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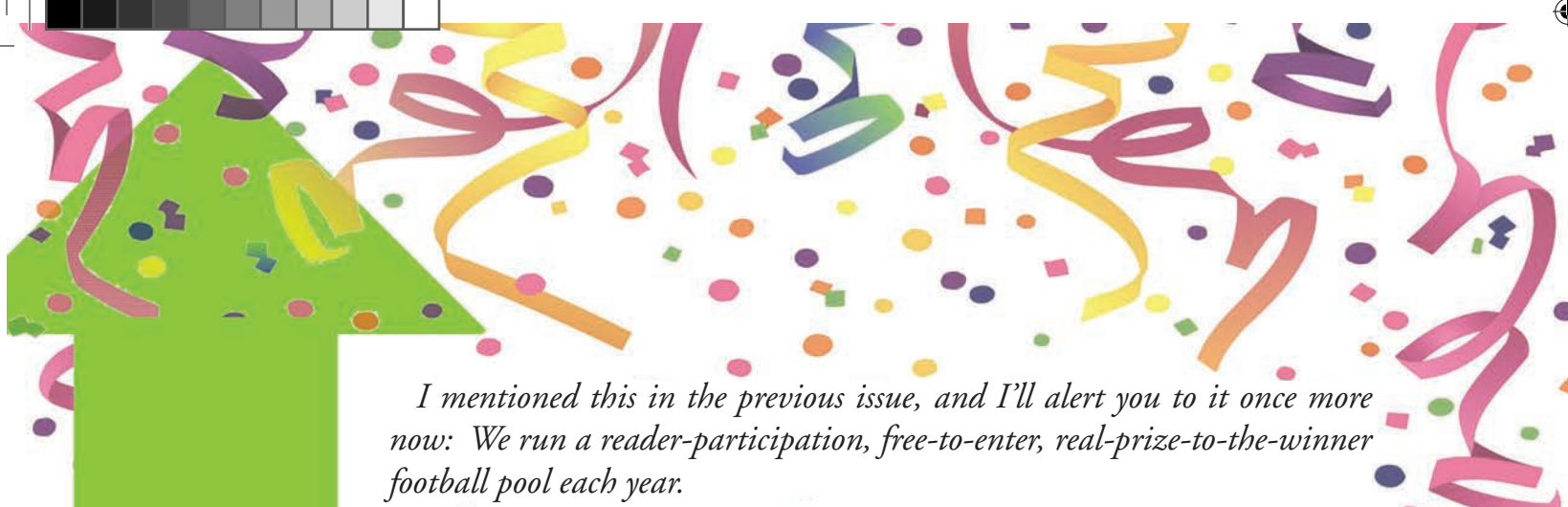
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I mentioned this in the previous issue, and I'll alert you to it once more now: We run a reader-participation, free-to-enter, real-prize-to-the-winner football pool each year.

Find it on page 28 in this issue and follow the instructions to play. Be sure to get your entry into us by the deadline – Thursday, September 7.

I realized something when I woke up this morning. Rather, when I was still half-sleeping and trying to ignore my deadline. We launched this business – this magazine – with its debut issue at the beginning of September of 2003. It's the beginning of September of 2023 today. Groggy – I thought, "We're 20." Could it be?

I did some infantile math. I wrote "03 – 04 = 1." (In other words, 2003 to 2004 is the span of year 1.) Below it (I switched to shorthand), "4 – 5 = 2." So on, until I reached today, "22 – 23 = 20." Still unconvinced (or desperate to avoid widespread embarrassment from making a false claim rooted in arithmetic deficiency), despite a lifetime of study and work spanning engineering and finance theory, I considered the context of my own age: I was born in September of 1964. I'm pretty sure I'll be 59 in a few weeks, which is September of 2023. The mathematical difference between 2023 and 1964 is 59. Therefore, it is, indeed, a simple case of basic subtraction. *The Skinnie* is 20 with this issue, which seems like a thing worth saying out loud.

A bit about the origin story...A friend of mine who has since moved away said an innocuous thing to me in passing during the late spring of 2003. I had been living on Skidaway Island for close to two years then, having moved from New York City three weeks prior to 9/11. Claude is the friend's name. He declared, "We should start a magazine," and he listed the reasons behind his claim. People say this kind of stuff all the time – the we-should stuff – and it almost never leads to anything. I had a lucrative and demanding career with no intention to derail it and two young daughters at home. A side-hustle would be tough.

I had always enjoyed writing, yet I had no outlet for it, which made a magazine more intriguing than many nascent throw-away commercial schemes. Eventually, I got to, "Okay...let's."

Claude knew a guy who wrote for a living – Joel. He used to live here, too, but left years ago. "He's a writer..."

let's get him involved," said Claude. Eventually, I got to, "Okay...let's."

Long story as short as I can make it: We had two months to figure out how to publish, and none of us had ever done anything similar before. "Writing" and publishing are, at best, distant cousins. We sold some anchor advertisers on our idea and committed to a Labor Day launch. On Labor Day minus 5, at 3 in the morning, I was sitting next to a SCAD student whose name I can't remember, in front of a fancy computer screen, trying to coax and coach her to learn the things that she claimed to already know. By that time, that middle of a dark weeknight, our original three had effectively shrunk to one. I was in it, and I was going to succeed or fail, somewhat publicly, largely on my own.

Except for the family that coalesced around the upstart effort. A "family" that includes my "literal" family, my new family, and teammates who have been wearing the uniform for many, if not all, of our 20 years. I owe them all...look at the names on the table of contents: That's the core. A core that includes my 89-year-old father, who continues to write his regular He Served feature in his 90th year.

The Skinnie is a business, so doing its work is a job. But every person who has given or continues to give a part of him or herself to it does so when he or she probably could do something else. Not because of the "job" part, but because of commitment to a community and a city and the creative process. We are advocates for and partners with our advertiser-clients. We are your neighbors. We are cheerleaders for the region we love dearly. We continue to try hard to earn your support.

Thank you for your part in our 20-year story. This isn't the epilogue. This writer continues to actively tweak the plot.

