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# UP front

*Years ago – I can't remember where it appeared – I read a "statistic" that stuck with me. The author purported that 31411 residents provide close to 80 percent of charitable funding for local not-for-profit organizations. That's a big number, given that the same group (you and your neighbors) comprises less than 10 percent of Savannah's population.*

My suspicion is that 80 is high; though I've seen financial statements for various public-benefit entities that suggest the relative contribution is north of 50 percent. Whatever, it's certain that the Skidaway Island community contributes much to the region's wellbeing; not only in the form of funds, but through a collective commitment to volunteerism that is equally impactful, if not more so.

I currently have the privilege of leading two local not-for-profits – Horizons Savannah and the Savannah Philharmonic. The former is smack in the middle of its core program – seven weeks of daily academic, recreational and social activities for students from kindergarten age through 12th grade. The latter just completed its fiscal year (June 30), and held elections to fill board seats and choose corporate officers. With each election cycle, boards grudgingly bid farewell to members who have served with passion and aplomb.

During the most recent fiscal year, the Savannah Philharmonic has articulated a clear mission: To entertain, inspire, and build community. The organization has solidified its financial position and operated profitably while many peers have returned less-promising results. The Phil has innovated to deliver programming that has solidified its position as a cultural beacon locally, while compelling orchestras across the country to take notice of our leadership team's work. These achievements are by-products of the generosity and hard work of key volunteers – chief among them, the board of directors.

Concurrent with the beginning of the Phil's new fiscal year, the board honors its "retirees." Consistent with the thesis proffered above – that Skidaway is a formidable engine for civic good – half (four of eight) of these retirees are 31411 residents. First, it's important to remember the four who aren't Skidaway Islanders – Nina Eidell, Carol Bell, Rachel Fields and Michael Thames. Each one of these four is special and appreciated in many ways. But this column shines a special light on its Skidaway friends, so indulge me as I salute them, one by one (in surname alphabetical order):

**Phyllis Albertson.** Long-time board secretary, Phyllis fulfills her duties with a level of diligence I haven't previ-

ously witnessed in a volunteer. She is sharp, witty, tough and kind. Her work on the Phil's behalf has too many layers to detail in print. She is, simply, one of a kind.

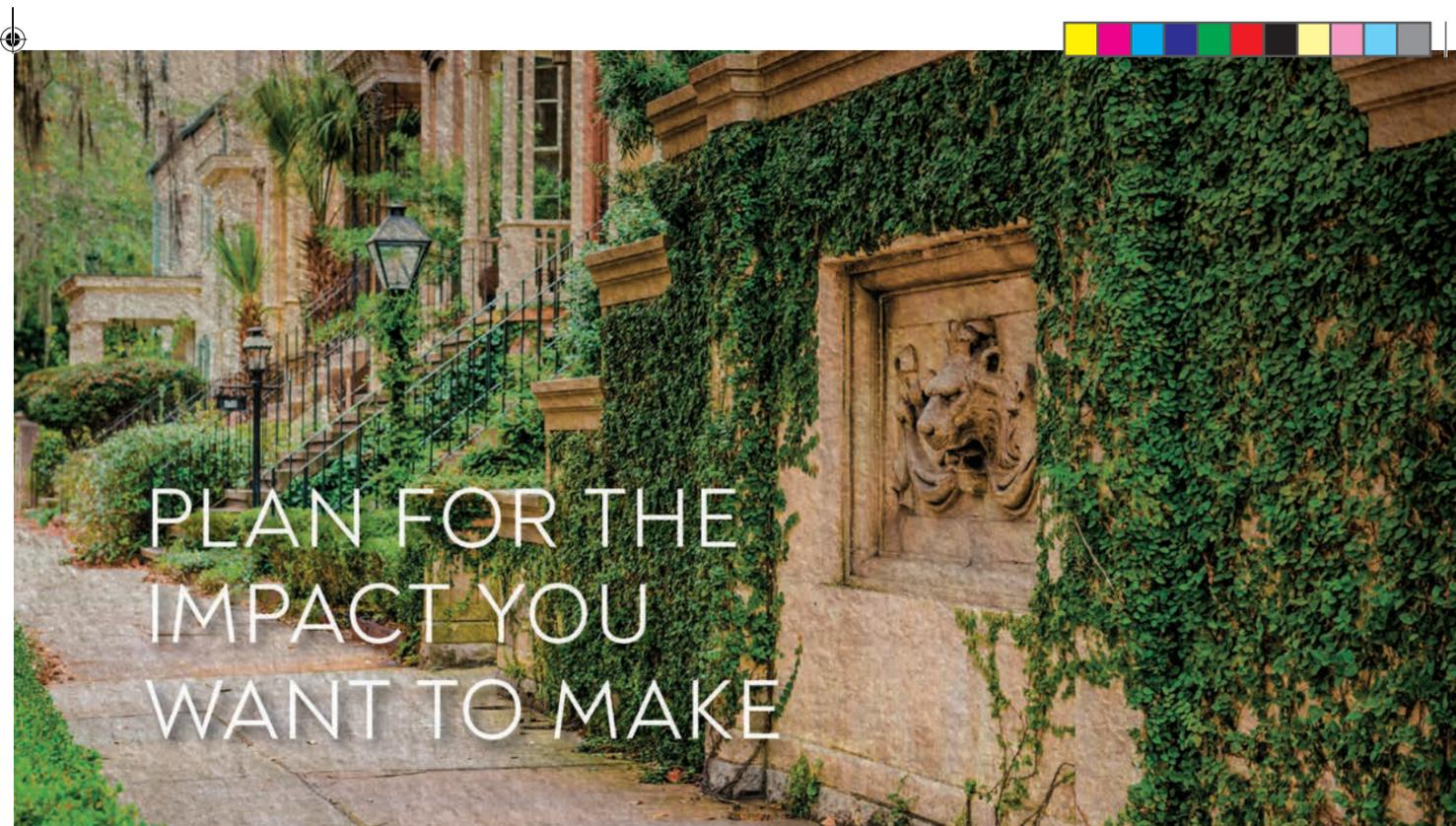
**Carolyn Brown.** This is suspicion rather than verified fact: Carolyn is likely the longest-tenured member of the board. She is graceful and well-respected, and always happy to connect people to solve challenges and fortify core strengths. She is as thoughtful as she is steadfast, a calming influence in both good and troubled times.

