

Coasters News

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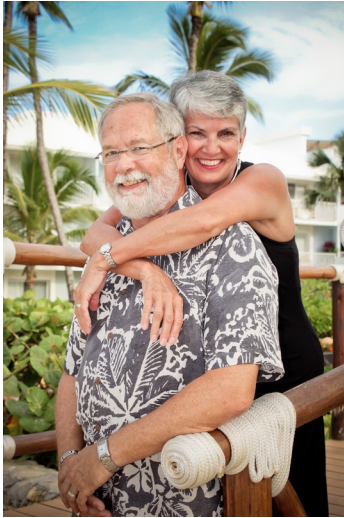
Welcome to the March Coasters News!

Important dates to put on your calendar

April 4 - Georgia Olive Farms/Gayla's Grits day trip to Lakeland, GA

May 16 - End of the year party at Sea Palms

President's Message



We are approaching our last few months of the Coasters 2016-2017 year and have two more exciting Special Events. The Colonel's Island Port Tour, being offered again this year on March 9th, has already been announced and is full. The April 4th trip to Lakeland to tour the Georgia Olive Oil Farm and other interesting sites will be announced soon. We wrap up the year with the End-of-Year Party at Sea Palms on May 16th. Be sure to mark your calendars and be on the lookout for the email announcements.

It is that time of year when Coasters begins the process of selecting new Board members for the next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Nominating Committee for a great job. Cyndy Franklin, Sharon Branca, Connie Malmquist, Pam Hamilton, Nancy Pickren and Dick Justice have worked to deliver to us a slate of Officers to be voted upon for next year. They completed their work in February, a month earlier than required by our ByLaws, and have provided us with a great group of folks.

I also would like to thank the folks who received the calls from the Nominating Committee members and agreed to volunteer to fill the Board of Directors positions next year. Per our ByLaws, our annual election of officers will take place in April. On April 1st, I plan to send an email requesting members to vote on the slate of Officers by April 15th. In the meantime, I would like to present you with their names and a short bio which they have provided.

Miriam Lancaster – President

Miriam Lancaster and her husband Wayne Lancaster "came home" to St. Simons Island in July, 2013 from Vinings, Georgia. Miriam was born in Brunswick and is a double-Dawg graduate of the University of Georgia and the UGA Law School. She and Wayne, also a UGA grad, have one daughter and two wonderful grandchildren. They graduated from Newcomers in 2016, and since then have been busy moving Miriam's mother to the Island and welcoming their second grandchild in Virginia. Miriam is committed to protecting the natural beauty and character of the Island, serving as the volunteer coordinator for the St. Simons Land Trust and treasurer of Golden Isles Fund for Trees (GIFT), which she co-

founded. She and Wayne enjoy photographing the landscape of the Georgia barrier islands and cruising to new destinations.

Ramsey Badre – Vice President Membership

Ramsey Badre and his wife Ljiljana moved to the Island from Chicago in 2006 and are now thriving in the bounty of its benefits after a few initial adjustments had to be made for the annoying sand gnats, and lack of plentiful shopping accommodations. He was Membership Chairman of the former Shorebirds Club for several years, served as chairman of the Coaster's nominating committee for a few years, and chaired several Club events and activities. Annual travel and tourism has been a passion over the years, with a one week trip to Cuba, and a one week trip to Yellowstone and Mount Rushmore scheduled for 2017. He still operates his consulting business, enjoys going on a regular basis to the duplicate bridge center on the Island, and most of all thrives on following the progress of his grandchildren and attending their events at Frederica Academy.

Mike Martin – Vice President Special Events

Mike Martin moved to the Island 4 years ago from Adairsville Georgia, NW corner of the state. Mike lives two blocks from the village that he has cherished since he started coming here in the late 60's. He wanted to retire here, but had the opportunity to move here a lot sooner. Mike is involved with Literary Guild, Golden Isles Arts & Humanities, SSI Land Trust and other programs. Mike is a Brunswick/Golden Isles Chamber Ambassador, graduate of the Leadership Glynn Program and volunteers for events around the area. Member of SSUMC by the lighthouse. Mike enjoys golf, loves to read, going to the theatre and enjoys trying new wines.