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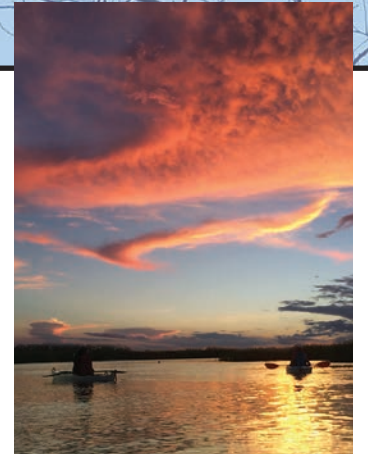
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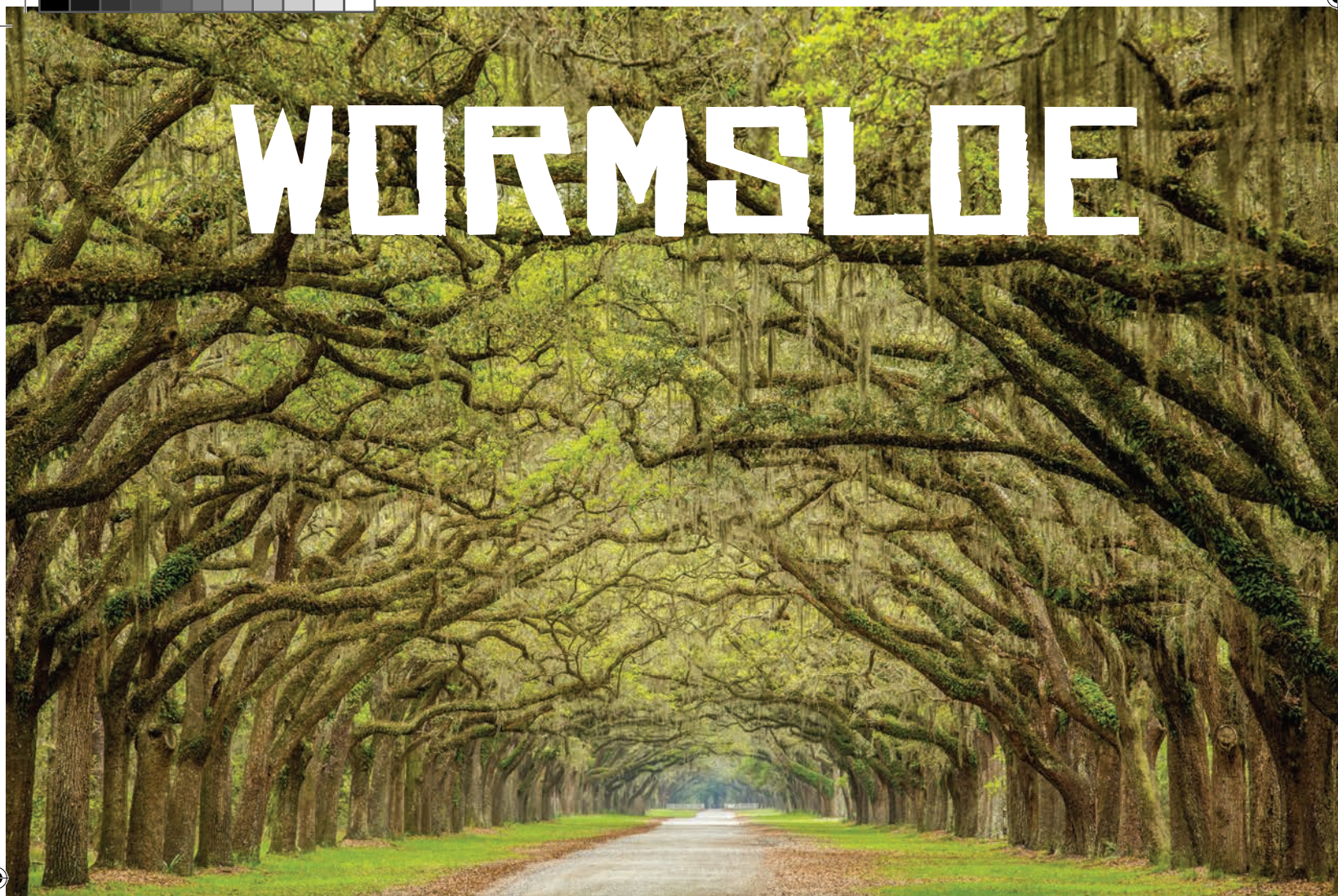
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Where the Past Is Present

William Faulkner supposedly said the Southern past isn't dead...it isn't even past. Craig Barrow, the current generation in a long line of owner-residents whose ancestor Noble Jones journeyed to Georgia with James Oglethorpe, emphasizes that everything about the storied place called Wormsloe circles back to its preservation. Family-initiated efforts include the 1961 creation of the Wormsloe Foundation; the 1973 gift of 1,400 acres to the State of Georgia; and a 15-acre allocation to the University of Georgia's Center for Research and Education at Wormsloe – all alongside a 50-acre tract Barrow and his father reserved for their family and its future generations.

Many Savannahians associate Wormsloe with that photogenic allée of historic oak trees, gateway to tabby ruins, marsh views, family burial sites, and the annual "Colonial Faire and Muster" (a must-do during February's Georgia History Festival). Yet the unpaved oak avenue is merely the entrance to an immensely larger preserve of Georgia heritage. A place where immense natural beauty is inexorably entangled with vestiges of some of the nation's ugliest truths.

"Pigeon Island and Long Island – they're part of Wormsloe," declares

Barrow. "So is Diamond Causeway to the Landings." Meaning that Skidaway Island residents drive daily "through" Wormsloe, whether they realize it or not. Though the Landings justifiably celebrates a 50-year milestone, the greater Wormsloe site knocks on the door of a three-century mark, harkening to the foundation of Georgia. And even before that, Isle of Hope and Wormsloe (both English names) were the sometimes-homes of indigenous people such as the Yamacraw Creeks – Tomochichi's clan that yielded Yamacraw Bluff to Oglethorpe to site Savannah in 1733.

Oglethorpe's utopian social experiment may have been altruistic, and tight controls on land acquisition and inheritance and the prohibition of an enslaved labor force distinguished the colony from others like Carolina or Virginia. The first settlers in Georgia remained monetarily meek at best, despite their fresh start.

The unusual name Wormsloe – sometimes Wormslow – echoes Noble Jones's home in Herefordshire: Wormslow Hundred. Though some have theorized that the name could reference silkworms and Jones's failed attempt at sericulture, prevailing wisdom points to English namesakes, not abandoned agricultural antecedents.

On the subject of names . . . Noble Jones. Even a novelist might fail to

by
**Roger
Smith**



Above: The tabby ruins of the original home at the Wormsloe Historic Site.