**Susan Whitaker.** Susan's love for music and the arts is contagious. She is as much an advocate for as she is a servant to the cause. With her husband, Ron, Susan's tangible support for the Phil and other organizations is exceptional, and the ideas she contributes are as bountiful as the economic support. She is an optimist, even in cynical times.

**Rhegan White-Clemm.** Rhegan has enthusiastically served the Phil for most of its life. She is an ardent fundraiser, event planner, patron and ambassador. She stepped forward to steward the Phil through a difficult transition period, and she positioned the current generation of leaders for success. Rhegan's legacy is an organization that is poised to do great things.

This is a single snapshot that captures a sliver of the outsized positive influence you and your neighbors have on the community that stretches well beyond the bridge connecting you to the rest of the world. Some of you were born in this town; many of you came later in life, some to work, others to focus on the incredible quality of life here. Whatever your individual circumstances, together with your neighbors, you have altered the trajectory of the region in significant ways. This truth warrants thanks.

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**on the cover:**

A monument to Nathanael Greene stands prominently in Johnson Square. To learn more about this Revolutionary War hero, **turn the page.**

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# Historical Significance

By Roger Smith

## NATHANAEL GREENE

### The Revolutionary Journey South

In his 1819 biography of American Revolution major general, Nathanael Greene, historian Charles Caldwell chastised the city of Savannah: “To the disgrace of the nation, no monument has been erected, nor, for want of a headstone, can anyone, at the present, designate the spot where the relics of the Hero of the South lie interred.”

The period called the Early Republic was a heady time for the brand-new U.S. It was likewise an era when patriotic Americans realized that the Revolutionary generation – officers and soldiers alike – was quickly dying away, just as we lament today’s passing of the Greatest Generation. Neither patriotism nor public shaming, however, did anything to speed up the saga of erecting a monument, affixing an appropriate plaque, or discovering and reinterring Greene’s remains underneath. That process took almost a century.

Before recounting Greene’s posthumous perambulations, though, it’s important to describe how a Quaker (ostensibly a pacifist) could become Gen. George Washington’s right-hand man in the American Revolution; how a New England native could come to be called the “Savior of the South;” and how a gift from grateful Georgians – a plantation! – could turn deadly. Put another way, the events prior to Greene’s death are just as dramatic as those following. The whole story would be the stuff of preposterous, eye-rolling fiction – except that it’s true.

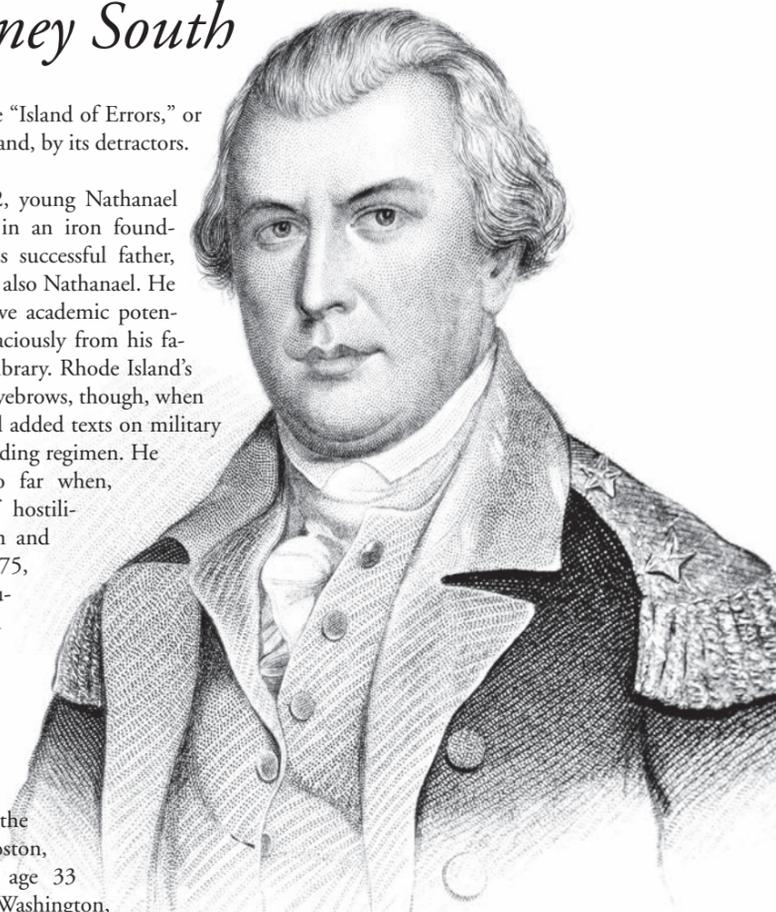
A native of Rhode Island, Greene came from prominent Quaker stock – one might say among Rhode Island’s “first families.” Expelled from Massachusetts by intolerant Puritans, Greene’s forbears helped Roger Williams found a haven for religious dissenters,

a place called the “Island of Errors,” or even “Rogue” Island, by its detractors.

Born in 1742, young Nathanael Greene worked in an iron foundry owned by his successful father, whose name was also Nathanael. He showed impressive academic potential, reading voraciously from his father’s extensive library. Rhode Island’s Quakers raised eyebrows, though, when young Nathanael added texts on military science to his reading regimen. He finally went too far when, in the wake of hostilities at Lexington and Concord in 1775, he joined revolutionary forces in Massachusetts. The Quakers expelled him from their society.

Starting at the Siege of Boston, Greene – then age 33 – impressed Washington, the commander-in-chief. Greene went on to achieve military marvels in battles at Trenton, Germantown, and Brandywine. Just a year into service, Washington elevated Greene to major-general, the youngest man to hold such a rank until the 19-year-old Lafayette would achieve the same status a short while later.

With Washington at Valley Forge, Greene proved himself a gifted administrator as well as a skilled soldier. The beleaguered, shivering, and under-supplied Washington asked



Greene to serve as the Army’s quartermaster-general, a position which Greene hesitated to accept, worried that it would take him off the field. Only Washington’s urging led him to acquiesce.

By the winter of 1780-81, the southern theater of the war seemed in a stalemate. British forces occupied Savannah and Charleston, and they threatened to overtake Georgia’s revolutionary government-in-exile in Augusta. Washington relieved Gen. Horatio

Gates of his command and replaced him with Nathanael Greene to head the “Southern Department.”

