CCCP. Do you remember the letters – most visible during Olympic years – usually white on a field of red?

I remember. Like a quaint relic from my childhood. Russian (or Cyrillic, I think) shorthand for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the USSR.

If I were to watch a replay today of Mike Eruzione’s 1980 USA hockey team upset of the mighty Soviet Red Army team at Lake Placid, I’d probably cry a little, overwhelmed with underdog joy and national pride, even though the outcome is well known. We’re almost four decades removed from the Miracle on Ice, and more than 32 years (June 12, 1987) from Ronald Reagan’s triumphant insistence: “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down that wall.”

It’s easy to demonize an enemy in the abstract. Frictionless vitriol is one of the most toxic by-products of the digital age. When you’re not forced to look your adversary in his eyes, you ignore natural empathic instincts. But travel humanizes strangers – people whose customs and perspectives seem strange to us…groups who champion ideas and ideals antithetical to our own.

Since I was little kid, I have been inculcated with distrust of and disdain for Russia, first in its Soviet form and now as Putin’s personal ATM. And Russia hasn’t done much to persuade me that my thinking is flawed. But there is Russia, and then there are Russians. And a state or a system and the individuals who are born into it can be different things.

Just as we don’t pick our families, we aren’t able to choose our planetary entry point. Separated by oceans and inundated by purposeful noise, it’s difficult to remember that humans are animals with shared characteristics, no matter which flag you fly. Still, one of the most powerful human instincts is fear…especially of the unknown. So, despite how evolved we consider ourselves to be, we are pre-disposed to like some people more than others. “You’re either with me or against me,” the saying goes.

It’s been a long time since I’ve seen “CCCP.” And never on a monument right in front of me. So it was jarring to come across a white statue emblazoned with the letters in a humble churchyard in Norway, 155 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Norwegians have amazing facility with English. Inside the small adjacent church – evidently the oldest in northern Europe, built around 1100, give or take a few years – I grabbed a pamphlet summarizing local history. And I learned the CCCP statue is a tribute to the estimated 100,000 Soviet prisoners-of-war that Hitler relocated to Norway during World War II. In Harstad, the town with the church, Nazi forces compelled prisoners into slave labor, killing 800 Soviet soldiers, their remains now resting beneath the church’s wildflower-dotted lawn.

Harstad is a quiet place. I saw only one other man as I wandered the church grounds. Seagulls and gently lapping waves were the only sounds interrupting my thoughts. In the eerie calm, my mind raced. I imagined faces of young men in uniforms – faces that I have never seen in real life. And I felt a measure of sadness, for the ancestors of my enemies-in-principle who had perished in this faraway place.

That’s the essence of travel. It connects. It demystifies. It gives the fuzzy image of a stranger – friend or foe – a recognizable face.

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A FOND FAREWELL

It is with a mixture of profound emotions that I write this letter to formally announce my retirement from The Landings Club, effective Saturday, September 7. I have enjoyed getting to know so many new friends, members, our staff and golf professionals in my 9+ years at the club. As I depart, I’d like to thank you for being such wonderful friends and colleagues.

Mostly, I’d like to thank my boss, Brian Sams, for putting up with me for most of this time. It’s difficult, if you aren’t around Brian every day, to imagine how dedicated and giving he continues to be. He is indeed a treasure and one of the finest gentlemen I have ever had the privilege to know and work with.

I’d also like to thank Tad Sanders and Mike McNutt, who both originally hired me and took a chance on me. I owe them my heartfelt gratitude for that gesture. Both have always shown me kindness and consideration.

I look forward to addressing some ongoing health issues in the near term. I need time away from the club to address these issues.

I also would like to spend what time I have been granted to enjoy traveling with my wife, Annie, in our newly purchased motor home. We intend to visit our grandchildren and also throw some of the finest SEC tailgate parties in the Southeast on a regular basis.

If by some stroke of luck I am allowed to return at some future time, I’d love to continue sharing my 62 years of golf experience with you all. I have adored getting the opportunity to teach a large number of our members. Perhaps we were able to make your golf game more enjoyable. If so, then the project has been mutually beneficial.

