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# Upfront

A young man, dressed in his finest tan suit, stood in a sun-dappled courtyard in the heart of Charleston on a late afternoon. I stood near him, among a small crowd. We listened, rapt.

The speaker is a senior at Emory in Atlanta, carrying two (seemingly) disparate majors – creative writing and neuro-ethics. He is preparing for medical school, and his accomplishments-to-date are consistent with the expectations of the immediate surroundings where he stands – in one of America's most patrician cities in the middle of campus at a 110-year-old private school with a list of alumnae that includes Barbara Bush.

But this young man's story contradicts his current truth. He is not a product of the system that hosts him as he speaks. Not in the traditional way, at least.

"When I was very young, my father took my mother's life."

I was aware of this detail, while most of the audience was hearing it for the first time.

"My father took my brother and me, and we ran. All over the country. As kids, we didn't fully understand the aberrant nature of our existence. But, evidently, we were national news. By the time he was captured, my father was Number Two on the FBI's Most Wanted List, second to Osama Bin Laden."

Wow.

After some rough times in foster care, the young man and his brother moved to Savannah to live with their maternal grandmother, who was granted custody, and the children enrolled in public school. As the aspiring physician describes it, "I had problems – behavioral, social – in school, I was a disruptive force."

When he was in second grade, a guidance counselor recommended a summer program – Horizons Savannah – to the grandmother. Recognizing that educational opportunity was the boy's best hope for a reasonable future, Grandma secured a spot at Horizons at Savannah Country Day. (At the time, the program operated locally in partnership with a single host independent school; today it spans four sites, including SCDS, Bethesda Academy, St. Andrews School, and Savannah Christian Prep.)

The young man in the tan suit scanned the semicircle of wide-eyed faces, and said simply, "Horizons saved my life."

He went on to explain that he had found a caring community, a place where his quirks and insecurities and overall other-ness weren't exploited, rather he was accepted, nurtured and understood.

"The teachers, the program director, the volunteers, they cared about

me. They made me feel welcome. They made me feel safe."

The boy grew into an adolescent and, eventually, a young man. He attributes his successes to two constants: family (as strange as that might sound for a kid whose dad murdered his mom...his grandmother loved the boys dearly; when she passed away, an aunt took the helm and kept their tiny ship on course) and the Horizons experience. He came back to Horizons summer after summer, for the program's six-week sessions filled with academics, cultural experiences, recreational activities, and swimming lessons that lead to an annual meet (which is a highlight for students, many of whom had never dipped a toe in water before coming to campus).

He came back to the familiar faces of the professional teachers from schools throughout the region who commit their summers to Horizons kids. He came back to the smiles of high schoolers from the host institutions, who work alongside teachers to mentor the program's kids. When he aged out of the program, he came back to work with the next generation of youngsters, himself a living representation of the power of faith and hope.

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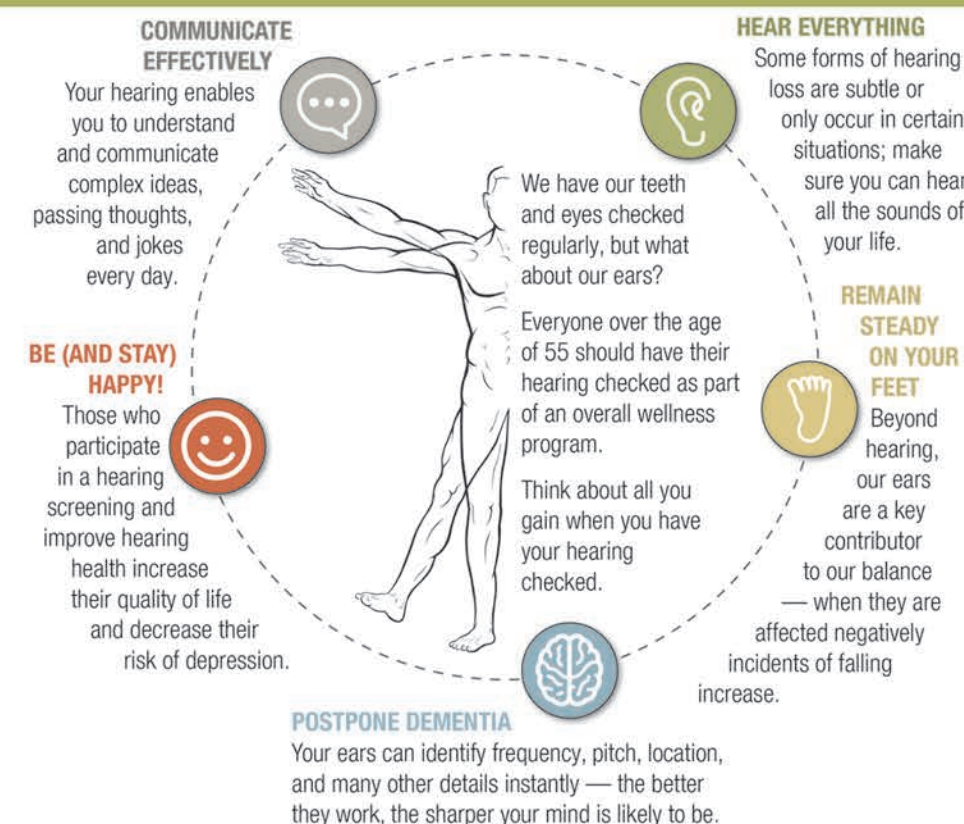
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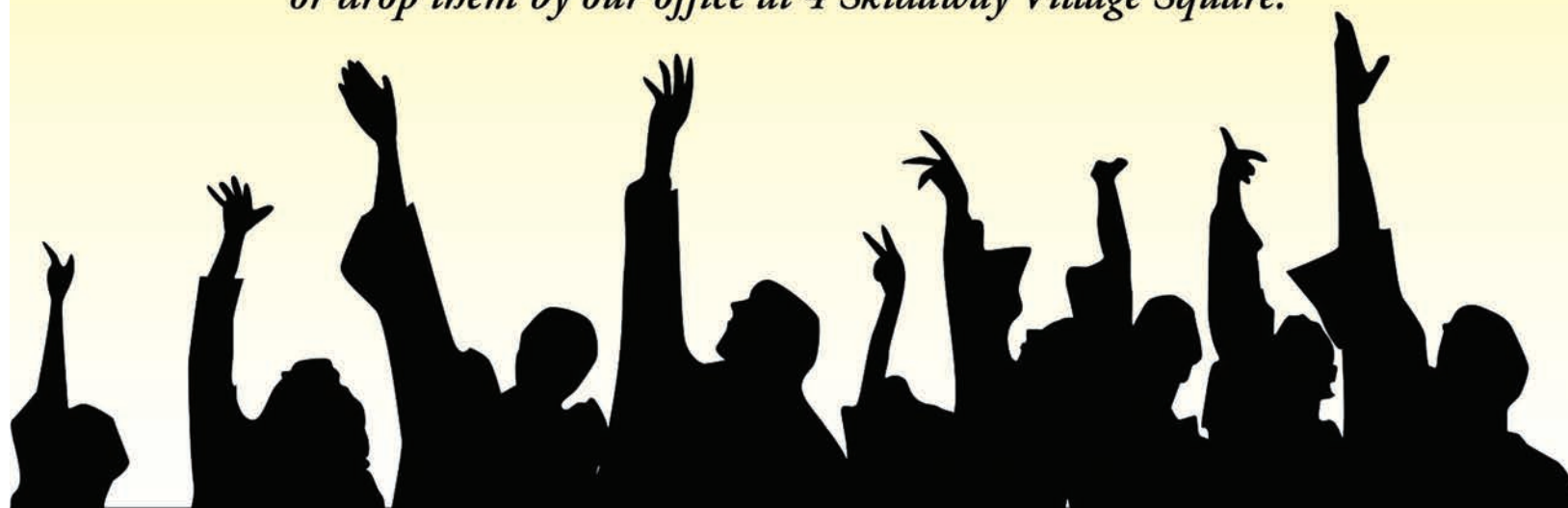


