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# Upfront

I find myself at the confluence of three significant events. These are they.

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Horizons Savannah is a not-for-profit organization with a clear mission: We partner with youth, their families, and the community to enrich the lives of students through the joy of learning, while developing the skills for success and inspiration to reach their dreams. The program features time-and-research-tested components that differentiate it from other educational interventions. At its core: Six weeks of full-day classroom instruction, recreational activities, cultural exploration, and relationship-building.

For a while, I was chair of the Horizons Savannah's board, humbly succeeding long-time Skidaway resident, Tom Oxnard, in the role. Now, I am a middle school English teacher in the program, so I have witnessed the work (and the magic) from different points of view.

Kids come to the program from various Savannah public schools. While they face common socioeconomic challenges, they also share the basic human desires for connection, growth, and fun. Horizons kids are eligible to join the program as kindergartners and can remain (the vast majority do) year-after-year through high school graduation. Many return to the program after their high school years to work as volunteers or professional teachers as young adults.

Horizons operates at the generous invitation of local independent host schools – Savannah Country Day, Bethesda Academy, and Savannah Christian. Horizons students enjoy the resources that these institutions provide as program sites. Young people from host schools volunteer as classroom and activity assistants. Horizons brings people to-

gether from disparate circumstances who might never otherwise meet. These connections demystify perceived differences and create valuable lifetime bonds.

Horizons teaches kids to swim. Swimming is both a survival skill and an esteem-building activity, especially for kids who have never dipped a toe in water before. Horizons fields a swim team in the local league, another way to connect families from different backgrounds with one another.

The program works. Horizons kids' reading and math standardized test scores, measured at the beginning and end of the summer session, significantly improve, in stark contrast to many of their non-Horizons peers.

As a teacher, I have celebrated little wins (a hesitant kid suddenly blossoms as she reads aloud to the class), and I lament the challenges ("Put your phone away; you're wasting your time and you're wasting mine"). It's an incredible privilege to have a chance to positively impact a kid.

Horizons Savannah depends on people like you. We employ professional teachers and limit teacher/student ratios to 15:1. We feed our kids – breakfast, lunch, and snacks – ever day. We transport them using contracted buses. We operate all day, five days a week, for six weeks in summer, and we supplement the core session with ongoing engagement throughout the school year. We take five field trips. We offer a variety of clubs. And we

do it all for a cost of approximately \$2,000 per student for the entire year. This summer, we will welcome approximately 300 students, while more than 100 remain on our waiting list. Our capacity is limited only by our ability to fundraise.

Horizons Giving Day is our single most-important fundraising initiative each year. "Day" is misleading. The actual day is May 15, but the campaign spans the entire month of May and beyond. It's open now.

I have studied many social impact groups – I am confident Horizons is among the very best (and offers the greatest return on your

investment). Email me directly, [slauretti@theskinnie.com](mailto:slauretti@theskinnie.com) or visit my giving day page at [www.horizonsgivingday.org/campaigns/scottlauretti](http://www.horizonsgivingday.org/campaigns/scottlauretti).

Thank you for your consideration.

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This is an excerpt from this column published a year ago. Now, the referenced wedding is upon us – a few days from now...

*My daughter bought a wedding dress. I haven't seen it, but I hear it's nice. I'm biased, but she'd look great in a trash bag. Even so, I'm sure she will dazzle in this garment (I would say "gown," but these things come in two pieces nowadays, I'm told).*

I started writing this column in 2003. The daughter with the dress was 6 – "almost 7," as she probably would have said. Once, the obsession with "the dress" was completely foreign to me. What's all the fuss? It's just a collection of white fabric. You wear it once. You could pay a mortgage for a year with what some of them cost. (If the dress pays a year's worth of mortgage obligations, the reception buys the whole house!) But I think I get it now. It's more than wearable indulgence. It's a marker on the side of life's long road. It's a monument that will forever stand to that single moment in time that connects what was with what will be. It's white, because life can be messy, and paint will be spilled. There's plenty of time for color, but not on that day when things are perfectly clean.

I haven't seen it yet. I don't want to see it. Not until Saturday. Not until it's time, just before its time has passed.

\* \* \*

Mother's Day is coming. It will have passed before the issue following this one arrives. That's my mom on the cover, with me. She is holding me, as she has always held me, metaphorically and for real. In the photo, she is both protecting and teaching me. She is keeping me safe and trying to give me some basic tools to take care of myself when the time comes. That's what moms do, like nobody else can.

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**THE SPIRIT OF GIVING**

In early March, Landings Landlovers celebrated another successful Flea Market and Auctionmania. The Flea Market event was shortened by several hours by an impressive storm, but shoppers enjoyed the day despite the rain.

Recently, there was a letter to the editor by one of our many invaluable volunteers. They listed several very important organizations who serve our local community and deserve support. The Landlovers board completely agrees these organizations deserve funding and many Landlovers and New Neighbors volunteer their time. Landlovers has numerous fundraising activities each year, including the flea market. Our mission, established in 1974, is to use the funds to improve community life on Skidaway Island. By extension, also where we can serve the greater Savannah community.

The Landlovers financial support to the

community is governed by the by-laws of the Landings Landlovers Foundation. Funds raised each year are disbursed to the community through awards for community service, education scholarships, and satisfying grant requests. In 2023, we provided more than \$133,000 in awards and grants. We publicize the availability of grants during the fall months each year. Through the annual grant process, non-profit organizations such as Second Harvest have the opportunity to request funds to support specific projects. Grant requests are reviewed and awarded in May of each year. We look forward to announcing the 2024 grantees at our awards celebration event in mid-May.

Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers who have enabled Landings Landlovers to provide this community support during the past 50 years.

Tim Forbes  
President, Landings Landlovers



The Skinnie received this photo from John McDonald. Mr. McDonald's email including a single statement: "A picture is worth a thousand words." We have thanked Mr. McDonald for taking the time to compose his picture, and we appreciate his ongoing attention to our work.

