

# THE DECEMBER ISLANDER

Next meeting Thursday, December 13 (Note Date Change)

Social begins at 6:30 p.m. at Firehouse on Pine Street

*BYOB and a covered dish*

## ***Civic Club November Meeting***

The November meeting turned out to be one of the largest of the year with approximately 100 members present.



### ***Members at the buffet***

Several presentations and reports on various topics, nominations for Volunteer of the Year, voting on donations, next month's meeting date and the selection of the 2013 Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors for 2013 are:

President – Newt Colston

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The plight of the seafood workers in Franklin

County and the need for

food items brought a

motion to donate \$1,000 to

the Franklin County Food

Bank that was passed by

the members present.

The members also voted to

change the meeting for December to the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Augusta West of the Apalachicola Maritime Museum made a presentation covering the role of the museum as manager of the Saint George Island Visitors' Center. She explained that it is their intent to promote businesses and activities on the island and throughout Franklin County. She cited interesting and innovative ways they plan to use to offer more information about local business and encourage visitor interest.



### ***Augusta West***

She then went on to discuss the activities of the Maritime Museum, listing displays, upcoming events that include lectures and interactive projects and

the exciting acquisition of a paddle-wheel boat that they are refurbishing and will have active for trips up the river.



### ***Newt Colston***

The floor was opened for nominations for Volunteer of the Year. This year's nominees are (in alpha order) Ada Long, John Olander, Dany Ray and Gail Riegelmayr. There will be a ballot mailed out with a short note about each and a request to email them to Eric Roberts at [egrob2@fairpoint.net](mailto:egrob2@fairpoint.net).

Others presentations were: Vito Bell explained the efforts to obtain the fresnel lens for the SGI Lighthouse.



### ***Vito Bell***

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Dany Ray talked about the SGI Tour of Homes on the island. This project was designed to raise money for the SGI Lighthouse and was very successful. She, along with husband Marty will be spearheading the event again next year. Tom Slocum brought the members up-to-date on the



**Tom Slocum**

activities of the SGI Water District regarding the possible purchase of the water company on the Island.

Steve Kearney made a plea for support of the SGI Volunteer Fire Department.

### ***SGI Quilters Need Help***

The St. George Island Quilters create a quilt each year that is auctioned off for the St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department. They meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am at the Fire House. If you enjoy quilting or sewing, please contact Sherri Roberts at 927-3082.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

#### ***Dedication & Remembrance at the CGJ WWII Museum***

On Friday, December 7, at 10:00 AM, the Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum will dedicate two flagpoles donated by Woodmen of the World. This dedication will be held at the new front entrance and a small commemorative plaque will be placed between the two poles.

After the flag dedication there will be a short ceremony to remember Pearl Harbor, the attack by the Japanese that caused the United States to enter WWII. The flag will be placed at half mast as Taps is played. It will be followed by a recording of Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech; the original was heard by this nation on the chief method of communication of that time, the radio.

Coffee and cookies will be served after the ceremony. At 11:30 the movie Tora Tora Tora will be shown in the Museum's Movie theatre. This film is being shown as a visual remembrance of the attack on Pearl by the Imperial Japanese forces on December 7th, 1941.

All are invited to come and, as always, admission is by donation and donations are always welcome.

#### ***St. George Island - Island Lights***

The fun begins at 4:00 on Friday, December 7 for Island Lights with the start of the Jingle Jog at lighthouse park. It's a one mile fun run. Plan on getting there a little

early to get your Santa hat and jingle bells. Then at 5:00, Santa arrives by fire engine and provides gifts to the kids aged 10 and younger. At sunset, the palms and park are lit. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the snacks, coffee, and hot chocolate. The event is hosted by the St. George Island Business Association. For more info: [www.SGILights.com](http://www.SGILights.com) or call 927-5039.

#### ***Carrabelle - Boat Parade of Lights & Holiday On The Harbor***



On December 8, Marine Street will be glowing with lights, and the River Walk is the place for watching the decked out boat regatta. Stroll with old friends, make some new ones, sip cider, see Santa (Carrabelle's Cris Cringle) and fill your eyes with enchantment! Fireworks are the grand finale for the parade.

#### ***Apalachicola Maritime Museum***

On Saturday, December 8, Dr. Nancy White will chronicle 12,000 years of human habitation in this

region -- from native fishers, hunters, and farmers of different time periods through the first Old World intruders and early American traders and settlers. White will show where they lived and died, and how they used the lands and waters we now inhabit and enjoy. She will also describe the sometimes exciting processes of archaeological discovery in the field and lab. White earned a Ph. D. at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and is a professor of anthropology at the University of South Florida in Tampa and Registered Professional Archaeologist. Her books include *Grit-Tempered: Early Women Archaeologists in the Southeastern United States*, *Gulf Coast Archaeology*, *Archaeology for Dummies*, and *Late Prehistoric Florida*. She has done fieldwork across the U.S. and in France and Mexico, and taught at universities in Italy and East Malaysia (Borneo). For over 20 years she has studied the Apalachicola-Lower Chattahoochee valley region of northwest Florida/south Georgia/south Alabama. All lectures will be held at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a low country boil on the docks (weather permitting) or other reception. The cost of each event is \$5.

**Apalachicola** - Ilse Newell Concert - Bay Area Choral Society Sunday, December 9, the Bay Area Choral Society presents "Christmas Then and Now", begins at 4:00 pm at

Trinity Church, 6th and Avenue E, Apalachicola.  
**Eastpoint Christmas Celebration**

December 14 there will be a holiday parade on US 98 in Eastpoint. The parade starts at 4:00 pm. Participants can use a golf cart, convertible, pickup truck or boat.



**2011 Eastpoint Holiday Parade**

The parade will end at the Pavilion on Patton Drive where Santa will arrive by oyster boat, there will be caroling and Santa will listen to children's wishes.

**St. George Island – Sunset/Full moon climb** On Friday, December 28, watch the Sun set and the Full Moon rise from the top of the Cape St. George Light! Tickets are \$15.00 per person, of \$10.00 for St. George Lighthouse Association members, and include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast to the Full Moon. After sunset, additional climbers are welcome at the top for a view of the Full Moon, as time and space permit. The Full Moon only climb is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for SGLA members. Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling the St. George Island Visitor Center at 850-927-7744 or toll free

at 888-927-7744.

**Apalachicola – Dixie Theatre**

The 34 West Theatre brings you "We Go Everywhere Together" Friday, January 4, through Sunday, January 6. George can't hear, Henry can't see - so they kind of help each other out. Join two whimsical old-timers on a hope-filled adventure, where dreams have no age limit and love is just a speed date away. A sidesplitting memoir of life, love and hip replacements! For more information call 850-653-3200.

**Weems Memorial**

**Healthcare Foundation "Butts and Clucks by the Bay"** January, 5 from Noon until 5 PM at Riverfront Park in Downtown Apalachicola. Local, state and out of state teams participate in this contest. Awards are given for various categories - Cooking, presentation of booth, presentation of food, etc... Dinner is served to the public and an auction will be held with Harry Arnold as the auctioneer.

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