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Upfront

“Alchemy” refers to the transformation of matter. In medieval times, alchemists aspired to convert base metals to gold or develop a universal elixir from readily available elements. Alchemy evolved as more art than science, accruing an affiliation with magic, serving as a metaphor for “the undoable.”

An entrepreneur possesses the alchemist’s spirit. She is sufficiently bold to believe that she can create something from nothing. Her imagination has ample force to outwrestle her skepticism. She is an optimist and a striver, and the fiercest enemy of her own fear.

If it were easy, everyone would do it. This applies to lots of things and particularly well to starting, building and maintaining a business. Just as we can imagine ourselves holding the oversized check that Powerball winners pose for pictures with, we fantasize: If Elon Musk can, why not I? Reality rules, however, and the failure rate for entrepreneurs in the U.S. (arguably the Promised Land for enterprising dreamers) is dauntingly high. As documented in a comprehensive 2019 research study, roughly 90 percent of startups collapse and disappear. Disappointment comes fast: Nearly 22 percent of new businesses fail in the first year, with more than half gone before what-would-have-been their fifth birthdays. It’s intuitive to believe that a global pandemic has made these morbid statistics even more dire today.

It’s a long way from “I have an idea” to getting someone to pay you for it. And longer, still, to collect enough such payments to meet the obligations you’ve accumulated since Idea-day. Even more distant – the moment that you find there is finally something leftover for you, once everyone else (who hasn’t assumed the same levels of personal risk as you) gets paid. IPOs and billionaire rankings – such rewards are far more statistically improbable than pop-culture suggests.

I’m like you: I root for the little guy. Or gal. And one for whom I root especially hard bought an ad in this issue of my magazine. She didn’t ask for it for free, despite my affection for her (and her husband), which approximates the feelings I have for my own family. Rather, fully respectful of the odds-defying artifice of proprietorship, she and her partner (also a friend of mine) are paying me for space farther back in this book.

But I want to share a sliver of Cindy Edwards’s story, and the story of Sapelo Skin Care, as it relates to my own. Cindy, a longtime Skidaway Island resident, and her business partner, Stephanie Dutton, also a neighbor of yours, had an idea. As I alluded to above, that can be a dangerous thing. Dangerous when it’s a bad idea – as converting such a thing

to success is nearly impossible – but, perhaps, even more dangerous when the idea is sound enough to (possibly) work...because, suddenly you’re sucked into a relentless vortex that consumes much, maybe all, of your energy, money and time.

As Cindy and Stephanie say, through their company’s website, “The wash of tides is essential...the founders of Sapelo Skin Care have been paying attention to rivers and creeks that swell with high tides twice each day. Stephanie and Cindy heed lessons of generations of Southern women to be gentle and careful with their skin; a heritage often overlooked in today’s hyper-popular trends of repeatedly inflaming the skin with quick-fix dermabrasion procedures and chemical peels. Following cues from tides and tradition, they’ve crafted a contemporary, twice-daily ritual that soothes and replenishes – delivering surges of nourishment and hydration for healthy cell development...The brand launched in 2015, its name a nod to the still-wild barrier island near the Savannah coast. All of this, born of the Georgia tides.”

Where do the stories of skin care and my own intersect? Through my wife, actually, which is cruelly ironic, as skin disease took her life.

Cindy and Louise, at first blush as different as the Country Mouse and City Mouse monikers they jokingly used to describe their much-more-complex-than-that selves, were the best of friends. They loved, cherished, and respected each other, both their disparate characteristics and their common cores. When Cindy contemplated entrepreneurship, she sought Louise’s counsel, as Louise was a clever and accomplished businessperson, herself. Louise, a “grinder,” versed in financial theory and process discipline, was happy to help. Until she couldn’t anymore, as she was forced to fight for her life rather than commercial success. One thing is certain: If Louise were still around six years out from Cindy and Sapelo’s first official day, the pride and joy she would feel for her friend wouldn’t be limited by my inadequately descriptive prose.

Cindy asked my opinion, too. My response: “There is probably nothing harder in free-market capitalism than building a consumer brand.” Fortunately, for the men and women who swear by Sapelo’s age-defying mysticism, Cindy both heard and ignored me each time she inquired.

I skied with Cindy’s husband last week (Am I allowed to admit that in “COVID times?”). I love Joe; I love Cindy; we all loved Louise. Joe tried to explain Louise to some of the other guys on the trip who hadn’t met her. I remember one word he said above all others: “Special.” That she was. “Cindy has Louise’s picture right next to her computer at her desk,” Joe said. “She looks at her every day.”

Cindy, Stephanie, ladies of Sapelo Skin Care, I’m sure she’s looking back and smiling, knowing you’ve made it this far.

Scott A. Lawrence



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MICKVE ISRAEL: A SANCTUARY WITH A COMPELLING STORY

By Roger Smith

The story seems crafted for a motion picture. The Inquisition was forcing Portuguese Jews to worship underground, arresting those suspected of “heresy,” torturing and murdering them. By the early 18th century, a Jewish converso (a convert to Christianity) had become one of Portugal’s most eminent doctors – physician to the Grand Inquisitor himself. This doctor and his fellow crypto-Jews hatched an escape plan. They hosted a gala at the doctor’s home and invited the captain of a British ship that was in port at the time. During the festivities, the captain invited the party to tour his vessel. Jewish men with precious metals hidden in their belts, Jewish women with jewels sewn into their garments, knowing the secret plan, suddenly found themselves at sea, headed for England. So, too, were two surprised Portuguese guards, tasked by the Inquisition to watch the converso doctor and his family to ensure they wouldn’t relapse into Judaism.

The physician was Dr. Samuel Nunes. (Ann Woolner, author of an upcoming book about Savannah’s Jewish history, pronounces Nunes as the Portuguese do: “noon-ish.”) In pulling off one of the great escapes in the long history of Jewish persecution, Nunes and his fellow refugees would lay the foundation for Savannah’s historic Reform synagogue, Congregation Mickve Israel.

A London synagogue, Bevis Marks, the first synagogue in England following centuries of Jewish exile, took in the Portuguese refugees. In due time, these Sephardim (Jews of Portuguese or Spanish origin), along with a single man and two Ashkenazic families (Jews from Germany), were bound for Georgia.

The charter establishing Georgia as the 13th British colony in North America was remarkable for its time, mainly due to its guarantees of religious freedom. Excluding only “Papists” (Catholics), George II and his trustees, no doubt, intended the new land for Anglicans and other Christian Protestants. The royal Georges were Hanoverians sympathetic to German-speaking Protestants fleeing Catholic persecution. King and trustees alike probably never conceived of

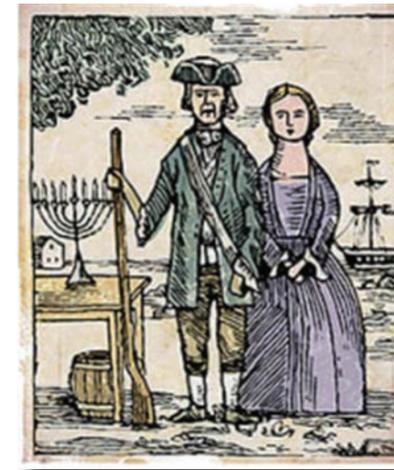
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Jews landing in Georgia.

