newsletter for Residents of Hilton Head Plantation
**Newcomers Club**

"Oh, what a night...!" Pizza and Jazz at the Spring Lake Pavilion was a smash hit. A big thank you goes out to our sponsor, Foskey Heating & Air. Kudos to New York City Pizza for the outstanding food! We had a terrific turnout and best of all, everyone had a good time. Many laughs were shared as our members and guests danced the night away to music from the HHP Big Band.

We would also like to thank everyone who came out for the special "get acquainted" Coffee at Cathy’s on April 3. Present board members answered questions and shared how being a member of the Board has truly enhanced their experience in HHP. Don’t worry, not all of the Board positions are filled. If you are interested, please contact the current Board President, Dottie Byers at: president@hhpnc.com.

Our **April 30** meeting will again take place at the Plantation House. This time we will enjoy a Wine Tasting and small plate pairings hosted by Linda from The Wine and Spirit Shop at Shelter Cove. Please join us at 6:30 PM when the tasting will begin. Special thanks to Murphy Financial Services for sponsoring the event. It is sure to be a night to remember! Please RSVP online ASAP as the event is sure to sell out fast with limited seating and a price of only $10 per member.

Mark your calendars for our final event of the season, the annual Newcomers Sunset and Supper Cruise. The cruise is scheduled for **May 21** out of Shelter Cove Harbour. The supper will be catered by Bess’ Catering. This is a perennial sell-out so make sure to sign-up early for the event.

Lastly, we would like to remind you that the Newcomers Club is open to residents of all ages who have lived here for less than four years. Our meetings are held after business hours to make it easier for all of you young professionals to participate in our lively Club. With 172 active members, the Club provides the perfect opportunity to meet new folks in the community. If you would like to become a member, please contact Suzi Huisman at: membership@hhpnc.com or go to our Website ([www.hhpnc.com](http://www.hhpnc.com)) and fill out the new member form to join.

--Rick and Jamie Culbreth

**Green Thumbers**

The March meeting of the Green Thumbers was held at The Greenery and members, through the guidance of the helpful Greenery employees, selected various plants and herbs for making some very unique and beautiful spring container gardens. At the April meeting, Ron Weisburg of Lees Bees, shared his expertise on bees and beekeeping, and discussed the healing and medicinal benefits of honey.

**May 13** will mark our last meeting of the year. We will meet at the Spring Lake Pavilion at **11:30 AM** **(Note change of time from the usual 10:00 AM meeting time)** for a potluck lunch, plant exchange, and a review of the past year’s happenings. Members are asked to bring suggestions for possible ideas for future programs for the upcoming meeting year. Please RSVP to Nancy Meyer at NJM6409@aol.com if you plan to attend.

Watch for information in the August *Plantation Living* as to who to contact if you would like to consider being a member when our new year begins in September. Our meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month from September through May and membership dues are $12. Please be advised that you must be a current member of the Women’s Club in order to join the Green Thumbers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call one of us below. We look forward to seeing you on May 13.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call one of us below.

---Gail Gilbert, Publicity Chair
Co-chairs:  --Nancy Meyer  682-4060  
--Marianne Hartin  770-598-1533  
--Chris Cherrington  715-8134

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You must use a 2013 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the above classes. Tickets are available for purchase at the POA Service Center and the Plantation House.

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**Spring Trash & Treasure Sale!**

Saturday, April 27 — 12 Noon to 3 PM

Plantation House Parking Areas

*(In case of inclement weather, it will be MOVED to Sunday, April 28!)*

To reserve space and/or rent tables, complete the application and return it to the Plantation House by Monday, April 22. Space is limited. Questions? Call Hannah at 681-8090.

* A designated set-up time will be assigned to each spot when you make your reservation with Keriann. Required Fee: 10’ x 10’ space = $25. A 3’ x 6’ table can be added to your space for an additional $10.

### 2013 HHPPOA Trash & Treasure Sale Application

Name _________________________ Address ______________________ Phone ____________

Spaces at $25 each (Required) = $ ____________

Tables at $10 each (Optional) = $ ____________

Total amount of check to HHPPOA = $ ____________

Return the completed application & check (payable to HHPPOA) to the Plantation House or mail to:
Activities Department, P.O. Box 21940, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.