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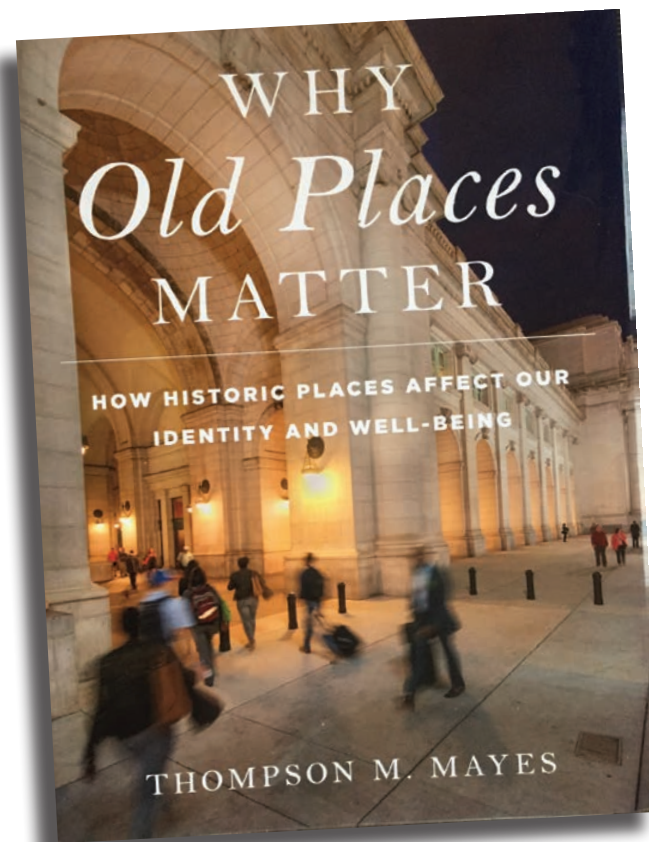
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Thompson Mayes' latest book explores the emotional, and psychological cultural connections people often have to old places

# Living History

By Sally Whitehead

May is National Preservation Month – special for Savannah and those who safeguard the places that make the city special. Local observance begins May 6, when Historic Savannah Foundation welcomes Thompson Mayes, a noted expert on historic preservation public policy and easements, shipwreck protection, historic house museums, accessibility, and the future of preservation. Mayes is the keynote speaker for the Louise Lauretti Lecture, focusing on principles highlighted in his new book, *Why Old Places Matter*, which touches on the role

preservation plays in everyday life.

The presentation is set Monday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the Savannah Theatre on Chippewa Square. This lecture is named for Louise Lauretti, a former HSF trustee and devoted advocate for historic preservation. Louise lost her battle with cancer in 2014 and her family established the series in her honor.

Following the lecture, there will be a book signing and reception. Mayes has graciously chosen to donate a portion of the evening's book sales to support HSF.

The inspiration for Mayes' latest book came from the many years he taught historic preservation law classes at the University of Maryland. "I discovered that students didn't have the phrases and words to talk about why these places seemed to matter so much, and why we have and need historic preservation," he explains. "How does preservation meet fundamental human needs? It was a deeply held feeling, but the words to express why it meant so much to them were not there."

Compelled to create a stronger ethic around historic preservation, Mayes began collecting reasons why preserving old places mattered to people – an endeavor he ultimately compiled into one, easily accessible publication.

Mayes is especially looking forward to taking questions from the audience following his presentation. "It's always one of my favorite parts of any engagement," he says. "I look forward to talking with the people of Savannah and hearing about out why old places matter to them."

The author observes common motivations for people in the preservation community. He explains, "I wrote about 14 reasons in the book, but I don't think there are just 14 reasons. Place is so fundamental to people's experiences of the world that it's difficult to isolate individual meanings and purposes. They all have an almost all-encompassing power for people."

Mayes grew up on a farm just north of Charlotte where, even as a very young child, he wanted to see and experience old places. "It was certainly something I've felt for as long as I can remember, but I think it also has to do with growing up in an old community surrounded by people living in old places," he says. "I found them to be meaningful."

The author recalls his first visit to historic Savannah with a particularly warm sense of nostalgia. "I remember being taken there by an aunt, when I was a child," Mayes says. "She lived in Augusta and took us through Savannah on the way to what was then called 'Savannah Beach.' I vividly remember being in her big Buick and driving through the shadowy streets of Savannah. To this day, I can see the pattern of lights and shadows as we drove under the live oaks – so distinctly different from any of the places that I otherwise went."

There are 75 full-color photographs in *Why Old Places Matter*, including one of a historic Savannah square that Mayes said almost perfectly captures the deep shadowy quality he remembers from his childhood. The photograph is appropriately located in a section of the book that discusses the economic importance of historic preservation in cities like Savannah.

Mayes recognizes the challenge of finding balance in preservation. He notes, "I strongly believe that people don't come to Savannah for a commercial tourist experience. They come to Savannah to experience authenticity – and keeping Savannah a livable city is central to that authenticity."

For preservation advocates, authenticity explains why millions visit the Hostess City every year, why many come back time and again, and why some eventually decide to make Savannah their home.