But that’s what happened on July 11, 1733 – only five months after Oglethorpe’s own arrival. The William and Sarah sailed up the Savannah River bearing 41 Jews, with Nunes among them. Savannah’s settlers were ailing, victims to various maladies during the hot, mosquito-plagued summer on Yamacraw Bluff. Twenty colonists had already died. Nunes came ashore, worked his medical magic, and deadly illness in the fledgling colony lifted. In gratitude, Oglethorpe invited the Jews to stay, granting them land and ensuring their foundational role in colonial Georgia.

Back in London, the trustees were displeased about Jews in Georgia. Slow-moving correspondence still available in the Colonial Record of Georgia reveals the trustees directed Oglethorpe to pay Nunes and his party in cash and send them on their way to discourage settlement. But, by the time the dispatches reached Savannah, Oglethorpe’s acceptance of the Jews as kindred settlers was a done deal: Town lot, garden lot, and farming lot allocations to the Jews under exactly the same rules applied to Christian settlers.

Along with land grants, Oglethorpe required Jewish men to serve in the colonial militia, just as other males in Colonial Georgia were



Colonial-era Jews, depicted in a woodcut

required to do. This was precedent-shattering, according to Mickve Israel’s Rabbi Robert Haas. “Jews had wished to serve co-equally in the militaries of other places they had lived, but they had been barred from that service. Not so in Colonial Georgia.”

According to the synagogue’s website, the early Jewish settlers in Savannah founded “Kahal Kadosh Mickva Israel: Holy Congregation, the Hope of Israel.” In a slightly broader scope, a “mikveh” is a ritual bath, not unlike a baptism. The spiritually purifying aspects of the mikveh come into play with the name of the synagogue: A purifying of the house of Israel.

Savannah’s Jews were not the first in British North America. Congregations had already formed in New York and Newport. Savannah’s Mickve Israel bears the “third-oldest” ranking proudly. Rabbi Saul Rubin’s landmark book, *Third to None: The Saga of Savannah Jewry, 1733-1983*, is required reading for anyone serious about Mickve Israel’s history. In fact, growing and active Jewish congregations in Savannah and (somewhat later) Charleston created a southern “center of gravity” in colonial American Judaism. During the early years of the republic, the American South was home to more Jews than the Northeast. That changed only when 19th-century Jewish immigrants from central and eastern Europe began settling in New York and other northern cities.

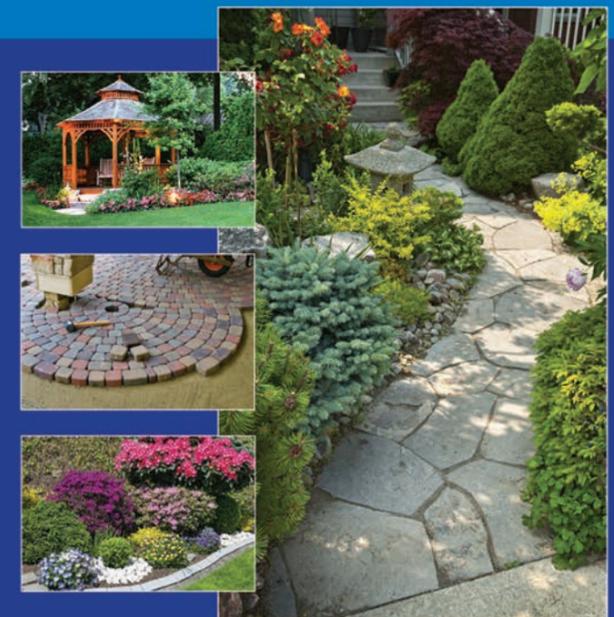
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This etching (c. 1890) depicts the synagogue's neo-Gothic style, which was popular at the time of construction.

Rabbi Haas emphasizes the integration of Jews into the fabric of Savannah and, ultimately, American society. He cites Abigail Minis, a Jewish widow who established a tavern in Savannah and hosted Liberty Boys who helped foment the American Revolution. Minis's descendants still live in Savannah, although they are no longer Jewish.

Another Savannahian, Col. Mordecai Sheftall, became the highest-ranking Jew in the Continental Army. His son, Sheftall Sheftall, also served in the Revolution. He continued to sport his Revolutionary garb, including his enormous black tricorne hat, until the time of his death in the 1840s, making of himself an early curiosity in a city that would come to prize its eccentrics. Now called Levy, Sheftall descendants of this family also still live in Savannah – and still have that tricorne hat!

Rabbi Haas notes that from their first days, Savannah institutions such as Masonic Temples, Rotary Clubs, even the blue-blooded Oglethorpe Club, have included Jews. "Savannah represented acceptance and opportunity for us even before it was part of the United States."

Savannah's colonial Jews formed their nascent congregation in 1733, meeting for several decades in private homes and borrowed spaces. The size and means of their congregation meant that they constructed their first sanctuary only in the early 1800s – first a building in 1820, which burned, then another in 1835, which became too small by the 1870s. Since 1878, Mickve Israel has occupied a remarkable neo-gothic place of worship situated prominently on Monterey Square. Since "rules" for building synagogues are non-existent, Rabbi Haas says, it should not be surprising that a temple constructed in the 1870s would be in a style fashionable for the time. Neo-gothic synagogues are rare (there's one in Prague), but that's simply because only a few synagogues from that period remain. Mickve Israel was not built as a church, nor was it purchased from a church – it's just a long-standing, continuously-used, neo-gothic Jewish house of worship.

Today, Mickve Israel thrives as a full-time synagogue and a full-time museum. Among its many treasures are two 15th century Torah scrolls brought to Savannah by the first settlers in 1733. No longer in everyday use, the scrolls will come out again at the congregation's 300th anniversary in 2033 – the same year Georgia will celebrate its tricentennial. Another relic of the 1733 settlers - a historic circumcision kit, also no longer in everyday use.

Mickve Israel is Savannah's Reform congregation. Reform Judaism was born in the U.S. in the 1840s, and Mickve Israel adopted the more modern and liberal Judaism in the early 1900s. More traditional Jews formed breakaway Conservative and Orthodox synagogues located in more contemporary Savannah neighborhoods. Visitors to Mickve Israel – whether for services or for a museum visit – are ensured a warm welcome, in the style of deeply Southern Savannah.

