



Things to Do on Kiawah 2018-2019

Presents...

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

POPS - Property Owners Party Group: This is a great way to meet fellow homeowners and see island friends. POPS events include fall and spring dinner parties, maybe a “pop-up” or two (our first ever Valentine’s Day get-together was a big hit) and a December holiday event co-sponsored with KICA. The fall event is scheduled for Oct. 21 at The Sandcastle. This year’s chairs are Bill and Beth Thomae. Email conniewnelson@gmail.com if you’d like to be put on the list to receive invitations.

Progressive Dinner: This year’s dinner will be held on Sunday Feb. 24 and will feature several different courses held at The Sandcastle and in homes around the island. Invitations will be sent out to all POPS members. This event will be co-chaired in 2019 by Cathy Pumphrey, Beth Thomae, Karla Mugler and Virginia Abbott.

Kiawah Dinner Group: This group forms yearly in the fall and involves rotations of six to eight diners who share meal making responsibilities in a host home. Dinners are scheduled for January, February and March. This year’s kick off event will be Dec. 10. Details are TBD so watch for the announcements if you are interested. Both individuals and couples can sign up to be a regular or substitute participant. Contact Connie Nelson at conniewnelson@gmail.com for further information.

Governor’s Club: The Kiawah Island Golf Resort offers property owners the opportunity to join the resort membership program. Membership categories include golf, tennis, social and pool only. Members receive access to most resort amenities and receive discounts and special pricing at resort shops and restaurants. Meet other island residents and enjoy an active island resort lifestyle. See kiawahgovclub.com for more information or contact Sara Youngner at sara_youngner@kiawahresort.com.

SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

Note: Most groups meet Oct-May.

Sandcastle Book Club: Meets the first Monday of every month September-May at The Sandcastle. Every January, there is a joint luncheon with an author lecture and book signing. There are no dues but there is a list of chosen books for the year that can be obtained from The Sandcastle, Indigo Books, Frances Boyd at boydfm1@comcast.net or Mary Hoffman at mcs49@yahoo.com.

KING- The Kiawah Island Naturalist Group: Annual dues are \$15 per person. This group does off-island guided nature walks, boat tours, kayak adventures and other nature-oriented field trips. Recent outings have included tours of Colonial Dorchester, the National Fish Hatchery on Wadmalaw and Johns Island Civil War sites. Contact Jay Smith at kiawahking@gmail.com or Scott Nelson at cscottnels@gmail.com or you can check out the website at kiawahstyle.com/king.

KWG- The Kiawah Women’s Group: This organization is a great place to meet other island women. Dues are \$15. The 2018-19 year begins with a kick off lunch Oct. 11 at The Sandcastle. Activities are both on- and off-island and will include a Dock Street play, tours in Charleston, BINGO night, a RiverDogs outing, holiday mailbox decorations demo, movie matinées, potluck lunches and philanthropy. For more information contact Karen Lombardo at karenlomba@aol.com.

Newcomers Coffees: In 2018-19, members of the KWG will welcome Kiawah newcomers on the first Tuesday of October, November, December, February, March, April and May. This very informal group gets together for coffee at Java Java at 10 a.m. to share information, meet new friends and get new residents off to a good start enjoying our lovely island. Contact Janie Stanek at jestanek.3@comcast.net for more information.

Kiawah Garden Club: This meets the second Monday of each month with \$15 annual dues. For more information, visit the Garden Club website at kiawahislandgardenclub.org or contact treasurer Cheryl Boswell at bozcheryl@att.net.

Kiawah Island Photography Club: This 11-year-old club has approximately 100 members, from beginners to professionals. Meetings are Monday mornings from late September to mid-May, and programs include lectures by photography professionals, workshops to teach photography and related techniques, photo shoots, and small group sessions to investigate topics of interest in greater detail. The annual membership fee is \$50. More info may be found on the club's website: kiawahphotoclub.org.

Kiawah Island Bridge League: This group meets Wednesdays at The Sandcastle from 2:30 - 5 p.m. They play a casual duplicate bridge game for players of all levels who are interested in learning and improving their competitive bridge skills. Players may sign up as singles (we will try to find partners) or as pairs. Cost is \$2 per person. This is not an ACBL sanctioned game. Please contact Tom Rosenthal (tigerich@aol.com) or Denis Berube (dkb@lautechnologies.com) for more information.