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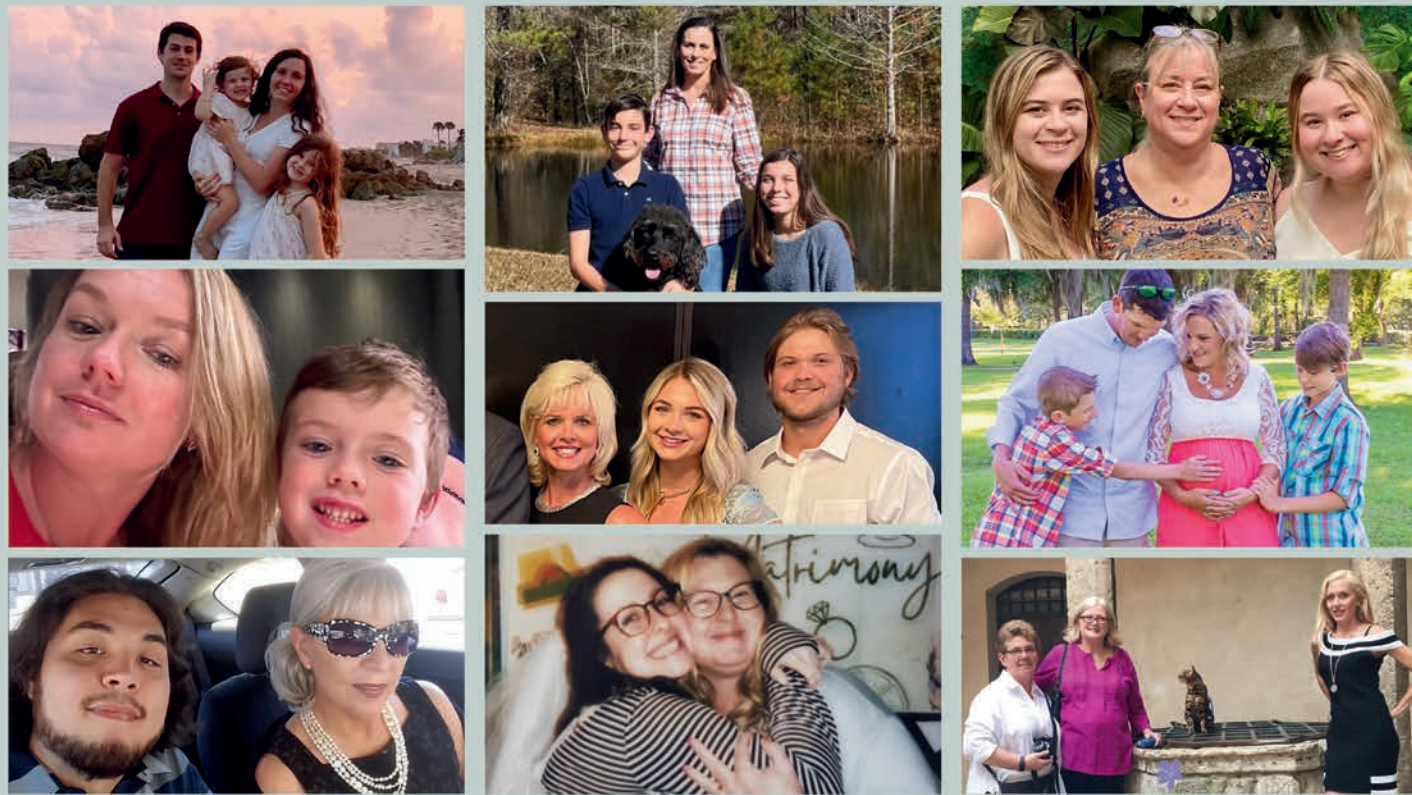
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# Kathy Levitt

## A LIFE OF SERVICE

Given the scope of Kathy Levitt's contributions to the people of Savannah, it's no surprise the Skidaway resident is being honored for her extraordinary service to the community. What is surprising is that it hasn't come sooner. On May 9, the "Legends, Leaders and Life Well-Lived Luncheon" will recognize Levitt for her commitment to building a better tomorrow for Savannahians of all ages. Hosted by Senior Citizens, Inc. (SCI), the annual event pays tribute to three area residents who have contributed significantly to our community, inspired others through their service, and exemplified a life well-lived. The other honorees are Sister Margaret Beatty, R.S.M, and Cliff McCurry.

On the Senior Citizens, Inc. Facebook page, Levitt is described as "...a trailblazer whose impact on the community is far and wide. ...She's made significant contributions to the Telfair Museum, the Jepson Center, the Georgia Historical Society, and is active in numerous other organizations throughout the community."

Levitt is a native of Chicago, where her mother was a nurse. While her father endured a lengthy recuperation from cancer-related surgery, 10-year-old Kathy cared for him at home while her mother worked. Witnessing her mother's dedication to both family and community reinforced the value of service, and led young Kathy into her own career in nursing. Her husband, Dr. Robert O. Levitt, enjoyed a rewarding career as a physician in Chicago for many years before his retirement in 1980.

The Branigar Organization, which developed the Landings, had a significant presence in the Chicago area; and, in December of 1979, the Levitts visited Savannah to evaluate the city as a possible retirement destination. However, they returned home early, as a winter storm threatened to close O'Hare



Robert O. Levitt, c. 1991

Airport. Their plane was the last to make a white-knuckle landing before flights in and out of the Windy City were grounded. But their abbreviated visit provided enough inspiration to make a decision. By 1982, the couple had moved into their new home on Skidaway Island.

Levitt soon learned of Mary Telfair, and the Savannah icon's service to women, medicine, and the arts. Meanwhile, Dr. Levitt became director of public health at the Landings, as well as president of the Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society before his death in 1998.

In 1986, Levitt helped organize the Heart Ball on behalf of the Savannah Chatham Heart Association, of which she is a past president. "They were just building the Plantation (now Palmetto) Club, and we brought in Lewis Grizzard, who was Georgia's honorary heart fund chairman." The Atlanta humorist entertained more than 200 guests, prompting a move to the Hyatt to accommodate a larger audience the following year.

Levitt is perhaps best known for helping launch what is now the popular SmartWomen Expo, hosted by St. Joseph/Candler. The annual event originated in the early 1990s, when the Savannah Symphony Women's Guild hosted A Tribute to Women on the Go, a lunch and fashion show in March to coincide with Women's History Month. Partnering with Mary Telfair Women's Hospital, the event recruited local doctors, lawyers, and other high-profile women as models.

In 2001, as the symphony dissolved, St.

BY PHILIP SCHWEIER

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Kathy Levitt with 2018 SmartWomen guest, actress Jane Seymour.

Joseph's and Candler Hospitals were merging. Levitt encouraged Mary Telfair Women's Hospital to continue supporting the event. "I'd have over 600 women at the lunch and fashion show, with an expo," she says. "That was the whole idea, this exchange of ideas and so forth; connections."

Since then, the annual St. Joseph's/Candler SmartWomen Expo and Luncheon has raised more than \$2 million to help provide access to mammograms for women throughout the Coastal Empire.

In the autumn of 1996, Levitt helped organize the Telfair Museum's inaugural photography exhibit, thanks in part to her sister-in-law, noted photographer Helen Levitt (1913 - 2009). Her images captured and chronicled New York City street life in the mid-20th Century, and form the foundation of the Telfair's photography collection. Her connections to other photographers - particularly her father-in-law, Nickolas Muray - helped broaden the collection even further. The Telfair's Levitt Gallery has sponsored annual photography camps for area youth. For almost 25 years, these camps have introduced photography to young shutterbugs, instilling confidence and creativity.

Levitt chaired the Art of Great Fashion at the Telfair Museum, an annual fundraiser that began in 2001. The fashion show helped raise more than \$50,000 for the museum during the five years of her chairmanship.

Levitt recruited Philippe Cousteau to help launch the Gray's Reef and National Marine Ocean Film Festival in memory of her husband, who was an avid scuba diver (he even wrote the first manual). In addition, she organized "A Fishy Affair," an annual dinner to raise funds and awareness to taste lionfish. "It's an omega-3 white fish, that is edible," she says, "and local chef's share dishes made from this invasive

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Kathy Levitt poses with some of the young photographers – and their work – from the Telfair Museum’s annual photography camp.

species.”

Levitt is deeply involved with the Georgia Historical Society (GHS). “I’ve been with them 26 years,” she says. “Originally, I was part of their fundraising group.”

Academics is of keen interest to Levitt, who has been active with the Center for Low Country Studies, a conglomeration of history

and archaeology departments from Armstrong/Georgia Southern, the GHS, and the Coastal Georgia Archaeological Society. “The idea is to offer seminars on various subjects, such as the rice crops, and the forts – Jackson, McAlister, and Pulaski,” she explains. “There was a huge plantation near Midway that raised indigo, a great export from Savannah for manufacturing denim.”