Roger Smith is the former director of education for the Georgia Historical Society and now leads The Learning Center, Savannah's lifelong learning program at Senior Citizens, Inc. The Learning Center recently released a four-part series on Savannah's historic houses of worship, which includes interviews with Ann Woolner and Robert Haas. For information, visit seniorcitizensinc.org, or call 912.236.0363.

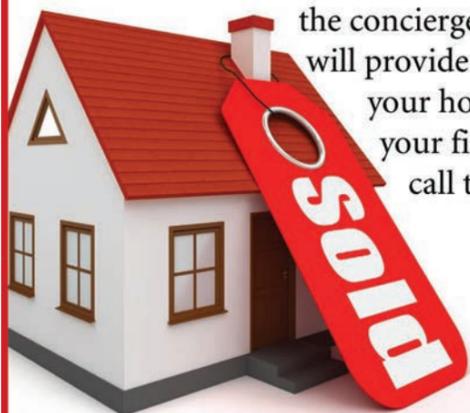


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Seeds OF PHILANTHROPY

BY VIRGINIA B. EDWARDS

The Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson captured the essence of philanthropy: "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." Words that wonderfully capture Curtis and Elizabeth (Libba) Anderson's commitment to giving back.

The Andersons have called Skidaway Island home for the past 26 years, during which time they watched close friends leave the area to find the latest cancer treatments. Coming from self-described philanthropic families, they vowed to do what they could to bring world-class cancer treatment to Savannah. Their foundational gift established the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center in 2000.

Four years later, the Landings Women's Golf Association voted to direct the proceeds of its Golf for a Cure fundraiser to cutting-edge research and clinical care at the ACI. "The first year's tournament brought a feeling of pure joy," Libba said. "It was won-

derful to have the LWGA as a partner and to have the organization throw its support behind our vision for the highest-quality cancer facility right here in Savannah."

Today, having the Andersons serve as honorary chairs brings Together for a Cure full circle, according to LWGA President Holly Taylor. "Their passion for funding research inspires us all," she says. "It's tremendously affirming to know our contributions can and will make a difference."

Next month, the 18th edition of the LWGA's annual cancer-research fundraiser – which has raised more than \$1 million since its inception – will be rebranded and expanded to draw in more of the Skidaway Island community. This year's goal, said TFAC chair Shirley Newhart, is to add at least \$100,000 to the total.

The golf tournament, slated for April 20, is open to members of the LWGA, the L9GA, and the LMGA, and the goal will be to, once again, fill all available courses. In addition,



a full schedule of bocce, pickleball, tennis, lawn croquet, and Wellness Center activities during the week of April 12 has been added to the mix.

Given the continued specter of COVID-19, Newhart emphasized that a key focus of planning for TFAC events is keeping everyone safe. "The good news is that we've learned this year how to keep ourselves healthy even as we've continued to play golf, participate in court sports, and work out at the Wellness Center," she said.

"So many people's lives have been touched by cancer, whether they've had to fight this terrible disease themselves or watch a loved one lose a battle. We wanted to give way more folks on the island a chance to participate so that they, too, can help make a difference.

"I would venture to say that every single person on our island has been rocked by cancer," said Newhart, whose mother and grandmother both died of cancer. "Because finding a cure is a goal and passion for our whole community, we wanted this year's TFAC to provide more opportunities than ever to support the cause."

Together for a Cure, to be sure.

It's heart-warming, Libba says, to see how expansive the fundraiser has become. "The TFAC team has truly challenged itself by reaching out to include members from all of our Landings' sporting venues," she says. "Very inclusive, very thoughtful, and a lot of work."

In a 2016 interview, on the occasion of a new "challenge" gift to the ACI, Curt said he and his wife continued to support cancer research because its important "to maintain momentum so that, regardless of how the world of cancer cure changes, the Anderson Cancer Institute will be at the forefront of the highest-quality care in our region."

Libba added: "That and prevention, which we believe in. It's important to get ahead of

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the curve and prevent some of these cancers that are preventable or, next best, to provide treatment for cancers caught early."

Indeed, for the Andersons, the quest is personal. After their 42-year-old daughter, Johanna, passed away in 2014 of a liver sarcoma, supporting sarcoma research became a new focal point of their lives. The mother of three was a superb athlete, and "an inspiration for all of us to raise our exercise regimen to keep up with her," Curt says.

In 2020, a "transformational" gift to the sarcoma program at the University of Washington – the Andersons' alma mater – is seeking to accelerate new treatments, identify best practices for patient care, and educate the next generation of sarcoma specialists.

During their more than quarter-century in Savannah, the Andersons have made significant contributions to the city's cultural and civic life. In addition to chairing the board of directors of Memorial University Medical Center and serving on the Mercer School of Medicine Savannah Board of Governors, Curt has also served on the boards of the Telfair Museum of Art and the South University Board of Trustees.

Meanwhile, Libba served as chair of the board of the Savannah Music Festival and was a member of the Memorial Hospital Foundation board. She's also served on the boards of the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Hospice of Savannah Foundation, the Lucas Theatre for the Arts, and the Savannah Book Festival.

Libba says she and her husband appreciate the LWGA's long-standing commitment to cancer research. "The residents of the Landings are truly philanthropic individuals who are willing to contribute their time, energy and purse to the multitude of worthy organizations in Savannah," she said. "It is humbling to realize they have chosen, over all these years, the ACI and, now, the Mercer School of Medicine."

TFAC funds raised this year will continue to support the LWGA Summer Scholars Program in which medical students conduct research under the mentorship of seasoned researcher-doctors at the Savannah campus of the Mercer University School of Medicine. LWGA funds also support the purchase of important software upgrades and new equipment.

And, yes, Curtis and Libba – who have both been treated at the ACI – will be playing on teams in this year's TFAC golf tourney. "We have all been touched by cancer and know the toll it takes," Libba said. "Not having a state-of-the-art cancer facility in your community further exacerbates the assault on the patient and the family. We are proud of the ACI and its accomplishments."

Registration for all TFAC events, including sport-specific receptions, is available at lwga.net/TFAC. Other ways to contribute – for example, becoming a sponsor, donating raffle prizes or buying tribute signs – can also be found on the website.

Inspired to plant some philanthropic seeds? Contributions of \$250 or less may be made online and charged to your member account. Contributions over \$250 must be made by check payable to: Mercer University School of Medicine. Checks should be mailed to the fundraiser's treasurer, Linda Rubin at 8 Southerland Road.



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"I encourage you to spend five minutes in his presence. There, you'll see the values of our health system in everything he does. He exemplifies the character of Mr. Lientz at all times, yet he is a very humble person. Expect him to turn a hundred shades of red when he discovers this year's award has his name on it."

"Dave is always looking for ways to serve others and enjoys finding solutions to intricate issues and making those solutions work."

"He has an incredible positive attitude and is zealous in the way he seeks to assist others. He will stop and help anybody do anything and any given time."

