

# WEDGEFIELD WRAGG

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT WRAGG – October, 2011

At last, the issue of ownership of the canals has been settled with all parties agreeing. The State of South Carolina owns the canals as Tidal, Navigable Waters of the United States, under the Public Trust Doctrine. It has taken over 27 years to get this issue adjudicated and part of the public record.

With this ruling, there are now many issues to be resolved. They are:

- The legality of "Special Assessments"
- Late fines that were placed on properties that protested the "Special Assessments"
- Liens that were placed on properties that protested the "Special Assessments"
- The outstanding balance on the dredging loan with First Federal
- Future assessments
- Amortization of the dredging costs as a "Capital Improvement"

Hopefully, these issues will be decided as promptly as possible and the turmoil of the past few years will be over. We are a community and we desperately need to end this turmoil and bring this plantation back to peace and tranquility.

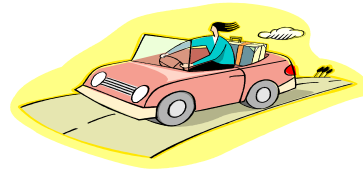
We also need to get our fiscal affairs in order. Our roads are deteriorating rapidly. Our reserves are severely low. Thankfully we have been spared a major hurricane for a number of years, but we cannot count on that continuing. We must begin to reserve again for all unexpected and future costs.

Our accounting functions have been brought back "inside" during the year. We must determine going forward if we wish to continue in that manner, or determine another path forward to assure accurate and timely financial reporting.

Finally, 2012 should be the year we bring resolution to so many of these problems and legal issues. Lets all hope and pray for this to be true.

Respectfully,  
George Wilson, President  
Wedgefield Plantation Association

**W O W**  
**Women of Wedgfield**



The Leadership Team has set a schedule that includes day and evening programs for the busy women of our Wedgfield community. We've had a few events since the last Wragg that we'd like to tell you about.

AUGUST: No Meeting

SEPTEMBER: Members toured the Kaminsky House and met for lunch at Land's End.

OCTOBER: "Chat With A Wedgfield Collector and Dealer About Antiques". Dorothy Munneke has graciously opened her home to our WOW membership. Enjoy an evening discussing antique collecting, complimented by cider and donuts. You are welcome to bring an item to be valued, or appraised.

NOVEMBER: Alabama Theater Trip. Members will travel by limo, have lunch and see the Christmas show.

**THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**IS STEERING US TO THE**  
**FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:**

The WOW Leadership Committee has been busy! They have line up programs for the next several months. Don't speed, but they are driving us toward a lot of fun, friendship, and community! Here is what is coming your way:

- \*November - Alabama Theater Trip
- \*December - Holiday Event
- \*January - Covered Dish Dinner (husbands, guests included)
- \*February - Romantic Movie at McMillins and Collection of Items For Veterans Home
- \*March - Yawkey Two Hour Tour
- \*April- Stewart Parker House, Behind the Scenes Tour
- \*May - Progressive Dinner

If you would like to visit a meeting, or receive membership information call Carolyn McBride at 520-1853 or Tess Wheeler at 546-4071. We'd love for you to meet and enjoy your neighbors, the Women of Wedgfield!



## Wedgefield Boat Club

We want Wedgefield residents to learn more about the beautiful waterways that surround our development by participating with their neighbors in fun social and boating-oriented events. Everyone is welcome at all of our events, and Membership is open to all Wedgefield residents whether you own a boat or not.

Our planned August 27 Crab Feast morphed into a "I Survived Hurricane Irene" party, as our intrepid crabbers were kept in port by the storms rough seas as she passed by offshore. About forty-five members and guests enjoyed a great potluck dinner at the Davis' lower level, while we congratulated ourselves on dodging another bullet from mother nature.

On September 18th, five of our boats and about thirty members and guests made their way to *Hannah Banana's Sunshine Cabana* for another in our "lunch by boat" excursions. Despite morning rain and wind, we had sunny skies and, and a beautiful trip via the scenic Black, Pee Dee Waccamaw Rivers. Hannah and Ken reserved the outdoor patio for our group, created a "Drink of the Day" (*The Wedgefield Peach Wedge*) for us, and brought in a wonderful singer *Lola* to keep us entertained while we lunched.



The Wedgefield Boat Club 2011 season is now winding down, but we still have some great activities in store! Our final social event for the year is a full-bore ***Oktoberfest*** celebration on **Saturday, October 29**, at the home of Natalie and Ed Wozniak!



