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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy new year to my newcomer family. It's hard to think that Glen and I are in our final year of this wonderful club. We have made many great friends and continue to meet and make many more new friends.

It makes me feel good to go somewhere on the island and see familiar faces. It took me 45 minutes to purchase 3 items at Harris Teeter this week because I saw and of course stopped to talk with 6 people I have met in newcomers. I loved every conversation I had and thankfully none of my 3 items were from the freezer section!

It's the time of year that we start thinking about new members for our board for next year. We are in the process of setting up a nominating committee. I will send out an email and post on our Facebook page when this is finalized and include information on how you can put your name forward for any of the open positions.

Wishing y'all a very happy, healthy and fun 2019.

Debbie Townley

INC PRESIDENT 2018/19

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was September last we spoke as we were embarking on our first *Volunteer Fair* at [Bennies Red Barn](#). We had a record turn out in attendance for our fair 🍷. There are still opportunities available that need volunteers if you missed this event!!

In November we made our way out to the North end of the island to the beautiful [The Stables at Frederica](#) for a *Hoedown*. [Don Drury](#) picked us some tunes, [Southern Soul](#) catered their awesome BBQ and all the fixings. And in between the rain showers I believe everyone had a real fine time!

Ah, December...Christmas Cheer to all. [King & Prince](#)...such a lovely place. Great food, [Toys for Tots](#), festive decorations, fun games, dancing, and fabulous friends!

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

January 5 was our sixth event. We started in June on an every other month program; along with helping [Keep Golden Isles Beautiful \(KGIB\)](#) by cleaning the [Coast Guard Station](#) parking lot after the "Frat Party" before the October Georgia/Florida football game. KGIB made our work easy by having "hourly sweeps" of the beach and parking areas. Lea King Badya (Director of KGIB) is very organized and deserves our thanks for improving this program every year. Our bi-monthly cleanups are pleasant, and satisfying; not hard, but sad, in that none of what we pick up should be out there. **Check the [INC Facebook Page](#) for pictures of our group "Keeping the Golden Isles Beautiful".** When you see us or others, picking trash along the roads, you would be kind to slow down a little and wave. We work for appreciation!

BOB AND MARLIS KISER

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY DIRECTOR

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BOOK CLUB

All seven of the **Newcomers Book Clubs** are in full swing and some pretty creative names have been selected. The Daytime clubs are: *The Bookies*, *BBB*, *Literary Newcomers*, and *Chik Lits*. The Nighttime clubs are: *Happy Bookers*, *SSI Co-Ed*, and *A Novel Bunch*. Send me an email for more info on **Book Clubs**. **Please remember to take photos of your Book Club and post them on our Facebook Page.**

Happy reading everyone!

KAREN STANSBURY

BOOK CLUB DIRECTOR

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BOWLING

The **Bowling** group welcomes all levels of play - from just beginning to the more spares/strikes players. We have a great time with very little pressure - just a good time of fellowship and fun! You can sign up as a couple or individual - the cost is \$10 a person, which includes shoe rental and 2 games of bowling. We meet the LAST MONDAY of each month (except in May) at 6:15pm at the [Strike Zone in Brunswick](#). **Please remember to take photos of your Bowling group and post them on our Facebook Page.**

Upcoming dates are: Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 29, May 20 (Last one) If you are interested, it is not too late to join us. Just email: Bowling@IslandNewcomers.org

SARA CATHERINE VAUGHAN

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BRIDGE

Monthly [Bridge](#) luncheons continued at [Bonefish Grill](#), [Cilantro's](#) and [Sapelo Crow](#). The food at [Sapelo Crow](#) was as good as the reliable social media comments made by SSI residents. We are scheduled for [Blackwater Grill](#) in January and returning in February to a favorite venue, [Davis Love Grill at The Lodge at Sea Island](#) and their excellent food and game room facility.

Remember, our bridge skills are widely varied from entry level to tournament level players. So all of you having any interest in playing "party bridge" please contact Hobby or Carol Bourque through the [INC web](#) page or by emailing Bridge@IslandNewcomers.org. Our goal is to have fun and quality social time around a common interest in the game. A number of "wannabe" players have taken beginner lessons at the [SSI Bridge Center](#) and have now joined our group. Some others have taken the advanced classes in bidding and conventions. The skill level is improving as well as confidence in individual play. ***Please remember to take photos of your Bridge and post them on our Facebook Page.***

As Carol and I are in our 3rd year, INC is in need of a coordinator for the 2019-2020 year. Any volunteers? It is easy, and we will pass along all of our electronic secrets that take the work out of organizing an outing.