David Lambert Honored as 2020 James R. Lientz Humanitarian

When David Lambert heard there was an electrical problem in the Candler Hospital boardroom, he did what he is known for: he dropped what he was doing to go fix it. Such commitment and enthusiasm is why St. Joseph's/Candler president and CEO, Paul P. Hinchey, was there waiting for Lambert. Not to explain the problem, but to surprise Lambert with the 2020 James R. Lientz Humanitarian Award.

"David is a personal inspiration to me and everyone he works with," Hinchey said after presenting the award to the unsuspecting Lambert. "His positive attitude lifts the entire boat, so to speak, of this health system."

The Lientz Award is traditionally given in the fall of each year; but, as with many traditions, the annual celebration had to be paused while St. Joseph's/Candler continued to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.



David Lambert (l) receives the James Richard Lientz Award from St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul Hinchey (r).

Feed a Healthy Heart

Lowering the blood pressure to your heart means changing what goes in your mouth. So, it's important to understand the components of a heart-friendly diet. Foods low in saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium (salt) can help prevent or reduce high blood pressure. Some foods work the other way. You don't have to eliminate guilty pleasures completely, as an eating plan that bores you won't be sustainable. But, at least, know what you're eating and how it impacts your cardiovascular condition.

Some of the BEST foods for your heart. Eat daily or often:

- Fruits and veggies – relatively low in calories and high in vitamins and minerals
- Whole grains – fiber helps regulate blood pressure
- Poultry and fish – skinless and grilled lean meats have little harmful fat
- Nuts and legumes – low-sodium versions provide protein and lower cholesterol

Some of the WORST foods for your heart. Indulge rarely:

- Fast food burgers – saturated fat combined with carbs
- Processed/cured meats – even low-fat options have a lot of salt
- Deep-fried foods – trans fats, which raise the bad type of cholesterol



- Candy, soft drinks and fruit juices – added sugar
- Frozen pizza – typically high sodium

Consult with your physician or a registered dietitian if you have questions about how to make changes – even small, gradual ones – to your daily meal routines

Instead of the typical large ceremony in Candler Hospital's Marsh Auditorium, the surprise announcement was made among a small group in the Candler boardroom. Lambert's family was able to be there to see him receive this prestigious honor.

Lambert started at St. Joseph's/Candler as an electrician in plant operations nearly 28 years ago. He progressed to team leader; but, in keeping with his humble nature, was quick to acknowledge his co-workers upon receiving the award.

"This goes out to everyone in my department," he said. "I am grateful and blessed to be working with a great group of people."

Lambert was among 75 co-workers nominated by his peers for the award, named for the late James R. Lientz, a former Candler Hospital board chair and community activist known for his humanitarian work. Nominees are selected based on their representation of

the health system's mission and values.

As the 2020 recipient, Lambert received a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-year parking pass in the location of his choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a gift certificate for a 60-minute massage at St. Joseph's/Candler's Center for WellBeing, his image on the Lientz honoree wall located at both campuses, a St. Joseph's/Candler watch, and a Lientz plaque and pin.

This marks the 29th annual presentation of the James Lientz Humanitarian Award. The tradition began at Candler Hospital in 1993 as a means to recognize an outstanding display of values and humanitarian performance similar to those exemplified in the life of Lientz, who served as a trustee of Candler Hospital since 1959, as chair of the board of trustees from 1970 to 1991, and as chair of Candler Health System board of trustees from 1985 to 1992. The award commemorates his humanitarian service, his dedication

to Candler Hospital and to the community. Lientz led the acquisitions of Mary Telfair and Central of Georgia Railway Hospitals, and the resulting expansion of hospital services. It was under his guidance and leadership that a decision was made to consolidate all of Candler's various facilities and to move to a newly constructed hospital in its present location. Widely recognized for his outstanding efforts in the areas of health and human services, Lientz received many accolades and honors during his life, including an Award for Meritorious Service by the American Protestant Hospital Association, and was named Trustee of the Year by the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries and by the Voluntary Hospitals of America.

Lientz took leadership roles in many Savannah organizations including the Georgia Infirmary, Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, the Health Planning Council of Savannah, United Way of the Coastal Empire, and the Boy Scouts of America.



For the Birds – and the Bees

Pollinators are the Cupids of the garden, winging their way from flower to flower quietly spreading pollen, enabling plant reproduction. They are not only important in the garden but are essential for food security. Migratory pollinators like hummingbirds and monarch butterflies require nectar-rich habitats to provide fuel for their long travel paths, which include parts of Georgia. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, insufficient fuel could result in their death.

As they fly north from Mexico, the butterflies' migratory path crosses directly over Georgia. In partnership with the Landings Club, Skidaway Audubon has planted milkweed and other plants that attract pollinators in out-of-play areas along the Palmetto golf course. Butterfly-friendly plants have been installed in common areas of the Landings.

Sadly, pollinator populations have plummeted, due to habitat loss and pesticides. In the last 20 years, nearly 90 percent of the world's monarchs have disappeared. According to a recent study by Rutgers University, declines in pollinators could mean decreased yields for key agricultural crops. In the U.S., production of pollinator-dependent crops is valued at over \$50 billion per year. Globally, 75 percent of the world's top food crops depend on insect pollination, according to the United Nations.

To help restore essential habitats, Skidaway Audubon will host a pollinator plant sale in April, featuring more than 25 kinds of native, perennial plants. The event is part of an island-wide initiative to create havens for pollinators in as many residential yards as possible to help

combat the loss of habitat and restore pollinator populations. More than 3,000 pollinator plants will be available for purchase. All of the specially selected bloomers attract pollinators – butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other insects critical to the survival of most flowering trees and plants, including most food crops.

The pollinator plant sale is part of Audubon's new Nature Notices project. The goal is to encourage island residents to "nature-scape" their properties, by replacing grassed areas with native shrubs, understory trees and pollinator plants. Residents are encouraged to plant milkweed and increase pollinator habitat within their gardens.

"We were looking for specific native plants known for providing the particular habitat that pollinators need – leaves that feed the caterpillars that become butterflies, and flowers that provide the butterflies and hummingbirds with nectar," says Skidaway Audubon President Dawn Cordo. "And we've timed the sale for April to ensure strong plants with good roots."

Care has been taken to select plants that deer usually do not eat. While deer normally do not bother these native plants, they can be curious and investigate anything new. Accordingly, Cordo recommends gardeners take protective measures, researching which plants may be best for their yards.

Among the many plants procured for this special sale are milkweed plants that are host plants for the monarch butterfly caterpillar. The caterpillars will devour the milkweed, which is the objective. Happily, these are perennials that should re-grow next season. Other plants to

By Amy Collings

To create a backyard pollinator garden, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends:

- Choose a sunny location. Most pollinators like to bask in the sun, and their favorite flowers usually prefer full sun or partial sunlight.
- If creating a garden from an existing lawn, remove all grass and turn over the soil. Mix in compost to add nutrients.
- Pollinators need nectar early in the spring, throughout the summer and into the fall. Choose plants that bloom at different times to create a colorful garden that will last for several months.