If you are interested in attending, or want to know more about this event, please pick up a flyer at the WPA office, e-mail us, or visit our website.

Finally, don't forget every month we have a ***First Friday Social Hour***, an informal get-together to finalize plans for that month's activity, share an adult beverage, and meet prospective new members. Tess and RV Wheeler hosted in August, Laura and Randy Vaughan had the honors in September, and Jill and Al DeMarchi are on tap for October. Thank you, hosts, for welcoming us into your homes! The final *First Friday* meeting for 2011 will be November 4th, at

the Calveloux residence, 168 William Screven Street, at 1930 (7:30 PM). Everyone is welcome; refreshments will be served.

If you would like to join the Wedgefield Boat Club, or just learn more about our growing group, please come to a *First Friday* Social Hour, pick up a flyer at the WPA Office, drop us a note by e-mail at [wedgefieldboatclub@sc.rr.com](mailto:wedgefieldboatclub@sc.rr.com), or navigate to our web site [www.wedgefieldboatclub.com](http://www.wedgefieldboatclub.com).

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Announcing a meeting you don't want to miss. Mark your calendars, for Saturday November 5, 2011. The Fellowship Hall of Georgetown Presbyterian Church will host a meeting at 10:00 am for the membership of Wedgefield Plantation.

The topic – WPA's Future Progression. A Feasibility Committee was formed under Finance to explore ideas that have allowed similar Associations to succeed and provide more benefits for their memberships. The Committee will conduct a presentation on the services and advantages of hiring a management company to assist the Board.

An invitation for this meeting has been mailed to all residents and the card will be your admission ticket for the meeting.

## Wedgefield Ladies 18 hole Golf League

### September 28<sup>th</sup> Event Club Tournament



**1st low net:** Janet Ransom  
**2nd low net:** Mady Cavanaugh  
**3rd low net:** Marge Miller

**Low Putts:** Mary Tuttle

**Closest to the pin:**  
#3 Marge Miller  
#13 Mady Cavanaugh  
#16 Mary Tuttle

**Birdies:** Kitty Yun #5

**Chip-ins:**  
Janet Ransom #3  
Mady Cavanaugh #9

Golf was followed by a great lunch at the Plantation House.

## SEASONAL TRANSITIONS

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Fall is fast approaching, the temperature is coming down and the ballot boxes are coming out. Every newspaper, television and radio is promoting candidates for election. The Wedgefield Wragg is proud to present a full slate of ten candidates for our annual election.

**The election date is Saturday, *November 19, 2011* and will be held at the Georgetown High School auditorium. The doors will open at *9:00am*. Your presence is highly anticipated.**

THIS YEAR -- YOUR VOTE WILL BE THE DECIDING FACTOR,  
YOUR VOTE WILL BE THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR  
ASSOCIATION AND YOUR VOTE WILL DETERMINE THE  
FUTURE OF THE PLANTATION.

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So mark your calendar and make plans now to cast your vote. The election material package mailed to your home will contain information about all the candidates running for the five seats available and the two suggested Bylaw changes.

The *first* decision that you need to make is whether you want to attend the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote in person or if you want to take advantage of the proxy and mail in your vote. The *second* decision is to choose your candidates. Study their resumes for a broad range of experience and then go beyond that and look at their personalities. Some of the seats available will be for three year terms. So, carefully consider more than one issue or one character trait. The *third* decision is regarding the two bylaw changes – bylaw changes require a 2/3 vote.

If, you need assistance, have questions or concerns – do not hesitate to call the office.

You have paid for the privilege to vote, so don't miss the chance to express your desires and make a difference – please vote!

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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### Wedgefield Plantation Association Candidates for Board of Directors 2011 Annual Meeting: November 19, 2011

#### **JOHN MCBRIDE**

73 Swamp Fox Lane  
RESIDENT: 8 years

My goal if elected to the board, is to work toward making Wedgefield Plantation the best place to live in Georgetown. To achieve this I would commit to the following:  
Practice & advocate the importance of following our bi-laws & covenants. Focus on long range planning to facilitate adequate & realistic budgeting. Work cooperatively with attention on what is best or in the best interest of the plantation. Increase greater resident involvement on committees & WPA activities so that there is a greater bas of community participation & sharing of ideas. My experience includes WPA board member & officer, Legal Chair, Secretary, serving on committees and participation in WPA sponsored events. I am knowledgeable about the bi-laws and covenants as well as the history of the plantation. As a retiree from Eastman Kodak, with a Chemical Engineering degree from Washington State University, I look forward to utilizing all my skills & experience to serve all the residents of Wedgefield.

