

Kiawah Island

DIGEST



ASSOCIATION FINANCES

Board of Directors Approves 2019 Budget

The 2019 KICA Budget was approved at the Nov. 5 board meeting after months of work by staff and the Finance Committee.

KICA's budget consists of two discrete budgets, the operating and the reserve. Principally, the operating budget covers expenditures that are routine and predictable. The reserve budget covers expenditures for more durable infrastructure, focusing on major repairs or replacement projects.

The association's largest expense, personnel, is funded through the Operating Budget. Wage pressure in the market means this expense alone necessitated a 4.6 percent increase in funding over the last year.

In addition to providing for the association's daily needs, the 2019 budget includes some important highlights. Property owners have asked for more stringent regulation of those who use the public facilities while balancing the need to keep things moving at the Main Gate. To meet this goal:

- Two additional positions will allow the expansion of the pass office. **All island visitors without a pass**

will be directed to a new pass office at Beachwalker Center, where they will go through the same procedure as commercial customers.

- Updated software and license plate scanners will allow Security to track who should and should not be on the island.

It also provides for the increased administrative expense of retaining Cru Catering to operate the Castle Grille (an expense expected to be offset by increased revenue), and technology upgrades to enhance streaming capabilities.

Assessments are deeply tied to the association's budget. 2019 assessments, which are emailed to members shortly before the end of the year, will increase by slightly more than 9 percent. In 2018, there was no increase in the general or reserve assessment from the prior year.

Learn more about the KICA budget by visiting [kica.us/finances](#). There you will find the 2019 Budget spreadsheet, COO Jimmy Bailey's budget presentation to the board and more general financial information.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Make Positive Changes for Island Neighbors

Just minutes away from Kiawah, nearly 4,000 children, adults and seniors are living below the poverty level on the Sea Islands. Around 30 percent of residents on Wadmalaw Island and 15 percent on Johns Island are unable to meet their basic needs. Kiawah Cares is determined to provide aid to and increase opportunity for our neighbors on the Sea Islands.

To address these humanitarian needs, Kiawah Cares has selected four program partners that are making a dent in the effects of poverty on the Sea Islands. You can support these important organizations when you support Kiawah Cares' end of year giving campaign.

These meaningful and effective programs include, but are not limited to:

- **reducing hunger and supporting seniors** (Meals on Wheels),
- **providing home repair to those in need** (Community Home Improvement Project),
- **bringing comfort to veterans and seniors** (Made with Love), and
- **promoting recreational opportunities for youth** (Barrier Island Little League and Going Places).

Together, these worthy programs establish a strong foundation of support to the Sea Island community, addressing hunger, housing and wellness for the young and old.

If you'd like to make a guaranteed positive impact on the lives of your neighbors, choose to fund this set of core programs with our trusted partners.

The goal for the end of year giving campaign is \$60,000. Kiawah Cares will be accepting donations through KiawahCares.org. Email KiawahCares@kica.us for more information.



Long-Running Program Opera Lite Ends on a High Note

On Monday, Nov. 12, Dr. John Benzel hosted the final session of the much-loved Opera Lite program. This program entertained members and island visitors since 2004. Along with seasoned opera enthusiasts, many were able to experience opera for the first time at one of the weekly sessions.

Opera Lite was one of the first programs offered at The Sandcastle and became a much-anticipated event in the spring and fall.

COO Jimmy Bailey expressed the feelings of many around the island when he wrote, “Your passion and enthusiasm expressed in your presentation of the operas inspired your audience with renewed appreciation for the musical interpretations you provided.

KICA joins with our members in saying thank you for your unselfish contribution of time and talent to the community’s cultural life. You leave a void that will be difficult to fill. We are sad to see you go, but your legacy will leave a lasting impression on the life of the Kiawah community.”

Learn About Our World - Past and Present

Make learning a part of your New Year with two Our World seminar courses. Join College of Charleston educators for an in-depth look at two interesting topics, one a part of our past and one a look at the present.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR



This course will be taught by Dr. Bryan Ganaway from the College of Charleston. This three-seminar series will focus on the social and political background of the war, combat elements of the conflict, and a social history

of the Revolution. It will be held on 3 consecutive Wednesdays: Jan. 9, 16 and 23.

MAPPING MILLENNIALS

This course will be taught by Dr. Ryan Milner from the College of Charleston. Also a three-part series, it will be segmented into (a) The Personal Lives of Millennials:

how relationships are being recast by 21st Century technologies; (b) The Professional Lives of Millennials: how shifts in the economy and shifts in aspiration are shaping their work lives; and (c) The Civic Lives of Millennials:



how a mix of new methods and old struggles are energizing the American youth electorate. This course will be held on 3 consecutive Wednesdays: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 13,

Each seminar series will be held from 4-5:30pm in Bobcat Hall at Beachwalker Center (23 Beachwalker Drive).

To enroll in either or both seminars, email sandcastle@kica.us. The fee for each course is \$70. Checks should be made out to the Kiawah Island Community Association and dropped off at the Sandcastle.

FEATURED EVENTS

TOKI Municipal Election
Tuesday, Dec. 4 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Kiawah Island Municipal Center (4475 Betsy Kerrison Parkway)



Cast your vote for Kiawah Island mayor and four Town Council members on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

For information on the candidates, visit KiawahIsland.org.



Kiawah Island Marathon
Saturday, Dec. 8 | 8 a.m.