Mayes majored in history at the University of North Carolina. Though he was not an architectural historian, he always felt a strong interest in places and buildings. It was through this long-held, deep dedication to historic preservation that he was later drawn to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., where he has served for more than 30 years as a lawyer in the general counsel's office and, most recently, as vice president and senior counsel.

According to Mayes, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has collaborated with Historic Savannah Foundation since "long before his time," and the relationship is mutually beneficial. "While the National Trust for Historic Preservation does share tools and expertise with Historic Savannah Foundation and helps promote issues that Savannah cares about on a national stage, we also learn from HSF," Mayes says. "In fact, Historic Savannah Foundation has become a model across the country for revolving funds and saving properties. We amplify the work they do, and learn from it as well."

Mayes' hope for Savannah's future is that the community contin-

## HSF'S PRESERVATION MONTH CELEBRATION

**Monday, May 6:** Louise Lauretti Lecture - 6:30 p.m., at the Savannah Theatre on Chippewa Square

**Friday, May 10:** Historic Home Tour and Wine Tasting - 6 p.m., on Hall Street and surrounding area.

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ues to maintain its character and quality-of-life so that residents and visitors will always recognize what makes the Hostess City unique. The challenges to historic preservation have become more acute over the last several years, and it's the responsibility of preservationists to constantly stay vigilant. "People often try to take advantage of the benefits preservation brings, but are not recognizing that incremental changes over time – as well as the dramatic changes – can erode the quality and character of the Historic District," Mayes cautions. "That's a loss for everyone."



Thompson Mayes

Mayes observes that it has been said that preservationists are the only people in the world who are never proven wrong in the long-term. He says, "It ties into articulating why these places matter to people. People don't often feel the need to worry about them until they're threatened. Then they realize this place is important to my community, or to me personally, and I wouldn't want to see it go away. When people lose a building or a place, they have a grief reaction."

As Mayes sees it, old places provide people with a sense of stability, memory and identity. "I think connections to such places are essential to people's emotional and psychological well-being."



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## Seniors Enhance Their Financial Stability

By Jack Cawthon

Seniors are moving, generating significant activity in the real estate market. Meanwhile, low return rates on savings and long life expectancies have sent retirees scrambling for new sources of income. The largest store of wealth for most retirees resides in their homes. Many are taking advantage of a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) – more commonly referred to as a reverse mortgage – allowing homeowners to convert home equity into cash.

In the late 1980s and '90s, reverse mortgages were often regarded as a "bailout loan" or a "loan of last resort." With limited credit and income documentation, it was essentially an equity-driven product. However, reverse mortgages are used differently today, dismissing the loan-of-last-resort appellation. Many reverse mortgage users are planning for future cash flow changes.

When a spouse passes away, income issues begin. There's the loss of a social security or retirement check each month, while assets decrease. The fact that there's no income tax

associated with a reverse mortgage is a big plus. The vehicle provides access to cash with no associated monthly payment, and allows long-term taxable assets to stay in place.

Today, many seniors consider a reverse mortgage to eliminate their monthly home payments, freeing up income for other needs, such as medical care, home improvements and entertainment, or to downsize to a smaller home.

For some, a reverse mortgage will pay off an existing mortgage, while creating a line of credit for a portion of the balance, which could be accessed when needed. As people get older and need to supplement for taxes and insurance, or whatever they need – car repairs or to fix the roof – they have the ability to draw cash.

Regardless of individual motives, the reverse mortgage helps seniors secure their retirement, allowing them to age in place with the peace of mind of not having a mortgage payment.

There are several common misperceptions about reverse mortgages, which can be easily dispelled. Most are the result of misunderstandings about how reverse mortgages work. One area of confusion centers around ownership of the home after a reverse mortgage is closed. When a borrower takes out a reverse mortgage, the title for the home remains with the borrower, not the bank.

### TIMELINE

The process is very "kitchen table." Basic information is collected in the initial phone call, from which a proposal package is created. Then options are discussed to help clients meet their objectives.

HUD requires all reverse mortgage applicants to be counseled, usually done on the telephone. The counseling agency is an objective third party, with no vested interest other than to make sure the borrower fully understands their obligations and has considered alternatives. The counselors have a checklist that HUD requires them to review so that all the important details are discussed. It is very informal, and there's no pass or fail or anything scary about it.

Subsequent to the counseling process, personal information is gathered and an application is reviewed and signed. At no time during this part of the process is the homeowner obligated to complete the reverse mortgage. Once the application is signed, an appraisal is scheduled, which takes about a week to complete. Appraisals have very specific government guidelines to follow, comparing property values in the same neighborhood and home sales within the last six months, preferably no more than a year ago. After the appraisal is completed, the paperwork goes to underwriting, and any final information or documentation is gathered.

In about a week, a closing is scheduled to sign the loan documents, again usually done at the borrower's kitchen table. There's a three-day rescission period, meaning the applicant has three business days to cancel. On the fourth business day, the loan proceeds are sent by wire transfer to the borrower's account, and any existing loan is paid off.

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The loan – the sum of payouts and accrued costs – comes due under certain circumstances:

- when the last surviving borrower no longer occupies the home as a principal residence, either due to death or moving out
- failure to pay property taxes or maintain hazard coverage
- failure to keep up with general property maintenance

When one of these events occurs, the lender will declare the mortgage due and payable. What has been borrowed, plus interest, is due to the lender at that time, and any equity remains with the borrower.



## RISK AND PROTECTION

Some people may believe a reverse mortgage is excessively risky; that a borrower could end up having to pay back more than the home is actually worth. However, rules of the Federal Housing Administration make the reverse mortgage a safe financing option.

A HECM reverse mortgage is a nonrecourse loan. This means the family or estate will never owe more on the reverse mortgage debt than the value of the subject property. The heirs may keep the property if they wish. The heirs would need to repay the bank the then-current outstanding debt (amount borrowed plus interest to date). In most cases the home is listed and sold with the heirs dividing the remaining proceeds.

People often ask, "What's the downside?" You're adding a lien on your property, so your heirs may get less from your estate than they had anticipated. If that bothers you, a reverse mortgage may not be right for you.

Spousal protection is another important tool designed to safeguard a reverse mortgage borrower. If the senior borrower is married, both individuals are accounted for in the underwriting decision for a reverse mortgage. The benefits in full stay in place until the last spouse is no longer residing in the home.