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*Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Hannah at 681-8090.*
KIDS KAMP 2013

Established in 1987, Kids Kamp has grown to accommodate more than 300 of our Plantation’s children each summer. Based at the Spring Lake Recreation Area, our expansive Kamp grounds provide a safe and comfortable environment where Kampers can play, learn, and grow together. Children are grouped according to age and grade. Each group’s Counselor Team plans the daily activities according to a weekly theme and the group’s ability. Previous Kids Kamp themes include Cartoon Mania Week, A Walk on the Wild Side Week, Holiday Week, and Rock, Rhythm & Roll Week. On Wacky Wednesdays, all Kids Kampers and staff show off their creativity by dressing according to the theme. On Fridays, the entire Kids Kamp comes together for a special event to wrap up the week with an exciting themed activity. Regularly scheduled activities include swimming, arts & crafts, field games, and fishing. Cooking, music & puppets, and nature are also incorporated into group schedules. Counselor to Kamper ratio = 1:10. You may register your child at the POA Service Center for the entire Kamp (8 weeks) or for one or more weeks.

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Time/ Days: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Monday – Friday
Registration: Began April 1 at the POA Service Center
Non-Refundable Deposit: Full Session - $100 per child; Weekly - $50 per child
Applications: Now available at the POA Service Center or Plantation House.
Age/ Grade Req.: Children who will enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2013 or who are five years old by November 1, 2013, to children who will enter 8th grade in the fall 2013.
Eligibility: Must be a child or grandchild of an HHP property owner or resident.

NEW Home Sense Series with The Home Depot

Date: Tuesday, April 23
Topic: Home Safety & Security

The Activities Department is once again teaming up with The Home Depot to offer a series of FREE How-To Clinics which will be held at the Plantation House. During this third and final clinic of the series – Home Safety & Security – a representative from Schalge & Baldwin Locks will talk about the new keyless digital lock systems. The Home Depot staff will also cover modern secure garage door opener technology, and a representative from 3M will explain the security window films which are now available.

This FREE clinic will be held at the Plantation House at 10:00 AM. If interested in attending, please contact Hannah at 681-8090 to reserve your spot today. The clinic will last approximately one hour with a Q & A period at the end. We hope to see you there!

Cooking Live

Just a reminder for those signed up for our Cooking Live classes. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

| * Sold Out * | April 24 | Sigler's Rotisserie |
| * Sold Out * | May 1    | One Hot Mama's      |
| * Sold Out * | May 15   | Wiseguys            |
| * Sold Out * | May 22   | Palmetto Bay        |
| * Sold Out * | May 29   | Sunrise Café        |
|            |          | Black Marlin        |

All classes will be held at the Spring Lake Pavilion on Wednesdays at 11:00 AM.

If you would like to add your name to the waiting list for a particular date, please contact Hannah at 681-8090.

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Hannah at 681-8090.
“Skin Cancer - Detection & Treatment” Seminar and Screenings

The Activities Department will be teaming up with Memorial Health on Tuesday, May 7, to provide **free skin cancer screenings** at 6:00 PM followed by a free seminar, **“Skin Cancer - Detection & Treatment,”** 7:00 PM, at the Spring Lake Pavilion. The free screenings **must be scheduled in advance** by calling the Scheduling Office at 681-8090.

**Date:** Tuesday, May 7  
**Time:** 6:00-7:00 PM - Screenings  
**(limited to 30)**  
7:00 PM - Seminar  
**Place:** Spring Lake Pavilion  
**Cost:** FREE  
**RSVP:** Hannah at 681-8090  
**Presenter:** Sidney Smith III, M.D.  
**Georgia Skin and Cancer Clinic**

The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes with a Q & A session to follow. If you are interested in attending, **please contact Hannah at 681-8090 to reserve your spot today.** Don’t forget – it’s free so we hope you will join us.

Dr. Smith will discuss:
- Signs of skin cancer
- Available treatments
- What you can do to prevent skin cancer

**Presenter’s Bio:** Dr. Smith is a graduate of Georgia State University and the Medical College of Georgia. He attended Vanderbilt University School of Medicine for internal medicine training and completed his dermatology residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center. He then completed his Fellowship for Mohs Skin Cancer Surgery at the Ohio State University, Department of Otolaryngology.