Seabrook Kiawah Duplicate Bridge Club: Two sanctioned ACBL bridge games are held on Seabrook each week at the Lake House. Times are Monday, 1:15 p.m. and Friday, 9:15 a.m. You must bring a partner. \$5 per person. No reservations are needed. There is also bridge and dinner the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Dick or Banner Hughes at richwhughes2791@gmail.com for more information and to obtain a Seabrook Island gate pass (required).

MahJongg: Meets Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m., year-round, at The Sandcastle. Open to beginners and experienced players. If you already know the game, need a refresher or would like to learn about the game, please contact Cathie McCrann at imtwinnie@bellsouth.net for more information.

Women's Sandcastle Bible Study: All denominations of faith are welcome at this Christian Bible study group that meets year-round on Mondays at The Sandcastle from 8:30-10 a.m. Worship and prayer begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by study of a specific book or topic. Contact Karen Watson at 843-243-0308 for more information.

Women's Community Bible Study: This is a women's interdenominational Bible study group that focuses on the essentials of the Christian faith rather than any individual church or denomination's doctrine. The group's mission is to help

women grow in their relationship to Christ through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and accountability. This group meets October - May on Wednesdays from 8:30-10 a.m. Contact Linda Wyatt at 843-768-9010 for more information.

Kiawah Island Art Guild: The Art Guild is open to Kiawah artists of any medium, beginner to professional. They hold workshops at Beachwalker Center, plan trips into Charleston, organize studio visits and participate in art shows held at various nearby locations. Dues are \$20. The guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month from September - May, excluding December. Contact Shar Duffy at 843-768-9035 or swisteria1@aol.com or Dan Prickett at 843-768-0584 or prickettdan@gmail.com.

Opera Lite: Since 2004, Opera Lite has offered 10 weekly sessions during the fall and winter. Works feature outstanding acting singers in vintage and current productions. English subtitle translations facilitate following the action and dialogue. The operas are slimmed down to fit a 90-minute period. This is a complimentary series and guests are welcome. Meets at The Sandcastle, Mondays from 3 - 4:30 p.m., September - November and January - March. Contact John Benzel at 843-768-1174 or jdocbenz@gmail.com for more information.

Biker Babes: Groups of 15-20 ladies meet monthly to enjoy casual bike rides around Kiawah Island that often include a lunch, dinner or other opportunity to have fun and socialize. All Kiawah women are welcome. The hostess for the month decides the activity and provides a meal. Beyond biking, some suggested activities include kayaking, boating, bocce ball, house or garden tour, scavenger hunt, or just getting together. There are nine groups of Biker Babes, and a tenth group is currently being formed. Please contact Beth Driskell at escapetosea@hotmail.com to join.

Singles Group: If you are single and would like to participate in various activities to get to know others who are also single, this is the group for you. Emails are sent to the group about things happening locally and in Charleston. You choose the ones that interest you and join in the fun with others. If interested contact Shirley Salvo at 843-709-1406 or shirley@fightislandhunger.org.

The Island Choraliers: This is an all-male, volunteer chorus, made up of residents of the Sea Islands. Practices are 2 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of Our Saviour (no affiliation). They present four-six concerts each year along with some miscellaneous "appearances" at special events. New singers are welcome, all voice parts (TTBB), no audition, but members must be able to match a pitch and carry a tune. For info, contact Nat Malcolm at 843-768-7366 or ndmalcolm@aol.com, or come by Indigo Books.

The Charleston Coastal Choir: This mixed community chorus performs a variety of traditional choral music October through March. Selections for both women's and men's choruses are included, as well as opportunities for solo and ensemble singing. Rehearsals are at 1 p.m. Mondays at Church of Our Saviour. Membership is by audition or by invitation of the director. If you can sing in tune, blend in a choral setting, and either read music or follow a part, you are qualified. Auditions are by appointment. Participation January through March is an option for some. Contact Van McCollum at 404 401-0678 or at vanmccollum@bellsouth.net.

Sea Island Cars and Coffee: Local car enthusiasts bring their cars and meet at Freshfields Village from 9-11 a.m. the third Saturday of every month for car talk, Java Java coffee and general socializing. All are welcome. Contact John Wilson at jrwilson749@msn.com for more information.

Night Heron Quilters: This is the local division of Charleston's Cobblestone Quilters Guild which fosters the art and design of quilting. They meet the first Tuesday of each month (year-round) at 7 p.m., rotating among their member's homes on both Kiawah and Seabrook islands. The Night Heron group also has a community outreach component, participating in the Guild's outreach projects each year in addition to working on prayer quilts and Quilts of Valor. For information, contact Kathy Cassidy at 843-768-4658.