#### **RON PIETKEWICZ**

38 Haig Ct  
RESIDENT: 13 years

Extensive WPA board experience, having served more than 3 elected terms. During that time I served as President, Vice President & Secretary. I have also served as Chairperson on the WPA Legal Committee & ARC. As a straight shooter residents know exactly what's on my mind. The number one responsibility of any board member is Fiduciary. Board members must put the community's best interest before & ahead of one's own. I am a retired HS Principle from Middletown, NJ, one of the largest districts in the state. I am a holder of a Bachelors of Arts Degree, Masters of Arts Degree and Doctorate(Ed.D) Degree. Marie & I have lived on Haig Ct since Sept. 1998 and I am more than ready to serve my community again.

#### **FRED THOMAS**

185 John Waites Ct  
RESIDENT: 7 years

I have over 40 years' experience in business. I also have experience in Contracting, Bidding & Construction. I have a SC Property Management License and own a financial management co. with both an Insurance & Securities license. I have served on the WPA board for 2 years.

## **JACKIE WALTERS**

135 Jericho Ct  
RESIDENT: 17 years

I have served on the WPA board for the last year as Communications chair & have recently been asked to take over the Welcoming Committee which I have. I am also Editor of the Wedgefield Wragg. I would like to be a part of the team that brings a resolution to the conflicts that have torn the community apart. I feel we are coming close to that & would like to help bring Wedgefield residents back together.

## **GEORGE WILSON**

176 King George Rd  
RESIDENT: 12 years

I have served on the WPA board on 2 separate occasions. In the past I have served as Secretary & twice as President. I look forward to the time when we can put the canal issue behind us & lower the Annual Assessments to a more reasonable amount.

## **JANINE CLINE**

152 Captain Anthony White  
RESIDENT: 6 years

I would like to serve on the Board to promote a more positive image of Wedgefield. I have 30 years' experience in owning a small business and I understand finance. I would like to work on a committee focused on improving the physical appearance of the community and raising the standards of maintenance.

## **ALAN A. DEMARCHI**

1170 Francis Parker  
RESIDENT: 3 years

Bring business sense to the board. Make rational decisions for the benefit of the overall plantation. Have served on ARC, audit & finance committees and devoted time to several individual functions. Retiring full time in Nov. and will have time to devote to the board responsibilities. Currently serve on Tideland Community Hospice Board of Directors.

## **LARRY MCMILLIN**

56 William Screven Road  
RESIDENT: 5 years

This has been a tumultuous 3 years as a board member. I have been dedicated to improving Wedgefield, while conserving as much money as possible. I have given countless hours and dollars to accomplish what I perceived needed done. I promote volunteer participation to make others feel they are a part of the community. I treat others with respect, even when they do not. I have no use for egos or petty politics, and am not about being praised, just a desire to do what I feel will make us more attractive and governed efficiently. There is much more to be done, and I hope we can reach a workable solution to our differences and be very proud to live here.

**WILLIAM STEINER**

180 Live Oak Lane  
RESIDENT: 20 years

My wife Sandra and I are retired South Carolina educators, and very active members of Georgetown Community Church. I am a Vietnam veteran and have previously been a member of the Georgetown Optimist. I do volunteer SAT math tutoring. Recent actions by the WPA have resulted unnecessarily in dramatic legal expenses to all of us, as well as resulting in devaluation of all our properties. With a WPA Board truly representative of All property owners, we can make decisions without involvement of lawyers, much less the courts. This situation is simply intolerable and must cease immediately. The Board also needs to address the recent imposition of storm water “drainage fees” by Georgetown County. At \$52 per residence, this is more than \$30,000 in assessments from which we get not benefit. The County provides no services for clearing out our ditches. It only provides services for clearing the ditches on Wedgefield Road up to the Plantation entrance. At that point they expect us to maintain the storm water drainage for water they direct onto our property, while at the same time charging us for this service.

**CAROL R. ZIESKE**

218 King George Road  
RESIDENT: 16 years

Retired from Dort Federal Credit Union, a federally chartered full service financial organization, in April of 1994. I was Executive Vice President and Acting Chief Financial Officer with extensive experience in all financial services. Served as the WPA Board treasurer from 1997 to 2005, and again from 2007-2008. During my service, I converted all of our financial accounting to computer programs, which effectively served our community for well over ten years. All CPA audits showed that Generally Accepted Accounting Principles were followed. I also worked to update our Bylaws and authored our Policy Manual from Board approved minutes. I believe I can again serve our community by fairly representing all of the membership. I would be interested in the Finance and Legal Committees, as I have had a great deal of experience in my past life as liaison with all of our five attorneys and during the ten years I worked with the Association attorneys researching and reviewing all aspects of Association laws and regulations.