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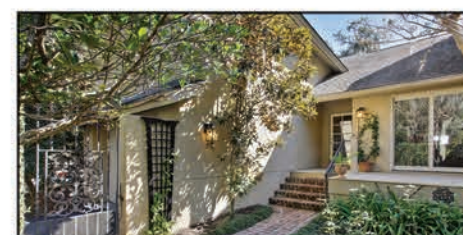
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## St. Joseph's/Candler Presents McAuley Award to Melanie Willoughby



SJ/C President and CEO Paul P. Hinchey presents 2019 McAuley Award to Melanie Willoughby of Health Management

### WHAT WILLOUGHBY'S CO-WORKERS SAY ABOUT HER:

*"The environment in her departments reflects her spirit. You can feel it when you walk in. Patients are encouraged to do well and succeed in their efforts. She elicits teamwork from her staff and expects excellence. She takes little credit for herself and always says, 'We are a team.'"*

*"Melanie is a real daughter of Catherine McAuley. She sees a need and jumps in to take care of it – and through her leadership she is able to get others to help, too."*

*"When others are still planning and trying to figure out a way to do it, Melanie is already trying to accomplish the task. It reminds me of the story of Catherine McAuley being compassionate but doing it, or finding out a way to work around to get it done."*

*"She lets the people around her know they are a big deal, that they matter. How they work, where they work and how they collaborate with each other matters to her."*

*"She works hand-in-hand with her staff and doesn't expect anything from them she is not willing to do herself. She sets a shining example of leadership and volunteerism as well as caring every day."*

Her drive inspires her co-workers; her spirit comforts her patients; her personality fills a room.

These are just some of the reasons that Melanie Willoughby was recognized with the annual McAuley award from St. Joseph's/Candler.

"If there is a need, Melanie will do all in her power to respond," wrote a co-worker who nominated her. "Being with Melanie is being in the presence of a spirit-filled woman with zest for life – and it is contagious."

Paul P. Hinchey, president and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler, honored Willoughby in a surprise announcement in mid-April. The McAuley Award is presented annually to the St. Joseph's/Candler co-worker who best exemplifies the mission and values of the health system. The award is named in honor of Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy in the hopes of bringing education, healthcare, social justice, and spiritual guidance to those in need.

"All of those nominated are living examples of the commitment Catherine McAuley had for the care of others," Hinchey explains. "Melanie has shown that commitment for decades in our health system and in the Savannah community. She is a servant-leader for her staff and an inspiration to the people for whom she cares."

Willoughby has been in the health system for 34 years, starting as a nurse. She's worked in critical care and she started the disease-management program, eventually working up to director of health management. She is known throughout the system for her boundless energy and leadership. Currently, she manages wellness programs, diabetes management and cardiac rehab, and works closely with Savannah Business Group companies such as the City of Savannah, Georgia Ports, Colonial Oil, and JCB to help contain their healthcare costs. She jumps in with her team to do annual physical evaluations for every Savannah Fire fighter.

Beyond St. Joseph's/Candler, she is very involved in the community, sitting on leadership boards at the United Way, working with Healthy Savannah and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. Willoughby has two children who both entered the health care field. She is a graduate of St. Vincent's Academy – another institution sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy – and remains very loyal to the school and active in projects there.

## Tennis, Anyone?

### St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger Championship Weekend

The 2019 St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger – the premiere professional tennis event in south Georgia – is currently in full swing at the Franklin Creek Tennis Center. The event began earlier this week and runs through this Sunday, May 5.

The St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger and the USTA Pro Circuit are designed to bring some of the world's finest tennis players to our city. Challenger tournaments are usually held for ATP players with a world ranking between 40-200, but the Savannah Challenger tournament can attract players ranked in the top 20 in the world. The USTA Challenger series allows American players to stay here at home and improve their rankings on the ATP tour. If they are successful in building their rankings, they have the opportunity to enter directly into the main draw to higher-level tournaments including the Grand Slams. Points earned during the St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger count towards the USTA Wildcard entry into the 2019 French Open held in Paris in May.

This year marks the 11th year the St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger is hosted at Savannah's beautiful Landings Club and the Franklin Creek Tennis Center. Each year, the event continues to grow in popularity. The night matches are a big hit while Kids Day and Ladies Day are always extremely well-attended. The atmosphere for the 2019



2018 Singles Champion Hugo Dillien

promises to be electric with lights, live music, live streaming and much more.

The tournament is the seventh USTA Pro Circuit Men's Challenger event of the 2019 season. It is the last of three consecutive Challenger tournaments held on clay courts to help develop players on the surface leading up to the 2019 French Open. There are eight USTA Pro Circuit men's events (ITF World Tennis Tour events and Challengers combined) currently scheduled for the USTA Southern Section in 2019.

With more than 100 tournaments throughout the country and prize money ranging from \$15,000 to upwards of \$160,000, the USTA Pro Circuit is the largest developmental tennis circuit in the world and the pathway to the U.S. Open and tour-level competition for aspiring tennis players. Now in its 40th year, the USTA Pro Circuit has been a launch pad for many of today's top pros including Andy Murray, Maria Sharapova, John Isner, Sloane Stephens, Kei Nishikori, Victoria Azarenka, Caroline Wozniacki and Garbine Muguruza.

This is the ninth time that Willoughby has been nominated for the McAuley Award. This year, 72 St. Joseph's/Candler co-workers were nominated by their peers for the distinguished honor. Nominations are based upon an individual's ability to illuminate the health system values of compassion, quality, integrity, courtesy, accountability and teamwork.

As the 2019 McAuley Award recipient, Willoughby's name will appear on the bronze McAuley plaque displayed in the lobbies of St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. She receives a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-month free parking pass in the location of her choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a gift certificate for massages at the Center for WellBeing, a St. Joseph's/Candler watch, and the McAuley pin.

### TICKETS:

- Landings Club members receive free grounds admission April 29-May 3; non-member grounds admission is \$10.
- Stadium: \$15 daily, April 29-May 3; \$20 daily, May 4-5. Children 12 and under, \$5; 6 and under, free.
- Weekly tickets, \$100

Tickets are available daily during the tournament at the Franklin Creek Tennis Center front entrance. For more information, please visit [www.savannahchallenger.com](http://www.savannahchallenger.com).

