

The Palmetto Hall

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Scott Slawson

Hope this message finds you and your family well and enjoying springtime in the Lowcountry. It's been a long winter and it's great to again be outdoors enjoying our beautiful island.

A few things to note before discussing your Board's goals for 2011:

- We've received a lot of feedback (which is great) on the recently added exit speedhump. The majority of the feedback has been positive and your Board supported the Security Committee's recommendation on its installation. Other communities that I've recently visited also utilize this speed control device at their exits (i.e., Palmetto Dunes, Long Cove, Wexford, and Sun City). We must all understand, our security staff operates in and around this area and their safety is paramount. Additionally, golfers, bikers, walkers, and joggers are also present in this very congested area and an added reminder for drivers to remain at safe speeds is not too much to ask or tolerate.
- This fall, your Board again plans to ask the community to vote in favor of a transfer fee on property sales. In the past, several realtors have spoken in support of this measure and additionally several other gated communities on the island already have, or are considering, this additional funding source. As we've learned, our Capital Reserves do not adequately cover the cost to replace or improve our aging assets/infrastructure. A transfer fee only modestly helps, but at least it's a start. Our Capital Reserve Fund balance represents equity built up over the years by property owners. When a property is sold, a transfer fee transitions this equity from the former owner to the new owner (i.e., new owners buy in to what you have already invested). We've barely missed passing this amendment in prior votes, so we ask for your continued support to include discussing with your neighbors why you feel it is beneficial to our community. Throughout this year, your Board will be communicating why we feel it is.

Your Board's goals for 2011, and beyond ...

Bob Gentzler, your Board Secretary, did a great job moving the Board through two goal setting workshops. There are certainly many areas where we could devote our resources, but the Board has settled on the following:

1. Improve communications & develop community spirit.

As we communicated via e-blast in February and on our front entrance marque, we've invited members to attend monthly Board meetings and at our last meeting had a couple persons accept our invitation. At the end of each meeting, time is allotted for attendee's questions and input. Please see the front marque or website (www.palmettohallhhi.com) for each month's meeting date/time. They are all held in our newly expanded POA office. We believe attendees may better understand issues confronting your Board, lend some assistance with communicating these within the community, and potentially have a newfound interest to serve on a future Board or volunteer in other ways. Regarding our goal of nurturing our community spirit (i.e., getting to know your neighbors better), please see the calendared events at the end of this message.



2. Improve our Community's Appearance & Plan for Infrastructure replacement.

We believe and have heard it from the community, our landscaping and roads require prompt attention. If we're going to be a 'premier residential community', we can't budget ourselves into providing anything less than a great first impression for those entering our Plantation or travelling our roads. We've asked our Maintenance Committee for ideas on how we go about sprucing up the front entrance and continuing that quality throughout the community. On April 18th, as a convenience to homeowners we've arranged for the community's landscape provider to pick-up personal landscape debris left at your curb. The requirements are: no contractor debris will be accepted, grass/leaf clippings need to be bagged, nothing individually weighing over 40 pounds should be left, and branches/palm cuttings need to be less than 4 feet in length. Concerning our roads, we're working to quickly develop comprehensive plans to replace this aging

asset. As most have noticed, our roads haven't gotten any better since we began studying them many years ago. What a great time to begin talk of replacing an oil dependent asset when material costs are near record levels, huh?

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3. Be proactive in assessing external opportunities and threats to our community.

Our past Board President, Bob Richardson, has agreed to consolidate our efforts regarding Airport expansion assuring both the Board and community are aware of developments and can react as needed. Bob will be working closely with Don Schwarz, Bob Walhaus, and many others that have invested countless hours assuring our community's interests are represented and communicated. Recently, your Board met with their counterparts from Port Royal Plantation and jointly discussed steps we can take to proactively keep both communities' interests safe and represented at Town Hall. Please see further information in this newsletter regarding the current status of the Airport. Your feedback is appreciated on this topic, including how often and by what means you would like future communications on this topic. Our goal is not limited to the Airport, but also includes assessment of legislative and environmental factors affecting our community as well.

4. Strengthen our community's relationship with Heritage/CNL.

Again this February, the golf club hosted an eGolf Tournament. Several members from the community opened their houses to players and additionally volunteered their time as starters and shuttle operators. This volunteer effort was appreciated and graciously recognized by both participants and the Heritage Golf Group. Our desire is that this partnership and desire to assist one another continues unilaterally. We've begun working with the club to plan family friendly events utilizing club amenities. Some possibilities we're currently discussing with club management is a one-day Member (Golf)/Member (Social) Golf Tournament as well as Friday night cookouts during the summer at the Pool.

