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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When my husband Glen and I were told that he had to move with his new job we were both sad. We had lived in Charlotte for nearly 26 years, lived in the same house for most of those years. We didn't want to move. We had a great life there. When we came down to look around, we looked at areas closer to Savannah. Then someone suggested we come and take a look at St. Simons Island. Neither of us had heard of St. Simons before. But of course, like many others, as soon we arrived for a look around the island, we knew this was where we were going to move. It was a little hard when we first moved here to adjust to island life versus city life. Joining Island Newcomers played a big part in helping us adjust. This club was the best way to meet people and introduce us to everything our new home has to offer. These past three years have gone by very quickly, and I am sad to be "graduating". I have enjoyed serving on the board as your president this year. I was blessed to work with such a wonderful group of men and women. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to make this club work as well as it does. I hope y'all enjoyed this year as much as I did, and I look forward to seeing you around.

Debbie Townley

INC PRESIDENT 2018/19

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Newcomers!!!

What a fun April gathering!! Wouldn't you say so!! Gascogne Park is such an amazing breathtaking beautiful venue; delicious fish fry complimentary of our friend Brooks Good of Coastal Outdoor Adventures. And what about Chrispy & Coco??? We believe they have some 'new groupies'. 🤔 Still playing past 9....excellent and fun group!!!

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped keep The Island Newcomer's designated section clean and clear. It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it; and we had a great volunteers. Thank you again.

BOB AND MARLIS KISER

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BOOK CLUB

Thanks to the group leaders, **Debbie Vaughan, Joyce Gromada, Molly Wolfe, Konnie Maxfield, Peggy Myer Von Bremen, Wayne Whitfield,** and **Karen Schille** for making this a banner year for **Book Club**. There were seven clubs, with 93 members, and creative names: **The Bookies, Beach Bookin' Babes, Literary Newcomers, Chick Lits, Happy Bookers, Wine Stained Pages,** and **A Novel Bunch**.

Some of the groups focused on fiction while others read both fiction and non-fiction. Groups held events like getting together for First Friday's in Brunswick, went to movies based on books they were reading, and did themed meetings with activities like viewing vacation photos from a location featured in the book they were reading, or read a book by a local author who joined the meeting. Some of the book favorites were, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *Next year in Havana*, *Clock Dance*, *Nine Perfect Strangers*, *Shoe Dog*, and *Bad Blood*.

Debbie Vaughan will be **taking over Book Club for the 2019/2020 season**. Happy Reading Everyone!

KAREN STANSBURY

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BOWLING

We had such a fantastic year in the **Strike Zone in Brunswick!** We had an average of around 30 people come out each month and have fun making new friends, enjoying beverages, and perhaps even getting their own personal "high scores" for Bowling. If you weren't able to make it this year, please sign up next year, as we welcome any and all levels of play!

SARA CATHERINE VAUGHAN

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BRIDGE

We finished the year with great venues of a favorite, **Davis Love Grill** at the **Sea Island Retreat** facility with three tables followed by the grand finale at the **Sea Island Beach Club**. Thanks to **Gordon Zeese** for sponsoring the events at **Sea Island**. For some players this was a first event at **Sea Island Cloister**. Great place to be!

My personal thanks to **Marcia Farber** for taking the reins early as the **INC Bridge Director for 2019/20**. She has done a great job and has organized all the details with the ease of a professional. Hmmmm. Maybe it is the feminine touch that makes it look so easy.

Thanks to all our vendors for hosting this year and most of all to our members who made the game a lot of fun.

I understand there are no plans for a schedule of play during the summer months. If anyone wishes to host a game in their home or an island venue, please feel free to do so. Consensus at our last game was most were interested but busy throughout the summer. So set it up and they will come.

Have fun playing Bridge. Next scheduled play will be in September.

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DINING IN

As another season of **Newcomers** comes to a close, we reflect back on the year that's passed. **Dining In** ended the year with 71 participants. Since October, 41 host/hostesses have held 80 parties in their homes. We've met interesting and fun people and gotten the chance to know them better by having quiet conversation in the intimacy of a home. I'd like to thank my husband, Gordon, for helping me each month with the Dining In groupings. I couldn't have organized this without his help! I'd also like to thank **Lenne and Dennis Espenschied, our 2019-2020 Dining In Coordinators**. I'm looking forward to another great year under their leadership. If you didn't participate in Dining In this year, I hope you'll consider it for next year.

VIRGINIA JACKSON
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DINING OUT

I sadly say goodbye to **Newcomers** but hope that I have left you with some new friendships and at the least some good meals. We got to try two new restaurants this year with **Sapelo Crow** and **Reid's Apothecary** opening. **Davis Love Grill** was a hit with their Sunday brunch. A few brave souls ventured off the island to the **Jekyll Hotel** and downtown Brunswick's **Tipsy McSway's**. I was glad to hear that quite a few tried breakfast and lunch options. If you did not join **Dining Out** this year, consider joining next year. It is a lot of fun and an easy way to make friends. I know **Joyce Gromada** will do a great job **at the helm next season**.

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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.**

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GOLF

We have had a very successful season of **Newcomers Golf**, with many first year members coming out to play. For the most part, the weather cooperated with our scheduled play dates and even some annoying road closures couldn't keep our intrepid golfers from getting out there and knocking it around with their fellow Newcomers.