Sandy Anderson – Secretary

Sandy Anderson has enjoyed living on "the island" for the past 7 years with James Carter. Throughout her 30 year career as an educator for the university system, she dreamed of living on Saint Simons Island. Since arriving, she has served as Secretary of Coasters for three years and in a leadership position with Island Newcomers, Cassina Garden Club, Glynn Visual Arts, Sandpipers, and Wesley UMC. She enjoys reading, playing bridge, entertaining and making glass beads.

Ljiljana Badre – Treasurer

Ljiljana Badre and her husband, Ramsey, moved to the Island 11 years ago from Chicago to join their daughter, son in law and grandchildren, and will be celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary in June. She enjoys her social life and the friendships of all the wonderful people that she has met since moving to the Island. Most of all, her grandchildren are the love of her life and keep her going from dawn to nightfall. She

served as Treasurer for Coasters this year, served as the Coasters Assistant Treasurer for several years before that and continues to be the financial manager of Ramsey's consulting business, a position she has held for over 30 years.

Richard Applegate – Assistant Treasurer

Richard Applegate moved to Saint Simons from Greensboro, N. C. with his wife Rose in 2004 after retiring from a career in corporate finance. He has been active in Coasters since "graduating" from Newcomers and was Assistant Treasurer this year and Treasurer three years prior. He has also chaired/co-chaired Treasure Hunters and Great Decisions. In his spare time he tends his vegetable garden, fishes and dances with the Golden Isles Shag Club.

Please be sure to look for the email in April to “cast” your vote for next year’s officers.

Myra Galbreath

Coasters DO Events!

Here is a summary of what is scheduled for the remainder of this program year. You will receive an e-mail message from Patty Breen with detailed information and instructions to sign-up as each event rolls around. Many events have a limited number of spaces, so it is very important that you respond promptly if you'd like to participate.

March

On March 9th, we have a reservation for a tour of the **Port of Brunswick** and their Colonel's Island depot. This has always been very popular, since most locals are so curious about all the HUGE transport ships that pass our village every day. All your questions will be answered by the Port Director himself! We have hired a trolley for the tour that holds 30 people. As of the date of the publishing of this newsletter, there is one spot left!

April

Don and Susan Myers have been developing a plan for an April 4th car trip to Lakeland, Georgia, to visit **Georgia Olive Farms**, see the murals of historic Lakeland, and take a tour of **Horse Creek Winery** before heading home. This will be an all-day outing and the cost will include lunch at Nell's Cabin, all admissions and all gratuities. They will be looking for willing drivers to help with carpools.

May

Coasters End of Year Party

Our end of the year party will be held at Sea Palms on Tuesday, May 16. The cash bar cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 with the buffet dinner served at 7:00. We will celebrate the end of a wonderful Coasters year and welcome summer with a Picnic Buffet of pulled BBQ pork, hamburgers and hot dogs with all of the trimmings with warm peach cobbler for dessert. One of our favorites, Michael Hulett will perform for us. The cost of the party is \$32 for Coasters members and \$50 for guests. You can reserve your spot by going to our website www.ssicoasters.com and paying with Paypal or print out and complete the form below and mail along with your check to Beth Thornton, 115 Bellrain Lane, St. Simons Island, GA 31522. **Checks should be made payable to Coasters.** Call Beth at 404.290.3818 with any questions.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me [703-314-6915] or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Donna Ainger

End Of Year Party Sign Up Form

Names of Members Attending Party

Names of Guests Attending End Of Year Party

Total number of members attending _____ X \$32 per person \$ _____

Total number of guests attending _____ X \$50 per person \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to Coasters. Mail check and reservation form to Beth Thornton, 115 Bellrain Lane, St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Contact phone number for member _____.

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions group is underway with strong attendance at our first two meetings. Discussion leaders have been selected for all of the remaining seven foreign affairs topics.