Although he never personally fought a battle in Georgia, Greene nevertheless dispatched some of the Revolution’s most illustrious figures to win back the South – Col. Henry “Lighthorse Harry” Lee in 1781 and General “Mad” Anthony Wayne in 1782. Greene shamelessly engaged the tattered soldiers of the Continental Army in unconventional – even ambush-style – tactics against the Redcoats, who outnumbered them. Strategic thrusts and retreats became the cat-and-mouse success story that finally ended the war for American independence.

Following the Revolution and hoping to keep Nathanael Greene in their midst, grateful Georgians made a gift of Mulberry Grove Plantation – formerly owned by Georgia’s (British) lieutenant governor, John Graham – to the major-general and his wife and many children. The Greens made Georgia their home. Less than a year later, in 1786, Greene died of sunstroke at the age of only 44. Along with the gift of Graham’s plantation had also come the Graham family’s burial vault in Sa-

vannah’s Colonial Cemetery.

Strange as it sounds to misplace a Founding Father, only a few years following the hero’s funeral, no one seemed to be able to recall just which one – of several possibilities – was the Graham Vault. Nor did anyone especially want to dig into the insalubrious soil of the cemetery, where it was believed that “miasmas” from decaying remains could cause yellow fever or malaria.

A Nathanael Greene monument was a separate matter, and ultimately just as exhausting. In the exhilarating year of 1824, the 66-year-old Marquis de Lafayette journeyed from France to make a final farewell tour of his beloved U.S. Resolving to visit all 24 states, Lafayette included Georgia in his plans for 1825. Savannahians busied themselves to create a monument to stand in the eastern half of prestigious Johnson Square.

The monument was originally intended to honor both Nathanael Greene and Casimir Pulaski, but by the time it was completed in 1830, Pulaski would have to wait a few years to be placed in Monterey Square. Instead, the monument – placed in the center of Johnson

Square – was dedicated solely to Greene. The honor of placing the cornerstone lay with the visiting French hero and “Friend of the Nation.”

The monument committee secured noted Philadelphia sculptor, William Strickland, to create an obelisk approximately 50 feet tall, made from New York marble and set atop an impressive pedestal. The geometric nature of the form displeased nearly every Savannahian. Some wished for a figural sculpture depicting Greene himself. Even those who accepted the Egyptian form (repeated, of course, in the national monument to Georgia Washington) complained that the proportions were incorrect and awkward. Grumbings arose also because the monument lacked any inscription or explanatory or figural plaque. Complaints were particularly intense at the nation’s centennial in 1876, and again in 1879, the hundredth anniversary of the Siege of Savannah. Not only was there no plaque on the (to some) unsightly edifice, but just how could a grateful city not pinpoint the location of its revolutionary savior?

The plaque came in 1886 – two, in fact. One featured laudatory language while, on



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The Graham Vault in Colonial Park Cemetery features a plaque which reads, "Here rested for 144 years the remains of Maj. Gen. Nathanael Greene, born in Rhode Island August 7, 1742. Died at Mulberry Plantation, GA., June 19, 1786. His remains and those of his eldest son George Washington Greene now lie under the monument in Johnson Square, this city."

the monument's reverse side, another plaque bore a full-length bas-relief of Greene. As for the location of Greene's remains and the exhumation, a new century dawned before a Colonial Cemetery "shell game" involving multiple vaults and futile digging would yield conclusive evidence (bones, plus an engraved silver name plate) of Nathanael Greene's remains, along with those of his son, George Washington Greene, who had drowned as a youth in the Savannah River.

In 1902 – more than a hundred years after Greene's death and some 70 years since the completion of the monument whose cornerstone was laid by Lafayette, the memorial was complete – the hero's bones and all. Today the monument to the Rhode Island Revolutionary remains Savannah's oldest extant monument, standing proudly for nearly 200 years in the city's oldest and most historic square.

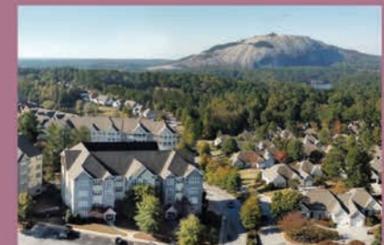
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## Facts Behind Fireworks

The history behind the fascination with fireworks' noise and color began in China during the Han Dynasty (202 BC – 220 AD). The first "firecrackers" were bamboo stalks that, when thrown in a fire, would explode with a bang because of the overheating of the hollow air pockets in the bamboo. The Chinese believed these natural firecrackers would ward off evil spirits. In later times, gunpowder packed into small containers mimicked the sounds of burning bamboo. Exploding bamboo stems and gunpowder firecrackers were interchangeably known as baozhu or baogan. They were then strung together into large clusters, known as bian (whip) or bianpao (whip cannon), so the firecrackers could be set off sequentially. By the 12th century, the term baozhang referred specifically to gunpowder firecrackers.

According to legend, a Chinese alchemist mixed saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal to produce a black, flaky powder – a crude version of gun powder. The Chinese then filled paper tubes with gunpowder and inserted fuses made from tissue paper to make firecrackers. They used fireworks to celebrate the most important events in life – a birth, a wedding, a death, holidays, and coronations.

The art and science of firework-making developed into its own pro-

fession. Pyrotechnicians were respected for their knowledge of complex techniques in mounting grand displays. In 1110, a large fireworks display was held to entertain Emperor Huizong of Song and his court. Historical records from 1264 state that a rocket-propelled firework went off near the Empress Dowager Gong Sheng, startling her during a feast held in her honor by her son, Emperor Lizong of Song.

Rocket propulsion was common in warfare, and by 1240 the Arabs had acquired knowledge of gunpowder and its uses from China. A Syrian named Hasan al-Rammah wrote of rockets, fireworks and other incendiaries, referring to them as "Chinese flowers."

Colored fireworks were developed by adding chemical substances to create colored smoke and fire. Such applications appear in 14th-century Chinese records, which include recipes using low-nitrate gunpowder to create military signal smokes with various colors - arsenical sulphide for yellow, copper acetate for green, lead carbonate for lilac-white, and mercurous chloride for white.