We had to cut the season short by one month due to course renovations at Sea Palms Resort, but Lynn and Rich Ingalls have stepped up and arranged for the group to play at Sanctuary Cove during May, and possibly through the summer.

Marty Carriker will be assuming the role of **Golf Activity Director for the 2019-2020** season, which will begin in September. For those who would like to sign up, please e-mail **Marty** at maca333@yahoo.com.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

TOM LUCKSTONE

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GREAT DECISIONS

We had a terrific season with **Great Decisions**- it was a very interesting group of participants, representing the full spectrum of views and experience, and we learned a lot from one another, in addition to the materials provided by the **Foreign Policy Association**. We look forward to the 2020 group.

JAMES FRASCHE

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ISLAND ADVENTURES

Greetings Newcomers!!!

Hello Island Adventure seekers! We have had a really busy spring!! Two **croquet adventures** were much enjoyed and the weather was great! Lots of talent in our group! Members enjoyed several **Eugenia Price Home Tours**, an informative **Marsh Walk** and the **weekend in Charleston, S.C.** could not have been more ideal. The gardens were in full

bloom in beautiful, historic Charleston. The group enjoyed an informative historic guided walking tour then we met up after lunch for a self-guided walking tour of 8 glorious gardens. The weather could not have been more perfect. We dined at several gourmet restaurants at night and of course we had to check out some rooftop bars for the sunset views. Also on the agenda was a great trip to **Cumberland**, the always popular **Port Authority Tour** by trolley, the **Lady Jane Lunch Cruise** with a low-country boil, a behind the scenes **Lighthouse Tour** then lunch at **ECHO** followed by the new **WWII Museum** with a private guide. I am told the **Kayak Tour** did not disappoint and once again the weather was picture perfect. The highlight of the spring season had to be the **Lynx Sailboat Sunset Cruise** out of **Brunswick Marina**. Some of the fellas even got to raise the sails! Told ya we have so much hidden talent in the **Newcomers Club**. The weather for sailing was amazing and the sunset views under the causeway were a photographer's dream. There were a lot of pictures being taken that night! I am so glad that the **White Oak** tour in Yulee took place. I hear the lunch was great and the animals, especially the giraffes were amazing!! Several folks enjoyed the trip to **Little Saint Simons** with its untouched beauty, beautiful secluded beach and fascinating birds. As I am writing this today, I am getting prepared for the last trip of the season and the last trip for me personally. Today we have the ever popular **Dolphin Sunset Cruise** out of the **Jekyll Island Wharf**. The weather forecast looks great, we will have yummy food from **Harris Teeter** and Captain Adam and his wife promise to be as entertaining as ever with songs and commentary describing the wonderful dolphins that make their home in our beautiful waters.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed planning and attending sometimes more than once too many adventures to count over the last 2 ½ years I have served as your Island Adventures Director. So many people have asked me, what are you going to do with all of your free time now that you are graduating from Newcomers? Well, we are finally going to build our dream house for one. Bob and I have met so many wonderful people in this Club and the Club is very dear to my heart. Yes, I will miss planning adventures, but we have made so many lasting friendships over the last 3 years I think we can find things to keep us busy on this fun-filled little island we call home. I hope to see all of you around the island, and I really do encourage you to participate in as much as possible to get the most out of the **Island Newcomers Club!!!**

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ISLAND BUDDIES

Island Buddies gathered at the lighthouse Sunday, May 19 from 7-9pm to enjoy the sounds of the Tams...we hope to see everyone at the upcoming Little Light Music Concert Series and the Casino Concerts this summer on our beautiful island home.

Thank you to all who joined us at gatherings this year. Have a great summer!

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MAHJONG

The **Newcomers MahJongg** group has had a successful year with over forty new players learning the game. There are now several groups playing all over the Island so you can enjoy a game almost anytime you want. We will play all summer on Friday mornings at Thrive at 9:30. Just drop in - all confidence levels are welcome! If you were unpacking moving boxes or remodeling your new place, **beginner lessons will resume in the fall under the guidance of Gina Moitoso**. Ask any new player. It's a challenge in the first few weeks, but it soon becomes great fun and wonderful new friendships have blossomed.

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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.

SHARON BAER

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Moving on to May...

Our take on Cinco de Mayo was held at the Casino. We had excellent food catered by Surcheros, Margaritas by Jerry, open bar, beach 🏖️ music 🎵 by Leo Dean. We also had members from Coasters and Sandpipers available for our graduating 🎓 3rd years.

As we are rounding out our season, we were finally getting a hang of Mother Nature and her fickle way with the weather! 🌪️ She makes all the decisions ☀️🌧️🌬️💧 even thou it was a battle at times, we still managed to have a great year!

But, as they say, all good things must come to an end. However, y'all are in luck, Newcomers are like the energizer bunny, they keep on going!!! 😊

Jane and I have enjoyed the privilege organizing and entertaining y'all this 2018/2019 year. We could have not been a success without all the volunteers that stepped up to help in so many ways. You know who you are. We are afraid we will miss naming someone and therefore hurt someone's feelings. So we will say, we love ❤️ each and everyone bunches!!!

See y'all around the island 🌴

CINDY SIMPSON AND JANE LUCKSTONE

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