## Announcements

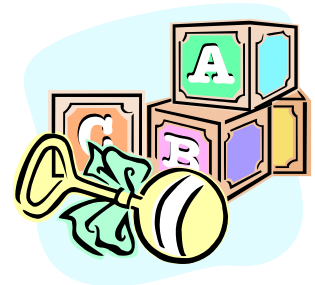
Women of Wedgefield Bridge Club recently celebrated 20 years. Thirty women were treated to lunch and several rounds of duplicate bridge at The Wedgefield Plantation House on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The founder, Thelma Beaubian, was presented a tray and a cup engraved with:

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1991-2011  
The Wedgefield Bridge Club  
Thelma Beaubian  
Our teacher, our mentor, and player  
In Appreciation of  
Your Leadership and Dedication



## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Lara and Ricky Liggett of Retreat Lane! The Liggetts are the proud parents of **TRIPLETS!** The trio was born on at MUSC in Charleston. **Rynn Chasteen, Delaney Claire** and **Landen Shaw** were born at 9:35, 9:36 and 9:37am, respectively. The babies are doing well and all should be home soon. We look forward to watching them grow up in Wedgefield!



## Wedgefield “Can Club”

The Wedgefield “Can Club” saves aluminum cans to benefit Water Missions International ([www.watermissions.org](http://www.watermissions.org)) which sends water treatment systems to parts of the world where people are dying due to contaminated water. Often victims are children under the age of 5 years. Please consider joining the Wedgefield “Can Club”. Cans collected can be dropped off in bags in the driveway of 73 Swamp Fox Lane or can be picked up by calling Carolyn McBride at 520.1853. Thanks in advance for your help!

## Wedgefield Resident is an Ironman!

**Thomas Pittman**, son of Danny and Barbara Pittman, completed his first Ironman in Louisville, KY, on Sunday, August 28, 2011, in 13:57:52. From the age of 14, Thomas knew he wanted to participate in an Ironman before his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. At the age of 20, he fulfilled his dream; swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles, and running 26.2 miles. His accomplishment is even more rewarding because as a junior at Georgetown High, he was injured during pre-game football practice and was told he would never run again. As a soccer player, football player, cross-country runner and track athlete, the news was devastating. A second opinion gave him his life back and Thomas is now a very motivated and successful tri-athlete.



Thomas has participated in the Charleston Sprint Triathlon Series on James Island for several summers always coming in first or second in his age division. He also participated in a Half-Ironman in September 2009 in Ninety-Six, SC. Thomas is also a member of The College of Charleston Cycling Team.

This College of Charleston junior, with a 3.88 GPA, is planning to pursue a career in the medical field. Thomas is the son of Danny and Barbara Pittman and the brother of Elizabeth Pittman Lee and Amanda Pittman Frye.

Congratulations to Thomas and his proud family!

## Wedgefield Holiday Decorating



The holiday decorating committee will be gathering the week of November 14 – November 18 to decorate the entrance area, circle and office. **Please consider joining our committee to help make the holidays a special and beautiful time for our residents and guests.** We welcome all help and any suggestions or concerns you may have. If you would like to join us, please email [wedgefieldnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wedgefieldnewsletter@yahoo.com) and get us your contact information so we can work around everyone's schedules.

### Georgetown's Annual Singing Christmas Tree

First Baptist Church  
Highmarket Street, Georgetown, South Carolina  
December 9, 11 & 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm  
December 10, 2011 at 3:00 and 7:00  
For more information call 843-546-5187



### Christmas Eve Luminaries

One of the many highlights of the holiday season in our community is the lighting of the Christmas luminaries on Christmas Eve. For many years, finding enough reasonably priced candles to light the entire plantation was a problem. After much discussion, the board has made the decision to purchase a bulk of candles which they are prepared to offer to residents at a much discounted price to help offset this problem. Candles will be available for purchase at the office at a cost of .15 per candle. We hope to have the candles on hand by the end of November for street captains to purchase for each street. If you would like to help, we urge you to contact your street captain to make a donation and volunteer to help set out, light or pick up luminaries. The list of street captains will be available on the WPA website ([www.wedgefield-plantation.com](http://www.wedgefield-plantation.com)) by mid-November.



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