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**WHEN:** Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** The Palmetto Club at The Landings  
**HOW MUCH:** \$75 - general admission; \$125 - Friends of SCI admission  
**CONTACT:** Anne Cordeiro at 912.236.0363 or SeniorCitizensInc.org/Legends  
**WHAT ELSE:** The annual Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award luncheon honors three Savannahians who have contributed significantly to the community, inspired others by the difference they have made, and exemplify a life well lived.

Georgia Botanical Gardens, SCAD, Second Harvest, Savannah Science Museum, Savannah Symphony, Savannah OnStage (now Savannah Music Festival), March of Dimes Gourmet Gala, Old Savannah City Mission, and the Alzheimer's Association.

Closing our chat, Levitt quoted, "I've lived a life that's full. I traveled each and every highway, and more, much more than this, I did it my way."

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# The Feral Golfer

Notes From the Deep Rough by Peter Sizer



The 19th-century English novelist, William Makepeace Thackeray, said, "Love makes fools of all of us, big and little." Apparently, he never made peace with that overpowering emotion. Born to wealth, he squandered much of his inheritance gambling, so he was perhaps prone to being made a fool. Had he been a golfer, that humiliating pastime would certainly have been added to the litany.

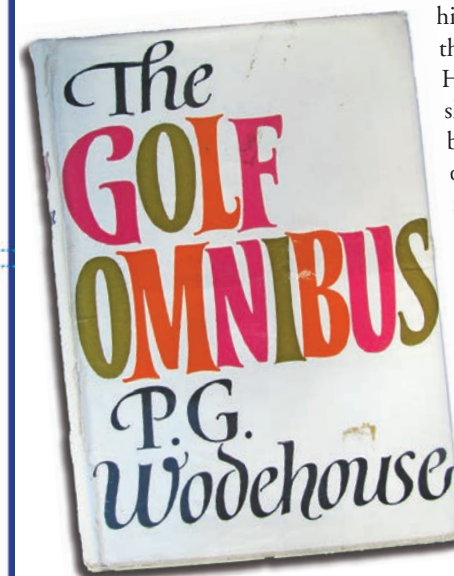


William Makepeace Thackeray

A writer's life is a solitary one, much like a golfer's, Ryder and Solheim Cups notwithstanding. We toil away, hoping that inspiration will strike and something notable will come of it. Arnie had his army to spur him on. What of the Feral Golfer? He is encouraged by an occasional word of praise from a few regular readers. How shall I refer to them? The Feral Friends, the Feral Fiends, the Feral Fanciers, the Feral Firsters, the Feral Fools? Asinine assonance aside, I'll call them "hack-olytes."

\* \* \*

Every serious golfer should own a copy of the *Golf Omnibus*, a collection of P.G. Wodehouse's humorous golf stories featuring his upper-class British twit, Bertie Wooster. My favorite line from a compilation filled with great quotes is: "The least thing upset him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of the butterflies in the adjoining meadows."



We all know that

guy. When he's over the ball, I make sure that I stand perfectly rigid, hold my breath and refrain from blinking, lest his fragile concentration be disrupted.

Another Wodehouse character is the "Oldest Member," whose playing days are long in the past, and now surveys the goings-on from the terrace of his golf club while sipping a gin and tonic. The other members are loath to engage him in conversation because, once he starts talking, he will never stop, much in the same way some readers approach the *Feral Golfer* articles. So far, those that find these jejune musings sorely lacking in value have had the good manners to keep that opinion to themselves.

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It's a miracle that more golfers do not devolve into drooling, stark-raving lunatics. We rarely step up to the first tee brimming with confidence. We're thinking about the last round, where things went horribly wrong, or the sudden attack of the shanks or the skulls on the practice range 20 minutes before tee time. Our crania contain a cacophony of cursory considerations – eye on the ball, straight left arm, grip, stance, tempo, swing plane, water on the left, OB on the right, sand traps in the landing zone, cross winds, gnats in my ear, the hideous slacks my partner is wearing. This din intensifies after the first shot is fired, as we analyze failure and assess damage. By the time we reach the 10th tee, many of us are watching TikTok videos on our smartphones between shots, just to cleanse and ease our fevered brains.

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The face of my trusty 5-iron has become rusty and I, too, have begun to oxidize. It's uncertain which will be the first to crumble. Seniors are advised to keep moving as a way to delay ossification. You can go to the gym, or you can put that effort into something enjoyable, golf, or something productive, chopping firewood. Unfortunately, the contortions associated with the golf swing may not be the soundest activity, whether young or old. Neither is yard work. A basic tenet for all golfers is to never perform landscaping tasks the day before golf. Yes, you may be honing your bunker-raking skills, but then you'll probably find yourself in a lot of sand.

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For some reason, the deer in my neighborhood have taken to dining on foliage that they had ignored for the past 15 years. The only purpose of my tedious hours of labor in the yard seems to be to provide the damned ruminant population with a complete and balanced diet. Of course, they prefer filet mignon to ground chuck, and expensive flowers and shrubbery have been subjected to widespread carnage. Our homeowner's association prohibits the discharge of any weapon yet devised by man, so our only recourse is unarmed, hand-to-hand combat, and only then if you can prove that it was a stand-your-ground issue. The golfers among us do have recourse, however. Those who can achieve ball speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour with pinpoint accuracy can take out any deer that wanders onto the golf course, and who is to say that it wasn't just a tragic, unfortunate accident?

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As my partner considered an approach shot with dire consequences for anything other than a pure strike, I told him, "Fortune favors the brave, or so thought Pliny the Elder."

Being equally well-versed in sciolism, he replied, "Pliny also said that the only certain-

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ty is that nothing is certain."

I asked, "Well, are you a man or a mouse? We have our suspicions, but we want certainty."

He played safe, 40 feet right of the green. Suspicions confirmed. Perhaps, I should have invoked the provocative exhortation by Lady Marmalade, "Hey Joe, you wanna give it a go?"

Some might argue that quoting Pliny to goad my friend into recklessness was grossly unfair, since Pliny never picked up a golf club and knew nothing of the anguish golfers endure. But really, what was my buddy protecting, another forgettable 86? Actually, the ancient Romans played an equally stupid game called Paganica, in which a curved stick was used to hit a leather ball stuffed with wool or feathers. Perhaps some vanquished Caledonians in the 1st century A.D. observed this pursuit, determined that some good had come from their brutal subjugation, and Scottish golf had its origins. After all, they had more wool than they knew what to do with.

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My brother and I were at the practice range and he was lamenting his inconsistent ball-striking. I asked him what was wrong now.

Bro: "I keep falling back as I swing."

Me: "Well, it's good to have a fallback position, but perhaps not in your case."