Opposite page: The historic oak trees lining the path to Wormsloe are a popular backdrop for photographers.

invent a more fitting name for the early Georgia figure. Its self-contradictory nature seems ironically appropriate. The surname, humble and common, was that of a carpenter who sailed on the ship Ann to a fledgling colony. Jones came to Georgia in the company of his wife and children, indicating his intention to lay roots in the 13th colony. Yet Noble Jones flourished in the new colony, first securing 500 acres (the maximum acquisition allowed, even for settlers paying their own way), then utilizing indentured labor to cultivate his land until slavery was legalized in 1749.

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Then came enslaved people, with some estimates pegging their numbers around 1,500 at peak. Like so much history, the horrors associated with plantation slavery at sites like Wormsloe starkly contrast with benign elements like the former plantation's majestic oaks.

With his ambitious hunger for land (more and more arable acreage at Isle of Hope, plus city lots in Savannah), Noble Jones laid the groundwork to become Georgia "nobility," once Trustee-era strictures had passed. At its apex, Wormsloe comprised thousands of acres.

Under Oglethorpe's leadership, Noble Jones became valuable to military readiness against the Spanish in St. Augustine. Jones built a tabby structure at Wormsloe, part residence and part fortification – one of several strategic posts dotting the coast from Savannah to St. Mary's. Although the Spanish never ventured as far north as Wormsloe, Jones nevertheless headed a corps of Georgia Marines ready to repel the enemy. The tabby ruins of his fortified house stand testament to 18th Century building techniques and to geo-political dynamics among Europe's imperial nations that are difficult to imagine today.

The American Revolution divided families; the Joneses were a good example. Noble Jones, who died in 1775, was a King's man, while his son, Noble Wimberley Jones, was a Liberty Boy, party to a plot to commandeer gunpowder from a Savannah repository. In an expression of displeasure, Noble Jones resorted to bequeathing his estate to his daughter in a life trust, rather than directly to his son. Upon her death, however, Wormsloe reverted to her brother, the patriot.

Back in control, Noble Wimberley Jones re-established the patrilineal inheritance of Wormsloe by deeding the property to his son George Jones, who in the burgeoning American republic served as a U.S. Senator.

At home, he built a large plantation house in 1820 that remains the home of his descendants today. Under his hand, Wormsloe joined the ranks of major cotton-producing plantations across the South, realizing huge profits through accelerated land acquisition and the vast use of enslaved laborers.

Fourth-generation George Frederick Tilghman Jones (who changed the family name to DeRenne, a nod to his grandmother's maiden name, Van Deren) witnessed the nation's reckoning with the sectional crisis and slavery. As the Civil War raged and fighting finally came to Georgia, the Jones/DeRennes fled Wormsloe. After the war, President Lincoln's vision for knitting the country together might have made good the promises of emancipation and Sherman's Field Order No. 15 ("40 acres and a mule"). It's conceivable that Wormsloe might have been divided and redistributed, perhaps to the enslaved people who had worked its fields. But Lincoln's assassination and Andrew Johnson's conciliatory policies toward former Confederates allowed Wormsloe's refugees to return to their ancestral home and re-enter the coastal aristocracy – shaken perhaps, but back on their land.

The 20th Century witnessed predictable passage of the property at Wormsloe, generation to generation, as well as a renewed emphasis on publishing documents related to Georgia history. The DeRenne family's antiquarian proclivities ran parallel to those of the Georgia Historical Society, with whom the family published numerous historical pieces. George Wimberley Jones DeRenne built a separate structure just a few yards from the 1820s house: a 1906 Edwardian library. It could be called a folly, were it not for its sheer beauty and the importance of the volumes it holds. (Openings are rare, as the Barrows' home and library are private, yet Mr. Barrow and his wife are generous with their home when it comes



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to hosting non-profit events.)

What does the future hold? Craig Barrow, speaking from his ninth-generation vantage, says that a new visitors' center, rising along Parkersburg Road, is due to open this fall. Visitors will have a more formalized experience, he says, as trams will carry them the 1.5-miles to the historic remains of Noble Jones's initial structure. Though there will be no more individual vehicular traffic on the unpaved path, Barrow emphasizes that

the "oak avenue will still be accessible to all – on foot, by bike," or on the trams from the visitors' center, where guests will receive historical narratives from trained guides.

As for the family, Barrow shares that his son harbors the preservation ethic that has passed through the generations. His inheritance will one day make a 10th generation on the site. Barrow joins other Savannahians in worrying about dramatic industrial development in previously bucolic



Jones Marsh, formerly the Skidaway Narrows, looking toward Long Island spanning most of the horizon. Part of Skidaway Island is visible through a break in the treeline in the top right.

sections of Chatham County. But 1,400 acres of islands, marsh, and historic high land called Wormsloe? "That will be preserved forever."

Roger Smith is the director of the Learning Center, Savannah's premiere place for lifelong learning and a program of Senior Citizens, Inc. Formerly the director of education at the Georgia Historical Society, Smith infuses the histories of Savannah, Georgia, and the South into much of TLC's programming. For more information and to get involved, visit www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center or call 912.236-0363.

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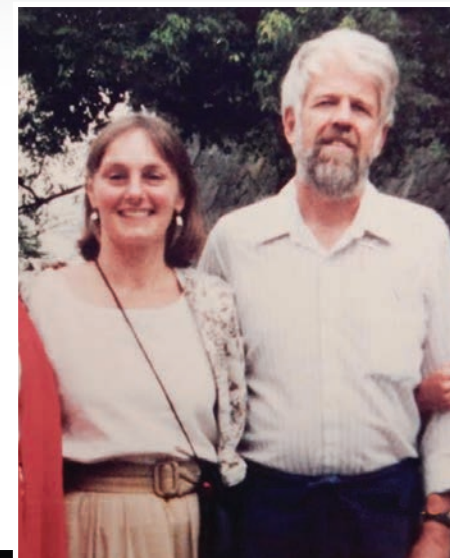
Through a grant by the Landings Landlovers Foundation, Wilderness Southeast (WiSE) will provide kayaking safety and coastal ecology programs for Landings residents. “The kayaking and coastal ecology sessions for Landings residents will begin September 19,” explains Lisa Goodman, executive director of WiSE. “We will leave from Delegal Creek Marina and may hold some sessions at Butterbean Beach.”

Individuals and families are encouraged to attend. Cost will be \$65 per person, \$50 for ages 12 to 18.

During the off-season, Diana Churchill, WiSE’s resident birding expert, will provide walking tours exploring the wonderful diversity of the birds on Skidaway Island. She is a longtime birder and author of the book, *Bird’s Eye View*.

