

THE DECEMBER ISLANDER

Next meeting December 15 - Social Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Hall at the SGI Firehouse, 324 E. Pine Avenue

BYOB and a covered dish

Fire Chief Jay Abbott addresses Club Members at November Meeting

St. George Island Fire Chief Jay Abbott was the speaker at the November club meeting. Jay introduced many members of our volunteer fire fighters who joined us for dinner.



Jay Abbott (file photo)

He spoke about how much the Volunteer Fire Department depended on the charity of the civic club and the members.

In 2011, the hat drive produced \$29,955 and the Chili Cookoff raised \$75,000. In 2012 they need to reach those figures or better.

Other Club News - Civic Club Treasurer Tom Slocum, sitting in for President Mason Bean, introduced the slate of officers for next year. A motion from the floor was made and seconded that the slate be accepted. That motion was approved. Our Board for next year will be President Mason Bean, Vice-President Newt Colston, Treasurer Ann Giknis, Secretary Eric Roberts, and Board members Terry Kemp, Glynda Ratliff and Tom Slocum. Tom also announced the Donation Committee consisting of Newt Colston, Jim Dunkin, Eunice Hartman and Fran Giknis. They will nominate charities at the club meeting in January. The club has about \$6,700 to distribute.

Helen Marsh

Helen Marsh passed away Sunday, December 4, after a long battle with cancer. She was a member of the SGI Civic Club for many years, serving on the Board of Directors, volunteering to help out civic club



Helen Marsh

activities and helping to serve lunches to Civic Club members building the beach walkovers, sand barriers and the planting of Sea Oats. Helen was very active in other SGI
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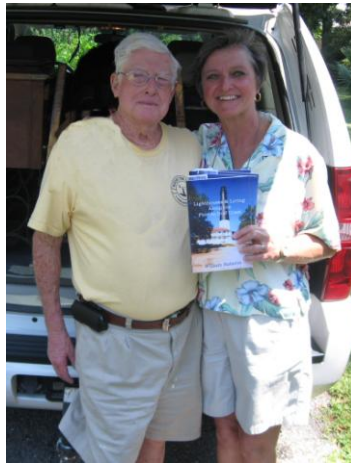
Bill Roberts

Another one of our friends, Bill Roberts, son and grandson of lighthouse keepers at Cape St. George, passed away November 18, due to complications from a fall. Bill was many things to Cape St. George: a supporter when we were
(See Bill Roberts, page 2)

(Helen Marsh, from page 1) community events. She was a member of the SGI Quilters and helped produce the quilts that were raffled off at the annual Chili Cookoff to fund the SGI Volunteer Fire Department. She was a long-time member of the St. George Lighthouse Association and an enthusiastic volunteer at the St. George Island Visitor Center. Helen also remained active with the Civic Club Tuesday night Bingo. Helen and Guy Marsh came to the Island in the early 80's. They were quick to join the Civic Club and became active volunteers. Guy was tragically killed in a car accident about 8 years ago. The island has lost a very special lady and a dear friend. Plans are being made for a memorial/celebration for January. *(Thanks to the Board of Directors for information and to Glen Siler for Helen's picture)*

(Bill Roberts, from page 1) first thinking of rebuilding the light; a cheerleader when he and his wife Verner frequently came to check on the progress of the reconstruction; a storyteller who delighted in talking about his childhood days at the lighthouse to a spellbound audience. Many of the

display items in the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage were donated by Bill and his family. Bill was a storyteller who delighted in talking about his childhood days at the lighthouse and will be missed.



**Bill Roberts and Terry Kemp
Thanks to 2011 Bingo
Volunteers**

There was a small party at President Mason Bean's home on November 8 to honor the volunteers who made 2011 a banner year for Bingo.



**Linda Childers accepts plaque
for her husband Steve**
Over \$6,700 was raised during winter and summer bingo on Tuesday nights. Honored for their work were Steve Childers and John Olander with special plaques as Bingo

Volunteers for 2010 and 2011 respectively.



From left: Phyllis Lewis, Jim Kemp, Adele Colston, Sherri Roberts and Marilyn Bean

A third plaque will be placed in the Jay Abbott Fire House with the names of each year's honorees.

Upcoming Events:

Apalachicola - December 10 "Second Saturday". Galleries and Shops will be open from 6-8pm and restaurants will feature great specials. Consider it a monthly "open house" for downtown Apalachicola; "Second Saturdays" is a chance for folks to meet the business owners, local artists, chefs and supporters of the downtown district. Stroll through the galleries, shops and businesses and have a tasty dinner between 6-8pm and then from 8-10pm gather in Riverfront Park for live music!

Carrabelle - The Boat Parade of Lights and Holiday on the Harbor on December 10th. Beautiful decorated boats will line the harbor and showcase their lights and artistic designs to the delight of the spectators.

St. George Lighthouse Climb to the top of the lighthouse for a spectacular view of the sunset and moonrise 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM *(See Lighthouse, page 3)*

(Lighthouse, from page 2)
 Saturday, December 10,
 complimentary hors d'oeuvres
 and a sparkling cider toast to the
 full moon.



Admission \$15, SGLA members
 \$10. If time and space permit,
 additional climbers are
 welcome after sunset to view the
 full moon. Admission \$10,
 SGLA members
 \$5. Reservations are
 recommended - call 927-7744.

**Apalachicola - Bay Area
 Choral Society Holiday
 Concert**



Sunday, December 11, 2011 at
 79 Sixth Street. Begins at 4 PM,
 open reception in Benedict Hall
 following the concert, door
 donation \$5.

**Florida Girls at The
 Dixie Theatre**



Friday, January 6, 2012 through
 Sunday, January 8, 2012 at The
 Dixie Theatre, Avenue E,
 Apalachicola. In the tradition of
 Lily Tomlin, Nancy Hasty
 brings her one-woman show
 with 15 hilarious true-to-life
 characters to the Forgotten
 Coast of Florida...you'll laugh
 yourself silly.

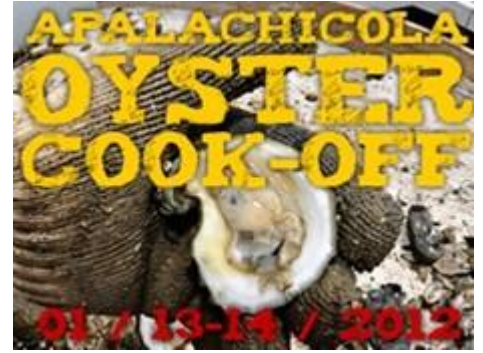
**Adam Kossler, World
 Renowned Classical Guitarist**



Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the
 parish hall of Trinity Episcopal
 Church, in Gorrie Square, 79
 Sixth Street, Apalachicola. The
 concert begins at 4 PM, open
 reception in Benedict Hall
 following the concert, door
 donation \$5.

Apalachicola Oyster Cook-Off

The Second Annual Oyster
 Cook-Off to benefit the
 Apalachicola Volunteer Fire
 Department will be held on
 Friday Jan. 13 and Saturday
 January 14 in downtown
 Apalachicola. The Friday
 evening event will be a preview
 of the oyster-related silent
 auction items, along with a
 sampling of the Apalachicola
 Bay's tasty bivalves.



The actual cook-off on Saturday
 will start at 10 a.m. Contestants
 are encouraged to enter with
 their favorite recipe. All forms
 of oysters will be available to
 taste: raw, steamed and fried.
 Other food items and
 refreshments will be available
 for purchase also. The day's
 activities will include live music
 and dancing performances.

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