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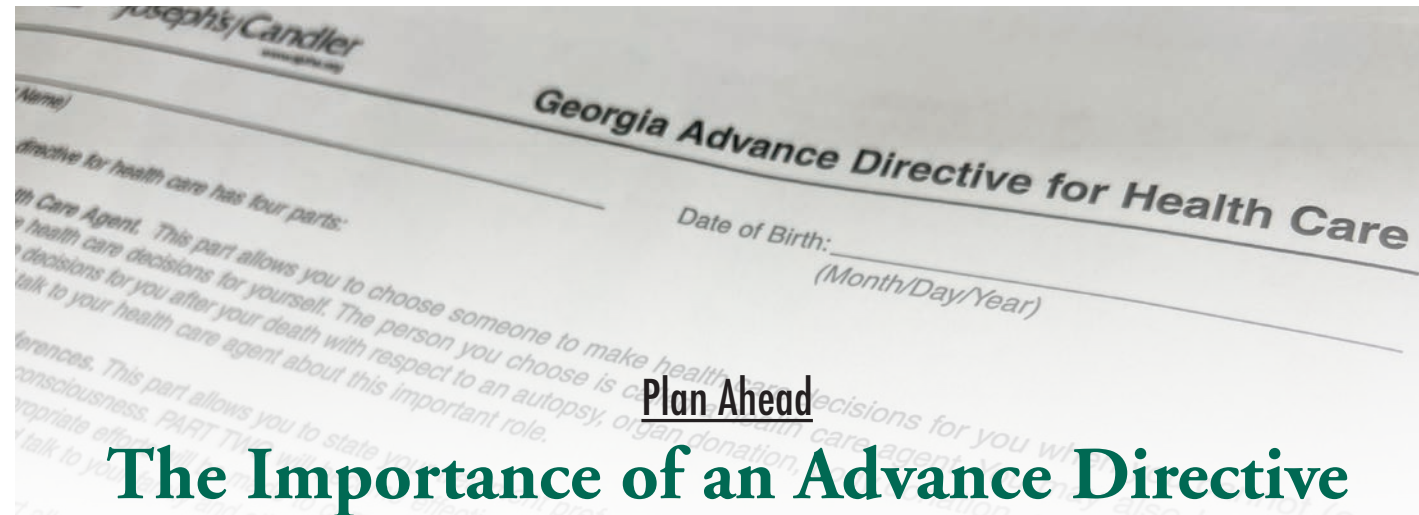


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## The Importance of an Advance Directive

Life is full of hard decisions. None may be as important as making choices regarding our healthcare, especially in the face of serious illness. That's when an advance directive can help. An advance directive is a document stating your choices regarding medical treatment, such as being placed on a ventilator or needing weekly dialysis.

Dr. Anthony Costrini is St. Joseph's/Candler's ethicist and a longtime Savannah physician. Costrini recently received the Hero in Healthcare Ethics award from the Emory Healthcare Ethics Consortium. He is a strident proponent of advance directives for adults. At minimum, he believes each of us should consider creating an advance directive. In his 50 years of critical care medicine, Costrini has encountered too many patients who did not have anyone designated to make decisions on their behalf. He has witnessed many family disagreements when a difficult healthcare decision for a loved one was required.

"I know it's tough," Costrini concedes. "Nobody wants to think about giving up control of their decisions or thoughts of dying. But sometimes these difficult questions are easier to address before they come up."

Start with a simple question: Who do you trust to be your surrogate – the person who will honor your wishes and make healthcare choices for you if you can't? It could be your spouse, a sibling, a close friend, or anyone you trust. Then, start having conversations with your surrogate, as well as your physician(s), about your healthcare wishes. But keep in mind, an advance directive is not written in stone. It's okay to change your mind down the road.

At St. Joseph's/Candler, when you are admitted to the hospital, you or a loved one fills out admission paperwork. One of the questions



Anthony Costrini, MD

asked is if you have an advance directive. If you do, a copy is entered into your medical records, if it is not already present there. If you do not have one, you are asked if you'd like to speak to somebody regarding advance directives. This person can counsel you through the process.

It's the physician's responsibility to be aware of your advance directive and talk to you and your surrogate about it, as well as all the pros and cons regarding your circumstances. "We want to discuss whether doing everything is always the best thing, because in some cases doing 'everything' is not the best thing," Costrini explains. "And it might not be anywhere near what the patient prefers, and that's why an advance directive is so very important."

National Healthcare Decisions Day, which was just a few weeks ago, was established to encourage everyone to tackle this topic. People should make decisions in advance so that loved ones can follow their specific wishes when necessary. Make those decisions known to your surrogate and complete a simple advance directive form. Guidance is available from the Georgia Advance Directive for Healthcare form (which can be found at [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org)), or the Five Wishes document, which also is honored in this state. In Georgia, you do not need a lawyer involved or the document to be notarized, unless you wish. In South Carolina, your advance directive may need to be notarized. Visit [www.caringinfo.com](http://www.caringinfo.com) for more information. Another resource for information is The Conversation Project®. Visit [theconversationproject.org](http://theconversationproject.org) to learn more about this important subject. You can also find an advance directive form at [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org).

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## 'Get Your Rear in Gear' Raises Funds for Colon Cancer Awareness, Prevention, and Care

The 9th annual Get Your Rear in Gear® 5K Walk/Run (GYRiG) in support of colon cancer awareness and prevention was held Saturday, April 20, at the Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion on the Candler Hospital campus. This year's event – the first since the pandemic – raised more than \$20,000 for the cause.

Designed to unite people across the country, GYRiG provides support and hope for those who have had their lives affected by our nation's second leading cause of cancer deaths. GYRiG encourages individuals of appropriate ages to get screened. The event is North America's largest 5K race series related to colon cancer prevention and awareness fundraising. The money raised stays in local communities to assist with prevention, early detection, treatment, and healthy living projects for patients currently fighting the disease. Specifically, the Savannah race directly benefits the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion's effort to provide early de-

tection and prevention tools such as colonoscopy screenings to those who might not otherwise be able to afford them.

The event honors the memory of longtime WTOC-TV news anchor, Mike Manhattan, who succumbed to this terrible disease. This year's emcee was Manhattan's co-anchor of 25 years, Dawn Baker. Also featured at this year's event was a free Kids Run, as well as special opportunities that honored survivors and those lost to colon cancer in our community.

The overarching message of the GYRiG reaches beyond colon cancer; it is a message for everyone to take-action, lead longer healthier lives, go to the doctor regularly, listen to their bodies when something isn't right, and seek answers, regardless of age. GYRiG also encourages people to prompt everyone they know to talk to their doctors sooner rather than later about a colon cancer screening.



Presented by Gastroenterology Consultants of Savannah, the event was sponsored in part by St. Joseph's/Candler's Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion, 5 Spot Restaurants, Summit Cancer Care, The Center for Digestive and Liver Health, Woodmen Life, and Annie Rockwell. Media sponsors included the Savannah Morning News, i-Heart Radio and WTKS News Radio 97.7, and WTOC-TV.

For additional information on colon cancer prevention visit [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org).

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## Maj. Charles W. WHITTLESEY

He Served by Ron Laretti

When a military person suffers intense emotional physical and emotional reactions to experienced trauma, often related to combat, it used to be called "shellshock." The updated term is post-traumatic stress disorder, commonly referred to as "PTSD." It is believed that such demons contributed to the suicide of Maj. Charles W. Whittlesey, who valiantly led the 1st Battalion, 308th Infantry Regiment – the Lost Battalion of World War I. The unit's activities were chronicled in a previous installment of this column.