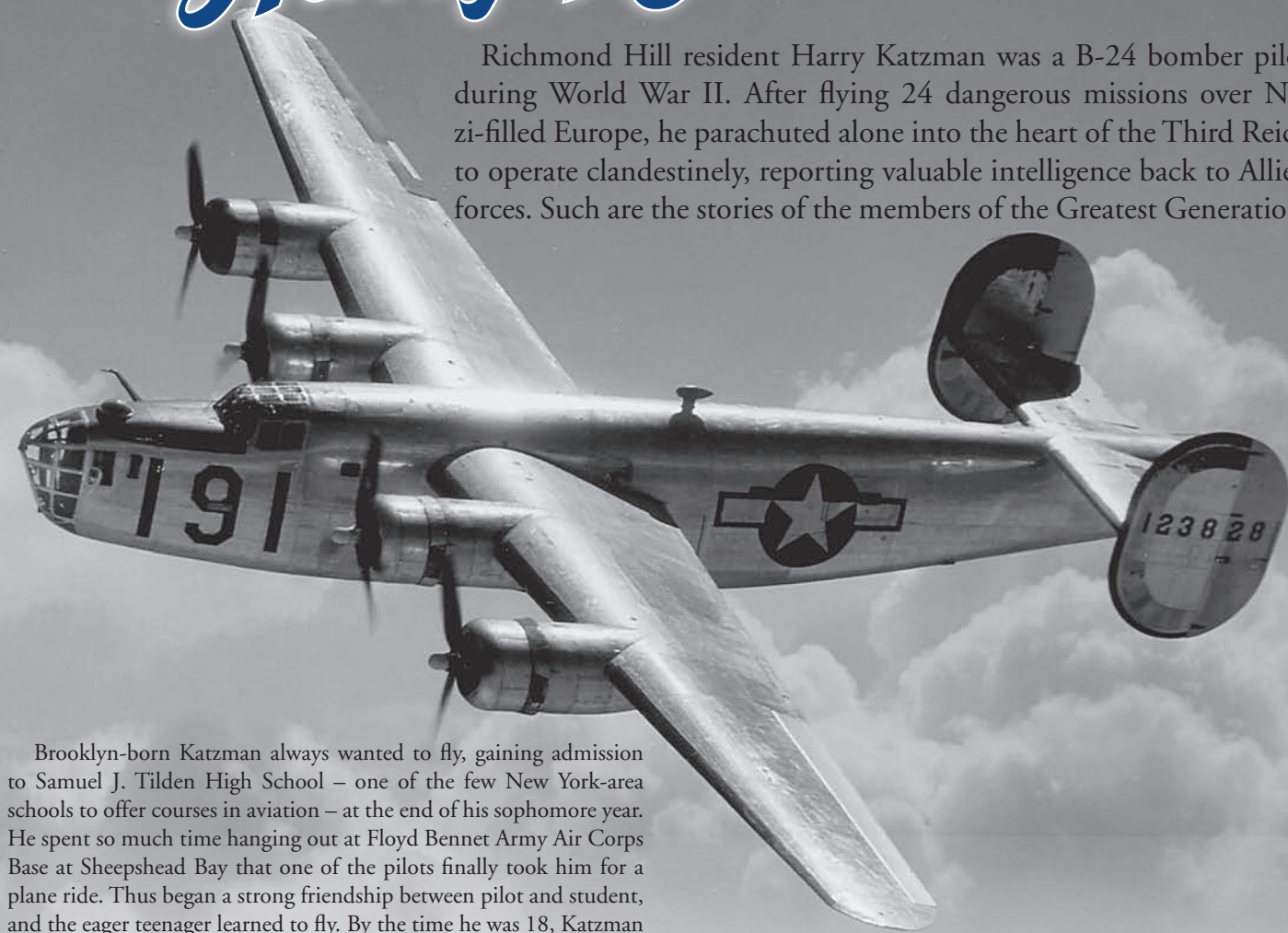
With local, national and international exposure, the tournament paints an inviting picture of Savannah as a great place to live, work and play. In 2014, the Savannah Challenger website had more than 35,000 visits and, for the first time, the entire week of play was streamed live around the world. This feature will again be part of the 2019 St. Joseph's/Candler Savannah Challenger.



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# Harry Katzman

Richmond Hill resident Harry Katzman was a B-24 bomber pilot during World War II. After flying 24 dangerous missions over Nazi-filled Europe, he parachuted alone into the heart of the Third Reich to operate clandestinely, reporting valuable intelligence back to Allied forces. Such are the stories of the members of the Greatest Generation.



Brooklyn-born Katzman always wanted to fly, gaining admission to Samuel J. Tilden High School – one of the few New York-area schools to offer courses in aviation – at the end of his sophomore year. He spent so much time hanging out at Floyd Bennet Army Air Corps Base at Sheepshead Bay that one of the pilots finally took him for a plane ride. Thus began a strong friendship between pilot and student, and the eager teenager learned to fly. By the time he was 18, Katzman had his pilot's license.

After attending the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics in Newark, New Jersey, Katzman enlisted in the Army Air Corps, on November 14, 1942. After just three weeks of basic training, the pilot candidate was sent to Amarillo Army Airfield in Texas, where he enrolled in one of the first classes for B-17 bomber crews, ground crews and mechanics. In April of 1943, Katzman earned his B-17 pilot wings.

The next stop for the newly commissioned second lieutenant was the Boeing Company in Seattle, where he was assigned to the Accelerated Service Testing Branch, examining new B-29 bombers for “gremlins” – parts or systems that might fail during flight.

“Actually, we were human guinea pigs,” Katzman says with a laugh. “Funny now, but not so funny then.”

A few months later, Katzman's group was sent to the Smokey Hill Army Airfield in Salina, Kansas, for more B-29 testing. One gremlin they discovered was the possibility of a fire in any of the four engines due to overheating. They eliminated this defect by making a small structural change around each engine to provide a better cooling airflow. While at Smokey Hill, Katzman was reassigned to piloting the new B-24 Liberator bomber, which he preferred over the larger B-17 and B-29 for its superior maneuverability.

January 1, 1944, was departure day for Katzman, then a first lieutenant, and his flight crew. They boarded their B-24, nicknamed “Hairy Ape,” at Hunter Army Airfield, and headed for the Horsham St. Faith Royal Air Force Base near Norwich, England, via the southern air route. Katzman hoped the rest of his wartime activity would be as pleasant as the lengthy refueling stops at Bermuda and Spanish Morocco, but that optimism soon faded.

After arriving in England on January, 19, 1944, the *Hairy Ape* flew diversionary missions, drawing enemy fighters away from American bombers attacking German targets. A month later the aircraft was assigned to the Eighth Air Force's 753 Bombardment Squadron of the 458 Bombardment Group.

Age be damned, Katzman still has a remarkable memory for detail. “You never forget that first combat mission or the bomb run over the target,” he explains. “Then or even now.”