Fireworks were introduced to Europe in the 14th century, and by the 17th century, they were quite popular. Amédée-François Frézier published his revised *Traité des Feux d'artice pour le Spectacle* (Trea-

### CHECKLIST WHEN USING FIREWORKS:

- Know your local law. Noise regulations in your community may limit the use of fireworks more than state law.
- Be considerate of your neighbors. Fireworks can be especially stressful for combat veterans and people with certain cognitive impairments.
- Pets may react poorly to fireworks. Make sure yours are secure and properly supervised. The American Veterinary Medical Association offers detailed advice for handling pets around fireworks at [www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org).
- An adult should always supervise fireworks activities. Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Never use fireworks when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then back away to a safe distance.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.
- Never pick up or try to re-light fireworks that fail to ignite ("duds").
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never shoot fireworks off in metal or glass containers.
- When finished, soak used fireworks and debris with plenty of water before discarding.



— More safety advice is available at the CPSC Fireworks Information Center.

tise on Fireworks) in 1747, covering the recreational and ceremonial uses of fireworks, rather than their military uses. Two years later, George Frideric Handel composed "Music for the Royal Fireworks" to celebrate the Peace Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle.

Pierre Nicolas de Chéron d'Incarville, a Jesuit missionary living in Beijing, wrote to the Paris Academy of Sciences in 1758 of the methods and composition on how to make many types of Chinese fireworks.

As Europeans immigrated to America, they brought with them their enthusiasm for fireworks. Legend has it that Capt. John Smith set off the first fireworks display in the colonies in Jamestown, Virginia, in 1608. He and other settlers used fireworks to celebrate important events, including the very first Independence Day celebration in 1777 and George Washington's inauguration in 1789.

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However, fireworks were relatively dull until the incorporation of modern chemistry in their design and manufacture. In the 1830s, oxidations of various chlorates were added to European firework manufacturing, broadening the spectrum of intense, bright colors. Isolating metallic magnesium and aluminum marked another breakthrough, as these metals burn with an intense silvery light.

Many chemicals used in the manufacture of fireworks are non-toxic, while many more have some degree of toxicity, can cause skin sensitivity, or exist in dust form and are thereby inhalation hazards. Still others are poisons if directly ingested or inhaled.

Modern skyrocket fireworks were developed in the early 20th century, adding to the festivities of New Years Eve, VE Day, sporting events and other important occasions. The Walt Disney Company – the largest consumer of fireworks in the world – pioneered the use of compressed air to launch fireworks, rather than gunpowder. This reduces the amount of fumes, and offers much greater accuracy in altitude and timing.

There have been many refinements in the

chemical composition of fireworks, as well as launch and detonation methods, to ensure the safety of spectators and property. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), approximately 13,000 people required emergency medical treatment for fireworks-related injuries in 2017. Most were attributed to human error.

There are currently 46 states in which fireworks are legal for consumer use. The laws governing fireworks vary widely, sometimes from county to county. The CPSC regulates consumer fireworks through the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA). State and local jurisdictions can add more restrictions on the use and safety requirements of display fireworks.

In 2015, the Georgia legalized the sale of consumer fireworks. As of July 1, 2018, they are legal any day between 10 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. However, it is illegal to use fireworks in any park, historic site of other state property, or in close proximity to hospitals, fuel stations, utility facilities and similar locations. Please visit [Georgia.gov](http://Georgia.gov) for further details.



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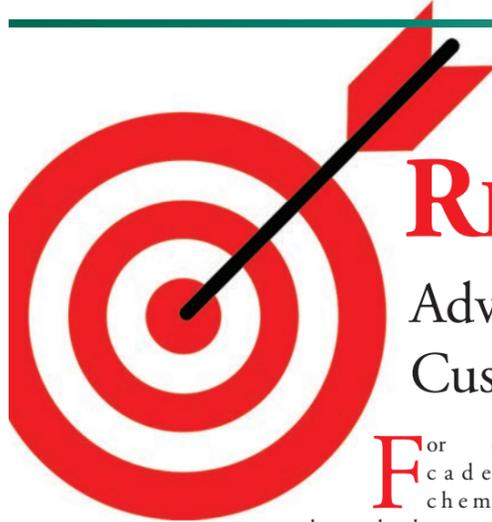
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In the past five or so years, developments in medical oncology have enhanced physicians' opportunities to individualize treatment. Says medical oncologist Stephen "Drew" White, MD, of Summit Cancer Care, "It is very gratifying to participate in the care of patients with tumors amenable to treatment with targeted therapy. These therapies are often more effective and far less toxic than traditional chemotherapy."



Stephen "Drew" White, MD

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Avoiding damage to normal tissues and cells while destroying cancer cells sounds like the stuff of science fiction. How can a medicine know which cells to go after?

"There are specific proteins or enzymes that are more critical to the survival and reproduction of cancer cells than normal cells," White explains. "A therapy designed to block the function of those proteins is a targeted therapy. Other targeted therapies utilize toxic agents attached to specialized proteins, called monoclonal antibodies, that can find and precisely deliver the agents to cancer cells."

Patients undergo a biopsy, where physicians remove a piece of a tumor to be tested. This helps determine if your type of cancer has a target, and what treatment will be used to aim for it. If a target is found, the patient may not need chemotherapy.

"The unifying goal of targeted therapy is to selectively act on tumor cells and thereby avoid the toxicities to normal cells that often accompany chemotherapy," White says.

#### IMMUNOTHERAPY

Some cancer cells have a genetic makeup that hides their identity from the immune system. The introduction of immunotherapy has restored the immune system's advantage in this fight and is making a difference in advanced malignancies.

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## Unset In Motion

### Treating Common Movement Disorders Includes Addressing Home and Work Life

If you have trouble holding a glass without your hand shaking, or if you can't fall asleep because you can't stop kicking your legs, it is more than just irritating. Feeling like you're losing control can be scary. But more than 40 million Americans face moments like these every day. They have movement disorders.



Kathryn Wiesmann

"Movement disorders are neurologic syndromes in which there is an excess or paucity of voluntary and automatic movements," explains Kathryn Wiesmann, outreach coordinator of St. Joseph's/Candler's Movement Disorders Program. "There are many types, but a common thread between them all is involuntary or abnormal movement."