The Kiawah Marathon returns in 2018 for its 41st year! The main event takes place all around the island, with runners on roads from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those on-island should anticipate delays and detours. Please use caution while driving.

Held in conjunction with the marathon, visit East Beach Village for the second annual Holiday Market Friday, Dec. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. A hand-picked selection of artisans and local crafts people will be present, along with holiday music and plenty of fun!

For a route map, sign-up and more, visit KiawahMarathon.com.



OUR WORLD
CHARLESTON ANIMAL SOCIETY
THURSDAY, DEC. 6 | 3 P.M.



In 2013, Charleston Animal Society launched one of the boldest animal initiatives ever undertaken – build a No Kill Community in the Deep South! This 3-year initiative, called No Kill

Charleston, was achieved in its first year. Joe Elmore, Charleston Animal Society’s CEO, will discuss how Charleston Animal Society built an international model for lifesaving success.

RSVP to sandcastle@kica.us by the day before the presentation to attend.

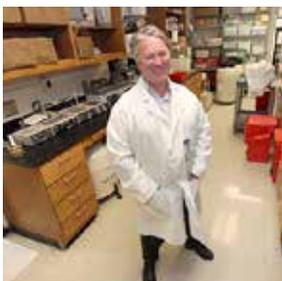


**SANDCASTLE TREE LIGHTING
THURSDAY, DEC. 6 | 5 P.M.**

Get in the holiday spirit with KICA and POPs and bring the family to watch the lighting of The Sandcastle’s Christmas tree. We will begin celebrating with savory and sweet treats in the ballroom at 5 p.m. Members are encouraged meet out in front of the Sandcastle at approximately 6:30 p.m. to sing a holiday carol and light the Christmas tree.

The Kiawah Women’s Foundation has done an extraordinary job preparing gifts for Sea Islands students in need and will be accepting monetary donations at the party. Please make checks payable to the Kiawah Women’s Foundation.

**OUR WORLD
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
THURSDAY, DEC. 13 | 3 P.M.**



Dr. Stephen Duncan looks for the diseases that don’t affect many people, especially those for which there are few, if any, effective drugs. A leader in the emerging field of “personalized and regenerative medicine,”

Dr. Duncan is focused on the use of the body’s own stem cells to fight disease.

What does the future hold for this new and exciting approach to medicine and what might it mean for your care? RSVP to find out! Email sandcastle@kica.us by the day before the presentation to attend.

UPCOMING CLOSINGS

NO COMMERCIAL WORK

Kiawah Marathon
Saturday, Dec. 8

**KICA OFFICES CLOSED AND
NO COMMERCIAL WORK**

Monday, Dec. 24
Tuesday, Dec. 25

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

A Winter Wonderland

We asked members to submit their island traditions to share with Digest readers. We are thrilled to share a story that we can all relate to after last winter's surprise.

"None of us could have imagined how a palm leaf would crack and break in half upon a simple touch."



Image and Story

Contributed by Denise Petersen

My story is simple but quite memorable!

I spent my first Christmas on Kiawah with my family and continued to celebrate with a New Year's Eve party at my new home. I had family and friends come in for the celebration, as well as welcoming my new friends on the island. All was going merrily along and we were due to head back when we got word flights were being canceled as the South was getting hit with the worst ice storm!

None of us could have imagined how a palm leaf would crack and break in half upon a simple touch. It was a winter wonderland of a new magnitude. We had never seen sand covered in snow nor chaise lounges with a white blanket of snow on them instead of colorful towels.

We all have fond memories of laughing and getting to know each other a little better. What a way to welcome in the new year! We can't wait to see what this year brings!

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ACCURATELY AND EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN A BALANCED AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL POLICY

KICA WILL ENDEAVOR TO REPORT SIGNIFICANT ISLAND NEWS AS WELL AS INFORMATIONAL TOPICS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST TO ITS MEMBERS. KICA MAY FROM TIME TO TIME PUBLISH EDITORIALS IN SUPPORT OF ITS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES. MEMBER SUGGESTIONS ON CONTENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO COMMUNICATIONS@KICALUS

An Island Holiday

Make Merry at Events Around the Island This Holiday Season

Sandcastle Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

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Cookie Decorating at The Sanctuary

Every Saturday through Dec. 15 at 11 a.m.

This kid-themed Kiawah Island holiday event is fun for children of all ages! Sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island, it is free to participate.

Dining at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Monday, Dec. 24

Jasmine Porch | 5:30-9 p.m.

The Ocean Room | 5-9 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, both The Ocean Room and

Jasmine Porch will serve menus enhanced by seasonal specials.

The Atlantic Room

A la carte | 5-8 p.m.

On Christmas Eve, come out for a memorable evening and enjoy Chef Nick Torno's winter inspired menu.

Tomasso

Feast of the Seven Fishes | 5-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Jasmine Porch

Breakfast from 6:30-10:15 a.m.

Grand Buffet from 12-8 p.m.

Cherrywood BBQ & Ale House

Lunch and Dinner | 11:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. | a la carte
Celebrate the holiday with the best Southern BBQ the island has to offer.

The Ocean Room

Dinner | 5-9 p.m.

The Ocean Room will be featuring their seasonal steakhouse menu in addition to holiday favorites.

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If not, email your name, Kiawah address and correct email address to MemberServices@kica.us.