Milt Leggett

Poker!

We are meeting regularly on alternate Thursdays from 7-9 PM.

If you want to play, we still have room for players. It's a play for fun game but there is a \$10 chip fee to keep you interested and make it almost as exciting as a Las Vegas game. If you don't know how to play, come on and we will teach you.

Interested? Contact: Carrel Grantham

Canasta

The Canasta card sharks continue to meet every second Monday of the month from 1 to 3 PM at Bonefish Restaurant – who are gracious to make the room available to us at no charge.

We have been having four tables the last couple of months and there is room for more. We have noticed that some Coasters have signed up but so far have not joined us. Think about coming out! It is not too early also to think about whether we want to continue playing over the summer months when the Coasters usually 'rest up' before the new season. Please let me hear from you.

Rolf Bueken

Novel Ideas Book Club

Again this year, Novel Ideas, a group of Coasters who love books and enjoy discussing them, will meet monthly for that very purpose. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 at the homes of various members of the group. We currently have room for several more participants and would welcome you to join us. All we ask is that you come, having read the book, with an open mind and a spirit of sharing.

Interested Coasters can sign up by contacting Mary Lou Folts.

Hidden Treasure on Our Island?

Coasters Treasure Hunters are still hunting for treasure! The sides of the road are spotless after our scouring it for treasures. Next hunt will be announced soon. Contact Frank Cullen if you would like to be added to the notification list of when we have these wonderful adventures in keeping our island beautiful.

Coasters Ladies Bridge Group

We are always looking for new women interested in having a fun afternoon of bridge. Please contact Judy Stipp, 634-0235 if you are interested in joining us.

Dining In

Our Diners have been in full swing, testing out culinary skills but mostly enjoying each other's company. We enjoyed a very fun night at the home of Jackie and Claude Hollis with diners Marjorie Gruber, Bev and Dick Teevan, David and Deborah Wright, and Al Link).



The last grouping of the season will occur in March and April. The Wrights will be hosting an end-of-season event for the Dining-In group. Look for more details soon.

Deborah Wright

Dining Out

Dining Out is a fun group who enjoy the company of old and new friends while exploring the many fine restaurants on the Island.

Dining Out groups have recently enjoyed Palmer's Village Cafe and Nazarro's, among other fine restaurants on the island. Thanks to hosts and guests alike for their enthusiasm and participation.

Should you have questions or problems, please contact Mary Gress at 638-8907 T

Bon Appetit!

The Coasters Original Book Club

We will read and discuss *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff for March.

Suzanne Hill and Leslie Carlton Co-chairs

COASTERS' EVENTS 2016-2017

This is an overview of the events for year 2016-2017, both past and future events. More detailed information, and sign-up instructions will be distributed in advance of each outing or party. We look forward to your participation!

August	26	New Members cocktail party at Ember Farm-to-Fire
September	18	Kick-Off dinner party at Ember Farm-to-Fire
	26	Kayak Outing with SouthEast Adventure Outfitters
October	18	Georgia Buffalo Ranch & Trading Post tour and barbecue
November	8	White Oak Conservancy safari tour & luncheon in Jacksonville
December	2	Holiday cocktails at Brunswick Manor
	14	Holiday Dinner Party at Davis Love Grill
January	21	Wine Tasting I at the home of Jennifer & Larry Kohlhoff
February	04	Wine Tasting II at the home of JoAnn & Jerry Mooney
February	16	Eco-tour of Dunham Farms organized by Sharon Branca and Wendy McNair
February	25	Alhambra Dinner Theater matinee performance of Showboat! in Jacksonville
March	9	Port of Brunswick tour of Colonel's Island cargo transfer facility
April	4	Georgia Olive Farms/Gayla's Grits day trip to Lakeland, GA
May	16	End-of-Year Party at Sea Palms (more soon)

2016-2017 Officers and Committee Chairs

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Dining OutMary Gress
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Year-endBeth Thornton

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Directories can be picked up at Jim Kielt's home: 620 Oak Street-in the village.