WiSE is an eco-tour and environmental education nonprofit organization that offers immersive opportunities led by expert guides and educators to explore Georgia’s wild and relatively pristine coastal places. It tailors experiences for families, schools, and organized groups of all ages, allowing participants to connect with the environment. WiSE discovery trips include naturalist guides, logistics, and equipment to illuminate the magic of the Georgia Coast. WiSE was founded in 1973 by three Savannah friends - Dick and Joyce Murlless and John “Crawfish” Crawford. Its expressed mission has been to develop an awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the natural world, thus instilling a sense of stewardship. The founders believed that providing opportunities for people to experience nature would inspire them to learn more and to protect it. Before the terms “eco-tourism” and “eco-education” existed, WiSE was doing just that as pioneers in the field.

Wilderness Southeast was founded in 1973 by Joyce and Dick Murlless (left) and John “Crawfish” Crawford (below).



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FISH GOTTA SWIM

According to Goodman, the bi-monthly kayaking sessions will help raise money for FGS, which provides opportunities for at-risk students to participate in outdoor, hands-on learning. Since 2002, WiSE has provided more than 8,000 student hours annually of education to Savannah-Chatham County Public School students, serving mostly at-risk youth who may not have the opportunity to engage with nature in their daily lives. Despite proximity to the Georgia Coast, 75 percent of students served in the FGS program have never been to the beach or coastal wetlands. Parents are often unable to deliver experiences in nature due to economic and time constraints.



In the coming years, WiSE plans to expand and transform its programming in an effort to increase its impact. "We are especially interested in expanding the FGS program by offering it to more schools, particularly to the 33 Title-1 schools in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System," Goodman explains.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

On October 7, WiSE will host a "Paddle Battle Party" to benefit FGS and celebrate its own 50th anniversary. Challengers 12 and older will compete in kayaks, paddleboards, and other non-motorized watercraft in 4-mile and 1-mile races. Competition will take place from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by an award ceremony, food, live music, and a silent auction. Attendees will enjoy the premiere of "50 Years WiSE," a documentary produced in collaboration with SCAD students, to be aired on Georgia Public Broadcasting. The film profiles WiSE's three co-founders through interviews with them, as well as past staff members and program participants. It elaborates on WiSE's



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Business and community leaders John Coleman and Sean Register have been named to the top two positions on the St. Joseph's/Candler board of trustees. Coleman, who previously served as vice chair, will become the new chair, replacing outgoing Frank Brown. Register will assume as vice chair responsibilities. The board of trustees is comprised of volunteers who guide the vision of the health system.

JOHN COLEMAN

Coleman is a native Savannahian. He attended Blessed Sacrament Catholic School and Benedictine Military School. He then attended Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, and graduated from Savannah State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 1992, he joined his father's construction company, Bonitz of Georgia, a specialty subcontractor with offices in Savannah and Atlanta, specializing in commercial and institutional construction throughout the Southeast. Coleman serves as the company's president and CEO.



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Coleman is a member of the Savannah Rotary Club, the Savannah Executives Association, and a former board member of the Associated General Contractors of America (Georgia Branch), Benedictine Military School, and CASA. He and his wife, the former Avis Blackmon, have five children.

SEAN REGISTER

Born in Savannah and a proud a Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket, Register is a long-time figure in the local business community and Richmond Hill. He is currently the CEO and managing partner of Port Fuel Center in Port Wentworth. He has worked in the ocean shipping industry for decades, transporting a vast array of goods to the Caribbean and Central America.



Register is a founding member of the Georgia-Cuba Trade Association and has served on the boards of the Bryan County Industrial Development Authority, World Trade Center Savannah, and Coastal Regional Commission of the State of Georgia.

Register was elected to the St. Joseph's/Candler board of trustees on January 1, 2022. He and wife, Laura, have two adult daughters.

Coleman serves on the boards of the Savannah Economic Development Authority (past chairman), World Trade Center Savannah (vice chairman), and Boy Scouts of America (Coastal Empire Council). He was elected to the St. Joseph's/Candler board of trustees on Sep-

tember 1, 2017. His late father, Sen. Tom Coleman, was on the St. Joseph's Hospital board from 1982 to 1993.

at Heartwood on Belfast/Keller Road. Eventually, other programs will be established to meet the needs of students and faculty in elementary and middle schools, as well as Bryan County High School in Pembroke.

prouder to be able to offer this for our students."

"Healthcare workers are in demand today and will be into the future, and St. Joseph's/Candler believes that it's our responsibility to work with schools to foster a new generation of caregivers," says Paul P. Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler. "This partnership with Bryan County Schools is more than that. It is unique and expansive, providing long-term benefits for the students and the community. It is structured so that it can evolve and change as the needs of the school system changes."

"Bryan County Schools is thrilled to partner with St. Josephs/Candler on this unique opportunity for our students," says Dr. Paul T. Brooksher, district superintendent. "We are excited that our students will be able to practice in a simulation lab designed by healthcare professionals, providing our students with real-life scenarios and equipment. In addition, our students will be able to participate in shadowing in clinical and non-clinical settings to gain insight and experiences that would not otherwise be available to them."

St. Joseph's/Candler believes it is critical to train the next generation of healthcare providers for the community. In recent years, the health system has partnered with school districts and colleges to create programs unique to their needs in educating students. The system operates programs with Beach and Woodville-Tompkins High Schools in Savannah, as well as Savannah Tech. On any given day, St. Joseph's/Candler has students from local schools training to be patient care technicians, certified nursing assistants, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, and doctors.

Bryan County Schools strives to provide all students robust opportunities that prepare them to be successful in whichever path they choose after high school. This partnership is an amazing opportunity, and we could not be

The new, state-of-the-art RHHS is scheduled to open its doors in the fall of 2025. For additional information, visit the Bryan County Schools website: bryan.k12.ga.us.



St. Joseph's/Candler President & CEO Paul P. Hinchey announcing new partnership with Bryan County Schools.

St. Joseph's/Candler and Bryan County Schools Create Innovative Health Education Partnership

Program stimulates student interest, prepares them for healthcare careers, and promotes improved health and wellness.

St. Joseph's/Candler and Bryan County Schools announced a unique partnership that will expand the health science curriculum for students at Richmond Hill High School (RHHS) and prepare them for careers in healthcare. The school and health systems have been working for months to enhance RHHS's certification programs. With the expansion of the new high school and its focus on the health sciences, the partnership is a logical development, but its scope extends outside the classroom. The goal is serve the school system in a variety of ways.