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Senior Living Symposium

The Activities Department is excited to be teaming up with the Lowcountry Senior Services Association on Thursday, May 21, from 2:00-3:30 PM for a **FREE Senior Living Symposium.** Whether you are preparing for your own senior living or seeking support for a loved one, you will receive both the information and resources you need. After a short presentation by our providers, you will participate in lively breakout discussion groups. You can also ask any remaining questions in the wrap-up panel session.

List of Providers include:

**Medical Support Services**
- Home Medical Equipment:  
  - Medi Home Care  
  - Savannah Mobility Sales

**Aging Planning and Management**
- Business Consulting:  
  - Mission Resources Group

**Aging in Place**
- Handyman:  
  - Pope Construction
- In-Home Care:  
  - Home Helpers of the Lowcountry  
  - Hospice Care of America
- Transportation:  
  - Palmetto Breeze

This Senior Living Symposium will be held at the Plantation House, and if you are interested in attending, please contact Hannah at 681-8090 to reserve your spot today. Complimentary light refreshments will also be provided. We hope to see you there! And, please feel free to bring a friend!

**Date:** Thursday, May 21  
**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM  
**Where:** Plantation House  
**Cost:** FREE!  
**RSVP:** Hannah at 681-8090
Deep-End Water Aerobics

Are you ready to get wet this summer? The Activities Department will be offering an EVENING Deep-End Water Aerobics class on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, June 4. The class runs from 5:30 - 6:30 PM and will be held in the deep-end of the Spring Lake Pool.

Deep-End Water Aerobics is a non-impact aquatic class with water resistance for overall conditioning using vertical positioning. Jogging and specific exercises will strengthen the back and abdominal muscles for a total body workout. This class will be a wonderful way to strengthen and tone your body!

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Begins: Tuesday, June 4
Place: Spring Lake Pool
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Cost: See Universal Ticket Matrix on page 20 for prices
Instructors: Tuesdays - Gretchen Spiridopoulos
Thursdays - Carol Rivers

Universal Fitness Tickets from 2012 are not valid or exchangeable!! You must use a 2013 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the class.

Music & Sunset Concert

Featuring: Robert Ingman

The Activities Department is excited to bring you the first entertaining outdoor concert of the year to be held at the Spring Lake Pavilion at no cost to property owners and their guests.

Robert Ingman, well-known Island entertainer, will provide an evening of great listening music featuring your favorite ballads, melodies, and lots of sing-along music! We welcome Robert back and hope you’ll join us, too!

Date: Tuesday, May 21
Rain Date: Wednesday, May 22
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion
Cost: FREE

The Activities Department will be selling popcorn, candy, and soda/water for $1.00 each. You may also wish to bring your own picnic dinner! Just don’t forget to bring a lawn chair and bug spray!!

Water Aerobics is Back!

Morning Water Aerobics with Gretchen Spiridopoulos will be starting two weeks earlier this year. Classes will begin on Monday, May 20. Gretchen will be conducting a cardiovascular and strengthening Water Aerobics class. Water Aerobics is one way you can burn calories and build muscle without breaking a sweat! So dig out the swimsuits and take advantage of this class!

Days: Monday - Wednesday - Friday
Begins: Monday, May 20
Place: Spring Lake Pool
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 AM
Cost: See Universal Ticket Matrix on page 20 for prices
Instructor: Gretchen Spiridopoulos

Universal Fitness Tickets from 2012 are not valid or exchangeable!! You must use a 2013 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the class.

Arts Center Tickets - “Spamalot”

Tickets are available for the production of “Monty Python’s Spamalot” for Saturday, May 4. Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, “Monty Python’s Spamalot” is the outrageous musical comedy “lovingly ripped off” from the classic film, “Monty Python and The Holy Grail.” The show tells the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail. Flying cows, killer rabbits, taunting Frenchmen, and show-stopping musical numbers are just a few of the reasons audiences everywhere are eating up Spamalot!

Date: Saturday, May 4
Time: 8:00 PM
Price: $49 per person
Deadline: Wednesday, April 24

Pay by check (made payable to The Arts Center) or by calling with a Visa or MasterCard. Only patrons with disabilities will receive seating preferences. There are no exchanges or refunds, and there are limited reservations. Questions: Contact Hannah at the Plantation House (681-8090).