Among those I have been lucky to work with are Reed Lotter, Hunter Goldstein, and Ava Cottis. I see great futures ahead for these fine young people. I hope they will continue to impress us all and make us proud in the days and years ahead. I believe there is no limit to where their talent and hard work will take each of them.

With that, thank you one and all for a wonderful experience at the club. I hope to see all of you soon.

Chip Chambers
Assistant Golf Professional
Plantation Club
It was a hot summer day as I made my way back from visiting my parents’ home in Wilmington, North Carolina. Avoiding the interstate, I took Highway 17 down through Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand. I picked up lunch in Georgetown, Horry, and would remain within his extended family for well over 200 years. The middle section of the home was constructed by a French Huguenot refugee in the 1740s. The lumber came from the pines around the plantation, with the foundation bricks coming as ballast on ships from England. The house soon came into the ownership of Daniel Horry, and would remain within his extended family for well over 200 years. Later in the 18th Century the home was the center of a large plantation operation. At one time, there were more than 300 slaves tending the fields and maintaining the home. Horry’s son added two wings, creating extra bedrooms and a large ballroom that features large heart-pine floors – each board is 40 feet long and runs the entire length of the room. Cracks in the ceiling and walls, which occurred during the 1886 earthquake, can still be seen in the ballroom.

The Santee River.

The Poet and the Plantation

story and photos by Jeff Garrison

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Hampton Plantation is roughly 5½ hours north of Skidaway Island, 60 miles north of Charleston and two miles west of US 17. Much of Archibald Rutledge’s work can be found at Archive.org.

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A Deserted Plantation

Over the fields and the far lonely strand
The barren broom-grass waves, the lost winds sigh;
Grey-shrouded oaks and rustling laurels high
To sentinel the desolation stand.

"The Banners of the Coast"

The wild seed woods are deep on either hand.
Beneath the blue and trembling Southern sky,
– Archibald Rutledge,
There is a beauty here that cannot die,
And gazed upon the burial of his heart.
For he beheld the tomb of all his race,
A loneliness, and of that scene a part,
stood,
With anguish dim. Faint with vain tears he
face
And the still twilight seemed to search his
I saw a mourner in that solitude,
For love makes a beautiful ruined land.

Archibald’s mother was also an inspiring woman. In the writer’s memoirs, she recounts a fire that occurred around a chimney in the house when he was a young boy. His father was away and his mother quickly organized the plantation workers to create a bucket line from the creek to the house. Children and women passed buckets to the men who doused the burning rafters. The house was saved. He also recalled his mother’s quick action during and following the earthquake that destroyed much of Charleston in 1886. According to lore, the family was staying at their summer home near the water in McClellanville when the tremors struck. Afterward, a huge wave began to push water into the house. Archibald’s quick-thinking mother turned over a table and set the boy and his youngest sister on it, creating a makeshift boat for the two toddlers while she saw to the safety of her other children. The water continued to rise until it was at the height of the doorknob, making for an exciting boat ride around the home until the waters receded.

(Archibald Rutledge is a product of his time. He writes fondly about the former slaves who still lived around Hampton when he was a boy, dedicating a book, God’s Children, to describing what he learned from them. But there is a sense of paternalism in his writing as he describes their lives. While a wonderful story, I have not found any other evidence of a tsunami following the quake. Such an event seems unlikely as the epicenter of the quake was inland, near Monck’s Corner. Furthermore, a tsunami following the quake. Such an event seems unlikely as the

I stopped again at the plantation this past March. It was not nearly as hot as it had been that July, two years earlier. Hiking around the property, I enjoyed the beauty of the flowers in the gardens Archibald Rutledge tilled a half-century ago. Spring in the air. Birds building nests in the trees and squirrels chasing each other across the ground.

Springing in the air. Birds building nests in the trees and squirrels chasing each other across the ground. Slowing down to watch, I caught a glimpse of the beauty that Rutledge tilled a half-century ago. Spring in the air. Birds building nests in the trees and squirrels chasing each other across the ground.