The new RHHS will feature a large healthcare simulation lab to provide hands-on learning experience for health science

students. Experts at St. Joseph's/Candler with experience in creating simulation labs will assist faculty and administration with the development of the lab to offer the best learning options for students. In addition, the school system and St. Joseph's/Candler have developed the St. Joseph's/Candler Career Discovery Program. Students will have the opportunity to shadow clinical and non-clinical teams each semester to assess professions and career opportunities. The program was initially piloted in the spring of 2023 with 40 students. Moreover, St. Joseph's/Candler will assist high school faculty as needed with lectures and curriculum enhancements and assist school nurses. Health education and wellness lectures for the student body will be

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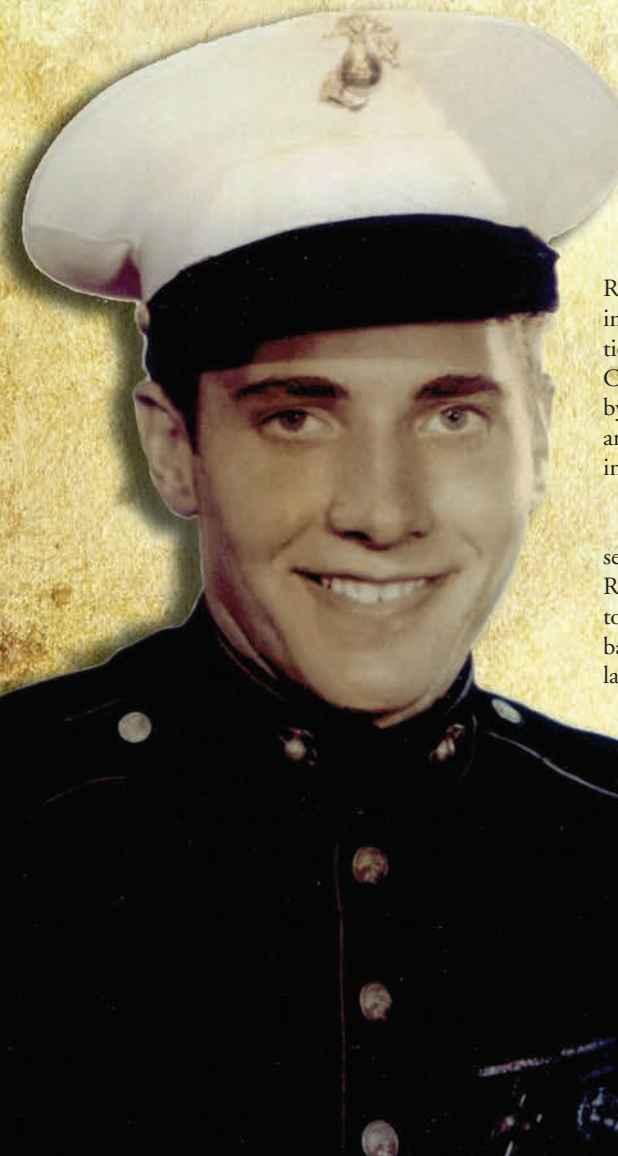
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TURNER

AND THE
MARINE CORPS RAIDERS
OF WORLD WAR II

On August 19, 300 guests, most of them veterans, gathered in the ballroom of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler to honor former U.S. Marine Raider Leonard B. Turner (Cpl.) on his 100th birthday.



In 1942, Turner, a Detroit native, followed his two brothers into military service. Bob served in the Coast Guard, and Bill in the Marines. Leonard expected to join a regular infantry battalion, as the Corps was beefing up its divisions for the coming battles against occupied Japanese forces in the Pacific. But he volunteered for a special operations force – the Marine Raiders – and that's where he ended up.

Shortly after the U.S. was thrust into World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his son James, a Marine Corps officer, became interested in creating an American equivalent to the British commando outfits. Two special operations force units were formed – the 1st Raider Battalion, under command of Lt. Col. Merritt A. “Red Mike” Edson, and the 2nd Raider Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson. The Marine Raiders' main purpose was to locate an objective, destroy it, take prisoners, gather intelligence, and divert Japanese intelligence and reinforcements from other Allied landings.

Turner was assigned to the 2nd Raider Battalion. The Raiders were deadly and secretive. Excellent teamwork and superb physical conditioning were hallmarks. Raider recruits mastered many variants of guerilla warfare training and learned to live off the land, if necessary. It didn't take long for Turner to see action. His battalion was transported in two crowded submarines to the waters off Makin Island in the Marshall Islands and, on August 17, 1942, they clandestinely landed on shore, using inflatable boats.

The landing was complicated by rough sea, high surf, and the failure of many of the small, 6-horsepower outboard motors that struggled to propel the teams' inflatable landing crafts. The attacking Raiders totaled 211 troops, while the Japanese numbered 73, plus 13 aircraft, and three small ships. The landing party advanced from the beach across the island, striking at any Japanese asset or troops they could find. In spite of strong enemy resistance, including two banzai charges, the



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Raiders managed to eliminate most of the enemy and destroy two of their boats and two of their planes. American casualties included 18 Marines killed in action and 12 missing. The Raiders were unable to take any prisoners or collect any meaningful intelligence.



The assault was a successful test of Raider tactics and gave the American press corps something positive about which to report, boosting Allied morale. Such reports were important, especially during the early stages of the war when Allied victories were few and far between.

One incident from the Makin Island raid was particularly hard for Turner and his mates to stomach. Because of the extremely high and rough surf, nine Raiders were unable to return to the waiting submarines and their absence went unnoticed in the crowded quarters until the boats arrived back at Pearl Harbor. Meanwhile, with no food and little ammunition left, the missing Raiders believed a large group of Japanese troops remained on the island. The NCO in charge ordered his men to surrender, but they were not accorded the expected humane treatment of prisoners of war. Instead, they were transported to Kwajalein, tortured, and beheaded. The desire for vengeance for this atrocity motivated the Raiders in future battles.

Turner fought on with the Raiders, through many too-close-for-comfort situations. He was among the first landing waves at the Battles of Bougainville, Guam, and Okinawa. Though he was a long-distance runner in high school, it didn't help much on the sticky beaches of the Pacific. He endured oppressive jungle heat, chest-deep mud, and thirsty

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~
STEPHEN GRELLET, A PROMINENT FRENCH-AMERICAN QUAKER MISSIONARY.

mosquito swarms as he chopped through tropical thickets infested with Japanese snipers. One night, Turner lost contact with his colleagues while on patrol in enemy territory. He spent a long and lonely night on alert under a relentless deluge. Once, he survived a powerful earthquake while hiding in a foxhole. "The choice was between being buried or being shot," he says, although he was fortunate to suffer neither during the quake.