Some movement disorders commonly diagnosed at St. Joseph's/Candler include:

- **Essential Tremor:** involuntary tremors in the hands, feet, head, or other body parts – and in some cases, your voice – that occur as a person attempts an activity such as eating or writing.
- **Parkinson's disease:** a progressive disorder of the nervous system that can cause tremor (at rest), stiffness, slowness and poor balance.
- **Cervical dystonia:** a condition in which neck muscles contract involuntarily, which can cause a person's head to twist painfully and uncontrollably.
- **Huntington's disease:** An inherited condition in which nerve cells in the brain degenerate, usually resulting in abnormal movement, cognitive and psychiatric disorders.
- **Restless leg syndrome:** characterized by an abnormal sensation in the legs, with an urge to move them, usually in the evening hours.

"Unlike targeted therapies and chemotherapy, cancer immunotherapy does not directly attack cancer cells," White explains. "Instead, these medications 'unmask' malignant cells, allowing these cells to be recognized and attacked by the patient's immune system."

White says the use of immunotherapy has significantly increased the percentage of patients who become long-term survivors of advanced malignant diseases previously associated with dismal prognoses.

"Immunotherapy is now part of treatment for many, if not most, forms of cancer," he adds.

#### INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT

For some patients, conventional chemotherapy is still the most appropriate treat-

ment. But the level of support these patients receive, including advanced drugs that help prevent nausea and attention to details of comfort in the infusion suites, has never been better. The physicians and staff at Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion (LCRP) treat patients on a continuum of care.

"Patients receive pretreatment education about the route of administration, schedule, and potential and anticipated side effects of treatment. During treatment, they are monitored closely with laboratory testing and other means to adjust doses and treatment schedules," White says. "Treatments with chemotherapy can be accompanied by various physical, emotional, social, nutritional and other challenges. All of these needs are addressed collectively at the LCRP by a team consisting of medical and radiation oncologists, surgeons, palliative care specialists, social workers, nutritionists and nurse navigators."

These disorders are diagnosed and treated by physicians at St. Joseph's/Candler Physician Network – Neurology. But St. Joseph's/Candler's also has a movement disorders program involving a multidisciplinary team who have specific training on how to treat different aspects of your movement disorder. These professionals include neurologists, a movement disorder specialist, a social worker and outreach coordinator, speech occupational and physical therapists, and other healthcare professionals.

"Our program provides a holistic treatment plan for patients, giving them a positive quality of life moving forward," Wiesmann says. "Once you leave the physician's office, there's a whole other side of your life. You may have issues with driving around, or being safe in your home, or just dealing with new emotions, such as worrying about your independence."

The Movement Disorders Program offers referrals to resources for independent- or assisted-living planning, financial planning, counseling, or a gym – basically anything a patient needs to navigate the challenges of daily life. Wiesmann and her colleagues provide this for free to patients at St. Joseph's/Candler Physician Network – Neurology.

"It could be that you feel like you just don't know where to start," Wiesmann says. "We are here for that, too. We can start at the beginning, and help you find your way."

If you think you or a loved one is affected by a movement disorder, talk to your doctor about a referral to see a neurologist at St. Joseph's/Candler Physician Network – Neurology.

For more information about the Movement Disorders Program, call 912.663.6803 or visit [sjchs.org](http://sjchs.org).

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"I think that the next five years in oncology will be dominated by an increasing arsenal of drugs that specifically target abnormal cancer gene expression," White says. "It is encouraging to see a subset of patients who respond well to immunotherapy and can maintain a response to this form of treatment for years or, possibly, indefinitely."



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# THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

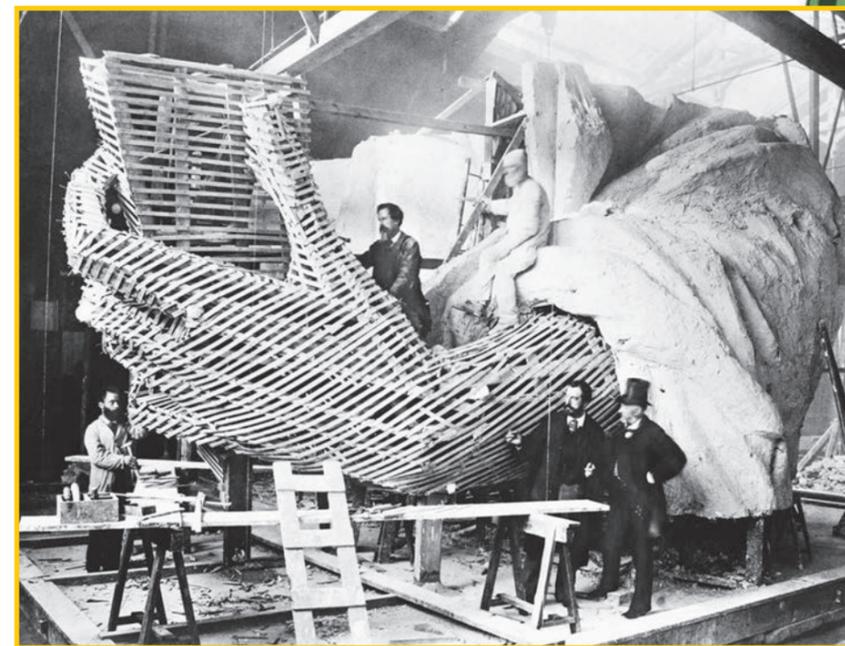


By Ron Lauretti

Earlier this week, the U.S. celebrated its 245th birthday. Thirty-five years ago, in connection to America's July 4th celebrations, the nation feted the Statue of Liberty centenary, and the statue's grand restoration.

The Statue of Liberty is, arguably, the most recognizable symbol of our collective freedom and ambitious democracy. It sits in New York harbor, a gift of friendship from the people of France. It was dedicated October 28, 1886. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge designated the statue a national monument.

Lady Liberty, as the statue is commonly known, is 151 feet tall. She was designed by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi. The figure is a rendering of Libertas, a robed Roman goddess of freedom, holding a torch above



The metal framework of the Statue of Liberty was created by Gustave Eiffel.

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Bartholdi completed the head and the torch-bearing arm before the statue was fully designed, and these pieces were exhibited for publicity at international expositions. The torch-bearing arm was displayed at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and in Madison Square Park in Manhattan from 1876 to 1882.

her head with her right hand, and in her left hand carrying a tablet reading “July IV MDCCLXXVI” – July 4, 1776 – in Roman numerals. A broken shackle and chain lie at her feet as she steps forward, commemorating the national abolition of slavery.