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I don’t understand more than a dozen words of Portuguese, and those solely from my affinity for the music of Sergio Mendes and Brazil ’66. There is a word in that beautiful tongue, “saudade,” which means a pleasure you suffer or a pain you enjoy. What a perfect description for a round of golf. The game is nothing if not oxymoronic, which means that its devotees are idiots. Author Leonard Brick- et has written 13 children’s novels, collectively titled A Series of Unfortunate Events. That’s a terse synopsis of my typical day on the links, and I have written 13 children’s novels, collectively titled A Series of Unfortunate Events. That’s another apposite representation of my golfing life and has the strength to mesmerize the mediocre golfer that ignores past mistakes, and expect anything to change for the better? Is there some Sisyphean imperfection in the limited character? The person who perseveres believing it will get better. As a golfer, I know whom the greater fool is. My brother has been searching for a decent swing for more than 45 years. When I pointed out the utter futility of his efforts, he said, “Well, Rome wasn’t built in a day.”

To which I replied, “No, Rome wasn’t built in a day, but after 45 years at least they had the foundations in.”

At age 67, he is taking yet another series of lessons from the new head professional at his club. The former pro had summed up his fieldless swing thusly, “There’s a lot of slope going on there.”

As an acute assessment of my brother’s “very particular set of skills” as I have heard. The new pro quickly concluded that my brother’s swing required a complete re- construction. He dramatically changed his alignment, stance, ball position, and moved him closer to the ball. My brother protested, claiming that it felt overwhelmingly alien. The pro said, “Excellent! Now it’s your job to figure out how to hit a golf ball from that position.”

After he stopped laughing, my brother’s reply should have been, “Given enough time, I could probably learn to hit a ball while standing on one leg and singing La Marseillaise.”

Of course, the pro would have countered, “True, but your singing might prove a distraction to other players on the course, and just try working the ball with that technique.”

My brother finally concluded that, at his age, golf lessons are now about as useful as a video cassette recorder and a microgram machine. He’s resigned himself to digging it out of the damned dirt, a la Hogan. His golf instructors, for the most part, haven’t even been able to tell him to dig over there, rather than over there. Perhaps he will pick up another day.

I’ve been where my brother is now. While playing softball as an adult of 35, I injured the soft tissue controlling my left thumb due to a glancing blow from a fierce line drive. The golfers in our lives will never understand.

Having been passionately devoted to the
Without opposable thumbs, what are we really? (We are soccer hooligans.)

After five years of abstinence, a strong desire to play golf again returned. Somehow, I had to find a method that would allow me to do so. The thumb was still unusable for golf, so I tried a baseball grip, which felt utterly strange after the Vardon grip I had always used. Without the left thumb in contact with the shaft to control the length of the backswing, my swing soon resembled that of John Daly. Timing and tempo had to be perfect, but I was back playing. Eventually, the baseball grip felt normal. It was just a matter of excavating sufficient soil.

The key to the golf swing is to sync the movement of the arms with that of the legs, although there is a way around this. Doug Sanders’ swing was all arms. He took a very wide stance and had a short backswing. He wasn’t long, but accurate. The modern game of bash-it-and-gash-it makes no accommodation for short hitters. If you have the arms of a blacksmith, the Sanders method might work today, but since I have the arms of a Barbie doll, I’m out of luck. Besides, a blacksmith can’t make a two-foot putt when it matters. Then again, neither can I.

Bobby Jones called his putter “Calamity Jane.” Ascribing human qualities to inanimate objects is known as a “pathetic fallacy.” So is my putting stroke.
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Follow These Easy Health Tips

If you’re sick while traveling, St. Joseph’s/Candler Smart Care 24/7 is here to help.

Traveling can be exciting and adventurous, but trips can be disruptive to your health. With just a little preparation, you can increase the odds of having a safe and healthy trip. Here are some easy-to-remember health tips to consider when you are traveling by plane or by automobile.