Follow the gardener's creed: Be patient! It may take time for blooms and butterflies to materialize. Milkweed may need a few seasons to produce flowers. In the meantime, weed and water as needed.



be sold include six varieties of salvia, two varieties of lantana, Black Eyed Susan, bee balm, lance leaf coreopsis, blazing star, cardinal flowers, and many other colorful bloomers. Included in the plant sale is a false rosemary, a drought-tolerant shrub in the mint family that was named the University of Georgia (UGA) Spring Bloomer Plant of the Year for 2021. Other award winners available are a UGA Fall Bloomer Plant of the Year, the downy goldenrod, and the butterfly weed, a UGA Native Georgia Plant of the Year.

While the event is a fundraiser for Audubon, the price – \$8 plus tax – is as attractive as the plants themselves. Order early for the best selection, get a start on your nature-scaping project, and help Mother Nature blossom!

Sales are by pre-order only, March 1 through April 10, at skidawayaudubon.org. The online order form includes a color photo of each kind of plant, a brief description of when it blooms, and whether it prefers sun or shade. There are simple instructions on how to order, and details for pick-up on April 17 at the Skidaway Island United Methodist Church.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Got extra time on your hands? Skidaway Audubon is looking for a few caring volunteers to assist with projects and activities. No experience is needed, all activities are outdoors, and most can be done individually or with a partner. If you can lend a hand, please contact friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.com.

Many studies have shown that being out in nature reduces stress, depression, anger, fear, blood pressure, and muscle tension. During this stressful time, discover the many ways Skidaway Audubon can help you get back to nature.

For more information please visit skidawayaudubon.org.

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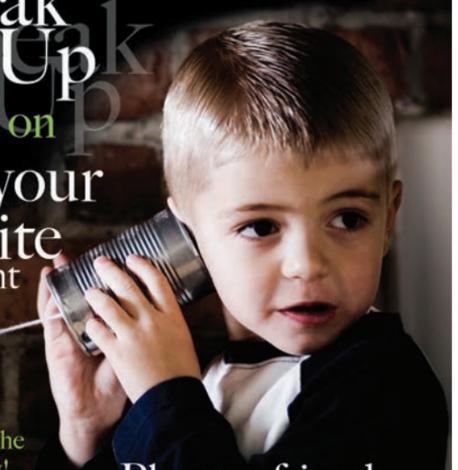
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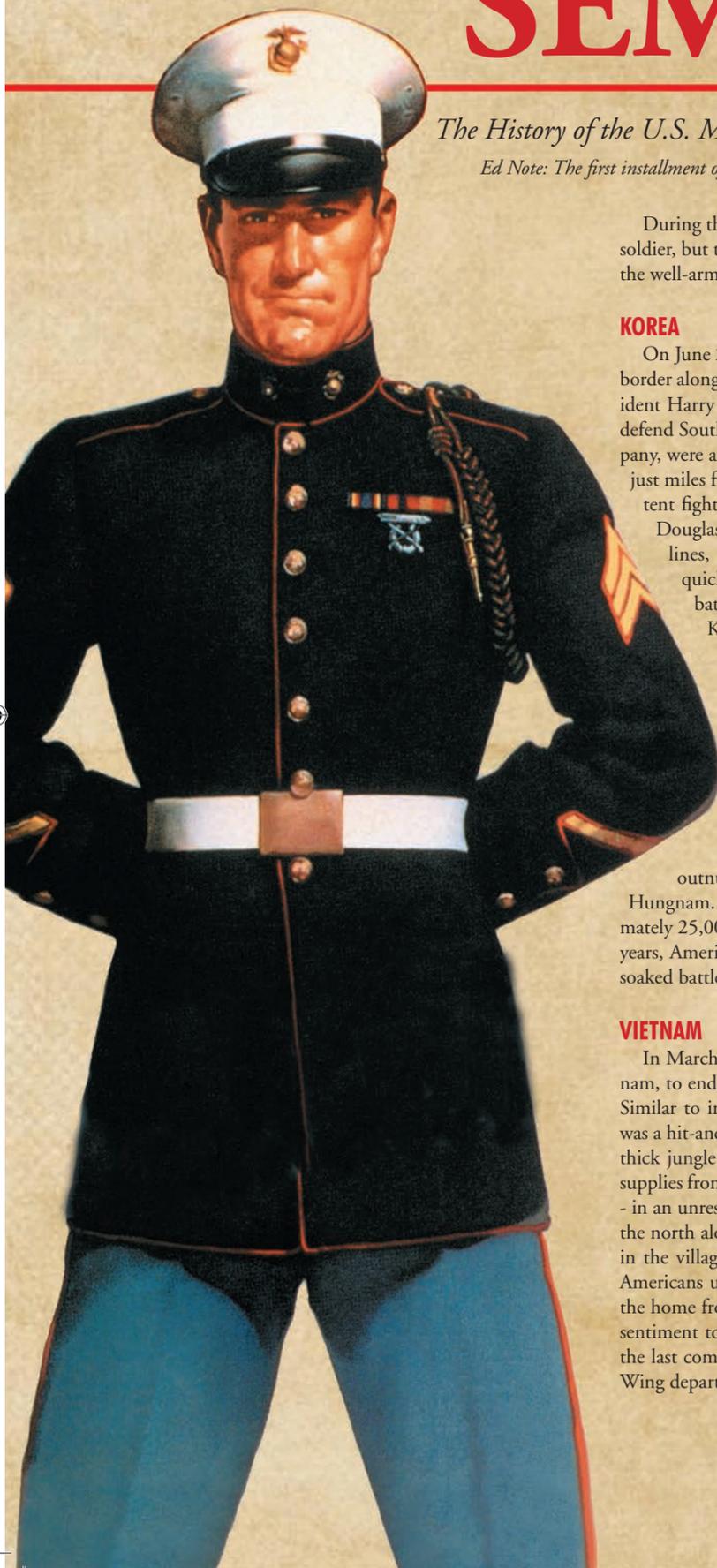
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The History of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), Part 2, by Ron Lauretti

Ed Note: The first installment of this two-part feature appeared in the previous issue of The Skinnie.



During the Cold War (1947-1991), no Marine fired a weapon at a Russian soldier, but the Corps paid a heavy price on many remote battlefields fighting the well-armed surrogates of the Soviet Union.