The first bombing mission for the *Hairy Ape* targeted the industrial sites of Saarbrücken, Germany, on February 17, 1944. “Going in we encountered no Luftwaffe fighters but lots of flak over the target,” Katzman recalls. “German fighters did come after us – about a thousand bombers – after we made our bomb runs. Luckily we did not get hit either by flak or aerial gunfire, but it showed us what to expect from then on.”

On its ninth bombing mission three months later, the *Hairy Ape* was not so lucky. The target was Berlin, and the American bombers were hit by heavy anti-aircraft flak and some of Hermann Göring's best remaining Luftwaffe fighter pilots. Despite the German air defenses, film of the bomb runs showed the Allies making direct hits. But the Luftwaffe pilots also made hits on the *Hairy Ape*, machine gun bullets badly wounding two of the plane's crew.

Katzman piloted the *Hairy Ape* for 24 bombing missions, primarily against strategic targets in Nazi Germany. On Christmas Eve, 1944, bombers attacked the railroad yards of Frankfurt – the central hub of German railroad transportation – and the city's chemical plant. The *Hairy Ape* again made good hits with its bombs but flak knocked out the plane's left inboard engine when departing the target. Four of the crewmen were wounded, including Katzman, who was hit below his left knee. He was bleeding badly until his radio operator, trained in emergency first aid, patched him up. The limping *Hairy Ape* fell behind in formation. Pursuing German ME-109 Messerschmitt fighter planes knocked out the right inboard engine and killed three of the crew.

The plane would have undoubtedly been doomed if not for the nick-of-time arrival of P-51 Mustang fighters, which drove off the Messerschmitts. Pilot and co-pilot carefully brought their crippled Liberator back to base and were able to land with only minimal further damage or injury to the surviving crew members. Damage control evaluation showed that the rugged *Hairy Ape* had been “air conditioned” by more than a hundred flak and bullet holes.

A month later, Katzman was released from the hospital for what he expected to be his 25th and final bombing mission. Instead, it was strongly suggested – ordered, really – by his commanding officer that he volunteer for a secret mission behind enemy lines. Katzman had demonstrated an aptitude for intelligence-gathering during his bombing missions, and was fluent in German.

Under cover of darkness, he parachuted to a remote landing zone near Frankfurt. Posing as a wounded Luftwaffe pilot recovering on leave, he made his way to the home of his uncle, a professor at Frankfurt University. Blending in perfectly with the people of Frankfurt, Katzman succeeded in all three of his assignments. Assessing the damage Allied bombs had done to the train yards, he reported by

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secret radio that German railroad facilities had been crippled. In addition, he was assigned to evaluate the conditions at a nearby prisoner-of-war camp, which appeared to be reasonably humane. He was also tasked with locating the entrance to a secret underground factory developing a revolutionary jet bomber. Mission accomplished, the aviator-turned-spy remained incognito until April 1, the day after Patton's Third Army blasted its way into Frankfurt.

Following a very brief congratulatory visit to Horsham St. Faith in England, Katzman was flown back to the Smokey Hill Army Airfield in Kansas.

Germany surrendered May 7, 1945. Before Katzman could be reassigned to Pacific Command, Japan surrendered. The highly decorated aviator was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of captain, February 13, 1946, at March Field, California.

As a civilian, Katzman took a job testing



and rebuilding large airplane engines at the Army Air Force depot at Rome, New York. Because he much preferred to fly airplanes rather than maintain them, Katzman soon reenlisted, flying supplies from Westover Field in Massachusetts to Rhein-Main Air Base, near Frankfurt, Germany for the Military Air Transport Service.

On September 18, 1947, the National Security Act of 1947 separated the Air Corps from the Army, officially establishing the Air Force as an independent branch of the military.

Beginning June 24, 1948, the Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies' rail and canal access to the sectors of Berlin under the control of the U.S., England and France. To sustain the millions of people living in West Berlin, the U.S. began a massive airlift of food, water and medicine to the besieged city. Non-stop daily flights carried more than two million tons of supplies to needy West Berliners. Katzman flew C-82 cargo planes loaded with supplies from Rhein-Main Air Base to

the lone airstrip assigned for American use at the Berlin Airport.

"There was no room for error, because our airstrip was just wide enough for a safe landing," Katzman says.

The Soviets finally lifted the blockade on May 12, 1949. Because it took a few months for things to return to normal, Katzman continued flying mercy missions into Berlin until July, 1949. He also briefly flew air-and-sea rescue missions out of Tripoli, Libya.

For the next 14 years, the veteran combat-aviator advanced up the ranks, fulfilling assignments at different locations for the Air Force. In 1951, at the dawn of the jet age, Katzman learned to fly the T-33 Shooting Star jet trainer. This prepared him for a tour from 1953 to 1956 with the Strategic Air Command (SAC), flying high-altitude, subsonic B-47 Stratojet long-range bombers out of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Air Force Base. He later returned to Westover Field, flying F-102 Delta Dagger subsonic interceptor fighter aircraft for the 76th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. In 1957, he flew C-82s out of Munich to help train the 82nd Airborne Division. During a visit to the Sevia Club on the

former Neubiberg Air Base, he met a charming German fraulein named Lydia Benn. After a lengthy courtship, they were married on April 7, 1961, in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

On December 31, 1963, after 20 years, seven months, and four days, of service, Lt. Col. Katzman's eventful military career came to a close at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

For the next 27 years, the versatile Katzman enjoyed an interesting, challenging, rewarding civilian career. He had earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, teaching at both the high school and college level – Homestead High School and City College, New York City – and also served as associate director of the U.S.O. in South Korea. As a civil service employee, Katzman rotated through many assignments and locations, from chief of training for the Army/Air Force Exchange Service in Bangkok, Thailand, to recreational director, to educational officer.

Katzman's final assignment (1984-1990) was particularly satisfying for him – convincing guidance counselors and students of the advantages and opportunities of military ser-

vice. He began his presentations by explaining the Army Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test was more beneficial than the standard pre-admission college tests because it specifically identified potential areas a student might be well-suited to pursue. Katzman's efforts opened the door for military recruiters in high schools in Oregon, Washington and New York – schools that previously had a closed-door military policy.

After his final retirement in 1990, the Katzmans moved to the Fort Stewart area with their two daughters. Lydia passed away two years ago. At 95 years young, Harry still hasn't lost his pronounced Brooklyn accent. This modest veteran prefers not to be considered a hero.

He remains passionate about the Mighty Eighth Air Force, and is a tour guide at its museum in Pooler. When escorting visitors through the museum's simulated bombing mission, no doubt he quietly relives every flak explosion and fighter attack during that blood-soaked bomb run over Frankfurt 75 years ago.



