

The Seabrook Scenes



Spring/Summer 2005

William E. & Eleanore S. Leavitt Sanctuary Dedication *By Dotty Black*

The Seabrook has been gifted with a special place where families and friends can meet privately for quiet conversation, and a reverent location for worship services. Thanks to the Leavitt family, we have such a place . . . the "Sanctuary", given in memory of William Leavitt.

"Sanctuary" is a perfect name for this beautiful room located along the corridor between The Seabrook House and the Fraser Center. The large, wall-size stained glass window which dominates the far end of the room, depicting a graceful Egret in flight and expressing the peaceful hush of our Hilton Head Wildlife Sanctuaries, was created by Don Jones of Savannah. An attractive grouping of a comfortable sofa and several easy chairs invites quiet reflection.



Left to right; Elenore DeSole, Ann Sexton, Eleanore S. Leavitt, and Domenico DeSole

The Reverend Vernon Miller, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, conducted the dedication ceremony on February 4th, noting how the feeling of refuge in the wildlife sanctuaries ties in with the purpose of this Sanctuary, closing with a prayer. Mark Stuppy and Ex. Director, Robert Lee added their words of appreciation to the Leavitt family.

Daughter Eleanore DeSole, gave a spirited account of the family's decision making process for using the generous amount of funds that had been contributed in memory of her father. They became aware of the need for a spiritual room at The Seabrook, and never doubted that this was the ideal choice for the memorial funds.

The Leavitts have been long-time residents of Hilton Head Island, and William and Eleanore moved into The Seabrook about two years ago. How appropriate that William's spirit will continue to grace our lives.

The Seabrook Board of Trustees, 2005

By Rev. Vernon Miller, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Your new 2005 Board of Trustees brings a wealth of talent and experience to serve our Seabrook Community. Presently composed of ten members, we are an interesting mix of persons with long term involvement with The Seabrook. The Board members come from diverse professional backgrounds, including corporate executives, a retired resort hotel manager, a Medical Doctor with expertise in long-term care, a retired Army officer, two retired career women, a local realtor, and a minister. Five of the members reside at The Seabrook and are elected by the residents, and five are at-large members from the Hilton Head area, chosen by the Board.

Each and every one of your Trustees is deeply committed to structuring a not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community of the highest quality. We desire to have open communication about the concerns facing us in a competitive market, and how we will successfully meet those challenges.

Through an aggressive marketing program, updated facilities, an outstanding residential services/activities curriculum, dining services second to none, a state-of-the-art health center and Wellness Program, a staff dedicated to meeting resident needs, and a strong sense of community fostered by the residents, The Seabrook will continue to build on its rich heritage.



Front row, left to right: Marge Strickland, June Eggert, Laura Cramer, Jim Muir

Second row, left to right:

Neal Johnson, Rev. Vernon Miller (Chairman), Selby Harney, Angus Cotton

Not Available:

Dr. Joseph Lindner, Mark Stuppy, Wes Wilhelm (Honorary Member)

"Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is Mystery . . . Today is A Gift" ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Ongoing Activities For Our Residents

By Pat Batten, Resident Services Director

We do like our parties at The Seabrook! Themes have included “Heritage Golf”, “Mardi Gras”, and “Happy Valentines Day” at our Monday Happy Hours, to name just a few. The Kentucky Derby party, with festive hats and colorful dress, Memorial Day Party, our first picnic of the year in May, and the “Kick-off Summer” party in June are all part of our bulging calendar of events.

We continue the popular Men’s Coffee Hour each month. February 15th was notable with a program commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Corregidor with guest speakers, Lt.General (ret.) E.M. Flanagan and our own resident, Joe Gray (a veteran with the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team, in the Philippine Islands).

Excursions to cultural events both on and off the island are well received. Imagine a trip to Arts Center performances, an evening with the Hilton Head Orchestra, and several other musical & theatrical affairs. Scheduled tours include; the Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, Mepken Abbey near Charleston, SC, and Daufuski Island.

We are so proud of the array of talented residents at The Seabrook! Some of our best programs and ideas for activities come from the residents.



Eve Dolbey & Merry VanOmmen



Lt. General (Ret.) E. M. Flanagan & Mr. Joe Gray

Fun & Games at The Seabrook

By Betty Ryan

Perhaps the games we play at The Seabrook would be called sedentary, but that refers to the body. Believing that “a mind is a terrible thing to waste”, we endeavor to keep ours primed as much as possible.

Twice a month we play “Team Gin Rummy”, where the field is divided in half and each player plays 3 or 4 hands with each member of the opposing team. Big money is at stake here! Of course, you could play Scrabble where nothing is at stake except your mind... that’s “big stakes” too!



David Schaper, Dick Lincoln, Harriet Schaper, Jimmy Letwiler



Mah Jongg

On Wednesday nights there is always the excitement of Bingo, and on Thursday nights there is the challenge of Bridge (couples & singles) in the living room.

In addition, there are intense sessions of Mah Jongg games being enjoyed by the gals.

Let’s get out of doors and test our skills on the Putting Green Saturday mornings. It’s not the US Open, but it is a lot of laughs. Before long, we will be meeting at the new Horse-shoe Pit and the Shuffle Board court.



