



The Islander

February 2018

A Publication of the St. George Island Civic Club
The next club meeting will be on February 15 at 6:30.
The presentation will be on solar power.

January Civic Club Meeting By James Donald, President

There were 63 attendees at the January Club meeting. The 2018 officers and board members were introduced. An introduction of Dr. Ada Long was read and she was presented with a plaque awarding her the 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award!! (*See ADA Long on Page Two*) The Butler Insurance Agency also presented her with a gift certificate. Congratulations to Ada! Apalachicola's Mayor Van Johnson was introduced as the guest speaker. He has been the Mayor of Apalachicola since 2007. Apalachicola is the heartbeat of our extended community where we go for shopping, entertainment, worship and work. The Mayor discussed a few 2018 initiatives including early childhood education, economic development such as restoring shotgun houses and building code integrity and his solar energy in the city. Attendees were anxious to hear the Mayor's weight loss story as he has lost over 300 lbs since April 6,

2016.. He set a personal goal to run the 5k during the 2018 Seafood Festival. Congratulations to Mayor Johnson for his accomplishment and motivation! Following the Mayor, Pat O'Connell took a few minutes to explain the Guadium ad Litem (GAL) program (*See Guardian ad Litem on Page Two*) and the need for volunteers to assist in this desperately



Apalachicola Mayor Van Johnson, Volunteer of the Year Ada Long and SGICC President James Donald needed program. GAL needs advocates to represent abused or neglected children before the court, social services and the ‘
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community. For more information, contact Pat O'Connell and

www.Guardianadlitem.org

Adele Colston reminded everyone about the Library's annual book and soup sale being held on Feb 3. She also reminded everyone of the next Panhandle Player's performance entitled Nana's Naughty Nickers on Feb 9-11.

President Donald's announced that Feb 15 is next month's membership meeting with guest speaker Kevin Begos will present "Solar Co-op" initiative; the availability of membership renewal forms; SGIVFD Hat Drive has already collected \$33,000; items are needed for the Chili Cookoff Auction held on March 3; and encouraged participation and volunteers for weekly Bingo.

The 50/50 ticket raffle was won by Newt Colston and he donated his winnings to the Library.

Ada Long Is Volunteer of the Year

Long-time Civic Club member Ada Long was selected by the membership as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

Dr. Ada Long is affectionately known locally as the island's Trash Lady and she is famous for being our Cat Lady, too, but she is so much more.

She is nationally known and honored as the founding director of the Honors Program at University of Alabama, Birmingham, where she was a Professor of English and lifelong

advocate for community outreach. She is beloved by students of all ages as an exceptional teacher and friend.

As she continues to make her mark nationally at numerous educational symposiums, she supports her hometown community. She is a mainstay of local charitable, ecological and political events.

A dynamic leader and tireless volunteer, we love that she supports the efforts of the SGI Civic Club.

Ada continues to rally the masses to help keep the island and beaches pristine, organizing coastal beach cleanup events throughout the year. The island would simply not be the same without her.

Guardian ad Litem for Franklin County

The Guardian ad Litem Volunteer Program will be providing training locally for persons interested in serving as an advocate for an abused or neglected child. In this role, the volunteer becomes the voice of the child before the court, with the social service agency and school. After training, volunteers work in a team environment with program staff, including attorneys, so that they have professionals on whom to call at all times. On average, Guardian volunteers devote 8-10 hours a month to their one case. A case will often last a year.

A case begins with a call to the state
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abuse hotline or to law enforcement. If investigators conclude that the allegation of abuse or neglect is well-founded, a child becomes a part of the dependency system and the judge, based on recommendations from several sources, decides where the child will be living until the parents can provide a safe and nurturing environment or, if that does not occur, until some other permanent placement for the child is found. This happens quickly, within hours or days of the incident. Sometimes a child is placed in a licensed foster home, but, in this county, often a placement is with other family members. And the judge assigns the Guardian ad Litem, whose sole responsibility is to that child. Immediately the state initiates protocols to ensure that the nutritional, financial, medical and mental health needs are met during this difficult time. But the state has thousands of these cases; an individual social worker—a profession with a high turnover rate—has many cases at once. The GAL Volunteer has only one. The most important time spent is visiting with the child—listening-- to make certain that child receives the services to which he or she is entitled. The GAL Volunteer also talks to other members of the child's community—teachers, medical providers, family members—and,

with the professionals, makes recommendations to the judge in the child's best interest.