Harry Katzman in his flight suit, c. 1961



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## KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

**WHAT:** The Arts at Messiah: Fei-Fei Dong, Piano

**WHEN:** Friday, May 3, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.

**HOW MUCH:** Free, and no reservations or tickets are needed; Donations gladly accepted

**CONTACT:** MLC, 598.1188

**WHAT ELSE:** Praised for her “bountiful gifts and passionate immersion into the music she touches” (The Plain Dealer), pianist Fei-Fei won the 2014 Concert Artists Guild Competition and was a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She continues to build a reputation for her poetic interpretations, charming audiences with her “passion, piquancy and tenderness,” and “winning stage presence” (Dallas Morning News).

## GO FOR BAROQUE

**WHAT:** The Vista Ensemble – Baroque music on original instruments

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 5, 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island United Methodist Church, 54 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public

**CONTACT:** SIUMC at 912.598.8460

**WHAT ELSE:** Arts on Skidaway presents Jeana Melilli, Baroque flute; Erika Cutler, Baroque violin; Marcy Brenner, viola da gamba; Patrick Hawkins, harpsichord.

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## DA VINCI DECODED

**WHAT:** “Celebrating Leonardo” lecture series by The Learning Center of SCI

**WHEN:** Mondays at 2 p.m., through May 13

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** TLC members - \$60 series, \$10 per lecture; visitors - \$120 series, \$20 per lecture

**CONTACT:** Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org)

## THE LONGEST DAY

**WHAT:** “D-Day and the Battle for Europe” lecture series by The Learning Center of SCI

**WHEN:** Mondays at 3:30 p.m., through May 13

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** TLC members - \$10 per lecture, visitors - \$15 per lecture

**CONTACT:** Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org)

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

**WHAT:** Evening lectures by The Learning Center of SCI

**WHEN:** Mondays through May 13; wine and cheese reception at 5 p.m., lecture at 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, 50 Diamond Causeway

**HOW MUCH:** TLC members - \$15; visitors - \$20; add \$5 within one week of lecture

**CONTACT:** Debbie Hornsby, 912.236.0363 or [dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org](mailto:dhornsby@seniorcitizens-inc.org)

**WHAT ELSE:** April 22, “The Public Enemy Era;” April 29, “Mid-Century Savannah: A Pictorial Essay;” May 6, “King Charles III and Tomorrow's Royal Family;” May 13, “Oglethorpe in Britain.”

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**WHAT:** “Sights of Savannah and Skidaway,” at The Landings Company

**WHEN:** Now through June 30

**WHERE:** The Landings Company Real Estate and Welcome Center, One Landings Way North, During office hours

**CONTACT:** 912.598.0500

**WHAT ELSE:** Enjoy the work of photographer Diane Gannon.

## BY ANY OTHER NAME

**WHAT:** Annual Rose Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Savannah Botanical Gardens, 1388 Eisenhower Dr.

**HOW MUCH:** Free admission, free parking

**CONTACT:** Savannah Botanical Gardens, 912.346.4770 or [sagc1388@botanical.com-castbiz.net](mailto:sagc1388@botanical.com-castbiz.net)

**WHAT ELSE:** The Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs and the Savannah Botanical Gardens present the 2019 Rose Festival, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Savannah Botanical Gardens. Plants, roses and daylilies for sale. Also on hand will be artists and crafters, garden tours, “Ask a Master Gardener,” and children's activities.

## GREAT SCOT!

**WHAT:** 43rd annual Savannah Scottish Games

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, opens at 9 a.m. to the public, closing ceremonies at 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bethesda Academy

**CONTACT:** [Savannah.scottish.games@gmail.com](mailto:Savannah.scottish.games@gmail.com)

or visit: [www.savannahscottishgames.com](http://www.savannahscottishgames.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Originally founded by the St. Andrews Society, the Savannah Scottish Games is a phenomenal opportunity to learn more about your Scottish roots or simply come out and enjoy a day of fun for the whole family. From Scottish dancing, unique and delicious food offerings, shopping, tons of kids activities and intense athletic competitions among the clans, the Scottish Games is a one-of-a-kind event you don't want to miss.

## NO PLACE LIKE HOME

**WHAT:** Landlovers 2019 Tour of Homes, Island Inspiration

**WHAT:** Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Landings and The Marshes

**HOW MUCH:** Tickets are \$30 and sold only to Landings residents and their guests. Visit [www.landingslandlovers.com](http://www.landingslandlovers.com), click on Tour of Homes. Tickets are available online only through Thursday, April 25. No ticket sales the day of the event.

**CONTACT:** Trina Sherer, [trsherer@gmail.com](mailto:trsherer@gmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Proceeds from the fundraiser support the Landlovers Foundation, Inc.

## TAG, YOU'RE IT

**WHAT:** TAGatNIGHT

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Gallery 209, 209 River St.

**HOW MUCH:** No charge for Telfair Academy Guild members; Members' guests are welcome to attend

**CONTACT:** Non-members wishing to attend and try us out, please contact Betsy McCullar, [betsy2mccullar@gmail.com](mailto:betsy2mccullar@gmail.com) or 917.566.9101

**WHAT ELSE:** Explore two floors of unique gallery space, housed in an 1820 cotton warehouse in River Street's Factors Walk District. 209 Gallery showcases original paintings, sculpture, woodworking, fiber art, jewelry, enamels, photography, pottery, stained glass and more – all by local artists.

## FISH TALES

**WHAT:** CCA of Skidaway April Meeting – “Fishing the Landings Lagoons”

**WHERE:** St. Peter's Church

**WHEN:** Monday, May 13, 7 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** No charge

**CONTACT:** Dave Devore, 330.329.6457

**WHAT ELSE:** Fishing the fresh and saltwater lagoons of the Landings are the focus of the CCA of Skidaway's May meeting and seminar. Three avid local fishermen will give attendees insight into their experiences and expertise. Attendees are invited to share fish stories with Jack Welch, Ron Monaco and Steve Thomas.

The May seminar raffle will offer two attendees chances to win a spinning rod-and-reel outfit – ideal for fishing either the fresh or brackish waters of the Landings.

## VITAMIN SEA

**WHAT:** “The Ocean – The Earth's Medicine Cabinet”

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 14 - reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by program at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** McGowan Library, University of Georgia Skidaway Marine Science Campus

**HOW MUCH:** Free and open to the public

**CONTACT:** To reserve a seat, call 912.598.2325 or email [mike.sullivan@skio.uga.edu](mailto:mike.sullivan@skio.uga.edu)

**WHAT ELSE:** University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography researcher Elizabeth Harvey will discuss the ocean as a resource for drugs ranging from antibiotics to HIV treatments.