Sign up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House.
Questions? Call Hannah at 681-8090.
Spring Lake Pool Rules
Since lifeguards are not on duty during all hours that the pool is open, swimmers assume responsibility for their own safety and that of their families. The pool is equipped with a self-locking gate, an emergency telephone, and a first aid kit at the Guard Office. Report problems to Security – 681-2459. DHEC inspects both pools, unannounced, to check for fecal contamination and other violations. If DHEC finds any contamination, they will shut down the pool immediately.

Spring Lake Pool Regulations
1. HHP property owners, their family members, guests, and tenants with leases of at least nine months may use SL Pool.
2. SL Pool users must present their validated Photo ID Card to the pool staff.
3. Property owners with validated Photo ID Cards may bring four (4) guests to the pool. Guests, 17 years or older, with a validated HHP Guest Card may bring two (2) guests. Children age 16 years or younger are prohibited from bringing guests to the pool.
4. SL Pool users and their guests must adhere to a proper code of conduct and follow instructions from the lifeguards. Appropriate conduct and rules include, but are not limited to, the following:
   - Lifeguard approval of all floatation devices
   - Using earphones with audio equipment
   - Placing trash in receptacles
   - Smoking is not permitted within the Spring Lake Pool compound at any time.
   - Wearing swimwear at all times
   - Using kickboards in the shallow end only
   - Showering prior to entering the pool
5. When lifeguards ARE on duty, children under 13 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. When NO lifeguards are on duty, children under 16 must be accompanied by parent/guardian (17 or older).
6. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to ensure that children under age three (3) and not potty-trained use the Baby Pool. Violators will be asked to either move to the Baby Pool or leave the facility. Children, not potty-trained, and using the Baby Pool must wear secure-fitting, waterproof swim diapers at all times.
7. THESE DHEC RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED: None of the following are allowed in the pool area:
   - Solo swimming, animals or pets, glass containers, spitting, blowing nose, diaper changing on deck, bikes, skateboards, skates, diving in shallow area (3-7 feet), communicable diseases, open lesions, wounds, diarrhea, nausea, skin, eye, ear or respiratory infections, running, boisterous/rough play, alcohol or drug use, rings, body floats, rafts, and other such devices.
8. Spring Lake Pool may not be used for personal profit or commercial purposes.
9. Lifeguards have the authority to expel violators. They may also create and enforce other safety rules, as necessary.

Let's Zumba!
Get ready for another session of Zumba®! A NEW instructor, Vilma Beitia, will be teaching another 8-week session of Zumba beginning April 16. Zumba® fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic fitness program that will blow you away. The goal is simple: We want you to work out, to love working out, and then get hooked!
   - You don't need to know how to dance
   - Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead
   - Improve balance, build strength, and reduce stress
   - Enhance your mind, body, and spirit
The routines feature interval-training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got Zumba®!

Dates: Tuesdays, April 16 through June 4
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion
Cost: $40/person  Instructor: Vilma Beitia
Universal Fitness Tickets will NOT be accepted for this session. A minimum of 8 people is needed to start this class, so sign up with Hannah today. For questions, call 681-8090.
Another Chair Yoga Session

The Activities Department is excited to offer another 8-week session of Chair Yoga beginning Monday, April 29. Chair Yoga is for everyone. No matter what age you are or what condition you are in – you can experience the health benefits of yoga.

Did you know you can perform most yoga postures, breathing techniques, meditation, and relaxation techniques from a chair? This form of yoga is very easy to do no matter what physical condition you are in. It will give you peace of mind and self-esteem to know you are doing something good for your body, mind, and spirit.

The chair is not only used for the seated postures, but as a support for many of the standing postures as well. It replaces the yoga mat and becomes an extension of your body allowing you to take full advantage of yoga's amazing fitness and health potential. Even if you are in a wheelchair, you can receive the many benefits of Chair Yoga – the integration of body, mind, and spirit that keeps the yoga practitioner at the top of his/her game.

Dates: Mondays
April 29 – June 24
(skip Memorial Day – May 27)

Time: 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Cost: $40/person
Place: Plantation House
Instructor: Gayle Caporale

If interested, please stop by the Plantation House to sign up with Hannah. Please note: Participants will NOT be allowed to use Universal Fitness Tickets to attend. Participants will be required to pay for the entire 8-week session in advance. For questions, call Hannah at 681-8090.