Whittlesey was born in January of 1884, in Florence, Wisconsin. His family of six moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, when he was young. After high school, he attended Williams College, where he was very active in student activities, cultivating leadership skills that would serve him well as an officer in the U.S. Army. He then graduated from Harvard Law School in 1908. After three years of steady employment with a New York City law firm, Whittlesey went into private practice with a Williams College classmate.

As America's involvement in the war in Europe became more likely, Whittlesey volunteered for duty at the training camp in Plattsburg, New York. He completed his training in August of 1916, and was called to active duty the following year. He joined thousands of other American "Doughboys"

aboard crowded troopships bound for Europe.

Then a captain Whittlesey was assigned to the headquarters unit of the 308th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division, near Verdun, France. However, due to heavy casualty rates, he was soon promoted to major, in command of a fighting force which would become known as the "Lost Battalion." Though not a full battalion, it consisted of two under-manned battalions and two attached partial infantry companies – 554 men in all. Capt. George McMurtry, a veteran of the Spanish American War, was in charge of the 1st Battalion, while Whittlesey was the overall commander.

Soon after assuming command in September of 1918, Whittlesey was ordered to lead his men into the Argonne Forest as part of a major Allied offensive. He did so reluctantly, doubting he would live to return to friendly lines. The Germans had occupied the contested area for nearly four years, fortifying it with two lines of occupied trenches and supporting artillery. Despite heavy losses, the 1st/308th reached its objective, but the French and American units on both flanks were stopped short allowing the Germans to surround Whittlesey's and McMurtry's units.

The dense forest made laying telephone cables impossible. Anticipating the need for



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basic communication with regimental headquarters, the battalion relied on carrier pigeons, which were downed by the Germans. The isolated men were exactly where they were supposed to be, but without adequate means of communication, Whittlesey was unable to report his situation or position and his unit was presumed "lost." Their situation quickly deteriorated. Allied air reconnaissance incorrectly identified them as the enemy and Whittlesey's men were bombarded by friendly artillery fire until the major used his last carrier pigeon to end the shelling.

During the Meuse-Argonne Campaign, Whittlesey's men ran low on food, ammunition, and medical supplies. An air drop was attempted, but most of the supplies floated into German-occupied territory. The enemy commander invited Whittlesey to surrender, an offer the American immediately rejected.

By early November, the Lost Battalion was under daily German artillery barrages, repeated infantry assaults, and dangerous sniper fire. Temperatures fell below freezing, causing serious frostbite. Finally, unable to break the desperate American resistance, the Germans withdrew on November 11, 1918.

The remainder of the Lost Battalion pulled back toward friendly lines. There were 194 men who suffered no serious wounds, 197 who had been killed in action, and 163

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who were either walking wounded, missing in action, or taken prisoner. Whittlesey was the last man out. He would soon be promoted to lieutenant colonel. On December 24, 1918, he was awarded a Medal of Honor for his leadership against superior numbers in the Argonne Forest of France during some of the toughest days of World War I.

After the war, Whittlesey returned to his law practice and later found rewarding work with the Red Cross. But he found it difficult to shake the hero status imposed on him by the press. According to the press, he was a hero, but he continued to wonder if he could have saved more of his men by accepting the German offer of surrender. This unfair criticism was dispelled by the military, but it undoubtedly hindered his adjustment to civilian life. Adding to his mental discomfort, many of his soldiers appealed to him for support and advice in overcoming their own challenges.

On November 11, 1921, Whittlesey participated in the burial of the first Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Two weeks later he boarded, the *SS Toloa* bound for Havana, Cuba. On the evening of November 26, 1921, Whittlesey dined at the captain's table and appeared to be in good spirits. He finished off the evening in the smoking salon, where he talked for two hours on a wide range of subjects, including the Army-Navy football game that day. It was the last time this distinguished combat veteran was ever seen alive. After retiring for the evening, he threw himself overboard and perished in the rough waters between Cuba and the U.S. He left letters in his cabin addressed to relatives and friends, and instructions to the captain of the *Toloa* for the disposition of his baggage. Whittlesey's suicide was front-page news, although those close to him were not surprised.



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**Meet Dr. Ben Watson**  
 Sen. Ben Watson has served as a primary care physician in Savannah for more than 30 years and practices internal medicine with a specialty in geriatrics. He and his wife, Bernice, a retired public school special education teacher, live on Isle of Hope and have three adult sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

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# The Little Disciple

By Jamison Brown

Uriah knows when things aren't working. He can spot maintenance problems quickly, a skill that belies his age. Uriah is three years old; he is a student at the Community Preschool, which is a part of the (Skidaway) Community Church.

The bells atop the church rang out the time - bathroom break! All sorts of colorful personalities slowly began inching down the hallways, careful to stay within their assigned groups. Inside the cramped bathrooms, there was laughter and chatter as the children hurriedly used the facilities and washed their hands.

"Something's wrong with the paper," Uriah said to his teacher, Miss Kathy, pointing to a broken towel dispenser. "We have to wash our hands or people might get sick!"

"Do you think we need to report this to the building manager?" Miss Kathy asked with an encouraging tone.

"Yes, ma'am," Uriah said boldly, and off they went to my office.

After listening to Uriah explain the problem and the danger it poses to others, I paused to reflect on his sincerity, his compassion, and his genuine love for his fellow students. It became apparent that, through his teachings, it wasn't just the mechanics of a preschooler's world that Uriah understood, but also the deeper values of care and responsibility. His concern transcended a simple broken dispenser; it was about the well-being of his community.

Uriah's words reminded me that the seeds of empathy and social consciousness are planted early in life. As educators and guardians our roles extend beyond fixing what's broken. We must nurture these seeds and encourage our young ones to speak out and act when they see a need. Uriah, with his keen observational sense and brave heart, was already leading by example.

I realized that the true essence of our community isn't in the grand architecture of the church or the structured learning in our preschool but in the small, significant actions of our youngest members. Their perspectives, often unclouded by the complexities of adulthood, remind us of the fundamental values of kindness and mutual care.

As Uriah and Miss Kathy left my office, I made a mental note - not only to repair the towel dispenser, but to ensure that Uriah's act of responsibility and consideration was recognized and fostered.

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In the daily rush of administrative tasks and educational objectives, perhaps the greatest lessons are sometimes taught to us by a three-year-old. And for that, I am profoundly grateful.

*Jamison Brown is Skidaway Community Church's church administrator. He has been a Landings resident for more than 30 years, enjoying writing, music, and technology.*

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**WHAT:** New Neighbors  
**WHEN:** Visit [www.landingsnewneighbors.com](http://www.landingsnewneighbors.com) to see our calendar  
**CONTACT:** Visit our website or contact Jody at [nnnewmember@gmail.com](mailto:nnnewmember@gmail.com)  
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**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lecture Series – “Napoleon: The Path to Power, 1769-1799”  
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**WHEN:** May 2024  
**WHERE:** The Landings  
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**CONTACT:** [webmaster@landings.com](mailto:webmaster@landings.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** It's the merry month of May, so let's focus on a very pleasant question: “May I...?” As we enjoy warmer weather with longer days, we can all feel happier and friendlier. Wouldn't it be great for our community if we shared that feeling and offered our neighbors a bit of personal kindness and consideration? We all love the month of May, and we love to hear a pleasant “please.” May everyone feel the warmth and share it. “May I please?” “Yes, thank you!” Wow, that feels good!!!