## COCKTAIL FIGHTS

**WHAT:** Skidaway Island Boating Club “It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere” Cocktail Challenge

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 15, 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Landings Harbor Marina

**HOW MUCH:** Free

**CONTACT:** [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com)

**WHAT ELSE:** Skidaway Island Boating Club's Cocktail Challenge attendees must RSVP by May 10 to [siboatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:siboatingclub@gmail.com). Contestants must include the name of their drink and bring at least a half-gallon of their best cocktail. Attendees not entering the contest are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Prizes to be awarded. To become an SIBC member, visit [skidawayislandboatingclub.org](http://skidawayislandboatingclub.org). Boat ownership is not required.

## PET PROJECT

**WHAT:** Abercorn Street PetSmart Charities Adoption Event

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, May 19, Noon - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** 11132 Abercorn St.

**CONTACT:** For more information, call the PetSmart store at 912.925.1116

**WHAT ELSE:** There is no charge to meet adoptable pets. Adoption fees vary with each group.

## CHANGE IS GOOD

**WHAT:** “Meaningful Change for Ourselves and the World”

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 211 East Victory Dr.

**HOW MUCH:** Free

**CONTACT:** 912.234.8242 or [cschurchsavan-](mailto:cschurchsavan-)

## TO A TEA

**WHAT:** The Mad Hatter's Topsy Tea Party

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Davenport House Museum Garden, 324 E. State St.

**HOW MUCH:** \$45 (until May 3); \$55 (after May 3)

**CONTACT:** 912.236.8097, [info@davenport-housemuseum.org](mailto:info@davenport-housemuseum.org) [www.davenporthousemuseum.org](http://www.davenporthousemuseum.org)

**WHAT ELSE:** A vintage springtime fashion show from Gypsy World Savannah. Enjoy tea-infused libations, a mystical tea leaf reader, light hors d'oeuvres, music, merriment and a silent auction. Meet and mingle with Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the Red Queen! Come wearing your maddest hat! Guests must be 21 years of older. Benefits Davenport House Museum.

## AUCTION ACTION

**WHAT:** Hospice Savannah Art Auction and Party to celebrate 40 years of the “Art of Living”

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 23, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Cha Bella, 102 E. Broad Street

**HOW MUCH:** \$40 tickets must be purchased in advance through Eventbrite - [artauction.eventbrite.com](http://artauction.eventbrite.com)

**CONTACT:** More information and full list of artists at [www.HospiceSavannah.org/artauction](http://www.HospiceSavannah.org/artauction)

**WHAT ELSE:** Open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and D.J. Basik Lee. Painting, sculpture and jewelry from 40 of Savannah's artists including Betsy Cain, Preston Russell, Daniel E. Smith, Bellamy Murphy, Kristen Baird, Susie Chisholm, and many more. Proceeds will benefit the healing arts of music and massage therapy, which help Hospice Savannah's patients and their families live fully and comfortably through illness.

## CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

**WHAT:** “Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway),” litter pickup along Diamond Causeway

**WHEN:** 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary

**WHERE:** Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean Beach

**CONTACT:** Courtney Fowler, [causewayclean-up@gmail.com](mailto:causewayclean-up@gmail.com) or 912.313.6040

**WHAT ELSE:** Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.



CHALLENGER CLUES\*

ACROSS

- 1. Maurice Chevalier had it
- 6. Catnap
- 10. Kind of stick
- 14. Orchestra strings
- 15. Brit's beers
- 16. Blue Willow Dinnerware, e.g.
- 17. BBQ meat
- 18. Grape pressing residue
- 19. Make a long story short
- 20. Liberal Parliamentarian, "Mr. Churchill, \_\_\_\_"
- 23. U.S. Army chow
- 24. 1949 film noir classic with an abbreviated title
- 25. Liberal Parliamentarian (cont'd) "\_\_\_\_"
- 34. Way to start a conflagration?
- 35. Upper chambers of the heart
- 36. Chevy Camaro SS rival
- 37. Author of "Kant and the Platypus"
- 38. Heraldic black
- 40. Nutritionist's abbrev.
- 41. French city with a girl's name
- 44. Uses elbow grease
- 46. Elbow bender
- 47. Churchill's response, "Madam, \_\_\_\_"
- 50. "\_\_\_\_ Survivor" (Reba McEntire)
- 51. Stat for Dizzy Dean
- 52. Churchill's response (cont'd) "\_\_\_\_"
- 61. Persian fairy
- 62. Glum
- 63. Malamute look-alike
- 64. Mathematician Turing
- 65. Love of 56-Down
- 66. "Absolutely not!"
- 67. Small dent
- 68. Spew
- 69. Point of view

DOWN

- 1. MDV / V
- 2. Nissan electric car
- 3. Birthplace of Toulouse-Lautrec
- 4. Time-lapse photography's opposite effect
- 5. Cole Porter comedy song from "Silk

Master of riposte!

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- Stockings"
- 6. Female equivalent of a knight
- 7. Oil of \_\_\_\_
- 8. Arabic mathematical invention
- 9. Currency unit in Cape Verde
- 10. Star of Hitchcock's "Rear Window"
- 11. The "Zinfandel Capital of the World"
- 12. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
- 13. Comedian Davidson of SNL
- 21. Musical symbols
- 22. American 1966 Nobelist for Medicine
- 25. Celtic tribe led by Queen Boadicea
- 26. Starbucks selection
- 27. State flower of Indiana
- 28. Address
- 29. Rate used for inter-bank lending in Norway
- 30. Whiffenpoof
- 31. Astragali
- 32. \_\_\_\_ the line

- 33. Variegated chalcedony
- 39. Composer Bernstein with 14 Oscar nominations
- 42. Like a rattlesnake preparing to strike
- 43. "3:10 to \_\_\_\_" (1957 oater)
- 45. Some dwellers on the banks of the Euphrates
- 48. Wobble
- 49. Engine that was banned from Le Mans
- 52. Expensive tablet
- 53. Carnegie \_\_\_\_ in NYC
- 54. Nanny, at times
- 55. Marl
- 56. Dr. Zhivago's first name
- 57. Rats!
- 58. Hopi ceremonial chamber
- 59. Interstate from Jacksonville, FL to Santa Monica, CA
- 60. Astringent

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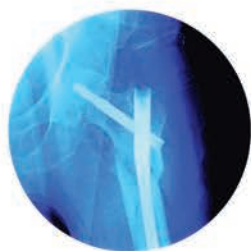
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