Sea Islands Parkinson's Support Group: This group meets every third Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour. Those diagnosed with PD, as well as their Care Partners, are welcome. Sessions are informal, and may include a guest speaker from time-to-time. Meetings are open to all. A group just for Care Partners meets each second Thursday at 12:30 p.m., same location. There are no dues and RSVPs are not required. Contact Floyd or Susan DeAndrade at deandrsj@comcast.net for more information.

VOLUNTEERING AND GIVING BACK

Kiawah Cares Foundation: This is a 501(c)3 charitable organization which supports KICA's community outreach program. Kiawah Cares works with schools, faith-based organizations and other nonprofits that serve Johns and Wadmalaw islands. Fundraising efforts occur throughout the year, with literacy a priority. There are numerous volunteer opportunities that can be one-time or ongoing. For more information, visit kiawahcares.org, contact kiawahcares@kica.us, or connect with Kiawah Cares on Facebook.

Kiawah Women's Foundation/Backpack Buddies: This group packs weekend food supplies for over 300 at risk of hunger children in the Johns and Wadmalaw Island elementary and middle schools (90+ % live below the poverty level). They need volunteer helpers for about 1.5 hours/week, and there is an easy online program which lets you sign up to help. There are also fundraisers to help with and to attend. Email kwfoundation@comcast.net or contact Theresa Widuch at 843 768-9576 or Terry Weaver at 843 768-7233 if you'd like to get involved. Visit kiawahwomensfoundation.org for more.

Ryan's Cases for Smiles: This group meets the first and third Wednesdays at Church of Our Saviour from 1-4 p.m. to make colorful pillowcases for sick children at MUSC Children's Hospital. Sewing skills are helpful but not required to join this group. The monthly goal is 100 completed pillowcases. Call Shirley Salvo at 843-709-1406 or email shirley@fightislandhunger.org for more information.

Kiawah Conservancy:

This nationally accredited organization works to protect Kiawah's natural beauty through a variety of conservation efforts including the preservation of 48 properties totaling over 2,270 acres of barrier island habitat. They present a series of nature-focused lectures, support various research projects, and publish a twice-yearly magazine: Naturally Kiawah. To learn more about the Conservancy and volunteer opportunities, please visit kiawahconservancy.org.

Turtle Patrol: May 1 through Oct. 31 is turtle season on Kiawah. Daily, volunteers record data about Loggerhead turtle nests and hatchlings and report findings to the South Carolina DNR. In the summer of 2016, 393 turtle nests were laid on Kiawah. There are

both nesting and hatching patrols. Nesting patrol takes 2-5 hours by truck, and can be strenuous, but people who are not able to walk for long periods can still volunteer. Hatching patrol is a walk of at least one mile on foot. To volunteer call Lynne Sager at 843-670-7063.

Dolphin Strand-Feeding Monitoring: Jointly sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island and NOAA, this program is administered by the Low Country Marine Mammal Network. Volunteers staff Captain Sam's Spit to gather statistics on dolphin activity and to educate the public about this rare and wonderful animal behavior. Volunteers need to commit to 3-4 shifts a month (each shift is approximately four hours, bracketing low tide) during the summer and at least once a month the rest of the year. Part-time or substitute volunteers are welcomed. Contact Lauren Rust at lauren@lowcountrymarinemammalnetwork.org or 843-991-6953.

Kiawah Island Bird House Monitoring: Volunteers are needed as regular and substitute monitors for the Town of Kiawah Island sponsored bluebird boxes. These are found primarily on the golf courses and need to be checked weekly from March through August. Data sheets are kept regarding number of nests, species, eggs, chicks and fledges and boxes are cleaned after each successful nest. An orientation/training session is held in late February - early March. Volunteers are also needed to help build new bluebird boxes to replace ones that are falling apart. Contact Wildlife Biologist Aaron Given at agiven@kiawahisland.org.

Kiawah-Seabrook Exchange Club: A service club of over 100 Kiawah, Seabrook and Johns Island residents, the Exchange Club publishes a yearly phone directory for the islands which funds charitable grants to numerous local not for profit organizations. They also honor top students at local schools, present the Angel Oak Award to an outstanding local community volunteer, provide flags for our major holidays, support child abuse prevention, and many other local causes. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month at Turtle Point clubhouse and the third Wednesday of each month at Seabrook's Island House. For information about joining, visit ks-exchangeclub.com.