5. Plan for our Future (Financially).

With two accountants on the Board, you just knew one of our goals would include numbers. Your Board supports the premise that 'having no plan, is a sure plan to fail'. As a result, we set as one of our goals a charge to the Finance Committee to prepare a financial plan for Board and community review. This plan would include development of potential funding sources for short term projects (i.e., our roads and landscaping improvements) and long term replacements of other assets (i.e., guard gates, road signs, computers, the next generation of roads, etc.). Joe Bogacz, your Board Treasurer, and I recently attended a meeting of the Island's gated communities discussing methods used to compute the funding required for inevitable asset replacement. It certainly opened our eyes that there is a lot to consider when completing this study considering varying asset lives and investment returns. Our responsibility to the Capital Fund requires that we annually set aside funds equal to, or exceeding, the cost of our expiring assets, allowing us to fund replacements without incurring debt. In non-accountant terminology - we don't want to leave new residents with a bill and an empty wallet. Again, a transfer fee assists with keeping the Capital Fund balance strong and assures we meet our responsibility.

As always, please remember your Board members are here to assist, serve, listen, and react. I can't begin to thank them enough, as well as those serving as committee heads, committee members, POA staff, Security staff, and numerous other volunteers within our community. Prior to joining the Board, I had no idea how much our community relied on volunteers to lend their time, talent, energy, and resources to make our community a great place to call home. If you aren't already involved, I'd encourage you to volunteer in some meaningful way.

Looking ahead:

- Open House at POA office – Friday, April 15th from 3:30 – 5:30.
Come meet the POA staff and Board and tour our expanded facilities (light food/ refreshments served).
- Neighborhood curb clean-up day, Saturday, April 16th
Landscape cuttings/trimmings will be picked up the following Monday at your curb.
- Neighborhood kickball game, Tucker Ridge ballfield – Sunday, April 17th – 2:00
Teams will be picked upon arrival – family friendly fun, grandparents, parents, and kids welcome.
- 3rd Annual Community Party recognizing our Volunteer of the Year – Saturday, September 10th – Save the date - further details to come.



Hope to see you around the community,
Scott Slawson
Your 2011 Board President



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

by Brad Tufts

This is the first Palmetto Hall newsletter in a long time that has not been put together by John Reda. We miss John and extend our sympathy and our thoughts and prayers to Linda and their family. John was a special communicator, and his dedication and hard work made it possible for all of us in Palmetto Hall to be better informed. Our community is richer because of his desire to make this a better place to live.

It would not have been possible to produce this product that you have in your hands without a special effort made by Marion, Katie and Courtney in the POA office. Many thanks for their initiative and dedication in jumping into the fray and helping us to come up with a quality product. Special and heartfelt thanks are also due Pete Smith for his willingness to devote considerable time and energy to this and future issues of the newsletter.

Palmetto Hall is unique on Hilton Head Island. Contributing to this special quality is the overall spirit of volunteerism demonstrated by a large segment of our community. We give time and talent to a variety of activities and organizations outside of our gates, and we also bring much to the plate in an effort to make our living environment as attractive and enjoyable as possible.

The people whose names appear above the columns in this newsletter are both communicators and workers. I call your attention to the information that they provide for each issue of this newsletter, and I also hope that you are aware of and appreciate the hours, thought and talent they devote to making Palmetto Hall a very special place in which to live.

This issue also includes a section devoted to additions and changes to the directory listings of property owners. Because of the relatively few changes, we are presenting them in this manner rather than publishing a new directory this year. Please note these items and make the necessary changes in your directory.

Finally, I would note that we are all communicators and we should all be heard. The current board is energetic and working hard to make Palmetto Hall even better. They need your help. When you have suggestions, ideas --- even complaints --- please pass them along to a board member. They welcome constructive input. Those of us responsible for producing this newsletter would also like to hear from you. Are there topics not covered which you would like to see in print? What are your thoughts?

A reminder --- Please observe speed limits throughout the plantation and take care to watch for bikers and walkers as the weather gets warmer and we spend more time outside.