KOREA

On June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) breached the border along the 38th parallel and roared into neighboring South Korea. President Harry Truman quickly assembled a United Nations armed coalition to defend South Korea. Thousands of Marines, including Savannah's Dog Company, were activated. U.N. forces arrived in time to stop the NKPA incursion just miles from the shores of the Korean Strait in the Sea of Japan. Intermittent fighting occurred for several weeks, until September 15, 1950. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's surprise invasion of Inchon, well behind enemy lines, outflanked NKPA troops. The 5th Marine Regiment advanced quickly against light resistance. Ten days later, they were engaged in battle for Seoul. MacArthur pursued the retreating enemy into North Korea. Ignoring warnings from the People's Republic of China, he intended to continue to the border with China, liberating North Korea. Advancing to the Manchurian border, American forces were unaware that more than 250,000 Chinese troops – the People's Liberation Army – were crossing the Yalu River into North Korea, hiding during daylight hours and marching at night. On the night of November 17, with the temperature -20 Fahrenheit and in blinding snow, Chinese communist troops erupted from hiding places in the nearby eastern Taebak Mountains and charged the Marines. Vastly outnumbered, Maj. Gen. Oliver Smith led an orderly retreat south to Hungnam. Despite their greater numbers, the Chinese sustained approximately 25,000 deaths, compared to the Marine's 730 dead. For the next three years, American forces were continually engaged in a back-and-forth, blood-soaked battles. An armistice, enacted July 27, 1953, ended active combat.

VIETNAM

In March of 1965, Marine combat units landed in Da Nang, South Vietnam, to end Soviet-supported insurgencies in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Similar to incursions into the Banana Republics decades before, the enemy was a hit-and-run guerilla force that fought from ambushes and retreated into thick jungle. This time, enemy manpower was almost limitless, with steady supplies from the Soviet Union. The Marines fought on two fronts in Vietnam – in an unrestricted slugging match against North Vietnamese Army forces in the north along the De-Militarized Zone, and counter-insurgency operations in the villages and rice paddies of the south. As casualties mounted, many Americans urged the government to withdraw from the unpopular war. On the home front, "Vietnamization" became a common buzzword – expressing sentiment to let South Vietnam fight its own battles. In the spring of 1971, the last combat elements of the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing departed Vietnam, closing another chapter of USMC history.

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1983

In 1983, the Marines were drawn into two hostile situations. On October 23, a terrorist drove a bomb-laden truck into the lobby of a building housing dozens of Marines in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 241 U.S. servicemen. Two days later, a Marine amphibious unit in Grenada joined a task force to smother political chaos and restore the democratic government. Four months following the Beirut bombing, the Reagan administration removed the last U.S. troops from the untenable situation in Lebanon.

AFRICA AND ASIA

The U.S. turned its attention from the Cold War to other crises. The Corps conducted Operation Sharp Edge (1990), the emergency evacuation of several thousand Americans from strife-torn Liberia, and Operation Sea Angel (1991), providing aid in cyclone-ravished Bangladesh. Marines participated in Operation Provide Comfort (1991-96), an international relief effort to benefit 750,000 starving Kurds in northern Iraq, that established a de facto Kurdish autonomous section of the country.

THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE WAR ON TERROR

In August of 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, and U.N. coalition forces retaliated with overwhelming strength in the first Gulf War, Desert Storm. Many American veterans remember charging across the border from Saudi Arabia into Kuwait on G-Day, February 24, 1991. They were supported by Marine aviation and artillery, and by the USS Missouri and USS Wisconsin battleships, the last two Iowa-class vessels in maritime combat. Marine infantry breached minefields, barbed wire and fire-trenches just across the border. By nightfall, they were deep inside Kuwait, taking 16,000 prisoners. The Marines' tactical prowess knocked out 1,040 Iraqi tanks, 608 armored personnel carriers, 432 artillery pieces and five missile sites. U.S.-led forces killed or captured more than 20,000 enemy personnel, at a cost of fewer than 55 casu-

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alties. The rout of the Iraqis was so complete that President George Bush ordered a cease-fire after only 100 hours of combat.

In 1993, several Marines gave their lives trying to break a food-distribution gridlock in bandit-controlled Mogadishu, Somalia. Two years later, the U.N. Command called for American assistance in disengaging the multiple forces under siege. The Marines surgically relieved Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Italian forces, sending them to waiting ships offshore. During their withdrawal, the Marines engaged armed Somalis in 27 firefights but never lost a man.

On September 11, 2001, nine Al-Qaeda terrorists carried out suicide attacks against four targets on American soil. Almost 3,000 people were killed, triggering major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism. On October 7, the U.S. launched Operation Enduring Freedom, an international effort to oust the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and destroy Osama bin Laden's terrorist network. On November 25, the 15th Marine Expeditionary Force was deployed to assist Special Forces and Army Rangers already engaged. Since then, the Marines have been heavily involved in anti-terrorist campaigns to defeat Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and Iraq, and remain within striking distance of terrorist-sponsoring Iran. They are prepared to act against terrorism in any global operation at a moment's notice.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Recently, Marine Corps Commandant, Gen. Robert B. Neller, announced a plan to return the Corps to its primary purpose: To serve as a quick-strike, self-supporting operative force, responsible for expeditionary and amphibious operations directed by the Department of Defense. In Marine-speak: "Attack, win and secure."

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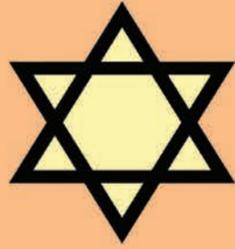
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MOVIE STARS OF DAVID

WHAT: Joan and Murray Gefen Savannah Jewish Film Festival
WHEN: Now through March 11
WHERE: online
CONTACT: Visit www.savj.org for details
WHAT ELSE: For 17 years, we have screened many international and independent films that otherwise would never have been shown in Savannah. Watch the film, then join a post-screening program featuring the directors or actors from the films or distinguished scholars to speak on related topics.

PHOTO FINISH

WHAT: (Sean) Grenville Emmet photography exhibit
WHEN: Now through March 31
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St.
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111
WHAT ELSE: Emmet is often drawn to fall colors in his photography. He is a film enthusiast who enjoys finding scenery from day hikes, occasional walks and the simple adventure.

READ IT AND WEEP

WHAT: Jewish Women of the Landings Book Club
WHEN: Monday, March 15, 10 a.m. on Zoom
CONTACT: Phyllis Aaron at: paaron@comcast.net
WHAT ELSE: Sue Kantor will review *I Am Forbidden*, by Anouk Markowitz. The book brings to life four generations of one Satmar family, from the Central European countryside just before World War II to Paris to contemporary Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE

WHAT: Jewish Women of the Landings Yiddish Club
WHEN: Thursday, March 18, 4 p.m.
CONTACT: Melinda Stein at tam50@aol.com to receive a Zoom invitation \ **WHAT ELSE:** The topic: "Accents, Who Me? I Don't Got No Accent," discussing the two major Yiddish accents, quite different and distinctive from one another.

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WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com to see our calendar
CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Milli 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
HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.
CONTACT: Cindy Altman, Landlovers Membership Director, at Landloversmembership@gmail.com.
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization. More information and details can be found at www.landlovers.com. Membership year runs from Sep. 1, 2020 through Aug. 31, 2021.