FLYING

• Reduce your exposure to viruses. With more than 3.5 billion people flying each year, airplane cabins can be a source of viruses. Wash your hands often and use antibacterial wipes to clean your seat’s tray and arms.

• Stay hydrated. Dehydration can cause headaches, fatigue, constipation, or dizziness. To avoid an uncomfortable flight and an ill feeling when you arrive, drink plenty of water during the flight and avoid caffeinated drinks that can worsen dehydration.

• Minimize jet lag. Traveling between time zones can throw off your circadian rhythms, which regulate your sleep/wake cycle. It can take your body a few days to adjust to a new time zone, leaving you feeling groggy, fatigued, and moody. To minimize these disruptions, book an early flight for travel east and a late flight for travel west. At departure, set your watch to Eastern daylight time immediately prior to takeoff; at arrival, adjust your watch to Western daylight time just prior to landing.

• Prevent blood clots. Sitting in the same position for prolonged periods increases the risk of blood clots or deep vein thrombosis (DVT). Such clots, which form in your legs, can dislodge and travel to the heart or lungs. Swelling, pain or tenderness, and redness in the extremities are all symptoms of DVT. Before you take your seat, stow your carry-on luggage in the overhead compartment to increase legroom. When the seatbelt sign is off, get out of your seat and move around the cabin. Walking around gets blood circulating. Avoid sitting with your legs crossed.

• Avoid getting car sick. Although it’s not a serious condition, motion sickness can make traveling very unpleasant. To avoid getting car sick, sit in the front or drive, if possible. Closing your eyes and taking long, deep breaths may also help. Aromatherapy, ginger candy or other flavored lozenges may help. If you have a history of motion sickness, there are over-the-counter medications that may treat or prevent motion sickness.

• Reduce your chances of getting in a crash. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among healthy travelers, and no medication can prevent a car wreck. To minimize your risk of being injured in a motor vehicle accident:
  • Always wear your seat belt
  • Place children securely in car seats
  • Wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle
  • Know local traffic laws ahead of time
  • Don’t drink and drive
  • Avoid your cell phone, especially texting while driving.

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Seth Gilluly is a fairly new member of the Savannah Police Department. He is also the son of Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Gilluly, whom we featured last issue. Like father, like son, both men are dedicated to law enforcement.

The younger Gilluly’s journey to Savannah is circuitous. Born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, he majored in criminal justice at the University of Memphis. After graduating in 2013, he worked in retail for a year, saving enough money to satisfy a desire to travel Europe. He headed to Prague, in the Czech Republic, eager to immerse himself into the local culture. He didn’t know a thing about the city or its people, but he was determined to assimilate. Taking a job in a coffee shop, he quickly mastered the Czech language. Within a few months, he secured a certificate to teach English to locals, both as a private instructor and at a language school. He even became somewhat proficient in the Russian language.

Gilluly’s yearning to experience different cultures fed his wanderlust throughout Europe. As both his income and free-time allowed, he traveled by rail, usually carrying no more than a backpack. “The three itinerant years which I experienced visiting much of Europe were some of the best times of my life,” he happily recalls.

In early 2017, the pull towards home prevailed, and Gilluly returned to America. By then, his family had relocated to Savannah. With another new city to explore, he applied for an opening in the local police department and began his training that summer.

Following a month of recruit training, Gilluly spent three months at the Georgia Police Academy. An additional 11 weeks at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center elevated him to certified police officer. He then completed eight weeks of group training, known as Patrol School, culminating in a badge-pinning ceremony. A final training phase followed, consisting of four three-week sessions accompanying a veteran police officer on patrol. Then, Gilluly was qualified to patrol and respond to calls on his own.

On March 12, 2018, Gilluly began his regularly scheduled patrols by squad car, alternating day and night shifts every two months. Most of our local police officers patrol alone, so it is an absolute necessity that they respond as quickly as possible to support another patrolman answering a call within a reasonable distance. Gilluly says that most of his calls fall into one of four categories – domestic disputes, physical fights, disorderly conduct, or civil issues. He and his fellow officers do their best to de-escalate each situation, arrest usually being a last resort. “We are there just as much to assist as we are to enforce,” he explains.