Edouard R. de Laboulaye, a French law professor and politician, proposed that France finance the statue, and the U.S. provide the site and pedestal. Fundraising proved difficult for cash-strapped America, and by 1885 work on the pedestal was threatened by lack of funds. But a drive for donations to finish the project was started by publisher Joseph Pulitzer, and attracted more than 120,000 contributors, most of whom gave less than a dollar.

The statue was shipped from France in crates and assembled on the completed pedestal on what was then called Bedloe’s Island. On October 28, 1886, President Grover Cleveland, the former New York governor, led a parade from Madison Square, once the venue for the arm, to the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan; by way of Fifth Avenue and Broadway, with a slight detour so the parade could pass in front of the World building on Park Row. While passing the New York Stock Exchange, traders threw ticker tape from the windows, beginning the New York tradition of the ticker-tape parade. Joined by dignitaries from France, including Bartholdi, Cleveland presided over the statue’s dedication on Bedloe’s Island, where it quickly became a beloved landmark.

As years passed, the copper skin of the statue began to oxidize, creating a green patina. By 1906, the green hue covered the entire statue. Believing that the patina was evidence of corrosion, Congress allocat-

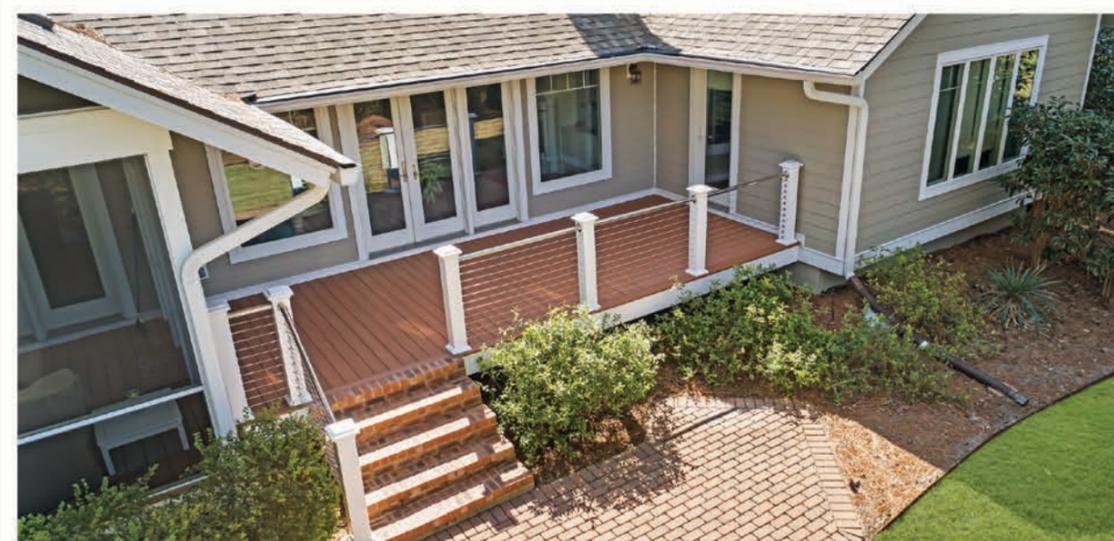
ed funds for various repairs, but the Army Corps of Engineers studied the surface for any ill effects and concluded that the patina protected the skin, “softened the outlines of the statue and made it beautiful.”

The monument has attracted millions of visitors and has been gazed upon in wonder by hopeful immigrants arriving in New York. For many, Lady Liberty is the first memory they have of America.

On July 20, 1921, one of those new arriving immigrants was Pacientino Lauretti, a 14-year-old boy traveling alone from Naples, Italy, in steerage class on the passenger ship Pesaro. In his small town in the foothills of south-central Italy, he heard of the opportunities available in the U.S. for ambitious and hard-working people. This motivated him to make the challenging journey at such an early age, alone and with no official sponsor. All he had was a small suitcase and \$20 in Italian lira in his possession. After a brief medical delay at nearby Ellis Island, he settled in Brooklyn and quickly became a productive Americanized employee, first in a tin can factory and then in a shoe manufacturing facility. He rose through the shoe-making ranks to eventually operate his own factory, employing dozens of people.

The monument that includes the Statue of Liberty rises 305 feet from the ground to the tip of the torch. It weighs 450,000 pounds. A circular walkway is attached to the inside walls of the structure. There are 16 steps from ground level to the entrance of the foundation pedestal, then 354 steps winding up inside the statue. Finally, there are 162 steps from the platform to the crown, an option available only by prior arrangement. Public access to the balcony around the torch has been prohibited since 1916.

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On average, roughly four million people tour the site annually. Normally, the National Park Service allows only 240 visitors inside the statue per day to avoid congestion and excessive delays on the narrow interior walkways. There are four resting areas on the way up, and the upward journey is not for those in poor condition. The temperature inside the statue is 10 to 20 degrees warmer than outside.

Ferry boats run daily from Battery Park in lower Manhattan and Liberty State Park at Jersey City, New Jersey. There is a fee for transportation service, but no charge to tour the monument.

In 1982, structural engineers determined the monument was in need of considerable repair. President Ronald Reagan announced the formation of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission to oversee the project. The group raised more than \$350 million in donations. In 1984, the statue was closed to the public for restoration and repairs, re-opening Liberty Weekend in July of 1986 – almost 100 years following its original dedication. The finishing touch was a new flame covered in 24-karat gold, replacing the original glass torch, which is now on display in the Statue of Liberty Museum.

Liberty Island was closed again to the public immediately following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, until July 4, 2009. Tours were also discontinued due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite such interruptions, the Statue of Liberty stands as an iconic symbol of American freedom, enshrined in the hearts and minds of millions of the “huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”



Beginning in 1984, the statue underwent two years of restoration, including a gold-plated torch.




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## SEAS THE OPPORTUNITY

**WHAT:** Virtual Evening @ Skidaway

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** online at <https://bit.ly/Skidaway> (case sensitive).

**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public

**CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Michael Sullivan at 912.598.2325

**WHAT ELSE:** University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography researcher Catherine Edwards will discuss the use of robots and artificial intelligence in, "Alexa, Map Fish Habitats! Using Artificial Intelligence for Robotic Fisheries Management."