## SQUARE ROOTS

**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lectures: “Savannah – A Celebration”  
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## WEDNESDAY WANDERINGS

**WHAT:** Combination Green-Meldrim House and St. John's Church tour with refreshment on the porch  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays in May (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29), at 1 p.m. and 2:30 (2 p.m. and 4 on May 8)  
**WHERE:** Green-Meldrim House, 14 W. Macon St. on Madison Sq.  
**HOW MUCH:** \$25 per person  
**CONTACT:** Jamie Credle, [jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org](mailto:jcredle@greenmeldrimhouse.org), 912.233.3845  
**WHAT ELSE:** Docents will examine the mid-19th Century Gothic Revival buildings. Attendees must be able to walk up and down stairs. Tickets available at <https://greenmeldrimhouse.square.site/>. Reservations recommended due to limited availability.

## POWER PLANTS

**WHAT:** Spring plant sale, to benefit the Savannah

## BUILDING BRIDGES

**WHAT:** Social bridge game  
**WHEN:** Thursdays at 1 p.m.  
**WHERE:** the Savannah Bridge Club  
**HOW MUCH:** \$6 for members, \$7 for non-members  
**CONTACT:** Veronica, 912.598.7217 or Savannah Bridge Club, 912.228.4838  
**WHAT ELSE:** All skill levels welcome. Come alone or with a partner or bridge group.

## DOUBLE YOUR FUN

**WHAT:** Duplicate Bridge  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Oakridge Dining Room  
**HOW MUCH:** \$4 entry fee paid out to top pairs  
**CONTACT:** Steve Fitzgerald, [stefitz@bellsouth.net](mailto:stefitz@bellsouth.net) or 912.856.4172  
**WHAT ELSE:** All are welcome. Please sign up weekly by Monday so partnerships (made randomly) can be made in advance of game day.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

**WHAT:** Co-ed Bridge Group  
**WHEN:** every Wednesday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Marshwood club/Landings Room  
**HOW MUCH:** \$1/person  
**CONTACT:** David Marbry, [marbryd@outlook.com](mailto:marbryd@outlook.com)

## CAN YOU CANASTA?

**WHAT:** Max of 24 players. Players must have a basic knowledge of the game.  
**WHEN:** Every Wednesday, 2-5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Marshwood Clubhouse, Skidaway Room  
**CONTACT:** Diane and Paul Bloom, [landloverscanasta@gmail.com](mailto:landloverscanasta@gmail.com).



Botanical Gardens

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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**HOW MUCH:** Free admission and free parking  
**CONTACT:** Savannah Botanical Gardens, 912.355.3883 or sacgc1388@botanical.comcast-biz.net.

**WHAT ELSE:** Decorative pots and lots of lovely plants and flowers to go in them – including day lilies and pass-along plants donated by local area garden club members. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions.

OPEN DOORS

**WHAT:** Landlovers Tour of Homes  
**WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Landings and the Marshes of Skidaway Island  
**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are \$50 each  
**CONTACT:** Chris Lanigan (chrislanigan40@gmail.com), Sally Gleeson (sallytglee@gmail.com), Laurie Etherington (laurie.etherington@gmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** There is a limited number of tickets available. To register and purchase tickets, please visit [landingslandlovers.com/happenings](http://landingslandlovers.com/happenings). The tour takes place every other year, so don't miss your opportunity to enjoy this wonderful event featuring 10 Skidaway Island homes filled with inspiration and ideas, showcasing how each owner's personal style creates an inviting space. Parking is limited, so attendees are encouraged to travel by golf cart. All proceeds from the Tour of Homes benefit the Landlovers Foundation.

DINNER IS SERVED

**WHAT:** Private chef dinner party raffle  
**WHEN:** Ongoing; Drawing - May 4  
**WHERE:** Winner enjoys prepared dinner at your own residence  
**HOW MUCH:** \$20 per ticket  
**CONTACT:** Julie Storm – [jstormdallas@gmail.com](mailto:jstormdallas@gmail.com) 214.789.7918  
**WHAT ELSE:** A chance to win a three-course meal for 8 people served in your home by a private chef who provides the meal and cleans up the kitchen. The winner will select the chef from Fire, Food and Knives, the cuisine, and the date. To purchase tickets, visit [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://www.landingslandlovers.com), under Happenings/Fund Raisers.

WELL DONNE

**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lecture: "John Donne – The Sacred and Profane"  
**WHEN:** Monday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.; Reception begins at 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church,

50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** \$15/\$20 (member/non-member)  
**CONTACT:** [seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center](http://seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center) to register or email [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Richard Braithwaite leads a literary tour of John Donne – a metaphysical poet and Anglican clergyman known for his enrapturing religious poems who's equally renowned as one of England's best writers of love poetry.

LEGENDS AND LEADERS

**WHAT:** Senior Citizens Inc.'s Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award luncheon  
**WHEN:** Thursday, May 9, at 11:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** The Palmetto Club at The Landings  
**HOW MUCH:** \$75 - general admission; \$125 - Friends of SCI admission  
**CONTACT:** Anne Cordeiro at 912.236.0363 or [SeniorCitizensInc.org/Legends](http://SeniorCitizensInc.org/Legends)  
**WHAT ELSE:** The Legends, Leaders, and Life Well Lived Award luncheon honors fellow Savannahians who have contributed significantly to the community, inspired others by the difference they have made, and exemplify a life well lived.

PICNICS AND POLITICS

**WHAT:** GOP candidate meet-and-greet  
**WHEN:** Saturday, May 11, 3 to 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Landings Marina picnic area  
**CONTACT:** [Kopowers@gmail.com](mailto:Kopowers@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Meet the candidates for the important May 21 primary to learn about the issues and express your views to our state senators and judges in an informal picnic atmosphere. There will be food trucks and music from the '60s, '70s, and '80s, so bring your chairs and a blanket and plan to spend some family time. Sponsored by Ladies on the Right and the Chatham County GOP.

DINNER AND A SHOW

**WHAT:** The Learning Center Lecture: "Blues and Barbecue" (dinner and film screening with Traci Capote)  
**WHEN:** Monday May 13, 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Community Church, 50 Diamond Causeway  
**HOW MUCH:** \$30  
**CONTACT:** [seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center](http://seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center) to register or email [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Filmmaker Traci Capote presents her Georgia-produced documentary, "Northside Tavern: The Mostly True Story of the Golden Age of Atlanta's Most Exquisite Blues Dive." Barbeque dinner and conversation with Capote make for a fitting finale for TLC's spring season.

THE RIGHT STUFF

**WHAT:** Luncheon meeting of Ladies On The Right (LOTR).  
**WHEN:** Thursday, May 16 (social 12-12:45 p.m.; lunch/program 1-2:15 p.m.)  
**WHERE:** Landings Palmetto Club ballroom  
**HOW MUCH:** LOTR members and military – \$35; Nonmembers – \$40  
**CONTACT:** To register (May 10 deadline) or to join LOTR, visit [www.ladiesontheright.org](http://www.ladiesontheright.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Speaker will be Donna Rice Hughes, president of Enough is Enough, an internet safety organization. LOTR is a greater-Savannah Conservative leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community and lives. LOTR hosts luncheon meetings on the third Thursday of each month. Members bring a paying guest and be entered into a raffle.