Turner was among the thousands of Allied troops preparing for an invasion of mainland Japan. It was expected to be a bloodbath on both sides, and he vividly recalls his relief when the Japanese surrender was announced on August 15, 1945. Instead, he was sent to Japan as an occupying military policeman. Following that brief tour of duty, he returned to the U.S., was discharged, and began a 42-year career with General Motors.

This patriotic centenarian now lives with his daughter, Dr. Karen Turner, in the Savannah area. Semper Fidelis, Marine!



A man of faith, Turner prayed daily, and since surviving the brutalities of war, carries with him to this day a spiritual quote by Stephen Grellet.



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Fancy Footwork From the Skidaway Belles

Life on Skidaway Island is sometimes compared to extended summer camp, with plenty of activities and functions running year-round. But for two Landings residents, there was one thing missing: A dance team.

For Marilee Dalbey and Betsy Taubman, a short discussion at a New Neighbors event revealed they were both interested in organizing a performance dance team. Dalbey had already danced her way into the hearts of Landings ladies by offering a weekly Landlovers dance class at Skidaway Methodist Church. Taubman had just finished teaching New Neighbors arts-and-crafts and Mah Jongg. Both knew they'd hit on an idea that would not only enhance Landings life but be a fun and creative activity, open to all. The two ladies combined their resources and reached out to more than 200 residents announcing the new activity and inviting participants.

The newly formed dance team, the Skidaway Belles, will debut at the Landings LandLovers "Toys for Tots/ Holiday Golf Cart Parade" finale on December 10 at the Landings Harbor Marina. Dalbey and Taubman hope the Belles will perform at other local events and senior centers.

"We know that there are lots of folks who love to dance out there, and we just want to let them know what we're doing," Taubman says.

Rehearsals begin on September 14 in Bailey Hall at the Skidaway Island Methodist Church. They are scheduled for Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. "We can't adequately thank the members of the Methodist church for giving us the space for our rehearsals," says Dalbey. "We couldn't do this without their generosity."

Taubman grew up dancing in Maryland and performed regularly with the Batya Heller Modern Dancers. "It was great fun performing and learning the routines," she recalls, "But my favorite part was the

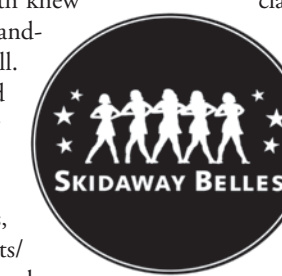
costumes. I was a lion, an elf, and a princess, among other things. I never knew what was next. Dance was an integral part of my life back then and I really enjoyed it."

After college, Taubman continued dancing and teaching aerobics classes in California where her husband of 43 years, Ross, completed his medical residency program. The couple lived in Maryland and Tennessee before moving to the Landings in 2021.

Dalbey got her start in dance as a young girl in Illinois, taking classes, joining her high school dance team, and participating in musical productions. As a young newlywed, she taught aerobic dance in Florida, then continued dancing as she and her husband of 44 years, Pat, moved to Missouri, Alabama, and Kentucky. When her now-38-year-old daughter, Megan, started taking dance as a 3-year-old in Missouri, Dalbey joined an adult tap class. During her 10 years in Alabama, she competed and performed for civic events, community theater, and local nursing home residents. She brought her love of dance and teaching to Kentucky, where she taught several classes and was the director and choreographer of a performance dance team. The group performed at fundraisers, parades, local sports events, and many senior centers and nursing homes. Dalbey continued choreographing and teaching tap dance for 35 years. She even taught tap dance in her driveway after moving to Skidaway Island.

Dalbey and Taubman know that dancing can bring joy to both the dancers and the audience. They emphasize the Belles will be loads of fun, great exercise. The ladies already have great routines and costumes in store for the group.

For more information or to register, email skidawaybelles@gmail.com.



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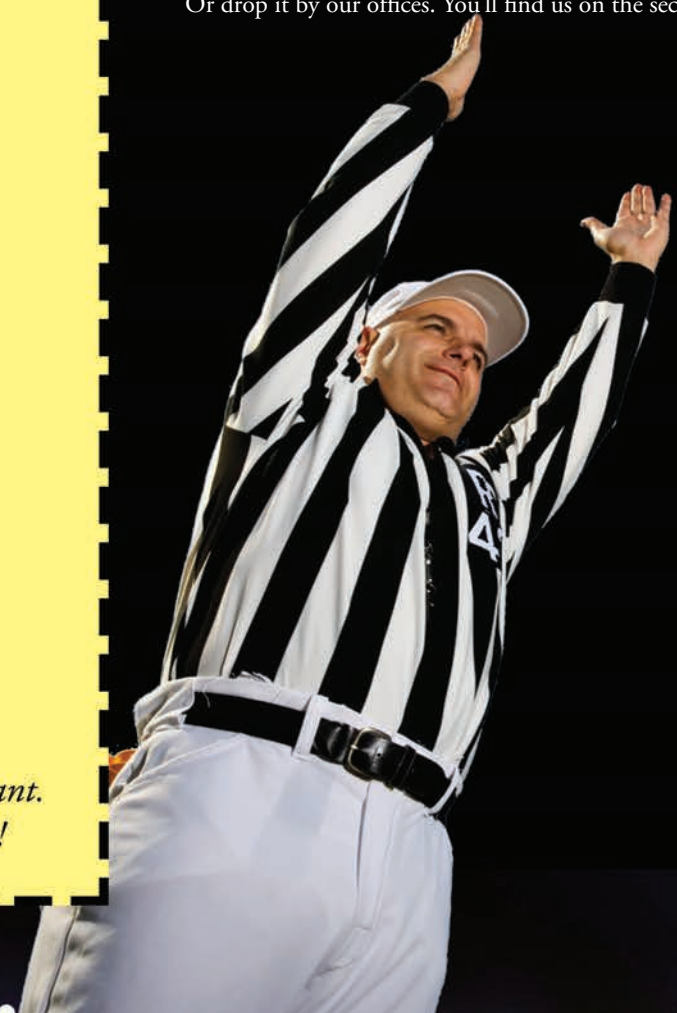
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Twenty college games and five from the NFL. Games will be played between Thursday, September 7, and Sunday, September 10. Entries are due by 5 p.m., Thursday, September 7.

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WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway

WHEN: Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.

WHERE: Palmetto Club

HOW MUCH: Free to attend; Coffee/Tea: \$2.50 (Occasionally free pastries)

CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for gate pass

WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskidaway.com for more information.