LET'S FACE IT

WHAT: "Let's Face it," an art exhibit of faces and figures by Daryl Nicholson
WHEN: Now through April 6
WHERE: The Palmetto Club, the Landings
HOW MUCH: Free
CONTACT: darylnicholson.com
WHAT ELSE: Millions of Americans are out of work and face hunger due to the pandemic. Nicholson will donate 50 percent of all sales to Feeding America. If you are looking to fill an empty space on a wall at your home or office, please consider the work, knowing that a purchase will also fill an empty stomach.

WHEN THE MASKS COME OFF

WHAT: Skidaway Abigails Zoom Meeting
WHEN: Monday, March 8, 3:30 p.m.
CONTACT: To learn more about Skidaway Abigails, a nonpartisan organization of progressive women, go to skidawayabigails.org or to join this meeting as a guest, contact chair@skidawayabigails.org.
WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Abigails welcomes Savannah Mayor Van Johnson to discuss, "The Lasting Challenges for Savannah Once the Pandemic Has Passed." Mayor Johnson describes his

core leadership principles as Purpose, Passion and People.

SEA FOR YOURSELF

WHAT: Virtual Evening at Skidaway Institute
WHEN: Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m. on Zoom
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public
CONTACT: Mike Sullivan at mike.sullivan@skio.uga.edu for a link and passcode
WHAT ELSE: UGA Skidaway Institute researcher Natalie Cohen presents "What's So Hot about Hydrothermal Vents?"

THE RIGHT STUFF

WHAT: Ladies on the Right (LOTR)
WHEN: March 18, 4-6 p.m.
WHERE: The Barn, Marshwood
HOW MUCH: Free, open meeting
CONTACT: Frances Dotton, 716.573.8905
WHAT ELSE: Bill Edwards, News Radio 1290 WTKS, will speak on the 1st Amendment, continuing LOTR's focus on the Constitutional Amendments. He will discuss how the FCC's guidelines have changed, his experiences as a newscaster and how "Cancel Culture" and the media have affected what we hear, read and see.

COAST WITH THE MOST

WHAT: CCA of Skidaway April Meeting – "The Secret Underground Water System of the Landings"
WHERE: Via Zoom
WHEN: Monday, April 12, 4 p.m.
CONTACT: Dave Devore, 330.329.6457
WHAT ELSE: Landings Association Director of Public Work Sean Burgess talks about the Landings' underground water and lagoon systems and how all the components tie together to create the great Landings environment. Registration is required through caskidaway.org and "Click Here to Register." A link to Zoom will be sent prior to the meeting. Each meeting attendee will receive a free raffle ticket for a fishing excursion led by Capt. Matt Starling. Additional tickets can be purchased through the website.

PLAY TO WIN

WHAT: "Together for a Cure," to benefit Mercer University School of Medicine
WHEN: April 12 – 20; Registration opens Feb. 14
CONTACT: Shirley Newhart, snewhart@comocast.net or Lynda Stockslager, lyndastockslager@yahoo.com

WHAT ELSE: Expansion of Golf for a Cure fundraiser to include all court sports – tennis, pickleball, bocce and lawn croquet – and the Wellness Center. Sponsorships available, purchase of raffle tickets or tributes. Funds cancer research, the purchase of medical equipment, and the Summer Scholars Program.

VISION QUEST

WHAT: 6th annual "Fore" Vision golf tournament
WHEN: Monday, April 12; Registration begins March 26
WHERE: The Landings Club on Skidaway Island
HOW MUCH: \$500, team of 4
CONTACT: Jerry Haggerty, jerryhaggerty4@gmail.com, 912.665.4115; or Leslie Eatherly, leatherly@savannahcblv.org, 912.236.4473
WHAT ELSE: Benefits the Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision.

BALLS OF FUN

WHAT: The One Hundred Children's Foundation Annual Great Golf Ball Drop and Elegant Picnic on the Green
WHEN: Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Green (practice range) at Deer Creek Golf Club, the Landings
HOW MUCH: \$100 per person; Includes one elegant picnic dinner basket per couple; member or cash bar
CONTACT: Co-chairs Margy Hatch, margymhatch@gmail.com, and Kerry Ufford, kerryufford@gmail.com, or visit www.TheOneHundred-ChildrensFoundation.org
WHAT ELSE: All proceeds go to the OHCF Grants Fund. Numbered golf balls to be dropped from 40 feet may be purchased for \$100 each. The ball falling closest to the designated hole wins 1st place. Prizes: 1st - \$2,500; 2nd - \$1,500; 3rd - \$500. Maximum of 500 balls to be sold. You do not have to be present to win prizes.

AMERICAN ENGINE-UNITY

WHAT: Skidaway Island Corvette Club
WHEN: Third Thursday of each month
WHERE: A visit to a superb custom car display in a showroom off Mall Blvd, followed by lunch at the Palmetto Club
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 now has a club for owners of Corvettes, already 25 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 or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/skidaway-catlanceteam

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.

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 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.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

WHAT: The National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force
WHEN: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.
CONTACT: For more information call 912.748.8888 or visit www.mightyeighth.org
WHAT ELSE: New guidelines are in place to protect staff and visitors. Visitors are strongly recommended to wear facemasks. Hand-sanitizing stations have been established throughout the museum. Some areas will be capacity-controlled.

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 or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening.

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
WHAT ELSE: Learn and cultivate music skills.

STUCK IN BETWEEN

WHAT: Middle Aged Tweens of Skidaway (MATS).
WHERE: Usually in private homes.
CONTACT: matskidaway@gmail.com or call Ann Nash at 203.856.8927, or visit www.matskidaway.com
WHAT ELSE: MATS was formed to create social activities for people in their 'tween years. There are monthly socials, book club groups, business group, Ladies Night Out, Men's Poker Night and more! Many of us are empty nesters or semi-empty nesters. We may find ourselves in the later stages of our careers, working part-time or navigating issues of early retirement. Some of us are still responsible for raising children.

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: "Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway)," litter pickup along Diamond Causeway
WHEN: 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary
WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean Beach
CONTACT: Courtney Fowler, causewaycleanup@gmail.com or 912.313.6040
WHAT ELSE: Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

WE HAVE A WIENER

WHAT: Landings Longdogs Get-togethers
WHEN: 4th Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m.
WHERE: Landings Harbor Marina
HOW MUCH: No charge
CONTACT: Sandy Haeger, sandyjhaeger@gmail.com, or Sandy Haeger, sandyjhaeger@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: A fun play date for you and your dachshund(s). Meet other owners and their special friends.

HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway Island
WHEN: Thursdays at 7:45 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club in the Landings
HOW MUCH: Free to attend.
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474, before attending
WHAT ELSE: This club donates more than \$60,000+ for at-risk children yearly.