POSTAL PEOPLE

**WHAT:** Landings Stamp Club  
**WHEN:** Friday, May 17, 10 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Luthern Church conference room  
**COST:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Carl Luecke, [cluecke@comcast.net](mailto:cluecke@comcast.net) or 912.349.0340 for meeting details.  
**WHAT ELSE:** Beginner, advanced, or anyone in between is welcome to join our monthly meeting. Learn about buying, selling, or preserving your collections, and discover different types of stamps from all over the world.

BEE THERE

**WHAT:** Free performance by SCAD's Bee Sharps  
**WHEN:** May 19, at 5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Baptist Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**WHAT ELSE:** These elite student performers from around the U.S. do it all – sing, dance, and dazzle!

HAPPY CAMPERS

**WHAT:** Camp Skidaway 2024  
**WHEN:** June 3 – 7, 9 a.m. – 12 noon  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Baptist Church  
**HOW MUCH:** Free, please register at [Skidaway-Church.org/events](http://Skidaway-Church.org/events)  
**CONTACT:** [admin@skidawaychurch.org](mailto:admin@skidawaychurch.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Prepare for a boatload of excitement at Ocean Commotion VBS! Your kids will dive deep into the account of Noah and the Flood from the book of Genesis. They'll also learn to apply the spiritual lessons from Noah's life to their own.

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**Heroines Camp**  
**WHEN:** June 24 – 28, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church  
**HOW MUCH:** \$50 (includes t-shirt)  
**CONTACT:** nichole@skidcc.org  
**WHAT ELSE:** Calling all rising 1st through 5th graders: Campers will enjoy daily adventures with crafts, games, and sports, while discovering heroes and heroines from the Bible, learning spiritual lessons for everyday life, and making a difference with a community service project that helps kids facing food insecurities. Please register by May 31 at [skidcc.org/vbc2024](http://skidcc.org/vbc2024)

**GATHERING GROCERIES**

**WHAT:** Packing groceries for Second Harvest  
**WHEN:** 9 – 11 a.m., June 7  
**WHERE:** Second Harvest, 2501 E President St.  
**CONTACT:** Terry Lewis, [terrylewis324@gmail.com](mailto:terrylewis324@gmail.com).

**HELP AROUND THE HOUSE**

**WHAT:** Habitat for Humanity volunteers wanted  
**WHEN:** 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays, possibly Thursdays  
**WHERE:** locations vary  
**CONTACT:** Mark Piven, 912.598.0323  
**WHAT ELSE:** Prior experience is not necessary. Many volunteers learn on the job and only do whatever they feel comfortable with. Tools are provided.

**FINANCIAL AID**

**WHAT:** AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers  
**WHEN:** Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 1 for 10 weeks; hours and days are flexible  
**WHERE:** Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries  
**CONTACT:** Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or [johngerardi@hotmail.com](mailto:johngerardi@hotmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** This program provides free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families, as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. AARP Tax-Aide saves underserved individuals/families millions in preparation fees and helps taxpayers claim millions in refunds, which can be used to reduce poverty. Tax preparers will be trained to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are also needed to help with intake/front desk.

**TAXATION REPRESENTATION**

**WHAT:** Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement

**Association**  
**WHEN:** starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville  
**CONTACT:** Tiffany Carter, [tcarter@niacdc.org](mailto:tcarter@niacdc.org) or 912.447.5577  
**WHAT ELSE:** This program helps underserved communities by offering free tax preparation. No experience necessary. Volunteers include greeters/screeners and tax preparers

**LOSS MITIGATION**

**WHAT:** Pandemic support group meeting  
**WHEN:** Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** St. Peter's Episcopal Church Library  
**HOW MUCH:** Free  
**CONTACT:** Suzanne at St. Peter's, 598.7242  
**WHAT ELSE:** Many of us have lost friends or family, and pandemic isolation has made dealing with these losses difficult. Dr. Stevens Peirsol will guide the group, offering those who would like to share and find help in processing loss.

**REEL MEN**

**WHAT:** Landlovers Men's Action Movies and Dinner  
**WHEN:** We usually see an action movie once a month.  
**HOW MUCH:** Movie admission  
**CONTACT:** Dave Robinson, [dave.robinson16@gmail.com](mailto:dave.robinson16@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Men's Action Movies is a friendly gathering of men who want to see movies your wife probably wouldn't want to see. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

**DUEL PURPOSE**

**WHAT:** Skidaway Hamiltons meetings  
**WHEN:** Every third Tuesday of the month, 3:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church, Skidaway Island  
**HOW MUCH:** Free for members of the Skidaway Hamiltons and Skidaway Abigails  
**CONTACT:** [HamiltonsMembers@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonsMembers@gmail.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** To learn more about Skidaway Hamiltons, a non-partisan civic-minded men's organization, visit [skidawayhamiltons.org](http://skidawayhamiltons.org). See the calendar for past and future speakers.

**READ ALL OVER**

**WHAT:** Landlovers Singles Co-ed Book Club  
**WHEN:** 4th Thursday each month, 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Various Landings clubhouses  
**CONTACT:** Marianne Claysmith, [claysmith2@aol.com](mailto:claysmith2@aol.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** We read novels and biographies. Members belong to the Landings Club

**SPEAK EASY**

**WHAT:** Savannah Speech and Hearing Center's "Speak Easy"  
**WHEN:** Every Friday morning, 10-11:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Savannah Speech and Hearing Center - 5414 Skidaway Rd.  
**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public  
**CONTACT:** Jenna Harcher, 912.355.4601 or [jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org](mailto:jharcher@speechandhearingsav.org)  
**WHAT ELSE:** A support group for survivors of stroke or traumatic brain injury and their family or caregivers. Participants work on improving and maintaining skills associated with speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Attendance via video conference is also available upon request.

**CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP**

**WHAT:** Diamond Causeway litter pickup  
**WHEN:** 10 a.m., 3rd Saturday of each month, starting Oct. 21  
**WHERE:** Meet at Butterbean Landing parking lot  
**CONTACT:** Courtney Fowler at 912.891.0850 or [causewaycleanup@gmail.com](mailto:causewaycleanup@gmail.com), or Susan Ragland, [sragland@fourseasonstvrl.com](mailto:sragland@fourseasonstvrl.com)  
**WHAT ELSE:** Please contact Courtney in the event of inclement weather. Bring work gloves, safety vest if you have one, or wear bright clothing, trash picker, water. Trash bags will be provided. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