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DINING IN

Another season of [Dining In](#) is going strong with just under 80 participants. I hope everyone is enjoying meeting new friends, good food, and fellowship. If you haven't hosted yet this season, please email me with your preference for hosting Feb, Mar, or Apr. In May we'll have a year-end gathering at two homes, similar to the holiday parties. If you have a larger home and would like to host that please let me know. ***Please remember to take photos of your Dining In dinners and post them on our Facebook Page.***

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DINING OUT

[Dining Out](#) is now up to 200 participants. While November was a challenging month for quite a few of the groups, it seems that December was a great time to gather together to meet new friends. I hear that several groups have enjoyed Saturday brunch at Coastal Kitchen, Echo, and Jekyll Island Club. Use this opportunity to try new restaurants and don't feel limited to just weekends. You will find it easier to converse on the weeknights with less crowd noise. If you are having any problems with [Dining Out](#), please reach out to me. ***Please remember to take photos of your Dining Out dinners and post them on our Facebook Page.***

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FACEBOOK

The **INC Facebook** page posts upcoming events, registration deadlines, photos from events, and other news. Just search “**Island Newcomer Club**” on **Facebook** and request to join. Once membership is confirmed, you will be approved. If anyone is **Facebook** challenged and needs a little help, email me. **Remember to take pictures of newcomer events and send photos to me to post.**

PATTI MEHEGAN

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GOLF

Our bi-weekly golf outings continue to be well attended, even with the temperatures dropping off. Our golf group is dedicated and intrepid! Sea Palms has been taken over by new ownership and there are rumblings that some changes could be in the offing. I will keep the group informed as developments are communicated to me. **Remember to take pictures of your golf outings and post on our Facebook Page.**

TOM LUCKSTONE

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GREAT DECISIONS

The **2019 INC Great Decisions** group is formed, and the **Great Decisions Briefing Books** are available for pickup. Check your email if you paid for the group and have not picked up your **Briefing Book**. Look for more information about the program on the **Great Decisions** website: https://fpa.org/great_decisions/. **Great Decisions 2019 Glossaries** are available now! They can be found under the “**Great Decisions**” tab and under “**Topic Resources**”. “**Latest News**”, “**Related Organizations**”, and “**Recommended Reading**” are also available under “**Topics**”

I look forward to starting the 2019 group on January 22nd at [The Beach Club](#). We will be meeting in the “**Activity Center**” located in the free standing building to the left after entering. Check your email for the latest on meetings and feel free to email me any questions. **Watch our Facebook Page for photos of the 2019 INC Great Decisions group.**

Prepare to Discuss the World.

JAMES FRASCHE

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ISLAND ADVENTURES

Hello Newcomers and Happy New Year!

What a busy fall/winter we have had already! **Croquet on Jekyll** & the tours of the **Eugenia Price home** seemed to be the most popular recent trips. Words cannot describe the **Full Moon Halloween Okefenokee** trip. It was amazing as we saw the harvest moon from an incredible vantage point in the swamp. Several ghost tours of [Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation](#), a [FLETC](#) tour, Kayak Trips, Beach Walk, [Port of Brunswick Tour](#), Marsh Walk, [Little SSI Trips](#), an amazing weekend on [Amelia Island](#) have all been enjoyed along with the [Christ Church Frederica Annual Tour of Homes](#) and fantastic gourmet food at several local restaurants. Let's not forget the magical carriage rides thru [Jekyll Island Historic District](#) to see the Christmas lights following High Tea and the Southern Bagpiper! Boxing Day rounded out December with white elephant exchange after Christmas. Stay tuned as we are planning more fun and adventures to carry us thru May! **Remember to take photos of your Island Adventures and post them on our [FaceBook Page](#).**

See you on an adventure soon!

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ISLAND BUDDIES

 the [Island Buddies Facebook](#) page, [SSI Island Buddies](#), and look for upcoming events. Please come check out our new page and let's get together for some fun! **Please remember to take photos of your Island Buddies outings and post them on our [FaceBook Page](#).**

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MAHJONG

Was your New Year's resolution to learn something new? To make new friends? To have more fun? Learn to play mahjong! Contact Amy Bone at Mahjong@IslandNewcomers.org to get started. **Please remember to take photos of your Mahjong games and post them on our [FaceBook Page](#).**

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NEWSLETTER

[Newsletters](#) are linked at the top of the [Island Newcomers' Homepage](#) and posted on the [Island Newcomers Club Facebook](#) page. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions feel free to email me at the address below.

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VOLUNTEER LIAISON

There are many organizations throughout the Golden Isles looking for volunteers and/or new members. See the list under [Volunteer](#) on the [Island Newcomers'](#) webpage for places where you can get involved and make a difference in your community. *Remember to take photos of your [Island Adventures](#) and post them on our [FaceBook Page](#).*

SHARON BAER

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year!! 🌴 whew

We started 2019 off with some fun and fellowship at [Ziggy Mahoney's](#). It's always nice to get together with friends after the holidays to recover, reconnect and just to meet even more new friends. Maybe even a new dance step or remember an old one 😊.

Sorry to ramble...it's been awhile...now as we look forward to February (seriously, did I just say, February?) we have a new venue planned that we know is sure to be breathtaking: [Village Creek Landing!](#)

Can't wait to see you there.

Cheers,

CINDY SIMPSON AND JANE LUCKSTONE

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS

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