## COME SAIL AWAY

**WHAT:** Basic Sailing Class

**WHEN:** July 17 or Aug. 21 (Saturdays), from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., plus a 5-hour day on the water

**WHERE:** TLA Meeting Room, 600 Landings Way South

**HOW MUCH:** \$100

**CONTACT:** Angela Margolit, 973.296.8011, [amargolit@hotmail.com](mailto:amargolit@hotmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** This class is sponsored by the Landings Sailing Club, based at the Landings Marina. Open to all residents who are either new to sailing or interested in a refresher course.

# island hopping

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## WHO NEW?

**WHAT:** New Neighbors

**WHEN:** Visit [www.landingsnewneighbors.com](http://www.landingsnewneighbors.com) to see our calendar

**CONTACT:** Visit our website or contact Milli at [nnnewmember@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

**CONTACT:** Vicki Knapp, Landlovers Membership Director, at [landloversmembership@gmail.com](mailto:landloversmembership@gmail.com).

**WHAT ELSE:** The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization open to all Landings residents. Please see <http://www.landlovers.com> for details and more information.

## SUMMER SOCIAL

**WHAT:** Jewish Women of the Landings Summer Social

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 11, 6 to 8 p.m.

**WHERE:** Sunset Room at Delegal Harbor

**CONTACT:** [carol.kramberg@gmail.com](mailto:carol.kramberg@gmail.com) or [paaron@comcast.net](mailto:paaron@comcast.net) to R.S.V.P.

**HOW MUCH:** \$22 per person

**WHAT ELSE:** Dairy meal prepared by fellow JWOL members. Mail or tube checks to Marcia Berens no later than July 8.

## LUNCH LADIES

**WHAT:** Ladies on The Right luncheon

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Please RSVP

**WHERE:** Palmetto Club

**CONTACT:** Lorraine Boice, 912.656.2080, [loboice@bellsouth.net](mailto:loboice@bellsouth.net) or Frances Dotton, 716.573.8905, [fsorgedotton@gmail.com](mailto:fsorgedotton@gmail.com). For more information, visit [www.ladiesontheright.org](http://www.ladiesontheright.org)

**WHAT ELSE:** Jesse Petrea, Georgia State Representative 166th District, will discuss the Convention of States.

## THE RIGHT STUFF

**WHAT:** Ladies on the Right

**WHEN:** July 17, 3:30 p.m. social; 4 p.m. program

**WHERE:** Palmetto Club, Skidaway Island

**HOW MUCH:** Free to members, \$10 to guests.

**CONTACT:** Lorraine Boice, 912-656-2080, [loboice@bellsouth.net](mailto:loboice@bellsouth.net); or Frances Dotton, 716-573-8905, [fsorgedotton@gmail.com](mailto:fsorgedotton@gmail.com) or [www.ladiesontheright.org](http://www.ladiesontheright.org)

**WHAT ELSE:** Jerilyn Gibbs, Beth Majeroni and Sherry Williams address "Crisis, Threat versus Opportunity...Explore!" as well as updates from task force leaders on education, legislation and election.

## REPTILE ROUND-UP

**WHAT:** July Cast Away Club

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 17, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Coastal Conservation Association Outdoor Education Center located at the Kid's Lagoon adjacent to Log Landing Road and the Oakridge Fire Station

**CONTACT:** Attendance is limited; please register at [ccaskidaway.org](http://ccaskidaway.org); for more information, contact Susie Fusco at [sjbfusco@aol.com](mailto:sjbfusco@aol.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Baby alligators, snakes and lizards will slither and slink in this interactive seminar presented by interns from the University of Georgia's Marine Education Center and Aquarium. After the session, youngsters and their parents will have the opportunity to fish together with rods, reels and bait, provided by the Skidaway Chapter of the CCA. Volunteers will be on hand to help.

## SQUARE ROOTS

**WHAT:** Savannah's Squares and Their Curious Histories

**WHEN:** Monday, July 19, at 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway Community Church Sanctuary, 50 Diamond Causeway, Skidaway Island

**HOW MUCH:** No charge, but please register in advance at [www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center](http://www.seniorcitizensinc.org/the-learning-center).

**CONTACT:** Debbie Hornsby at 912.236.0363 x146 or [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org).

**WHAT ELSE:** Roger Smith, founding director of The Learning Center, the lifelong learning program of Senior Citizens, Inc. will examine the back stories of how Savannah's iconic squares were named and the history leading to their development as we know them today.

## WHERE ART THOU?

**WHAT:** The Works of Kitt Dobry

**WHEN:** July 1 - 30. Artist's reception to be held July 8, 5-7 p.m.

**WHERE:** JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St., Savannah

**HOW MUCH:** Free

**CONTACT:** Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111

**WHAT ELSE:** Kitt Dobry graduated from Moore College of Art and Design in 2009 with a BFA in Illustration and a BFA in Art History. She was a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club until moving to Savannah in 2012. She works as a freelance illustrator and fine artist specializing in portraiture. Her illustration work focuses on creating fantastic creatures in a realistic style and her fine art focus this year explores comfort food.

## PET PROJECT

**WHAT:** Linen drive for the Humane Society of Greater Savannah

**WHEN:** Ongoing

**WHERE:** Humane Society Adoption Center, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.

**CONTACT:** Call Rosemary Longueira at 598.2875 or drop donations at 22 Long Island Road, Oakridge

**WHAT ELSE:** Donate old towels, washcloths, pillowcases, sheets, dish towels, pet beds, and chair cushions. Please bring them to the front of the Adoption Center, not the Thrift Shop donation area.

## BE A DECENT DOCENT

**WHAT:** Become a historical interpreter

**WHEN:** Part-time - Monday thru Saturday - 10-4; or Sundays 12 noon -4 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Andrew Low House Museum, 329 Abercorn St. on Lafayette Square

**HOW MUCH:** \$9.50 per hour

**CONTACT:** Chris Sergi, Education and Programs Manager Andrew Low House [csergi@andrewlow-house.com](mailto:csergi@andrewlow-house.com) or 912.233.1828 ext.102

**WHAT ELSE:** The Andrew Low House is searching for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals with a love of history to serve as guides and educators to represent our museum.