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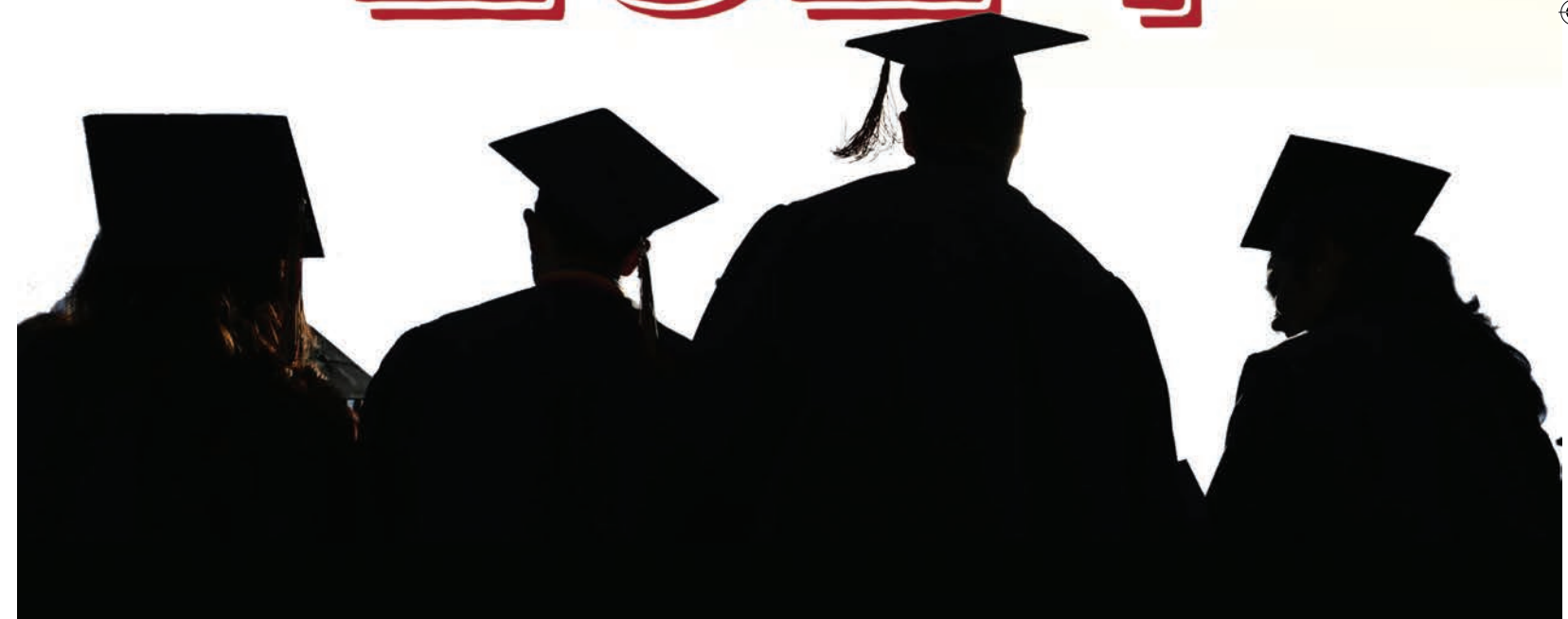
**WHAT:** Al-Anon  
**WHEN:** Mondays, 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Skidaway Island United Methodist Church  
**WHAT ELSE:** A recovery program for families and friends of people who are struggling with addiction.

**CARING WITH CASSEROLES**

**WHAT:** Casseroles for Safe Shelter  
**WHEN:** Every 3rd Tuesday  
**WHERE:** Dropoff at 2 Moonrise Circle; Other locations TBD  
**CONTACT:** Sue Souls, [LLcommservice@gmail.com](mailto:LLcommservice@gmail.com) or [smsouls@gmail.com](mailto:smsouls@gmail.com)

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ACROSS

- 1. Farm youngster
- 5. Drink served with marshmallows
- 10. Kind of rock
- 14. Olfactory assault
- 15. To no \_\_\_\_
- 16. Bud holder
- 17. NASA scrub
- 18. Insignificant
- 20. Some pots and pans
- 22. Pencil part
- 23. Basketball position
- 24. Submarine detector
- 26. Poet \_\_\_\_ Angelou
- 28. Empathizing with
- 32. Neighborhood
- 35. Bing, bang or boom
- 37. Dove call
- 38. Pizazz
- 39. Jeweler's unit
- 40. Stern
- 41. Feel sick
- 42. Hotel employee
- 43. Like undercooked eggs
- 44. Florida beach
- 46. Austin Powers' nemesis Dr. \_\_\_\_
- 48. Expenditure
- 50. As a precaution
- 54. Be a snitch
- 57. Biblical son
- 59. Inconsequential
- 61. Aussie pal
- 62. Camping shelter
- 63. Present occasion
- 64. Like some proportions
- 65. Not had by
- 66. Like Neil Diamond's Caroline
- 67. Cost of living?

DOWN

- 1. Funnel-shaped
- 2. Love to pieces
- 3. Get connected
- 4. Jagger, to the Stones

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- 5. He played Candy on *Bonanza*
- 6. CBer's term
- 7. Kennel structures
- 8. Texas tea
- 9. Psychiatrist, in a Caleb Carr novel
- 10. Bird sanctuary
- 11. Vehicles for hire
- 12. Archipelago part
- 13. Forest forager
- 19. Fireplace fixture
- 21. Whip mark
- 25. Morphine, for one
- 27. Like clocks with hands
- 29. Desktop item
- 30. Verb preceder
- 31. Like slasher films
- 32. \_\_\_\_ of faith
- 33. Mixed dish
- 34. Peaceful
- 36. Metal in rocks
- 39. Water carriers
- 40. American folk instrument
- 42. Big safe
- 43. Watermelon waste
- 45. Chip source
- 47. Shade of purple
- 49. Express
- 51. Wide open
- 52. Gown material
- 53. Choose for office
- 54. One of the Jackson 5
- 55. Prayer ender
- 56. Foursome led by Leonardo, briefly
- 58. Marathon, e.g.
- 60. Column's counterpart

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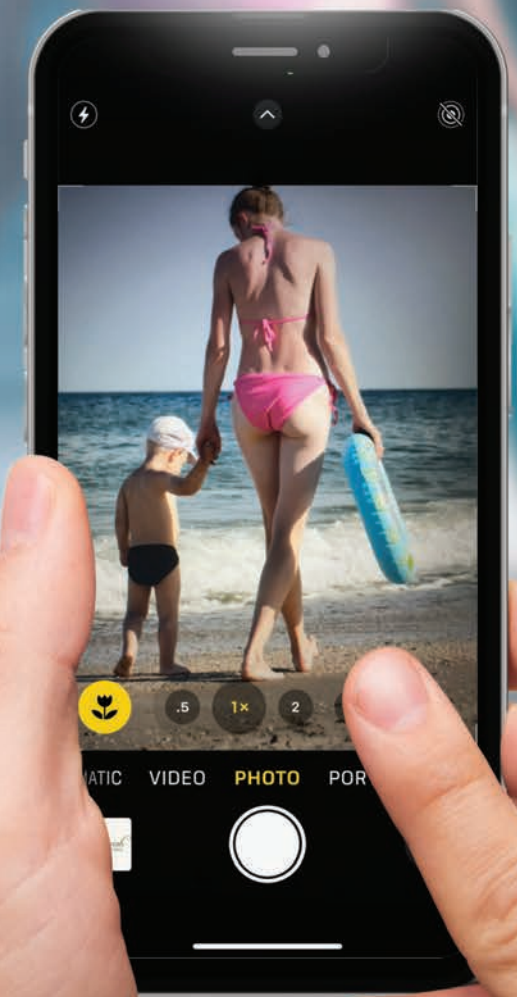


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Rene Hernandez - Pearson, GA

As a professional drywaller, wearing a heavy toolbelt is a necessity for Rene. But after developing a large lump on his hip, the pain prohibited him from wearing it. So he made the 3-hour drive from his home in Pearson, GA to the Lewis Cancer & Research Pavillion at St. Joseph's/Candler, where his eggplant-sized tumor was diagnosed as a rare and deadly cancerous myxoid liposarcoma.



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