With a smile, Gilluly says that a good policeman needs to be thick-skinned. “We get called a lot of names, especially when there is alcohol or high emotion involved.”

Gilluly says that the most satisfying aspect of his job is when he is able to locate a missing youth or help someone with a solvable problem before it evolves into something more serious. “I am trained in mental health, which can really help in some situations,” he adds.

Gilluly’s beat has its share of incidents, and he appreciates the importance of his work. “Many of the residents welcome my presence,” he says, “because they know I am there to help keep the peace throughout the neighborhood. Most of them know me and trust me, and vice versa.”

That is community-policing as it should be.

Although relatively young and new to the job, Gilluly is a trained peer counselor. “Being a police officer can sometimes be very stressful, and occasionally they (other officers) may need a fellow officer to render advice or understanding, and I am glad to be able to do that,” he says.

Gilluly is confident he has found the proper profession. “Who knows?” he asks, rhetorically. “Someday I may follow my father into federal law enforcement.”
Most people become increasingly focused on planning and saving as they near retirement age. The most common questions people ask is: “Will I have enough money?” Followed closely by: “When can I retire?”

But what about high-earners who know they’ll have enough money for their golden years? Is retirement planning still important? What types of factors do they need to consider?

Surprisingly, no matter what your net worth, many of the concerns are similar. Therefore, good advice can useful for anyone nearing retirement, regardless of relative affluence.

**PLAN TO LIVE LONGER THAN YOU THINK YOU WILL.**

One of the most vital facts people often fail to realize is that they will likely have a long retirement – much longer than their parents had. According to the Social Security Administration, a 65-year-old today can expect to live another 19 to 21 years, on average. And if you’re not average? One in four 65-year-olds will reach age 90 and one in 10 will live more than 95 years. So, even if you spend 40 or 45 years working, you could live another 30 years as a retiree. This highlights the importance of saving as much as you can toward retirement during your working years, because you’re going to need to support yourself – and perhaps your spouse – for a long time.

**PLAN TO SAVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.**

It should come as no surprise that having money set aside for retirement is critical, no matter how affluent one may be. Even those who earn a lot of money during their lifetimes won’t be in great shape during retirement if they spend too much and save too little. There are many stories of high-earners who spend it all on houses, cars and vacations and end up with little in the way of savings.

You ‘ll need a nest egg to support the lifestyle you desire when you’re ready to call it quits. Did you know that 45 percent of workers who are 55 or older have less than $100,000 in savings and investments? This is nowhere near enough, even with Social Security payments, when you consider what you’ll need for even a year’s worth of living expenses, never mind 20 or more years.

You may not be able to save consistently year in and year out throughout your lifetime. The ability to save is generally related to the life phase you’re in and your related expenses. No matter what phase of your working life you’re in now, save as much as you can. It’s never too late to start saving.

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PLAN TO SPEND MORE THAN YOU EXPECT.

Many people spend almost as much in retirement as they did during their working life. Even though the mortgage may be paid off, some people purchase second homes, decide to winter in warmer climates, travel to visit children and grandchildren, or start exploring the world once they have more free time. When you were working, you were not spending much money during the day. When you are retired, whatever you choose to do with your time tends to cost money. That’s an important consideration when estimating your monthly retirement expenses.

When you become less active due to normal aging or illness, your primary expenses will be things like healthcare and long-term care or assisted living. Long-term care insurance is one possibility, but it can be expensive and it’s not always easy to qualify for payouts. Consider how you will cover these costs of aging as part of your overall retirement planning.

PLAN TO WORK LONGER THAN YOU WANT TO.

If your expenses aren’t going to decrease much and you’re likely to live a long time after you retire, one of the most effective ways to help ensure you have enough money to last your lifetime – and to meet any estate planning goals – is to continue working as long as you can. Almost everybody wants to stop working at some point. But given that these may be your highest wage-earning years and you just might live to be 100, it is advised you consider working while you can. According to a recent Gallup poll, non-retired Americans, on average, say they will retire at age 66. This is up significantly since the 1990s, when the average American projected retiring at age 60.