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors

WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar

CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders

HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.

CONTACT: Vicki Knapp at landloversmembership@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers.com for more information.

WHAT ELSE: The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

NATURALLY INCLINED

WHAT: The works of Janet Bailey

WHEN: Sep. 1 - 30; reception Sep. 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.

HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public

CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111

WHAT ELSE: Janet Bailey has painted tides, landscapes, sky, star, moon, and space-related paintings for several decades. In her abstracted paintings, anything related to our natural surroundings – what is both seen and unseen – has long been her interest and influences her work.

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POWER PLANTS

WHAT: P.E.O. Chapter BB annual plant sale

WHEN: Accepting orders now through Oct. 5. Order pick-up Oct. 19 A-L 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; M-Z 12 - 1 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church

HOW MUCH: Pricing Varies by plant/flower

CONTACT: Chris Aiken, cbaiken@aol.com

WHAT ELSE: P.E.O. is a philanthropic education organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women in higher education.

HOW EGG-CITING!

WHAT: Release of turtle hatchlings

WHEN: Sept. 5 and 19, 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunset Park, 707 Landings Way South

HOW MUCH: Free; donations appreciated

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Attendees will learn how volunteers rescue Diamondback terrapin eggs and now they are incubated. Then, you will help release the hatchlings into the marsh. Register at skidawayaudubon.org. Due to the popularity of this event, participation is limited to island residents with gate passes, 100 attendees per session, and to just one session only.

LET'S TALK TURTLE

WHAT: Terrapin show and tell

WHEN: Sep. 2, 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Skidaway Island State Park

HOW MUCH: \$5 parking fee

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Learn about Skidaway Audubon's successful Diamondback terrapin rescue project which has a positive, measurable impact on the recovery of this species. Pre-register by contacting Skidaway Island State Park.

JUST DANCE

WHAT: Dancing for fitness! Great music and stretches complete your workout.

WHEN: 9 - 10 a.m. every Tuesday, beginning Sep. 5

WHERE: Skidaway Island Methodist Church, Bailey Hall

HOW MUCH: \$2/month

CONTACT: Marilee Dalby, marileedalby@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: A signed waiver is required for participants.

GO NUTS

WHAT: PEO Chapter AS annual pecan sale

BUILDING BRIDGES

WHAT: Social bridge game

WHEN: Thursdays at 1 p.m., starting Sep. 7

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 or 912.856.4172

WHAT ELSE: All are welcome. Please let us know ahead of time if you'll be joining us, as partnerships are assigned randomly ahead of the game.

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

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.



WHEN: Order now thru Oct. 14; Pickup at Skidaway United Methodist Church Nov. 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HOW MUCH: \$12 per bag
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BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Call for Davenport House volunteers
WHEN: 9 - 10:30 a.m., Sep. 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27

WHERE: Davenport House Museum and Shop, 323 East Broughton St.
CONTACT: Sheena Fulkerson at sfulkerson@davenportmuseum.org or 912.236.8097
WHAT ELSE: The Davenport Houses needs volunteers to lead tours through the historic 1820s Davenport House Museum. Volunteers who complete the training typically work two shifts per month.

AB FAB

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails kickoff social
WHEN: Wednesday, Sep. 6, 5 - 7 p.m.
WHERE: Sunset Pavilion at Delegal Marina
COST: \$20 per member
CONTACT: chair@skidawayabigails.org
WHAT ELSE: We invite new and returning Abigails members to gather and welcome in a new year of impactful programs and activities. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

COCKTAILS WITH FRIENDS

WHAT: Casual gatherings at members' homes
WHEN: First gathering is Sep. 9, 6 - 8 p.m. Quarterly, or at discretion of the coordinators going forward
WHERE: Host homes
COST: None
CONTACT: Becky Dominguez, beckydom61@aol.com, or Connie Rice, csrice1948@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Guests bring appetizer and BYOB.

SAFETY FIRST

WHAT: Countering Active Threat Training, a security program developed for religious and faith-based institutions
WHEN: Sep. 10, 2 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: Private address, furnished upon registration

CONTACT: Paula Fisher, pberger@pkbergerlaw.com, no later than Sep. 7

WHAT ELSE: The program will be presented by Brett Butler, security director for the Savannah Jewish Federation. Members of the Jewish Women of the Landings (JWOL) and their significant others are invited to attend.

SHALL WE DANCE?

WHAT: Ballroom Dance Lessons
WHEN: 2nd Monday every month, September through May
WHERE: Skidaway Methodist Church
HOW MUCH: TBD
CONTACT: Marilee Dalby, marileedalby@gmail.com

DIRTY SECRET

WHAT: An Evening @ Skidaway: "22,000 Pieces of Plastic in the Ocean for Every Person on Earth: How Did We Get Here?"
WHEN: Tuesday, Sep. 12, reception at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7
WHERE: The McGowan Library on the UGA Skidaway Marine Science Campus; To view the program online, visit the UGA Skidaway Institute YouTube channel
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Jay Brandes, 912.598.2361 or jay.brandes@skio.uga.edu

WHAT ELSE: SkIO scientist Jay Brandes explores the rapid increase of plastics filtering into our air, land, rivers, and oceans. The problem is compounded by the production of microplastics, small enough to be inhaled or ingested without notice by humans and other creatures.

SISTER, SISTER

WHAT: Panhellenic Picnic in the Park
WHEN: Monday, Sep. 18, 6 - 8 p.m.
WHERE: Skidaway Island State Park covered pavilion
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: RSVP to panhellenicsavannah@gmail.com by Sep. 11. Please include name, sorority, and college
WHAT ELSE: This event is open to all sorority women. No need to be an active alum. If you were in a college sorority, you are welcome to come. Please bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Panhellenic Sororities of Savannah will be supplying the desserts, ice, and all paper and plastic products.

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on The Right (LOTR) luncheon meeting

WHEN: Sep. 21; social hour - 12 noon to 1 p.m.; lunch/program 1 - 2:30 p.m.
WHERE: The Landings Palmetto Club ballroom
HOW MUCH: LOTR members, \$30; non-members, \$35
CONTACT: To register (by Sep. 18) or to join LOTR, visit ladiesontheright.org
WHAT ELSE: Garland Favorito, chairman of the Constitution Party of Georgia and co-founder of VoterGA, a non-partisan, non-profit organization leading Georgia's election-integrity movement. LOTR is a greater-Savannah community leadership organization whose mission is to inform, educate, and inspire members to take action roles on issues that impact our country, community, and lives.