Training is two days, February 10 and February 24, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Franklin County Annex in Apalach. For more information or to sign up for the training, contact Sara Urban, 2nd Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem Volunteer Recruiter. 850-606-1213 or visit www.gal2.org.

Bingo 2018

Our first Bingo of 2018 took place on January 2. We had 245 players in January with a total of \$2138.30 collected. Remember, Bingo is held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Volunteer Fire Station on East Pine. The money collected is donated to local charities at the end of each year. Please consider volunteering d=when Kelly sends out the weekly request.

St. George Island Home Tour

Seven distinctive and beautiful homes will be featured during the seventh annual St. George Island Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. (EST) on Saturday, February 10, benefitting the St. George Lighthouse Association (SGLA). Also included on the tour are the Cape St. George Lighthouse and Keeper's House, and the St. George Plantation Clubhouse. *(See Tour on Page Four)*

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Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 on the day of the Tour. Tour weekend will begin with a kick off event on Friday, February 9, featuring refreshments, door prizes, and a special presentation by Janice Becker, Sea Turtle Coordinator at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). This event, which is free for Tour of Homes ticket holders and \$5.00 for others, will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jay Abbott Firehouse, 324 East Pine Avenue, St. George Island. For more information, call 850-927-7745 or email info@stgeorgelight.org

Upcoming Events

The Sarah Mac Band on Feb. 3

While the DIXIE's 20th Season was the last "proper season", we'll still be producing events throughout the year, this one being one of the most important as the Sarah Mac Band closes the book on their incredible collaboration after 12 years together. We want to celebrate our favorite band by giving them an appropriate send-off...At 6 PM Up the Stairs will host a Wine Tasting with delectable Hors d'oeuvres in the Theatre's Orchestra area. At 7:30 the Tasting ends and wine selections may be purchased, while we ready the stage for the "Dixie House Band's" final performance at 8 PM. While we're all so very sad to see this talented Trio call it a day, we

certainly understand turning the page on a new chapter. Please join us on Saturday February 3 for a one of a kind event.

Reserved Tickets are \$50, while supplies last, and available at 3 locations:

Dixie Theatre at 21 Avenue E, [850.653.3200](tel:850.653.3200),

Up the Stairs at 76 Market Street, [850.653.4888](tel:850.653.4888)

or OYSTERBONES at 58 Market Street, [850.653.9144](tel:850.653.9144)

Habitat For Humanity Mardi Gras

Join the Franklin County Mardi Gras Festivities on February 3 as the Franklin County Habitat for Humanity hosts its annual Mardi Gras benefit celebration in Apalachicola. The group will host a Mardi Gras Dinner and Ball on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm.

Mardi Gras Barkus Parade



The Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers is excited to present the 8th annual Apalachicola Mardi Gras Barkus (*See Barkus on Page Five*)

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Parade on Saturday, February 10, in downtown Apalachicola at 1:00 pm. This year's theme is BourBone Street Blues so we'll be celebrating all the fun and frolic of traditional Mardi Gras. You are invited to come out and enjoy the furry family-friendly street parade and festival. Be part of the fun - dress up yourself, your dog, even your bicycle or golf cart! You may just want to come and catch beads. The festivities will start at 11:00 am at Riverfront Park with live entertainment from the Apalachicola Blues Authority, the Lofty Pursuits Marching Band, and other local bands as well as dog agility demonstrations and performances by local dancers and second line groups. There will be a wide variety of hometown food and beverage vendors offering local seafood and Cajun treats. Area artisans will be selling their creations as well as specialty beads, Mardi Gras finery, and homemade dog products. Regional non-profit organizations will share their missions at the festival in unique ways. You won't want to miss the pair of real, live Baymaids, Doofy, the rescue pelican, and the Fishy Fashion Show preview. The King and Queen of Apalachicola's Mardi Gras are always shelter animals who are ready for a forever home. As always, they will have a place of honor in the parade. The parade begins at intersection of Avenue E and Water Street turning

onto Commerce Street then circling back to Water Street, ending at Riverfront Park for the post parade party.

Registration for walkers is \$5.00 per person or \$25 per golf cart. Pets are free, of course! Krewe membership is open now and they will be accepting new members on the day of the parade as well.

In the tradition of the Salty Barker Krewe, profits from the parade will be donated to help care for the animals of the Forgotten Coast of Florida.

Beneficiaries have included the Franklin County Humane Society, the Florida Wild Mammal Association and the Apalachicola Dog Park. We greatly appreciate the support of the local businesses and families who sponsor the Krewe in its tradition of charity and service to animals.