Arts, etc.: Joining this group is a great way to connect with Kiawah and Cassique women who are committed to contributing their time and talents to supporting the arts. Arts, etc. is best known for its April Kiawah Art and House Tour, which raises money to fund visual, performing and literary arts programs for the people of our surrounding communities. Educational events for members are held throughout the year - luncheons, gallery tours, art and wine gatherings, lectures, etc. For more info, visit kiawahartsetc.org or contact membership chair Kay Crnkovich at njcrnk@gmail.com.

Kiawah Cares Made With Love: Volunteers support island neighbors needing love by making various-style fleece-tie blankets and pillows to encourage reading and bring comfort. They knit/crochet scarves and blankets, and sew cotton totes, cosmetic bags, sachets and more. They "assemble with love" donated toiletries. With fabric scraps, they make blankets and toys for animal shelters. No skill required! Join the year-round weekly Fleece Fridays at Beachwalker Center, make items at home, and/or donate funds/materials. Contact Donna Porritt at dporritt@att.net, Kiawah Cares at kiawahcares@kica.us or Carla Howard at 843-725-5556.

Women Build: Sea Island Habitat for Humanity holds a week-long Women Build event each April when women come together to help build a new home for a needy family. Kiawah ladies typically field a team one or two days during that week. Volunteers perform a variety of construction tasks under trained supervision. Depending upon the work already completed, they might be installing roof trusses, hammering, or installing windows and doors. Opportunities to support the team in non-construction roles are also available. Contact Diane Lehder at dianezlehder@gmail.com or Wendy Kulick at wkulick@bellsouth.net for this year's dates and more information.

Mt. Zion Elementary School on Johns Island: You need not have teaching experience to volunteer, only a willingness to help these students in grades K-5, plus 4-year-olds in the Child Development

program. There is no minimum time commitment; Mt. Zion students and teachers appreciate whatever time you can give. If you are interested in helping in the classroom, mentoring a student, tutoring students or reading to classes, please contact one of the volunteer coordinators for Mt. Zion, either Sandy Williams at sandrawilliams13@comcast.net or Elaine Davis at ebdavis@comcast.net.

Haut Gap Math Tutoring: As part of contributing to our local community, a number of residents from both Seabrook and Kiawah provide math tutoring at Haut Gap to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The administration at Haut Gap typically arranges this for one or two hours during one of the school days and provides overall coordination for student identification and worksheets for the tutors to use. Residents with a variety of backgrounds can participate. Contact Will Lehder at wlehder@hotmail.com for more information.

Reading Partners: This program works with Angel Oak and Frierson elementary schools and provides caring adults an opportunity to connect with and support students who are reading one month to two-and-a-half years below grade-level. You will be trained and given a structured framework to follow so no prior teaching experience is necessary. Commitment can be as little as one hour per week and can be somewhat flexible. For more information visit readingpartners.org.

KICA or TOKI: Both KICA and the Town of Kiawah Island need capable residents to volunteer for important governance roles. There are both elected and appointed positions. These volunteer jobs are crucial to the functioning of our lovely island and many areas of expertise are needed. Please see the KICA website (kica.us/board) and the town website (kiawahisland.org/boards-and-commitees) for more information and the timing of upcoming elections.

EXPANDING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Our World Lectures: Sponsored by KICA, this is a series of free lectures, including time for discussion, on various topics including history, culture, finance, current events, international affairs and much more. These talks are normally held twice a month from October to May at The Sandcastle on Thursday afternoons at 3 p.m. Typically, the guest speakers are professors from the College of Charleston. There are also plans for two mini-courses in 2019, one on Millennials and one on the Revolutionary War in South Carolina. See the KICA calendar (kica.us/events) for upcoming talks.

Town of Kiawah Arts and Cultural Events Council: The Council presents an annual series of visual and performing arts at venues on Kiawah Island or its neighboring communities. Events are open to the public and are free or at minimal cost to attendees. Tickets are required for most events and are available at Kiawah Town Hall (843-768-9166) or kiawahisland.org/events. The 2018/2019 Season Planner, which lists all scheduled events, is also available online.

INFORMATION AND REFERRALS

Around Kiawah: This replaces the KICAList as an unmoderated platform for Kiawah property owners to connect with each other to share information, questions and comments regarding a variety of topics (Classifieds, Discussion, Events and Property Services).

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iKiawah: Another source for information and referrals, visit insidekiawah.com to join.

A NOTE TO USERS: This Publication is sponsored by POPS for Kiawah Island Property Owners. Every effort is made to include all organizations on the island, but we know we've missed some. If you know of additional groups we should include, please contact Connie Nelson at conniewnelson@gmail.com.