The age at which you choose to retire can impact your expenses during retirement. If you retire before age 65, you won’t qualify for Medicare. For most people, that means paying 100 percent of the cost of medical insurance. Many people choose to work longer, in part, so they can defer taking Social Security payments until they reach age 70, which maximizes their benefits.

PLAN TO CONTINUE INVESTING.

There are many factors when it comes to managing an investment portfolio during retirement. For many of our clients, we don’t get overly conservative with investments, which would almost be like putting money under the mattress and hoping it will last. Assuming you’ve successfully made it to retirement and are able to continue living within your means, your portfolio can keep growing.

It’s not uncommon for people to think that they should take less risk with investments as retirement approaches, but that’s not always true. Given that your expenses are likely to be higher than you expect, and you’re probably going to live longer than you think, it may not be appropriate to have all your money in low or no-risk investments. Many people tend to follow the old rule-of-thumb that the percentage of your savings in stocks should equal 100 minus your age; the rest should be in conservative investments, like bonds. You and your financial planner should decide what investments are right for you based on your risk tolerance and other factors. Don’t be surprised if you’re advised not to tuck most of your money away in a savings account.

PLAN FOR TAX IMPLICATIONS.

One of the things you may want to consider is optimizing your assets for tax purposes during retirement. For example, does it make sense to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA before retirement and pay the upfront taxes? To answer this question, you’ll want to examine whether you expect your tax rate to be higher or lower during retirement. Another important consideration is your own personal views about paying taxes. Some people are concerned with paying the least amount of tax possible. This may compel them to do things like move to Florida or another tax-friendly location. Others are less concerned about taxes; for example, retiring to California because they like it there, even though it may mean paying significantly higher taxes.

PLAN TO KEEP PLANNING.

The planning doesn’t end once the retirement finish line is in sight. In fact, some of the most important strategizing can take place near retirement. Continue reviewing your plan throughout your retirement years because your situation and goals are likely to change. Your wealth management team can help you with retirement planning at each stage of your life, taking all these factors – and many more – into consideration.

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THE NEW YOU
WHAT: Are you a New Neighbors member?
CONTACT: To join, go to the website and click Membership, or contact Milli at mncollection200@gmail.com
WHAT ELSE: New Neighbors is a very active club open to any individual who lives at The Landings on a full- or part-time basis, over the age of 21 and has never belonged to the Landings New Neighbors. The club offers more than 250 different activities, tours and events for you to enjoy. Go to www.landingsneighbors.com to see more examples of how exciting New Neighbors can be.

GOTTA LOVE IT
WHAT: Landlovers welcomes you!
CONTACT: Landlovers Membership Chair, Cee Calcaterra at cecacalcaterra@gmail.com or 903.505.5483
WHAT ELSE: Landlovers Club is open to all Landings residents no matter how long one has lived here! Our club offers a variety of social activities and events like Beat market, house tours and garden tours. To learn more about us, visit landlingslovers.com and click on “The Happenings” tab on the left.

NEW AND NOTeworthy
WHAT: Landlovers Love Notes (new Landlovers member
WHERE: Signing up now, so don’t delay!
CONTACT: Marianne Clayman, clayman202@gmail.com or text 505.670.2454
WHAT ELSE: Joint Landlovers friends and neighbors in the new mixed chorus, Love Notes. Singers, keyboard/piano and guitar players needed and welcome, as well as other instruments. Open to Landlovers members only.

RACE relations
WHAT: Skidaway Island Boating Club’s Low-country Hook Ocean Race and Awards Dinner
WHERE: Saturday, Aug. 24; Racers arrive Friday, Sep. 6
WHAT ELSE: Share your vacation with those in need. Did you travel this summer and stay at a hotel? If you have a unused personal-size air pod or other supplies, consider donating them. (N o masks, or orange juice, please.)
WHAT ELSE: Proceeds will be taken to Saint Apollonai, and organization that works with poor, homeless and disabled people.