Maria & Efrain Gonzalez

Left to right: Pat Batten, Mary Hulbert, Evie Dolbey, Ann Cathcart, Marge Strickland, Elinor Jones, Barbara Pfrunder, Jean Pickrel, and Betty Ryan



Scrabble

Standing left to right: Mary Luddeke, Betty Ryan, Zoe Vecchione, Isabelle Rendall, and Helen Meighen
Seated: Clarabelle Thompson, Christine Peters

Groups Meeting at The Seabrook

- American Association of University Women
- Audubon Society
- Book Clubs
- Bookmarkers
- Hilton Head Garden Club
- Opera Study Group
- The Learning Exchange

Seabrook residents are welcome to attend any of the meetings held here. That’s a nice feature.

What's New At The Seabrook

By Robert M. Lee, Executive Director

2005 is in full swing and there are many exciting projects taking place at The Seabrook. The dedication of the Leavitt family "Sanctuary" on February 4, 2005 was a very special event in the lives of residents, families, and staff. The room, with its beautiful stained glass window and elegant décor, will serve as a place of refuge and reflection for families and residents. The Long Range Landscaping Committee has been working diligently to finalize a comprehensive plan to enhance the landscaping throughout The Seabrook. Phase 1 will be complete by the end of March. Improvements have been made to the lagoon area near Erskine, and the front entrance and "park area" near Albermarle and Berkley. Each year different areas are targeted for improvement until the entire campus has been revitalized.

We are fortunate to have a Board of Trustees composed of such a diverse group of talented, dedicated individuals. Along with special committees and input from our residents, several projects are under way. Extensive renovations to the kitchen and improved employee training are some of the upgrades to our facility.



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The Seabrook Endowment Fund

By Michael Jordan



Michael Jordan, a shareholder in the law firm of Bethea, Jordan & Griffin, a division of the McNair Law Firm, was the guest speaker at the Endowment Committee meeting on October 26, 2004. His topic was "How You Can Very Easily Support The Seabrook Endowment Fund as Part of Your Estate Planning". Michael has an intimate understanding of The Seabrook since he formerly served on the Board of Trustees, and his Mother, Grandmother, Mother-in-law were all Seabrook residents.

Why Support the Endowment Fund?

"The Endowment Fund is the charitable arm of The Seabrook entities that are there to help people when they need assistance. All the residents, past and present,

have benefited from the Endowment Fund by its funding of the Fraser Center, capital improvements, safety-nets for residents running out of resources and varying on-going contributions which keep residents' costs down."

How To Support The Seabrook Endowment Fund?

- 1.) Write a check to The Seabrook
- 2.) Give stock, Charitable Remainder Trusts, or unneeded life insurance
- 3.) Donate your apartment
- 4.) Name The Seabrook as a beneficiary of your estate

What are the Personal Benefits?

If one makes a \$50,000 donation to The Seabrook Endowment Fund at death, one receives an estate tax charitable deduction of \$50,000. If the same donation is made prior to death, one receives the equivalent of an estate tax charitable deduction of \$50,000, but also an income tax charitable deduction of \$50,00, resulting in two deductions. (Since the donation was made during the lifetime of the donor.)

"Additional personal benefit derives from the donor's satisfaction in knowing what the gift can provide for current and future residents of The Seabrook. This creates a personal connection between donor and donee, which large, national charities cannot provide."

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ENTER SPRING . . .

By Maureen Rosene

Director of Sales and Marketing

The stage is set as our prelude to Spring begins to unfold. The ospreys are back to build their nests, the Bradford Pear trees boost some blooms, and the choir of birds strikes a tempo. Our days are longer and the sun warms our being.

Act I - Stage Front - The Seabrook embraced Spring with a cast of local resident artists on March 29th with an Art Show/Open House. Walter Greer's paintings, "First Day of Spring (Dawn)," "Private Party," and "Easter Sunday" stand front and center. Photographs by June Eggert depict the sunrise over Shipyard beach with the play of light on the sand. The beauty of Charleston comes alive with Virginia Ginn's oil paintings, "Rainbow Row," "Gazebo in Springtime," and "The Pink House."

Lisa May brings us flowers in all their glory, along with "Dreamscape" in acrylics. Mary Jane Bauman directs her creations to "Spring at the Drakes" and "Parade Day," both in oils. Special attention moves to her batik, "Going to Church." The birds of Hilton Head come alive with Helen Hawkins' collage of "The Snowy Egret." Using Spring by-products of bees wax and spun silk, Helen creates her "Japanese Princess." Suzanne Plowden shows the many faces of every season in her lovely oil portraits.

Act II - The audience, refreshed and inspired by all the artistry of Spring, moves on to tour all the natural beauty of The Seabrook and experience first hand why these exceptional artists call The Seabrook their home.

As the curtain closes, Cris Bowlin shows her charming image of a young boy on a dock at sunset in her photograph, "Wonderment," and the final curtain calls reveal her newest artistic production, "Sunset." The End



FIRST DAY OF SPRING (DAWN)

By Walter Greer, a Seabrook Resident

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