CERVUS WITH A PURPOSE

WHAT: Bingo at the Elks Lodge
WHEN: Sundays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: 183 Wilshire Blvd
WHAT ELSE: \$1,500 in prizes. All proceeds benefit Elks charities.

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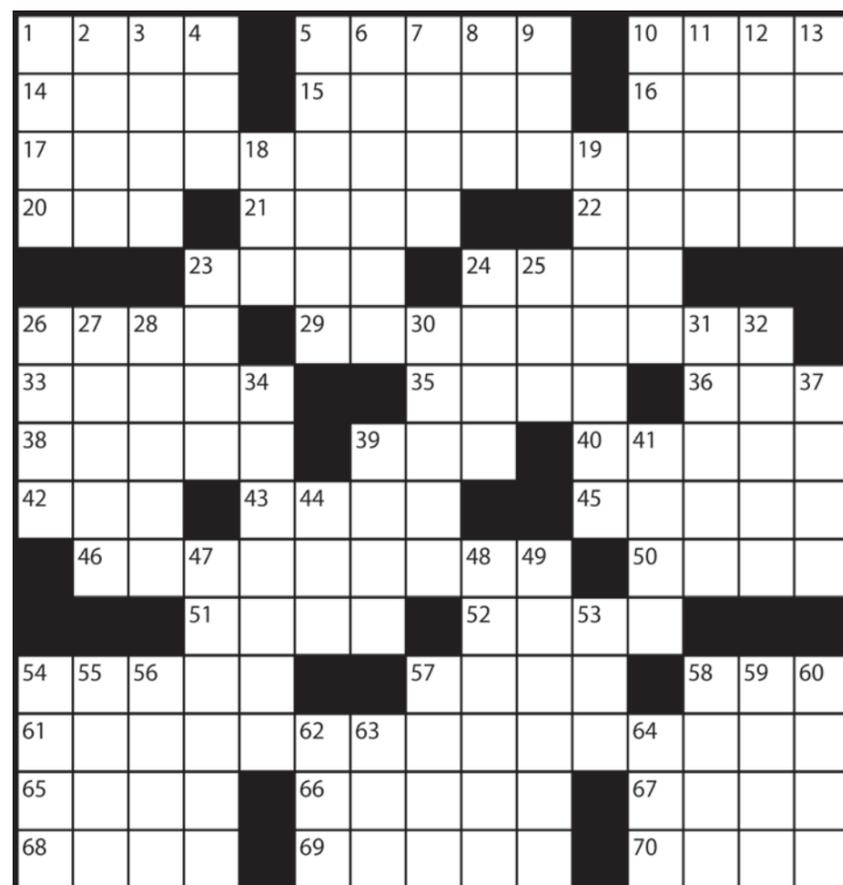
Ladies, when Gene Kelly asks - say Yes!

ACROSS

1. "The Diamond as Big as the ___" (F. Scott Fitzgerald)
5. Sound off?
10. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" composer
14. Morlock's herd
15. Palindromic bridge bid
16. Nero's 'was'
17. Debbie Reynolds said "Yes" in 1952
20. It makes a sink stink
21. Force divided by acceleration
22. Alluvium collector
23. Popular antojito
24. Narrow peninsula
26. Comb. form for 'height'
29. Ann Miller and Vera-ellen said "Yes" in 1949
33. Largest city in the Arab world
35. Kind of science
36. Harry Potter's best friend
38. Zeal
39. LP center?
40. Major source of oil
42. Female hamster
43. "___ You Babe" (Sonny and Cher)
45. Saltpeter
46. Cyd Charisse said "Yes" in 1954
50. Type of service
51. Movie about an Australian swine
52. Verity
54. Monster of Jewish folklore
57. Big do
58. 4.93 CCs
61. Leslie Caron said "Yes" in 1951
65. Neapolitan wedding pasta
66. Caesar's pals
67. Currency unit of Turkey
68. Wonder Woman's best friend
69. Bewildered
70. Depart

DOWN

1. Musical notation
2. "Nasty" of tennis
3. Tinge
4. Abrupt turn
5. Grimaldis live here
6. Antonym for 'antagonism'
7. Electrical pain-killing device



8. J.R.R.Tolkien forest creature
9. Homer's word
10. "Regarding this," to a lawyer
11. Tough exam
12. Tarry
13. Laboratory gas burner
18. Texas philanthropist, ___ Hogg
19. Version
23. Tuna belly at a sushi bar
24. Klutz (var)
25. Slammer
26. The first 'A' in AMPAS
27. Locust bean
28. The Broncos of the MAAC
30. Scoutmaster?
31. Take notes
32. "Moby Dick", for one
34. Akira Yoshizawa is its grandmaster
37. Softball?
39. Mechanism
41. Cant
44. Yak
47. Flag carrier airline of Spain
48. POTUS is one
49. C.S. Lewis fictional country
53. Ball of yarn formed on a spindle
54. Peer
55. Elide
56. Mikhail Barishnikov is one
57. Licorice-flavored Spanish liqueur
58. Alternative to 'enne'
59. iOS voice
60. Tough exam
62. #32 : F.D.R. / #21 : ___
63. The 'other' tax from the IRS
64. Type of house

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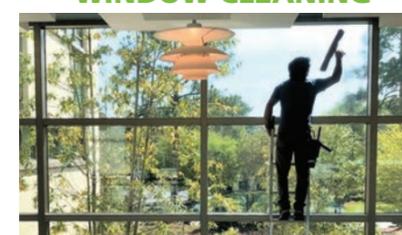
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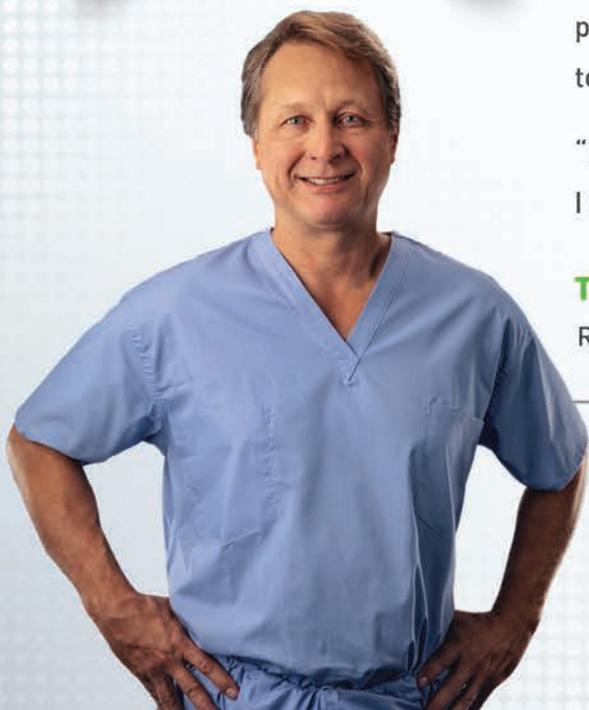


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