RUN FOR JUANE
WHAT: A unique off-road 5K/10K/15K run/ walk, part of St. Joseph’s/Candler Lendekis Cap Regata series of events, in honor of Dr. Jane Philbrick
WHERE: Saturday, Aug. 11
WHAT ELSE: Proceeds help support scholarship programs and the local community.

MUSICAL Chairs
WHAT: Music Academy - professional music instruction for ages 7-12
WHERE: Wednesday, 4-6 p.m., beginning Aug. 21
WHERE: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 6 West Ridge Rd., across from Public
HOW MUCH: Flexible - tuition assistance available.
CONTACT: email tmckee@stpeterssavannah.org for information and to reserve your child’s place for the 2019-2020 year.

MAGical MYStery tour
WHAT: The works of Carol F. Cohen and Angela Bradley
WHERE: Aug. 1 through 30; artisans’ reception: Aug. 2. 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abbeville Street
CONTACT: Vicky Lamkin, 355.8111 or vicky@bays.org
WHAT ELSE: Angela Maggioni Beasley and Carol Fleishacker Cohen, two friends from childhood, have spent their lives following their own artistic paths. Angela’s lifetime vacation of building and performing with puppets (Puppet People) began by sculpting in clay. Carol’s inspiration was to introduce and encouraged artistic expression across three generations through her teaching. She combines her talents with her lifelong study of spiritual teachings and symbols to create her own magical art. They have combined their creative energies and insights from their journeys to create a “Mythical and Mystical” exhibit for you.

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IshPOWeN
What: PEO Chapter II’s Annual Plant Sale
When: Orders are due by Sep. 6 to Oct. 7
Contact: Alice Wright at alar234@att.net for plant selections, prices and pre-order forms.
What Else: Pick up your preordered, prepaid plants between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church. PEO is a national philanthropic educational organization that raises funds for scholarships and loans for women who are entering college or whose education has been interrupted and in need to return to school to support themselves and/or their families, for women pursuing a career, or for international scholarships. Please consider purchasing your fall/winter plants and flowers from PEO Chapter II’s Plant Sale.

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A DiffeRence
WHAT: The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia-Beacon Tourament, presented by USI Insurance Services
WHERE: Friday, Sep. 6
WHAT ELSE: Proceeds help support hospital services and the children and families of George Washington
What Else: Professor at the University of South Florida, will present the first lecture, “Remaking History at George Washington’s Mount Vernon,” exploring the University’s Skidaway Marine Science Campus.
What Else: Free and open to the public
Contact: Space is limited. To reserve a seat, call 912.598.2352 or email mike.sullivan@skio.uga.edu
What Else: Underwater gliders, operated by researchers at the University of Georgia Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, are part of a national effort to use marine robots to improve the accuracy of storm forecast models. UGA Skidaway Institute researcher Catherine Edwards will discuss her work with marine robots in a program titled “Hurricane Gliders – Using Ocean Robots to Improve Tropical Storm Forecasts.”

Bats in the BellyFry
WHAT: “Nature’s Power-Plant Meat-Munching Bats”
Where: Sep. 10 at 6:30 p.m.
What Else: Free for Friends of Skidaway Audubon, Audubon members; $5 for non-members
Contact: Carolyn McIntyre 912.505.3700
What Else: Katrina Morris from the Savannah Chapter of the Audubon Society will present a program on native bats and their role in our environment, explaining the process of mist-nitting bats in the area. Jean Deitch, chair of the Audubon program, will give an update on the bat houses placed on our golf courses.

REVOLUTIONARY THINKING
What: Revolutionary Perspectives Lecture Series
Where: Sep. 10, Sep. 17, Sep. 24, Oct. 1
What Else: Free to members; $6 for non-members; $8 for students
Contact: Holly Elliott, Coastal Heritage Society 912.644.0179
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Pet ProjEcT
What: Save-A-Life Animal Welfare Agency will participate at Alice’s Street PetSmart Charities Adoption event.
Where: Saturday, Sep. 14, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
What Else: Free for the rescued cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies
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