Laissez Les BONE Temps Rouler!

For more information, call 850-670-5064 or email

mystickreweofsaltybarkers@aol.com

Apalachicola Chef Sampler

The Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce will host the 22nd Annual Forgotten Coast Chefs Sampler on Sunday, February 11, 2018, from 6-9 pm. Chefs from all over the Forgotten Coast will prepare their most creative dishes at the historic Fort Coombs Armory in Apalachicola. Sample an array from our area restaurants.

Farmers Market

This local favorite is held the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Mill Pond Pavillion at the Scipio Creek Marina in Apalachicola. Features seafood, produce, honey, homemade breads, pies, and other regional specialties from 9am -1pm

HCOLA History Festival



H'COLA's 15th Annual African-American History Festival will be held Feb. 16-18. This event is a celebration of African-American history, life, music and culture. This outdoor, family-oriented event is filled with varied artists and entertainers, children's activities, arts, history, education, health & wellness and more. There will be live entertainment throughout the two day event. Admission is always free. The event is held in Apalachicola at Franklin Square 6th Street between Avenues L&M.

Violinist and Guitarist

The Ilse Newell Fund For the Performing Arts will have a performance on February 18, at the

Apalachicola Trinity Episcopal



Benjamin Sung

Church on 79 6th St, Apalachicola at 4pm. by Benjamin Sung and Silviu Ciulei

Benjamin Sung

Assistant Professor of Violin at Florida State University, violinist Benjamin Sung is also concertmaster of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, and violin coordinator of the Brevard Music Center and principal second violin of the Brevard Music Center Orchestra. Recent concert highlights include the 2017 Brevard Music Festival; the first annual Festival y Academia del Nuevo Mundo in Aruba; an appearance with the FSU University Symphony Orchestra in Piazzolla's Estaciones Portenas for the 2016 ASTA National Conference; and a TED talk for TEDx Fargo. His 2017-18 calendar includes a complete Beethoven cycle with pianist David Kalhous, and a new solo album featuring works by Sciarrino, Berio, Maderna, and Schnittke.

Silviu Ciulei

Classical and flamenco guitarist Silviu Octavian Ciulei was born in Constanta, Romania. He began his musical studies at the early age of six and attended the High School of Arts, a Conservatory style school in Constanta. By age thirteen, he had won his first performance prize. Many awards soon followed including First Prizes in the National Music Olympics, and was First Prize winner and Gold Medalist three times consecutively in the “George Georgescu” International Music Performance Competition. He graduated at the top of his class and was selected to perform a Concerto with the Black Sea National Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Flea Bitten Dawgs



The Flea Bitten Dawgs from St. Louis Return at 4 pm on Sunday, February 25. Bringing Ukulele Jazz Americana to the Rio Carrabelle Arts Center, Corner of Hwy 98 & Hwy 67/Tallahassee Street in Carrabelle. This is NOT your typical ukulele show! Swing, blues and ballads from the 30's right up to modern gems, this is a treat no other musical instrument can match!

For more information, call (850) 307-0098 or go to:

www.caribbeanraftrentals.com/events

Flutist Sammy Tedder and Adventures of Annabelle



The Ilse Newell Fund For the Performing Arts will have a performance on February 25, at the Apalachicola Trinity Episcopal Church at 79 6th St, at 4pm.

Sammy Tedder

Sammy Tedder’s musical talents stretch more than 44 years of performing, composing and recording sounds close to his heart

Tedder’s original scores and album projects feature these hand made flutes, drums and other ancient percussion instruments accompanied by contemporary instruments and the natural sounds of the Florida Wilderness.

Sammy has just completed the music soundtrack and nature sound design for the documentary Big Cypress Swamp: The Western Everglades for *(See Sammy on Page Eight)*

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the National Park Service.
Sammy Tedder's music reflects his deep respect for the original inhabitants of this land and his passion for protecting our natural places for future generations.

Adventures of Annabelle Lynn

The Adventures of Annabelle Lynn is a trio of female folk artists that bring together heartbreaking original songs, tight and sweet vocal harmonies, powerful instrumental solos, and crowd-pleasing acoustic covers.

Based out of Tallahassee, FL, these women bring the sounds of euphoric acoustic music across the Southeast, performing everywhere from rowdy dance stages to intimate home shows.

For more information go to:

www.inconcertapalachicola.org

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