ANIMAL ATTRACTION

WHAT: Wildlife management talk
WHEN: Thursday, Sep. 21, 4 p.m.
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: Free for FOSA members, \$5 for guests, payable online or at the door
CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Landings Director of Public Works Sean Burgess will address the many aspects of wildlife management at the Landings, as Skidaway Audubon kicks off its annual speaker series. Attendees are asked to pre-register online at SkidawayAudubon.org.

POSTAL PEOPLE

WHAT: Landings Stamp Club
WHEN: Friday, Sep. 22, 10 a.m.
WHERE: Messiah Luthern Church conference room
COST: Free
CONTACT: Carl Luecke, 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.

FAMILY MATTERS

WHAT: Foster Care/Respite Care informational gathering
WHEN: Sep. 24, 6 - 8 p.m.
WHERE: Community Bible Church, 1112 E. 69th St.
CONTACT: Lisa McCaslin, 912.667.0862, or lmcaslin@promise686.org
WHAT ELSE: Panelists and presenters include Farrah Lawrence of Chatham County DFCS; Kate Blair of Brightside Advocacy; Dawn Fegel of

Love One Ministry; current foster families; and Savannah Bananas' Bananas Foster. Light refreshments will be provided.

DEUTSCH TREAT

WHAT: The Big Band of Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany
WHEN: Sep. 30 - Oct. 8; Times vary
WHERE: Various locations including Savannah Arts Academy, the JEA, Plant Riverside, and the Tybee Pier
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT ELSE: Sponsored by the Teutonic Council and the City of Halle, Germany.

VITAL ORGAN

WHAT: Organ recital, featuring Richard Elliott, principal organist for the Mormon Tabernacle
WHEN: Friday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m.; wine-and-cheese reception at 5:45
WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: Donations greatly appreciated
CONTACT: kturmer@saintpeterssav.org or 912.598.7242
WHAT ELSE: Richard Elliot is a world-class performer. This promises to be an entertaining and glorious performance marking the 20th anniversary

of the installation of the Opus 2223 Schantz pipe organ at St. Peter's.

CHIPPING FOR CHILDREN

WHAT: L9GA Kids Café charity golf scramble "Together for the Kids"
WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 26
WHERE: The Landings Golf and Athletic Club
HOW MUCH: \$50 per player plus \$35 per person for lunch, the chance auction, and the live auction
CONTACT: Laurie Redmond, laurie_redmond@yahoo.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.

SECOND HARVEST

WHAT: Packing groceries for Second Harvest

WHEN: 9 - 11 a.m., Nov. 3, Feb. 2, April 5, June 7
WHERE: Second Harvest, 2501 E President St.
CONTACT: Terry Lewis, terrylewis324@gmail.com

LUNCH BUNCH

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Lunch Group
WHERE: Various restaurants around Savannah
WHEN: 2nd Wednesday of each month
HOW MUCH: Based on restaurant
CONTACT: Rick Armstrong, armstrp@hotmail.com or John Holmquist, llmenlunchgroup@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Participants must be members of Landlovers.

MAGPIE LADIES

WHAT: Landlovers Ladies Discussion Group
WHEN: First Thursday every month, year round, 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Members homes
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: Lisa Olson, lolsonnc@yahoo.com
WHAT ELSE: New members are always welcome, but participants must be members of Landlovers.



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ACROSS

- 1. Get cracked
- 5. "Have some"
- 8. Indy entrant
- 13. Overdue
- 14. Not up
- 16. "Dreams From My Father" author
- 17. Old-time outburst
- 18. Mysterious character
- 19. Hand-dyed fabric
- 20. Bond villain ____ Goldfinger
- 22. Smother
- 24. Stable sound
- 25. Mistake in print
- 26. Conference site
- 28. Sprawling story
- 31. Enter the picture
- 34. Sandy hill
- 36. Like sushi
- 37. Climbing plant
- 39. Hopeless feeling
- 41. Sun follower?
- 42. Symphony member
- 44. Lean
- 45. Flock members
- 47. Go-between
- 49. Becomes fond of
- 51. "Laugh-In" co-host
- 55. Brought in, as crops
- 57. Cashless deal
- 58. Studio sign
- 59. "National Velvet" author ____ Bagnold
- 61. Malarial fever
- 62. Determined
- 63. "How ____!"
- 64. Pinochle play
- 65. Decorative jugs
- 66. Con's confines
- 67. Culturally showy

DOWN

- 1. Fresh from the shower
- 2. World Court city, The ____
- 3. Video game pioneer
- 4. Family tree

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- 5. Something to lend
- 6. Problem drinker, e.g.
- 7. Like some professors
- 8. Mechanical man
- 9. Computing device
- 10. Boat with two hulls
- 11. Radiate
- 12. Autumn tool
- 15. Rip off
- 21. Penny pincher
- 23. Obesity
- 27. High-pitched voices
- 29. Horse's stride
- 30. Out of whack
- 31. Top spot
- 32. Ship's front
- 33. Get through
- 35. Accompany to a party
- 38. Revel noisily
- 40. Scenic view
- 43. Totally gone
- 46. Jesus, for some
- 48. Chemical salt
- 50. "Growing Pains" mom Joanna ____
- 52. Make a bet
- 53. Legally of age
- 54. Down-and-out
- 55. Nozzle site
- 56. From scratch
- 60. Place to hole up

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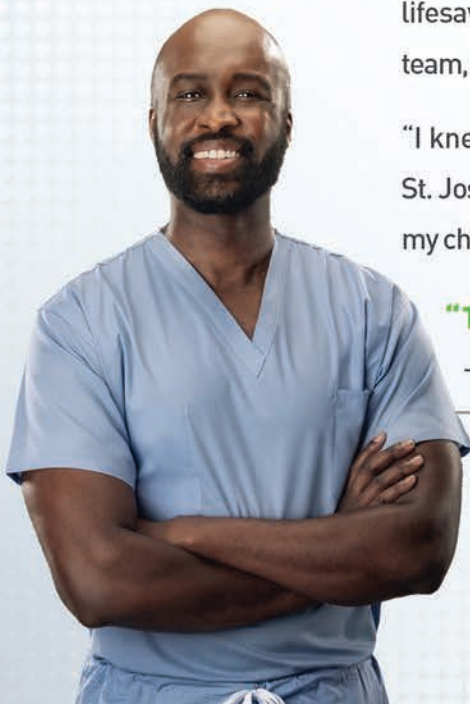
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