## LOSS MITIGATION

**WHAT:** Pandemic support group

**WHEN:** Meeting 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.

## CORVETTE SUMMER

**WHAT:** Skidaway Island Corvette Club

**WHEN:** Third Thursday of each month, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway United Methodist Church parking lot

**HOW MUCH:** No dues at this time, however an \$8 name tag fee may be forthcoming

**CONTACT:** Clayton Scott, 912.658.3116.

**WHAT ELSE:** Skidaway Island's club for Cor-

vette owners is 35 members strong. Its goals are camaraderie and to share the enthusiasm for this classic American auto.

## FERAL FRIENDSHIP

**WHAT:** Skidaway Cat Alliance Team

**WHEN:** Ongoing

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island and surrounding

**CONTACT:** [skidawaycats@gmail.com](mailto:skidawaycats@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/skidaway-catalliancecteam](http://www.facebook.com/skidaway-catalliancecteam)

**WHAT ELSE:** The Skidaway Cat Alliance Team is a group of dedicated animal lovers who provide food, population control (spay/neuter), medical care, and shelter for free-roaming cats in the Skidaway area. We have cats and kittens currently being fostered that are available to new, loving homes.

## FRIENDS OF FRIENDS OF BILL W.

**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.

## NOW HEAR THIS

**WHAT:** Music Academy Online Free Instruction

**WHEN:** 7 days a week

**WHERE:** Via Zoom

**HOW MUCH:** Free, courtesy of St. Peter's Church

**CONTACT:** Dr. Timothy McKee, [tmckee@saintpeterssav.org](mailto:tmckee@saintpeterssav.org)

**WHAT ELSE:** Learn and cultivate music skills.

## HORSE SENSE

**WHAT:** Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers needed

**WHERE:** Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah

**CONTACT:** For information and directions, visit [www.prasav.org](http://www.prasav.org) or call 912.547.6482

**WHAT ELSE:** Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

## BODY AND SOUL

**WHAT:** Skidaway Island United Methodist Church (SIUMC) Exercise Classes

**WHEN:** Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, times are below

**CONTACT:** For more information or to register for January session, visit [siumc.org/exercise](http://siumc.org/exercise) or call 912.598.8460

**WHAT ELSE:** Mat Pilates from 9:15-10:15 a.m.; and Sit-Fit from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Classes are led by Elena Bennett, an ACSM-certified exercise instructor. SIUMC has added Friday classes to its offerings for church- and non-church members alike.

## WELCOME MAT

**WHAT:** Learn to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic bags

**WHEN:** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Oakridge Club; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon at JEA

**CONTACT:** Please RSVP to Carol Greenberg at 912.355.1238 or [MStarArts@gmail.com](mailto:MStarArts@gmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Help divert plastic bags from landfills and waterways while providing comfort to the homeless. Completed mats will be on display the first week in February at the JEA Art Gallery.

## HOCUS POCUS!

**WHAT:** Landings Magic Society

**WHEN:** 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May

**WHERE:** Plantation Club card room

**CONTACT:** Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, [jsruhl@gmail.com](mailto:jsruhl@gmail.com) or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or [whsickels@gmail.com](mailto:whsickels@gmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening.

## TAXATION REPRESENTATION

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

**WHEN:** starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 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.

## MEETING OF THE MINDS

**WHAT:** Stroke Survivors

**WHEN:** Third Thursday of every month, 4 to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.

**HOW MUCH:** Free

**CONTACT:** Shirley Nack, 598.7047

**WHAT ELSE:** Share your experiences with stroke survivors. At our meetings we listen and learn what other survivors have accomplished in order to return to an active lifestyle.

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STANDARD CLUES\*

ACROSS

- 1. Canaanite false god of fertility
- 5. Earthen pot of Mexico
- 9. Deep, lustrous black
- 14. Overseer of the P.G.A.
- 15. Thing to sow
- 16. From then till now
- 17. Start of a George Burns quip about his diet (3 words)
- 20. First extra inning in a major-league baseball game
- 21. "Who shot J.R.?" TV series
- 22. Put in a mausoleum
- 24. Villainous smile
- 25. Cleo's killer
- 28. Utter aloud
- 30. Crime author, \_\_\_ Christie
- 32. Relative of P.E. T.A.
- 36. One of music's "Three B's"
- 39. Start
- 40. More of quip...(5 words)
- 43. Suffix meaning 'extravagant display' (anagram for AROMA)
- 44. Prefix meaning 'billionth'
- 45. None, colloquially
- 46. "Dennis the \_\_\_" (cartoon rascal)
- 48. Gingivitis target
- 50. Request
- 51. "\_\_\_ , poor Yorick"
- 54. Repeat a poem from memory
- 59. Builds
- 61. It's a wrap!
- 62. End of quip (4 words)
- 66. Late night TV host, \_\_\_ O'Brien
- 67. Aware of
- 68. Swarm
- 69. Hindu mystic
- 70. Actual
- 71. Small whirlpool

DOWN

- 1. Wyoming's Devils Tower, geologically (anagram for T TUBE)
- 2. Pallid
- 3. 007, notably
- 4. Bring a ship into the wind and hold (two words)
- 5. The Buckeyes of the Big 10
- 6. Make a loan

"We don't grow older, we grow riper." ~Pablo Picasso

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- 7. Lawful
- 8. Befuddle
- 9. Food that comes in shells
- 10. Tiny fragments
- 11. John Lennon's love, Yoko\_\_\_
- 12. Big letters in point-of-sale
- 13. Affirmative response
- 18. Units of electrical resistance
- 19. The olive in Caesar's salad
- 23. Slugger Ruth
- 25. On the briny
- 26. Remove wool from a sheep
- 27. Hamburger unit
- 29. Sign of drowsiness
- 31. Pretty soon
- 32. Body opening, to an M.D. (anagram for MOATS)
- 33. Fathers, in Lyon
- 34. Noise made by an iron gate closing
- 35. \_\_\_ mater (college anthem)
- 37. When doubled, a dance
- 38. Dangle
- 41. Food that comes in shells
- 42. \_\_\_ de France (bicycle race)
- 47. Util. co. (gas or \_\_\_)
- 49. Hill with a flat top
- 52. One who's part of a cast
- 53. Small boulder
- 55. Hindu system of social stratification
- 56. Peeved
- 57. Domesticated
- 58. Foe
- 59. Dutch cheese with a red rind
- 60. Miss, at the bullfights? (abbr.)
- 62. Where military LTs come from
- 63. Not high
- 64. Genetic stuff
- 65. Roman god of the sun

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