LONNIE FERGUSON



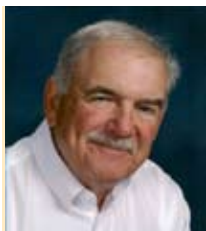
Meet Lonnie Ferguson, Securitas security officer at Palmetto Hall Plantation (PHP). In addition to his standard duties, Lonnie is also the Securitas' Secretary of Administration for the Palmetto Hall Plantation security team.

Lonnie has been employed by Securitas for approximately three years. During this time he also worked at Tide Pointe and Wal-Mart. While he has enjoyed all of his assignments, he has found the working environment at PHP to be the most enjoyable. He specifically likes the friendliness of the residents and his fellow co-workers.

A South Carolina native, Lonnie has four siblings (three brothers and one sister) and his mother lives in Ridgeland, SC. He is a 1997 graduate of Jasper County High School. While in high school he played football and sang in the school choir. He has been married for eight years and has a 15-month-old daughter named Lanarri. His wife, Stacy, is a customer service manager at Wal-Mart.

When not working Lonnie is an avid fisherman and hunter. He especially enjoys fishing for sharks and says they are exceptionally good eating. When it comes to hunting, Lonnie especially looks forward to deer season. Not surprisingly, he is an avid football fan and especially enjoys watching the Minnesota Viking and Florida State Seminole games with his daughter.

The next time you pass by the guardhouse when Lonnie is on duty, be sure to say hello and ask him about his shark stories.



SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

by Bill Schumacher

REMEMERING JOHN REDA

A little over a year ago the former chair of this committee, John Reda, taught me how to put this column together. During the past five years he taught me a much bigger lesson; how to be strong in adversity.

A heartfelt 'THANK YOU' goes out to his wife Linda and the entire Reda family for sharing John with us and making Palmetto Hall a richer community. John, you are sorely missed and thank you for touching my life.

UPDATED TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM AT THE GUARDHOUSE:

We are striving to increase the efficiency of our current security program by introducing a Gate Management System that will demonstrate improvement in two key areas.

1. Visitor and Contractor Tracking; by providing Palmetto Hall with professionally printed gate passes. The system will track and provide reports which detail the number of visitors and contractors who have been provided entry onto the plantation.
2. Speed and Efficiency for Visitors to Palmetto Hall; by providing a much faster machinery for generating gate passes thus allowing the homeowner a minimum of waiting time.

SPEED HUMP:

Our Securitas Force has noted a marked decrease in vehicle speed when exiting the plantation. The installation of this speed hump has certainly added to the safety of our Palmetto Hall family. The response from the homeowners has been overwhelmingly positive. Please adhere to the 15 mph exiting speed limit.

SHARONDA MITCHELL FUND

Thanks to the generosity of the Palmetto Hall community we raised \$8,768. Sharonda has used it to purchase some property in Estill and put a down payment on a trailer.

Please read her thank you below.

I want to start first by saying thank God for touching the hearts of the people at Palmetto Hall Plantation. I am very grateful to have such wonderful, caring, thoughtful and generous people in my life on a day to day basis. A special thanks goes to the P.O.A. and Board members for sending e-mails and letting everyone know about my situation. Without the support of the P.O.A. and the Board members I would be devastated. Even though I lost my home, and this is a difficult time in my life, for some reason I get excited when I'm at Palmetto Hall Plantation. I feel right at home. So I feel like the emptiness has been fulfilled. Thank you once again for all who have blessed me and my family. I wish you all the very best!

Sharonda

SECURITY TIP:

If you are being pursued by an unmarked vehicle with a flashing red light do NOT pull over but proceed to the nearest gas station and call *112 to confirm the legitimacy of the vehicle.

We welcome any feedback from the community in ways to make Palmetto Hall a safe and secure community. Please address your input to the Plantation Owners Association to the attention of the Security Committee. E-mail: palmettohall@hargray.com



COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob Bird, Ed Boys, Jeff Dibiaso, Bill Ford, Ron Goldenberg, John Grindstaff, Bill Saunders and Bill Schumacher (chair).



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Joe Bogacz

We ended 2010 on a high note and in late December were able to move another \$30,000 into Capital Reserves making our total contributions for the year \$110,000 which is very likely a record for the community. At the same time, we were able to start 2011 with a comfortable cash balance of \$65,193 which avoids any short term cash maneuvering and gives us sufficient operating funds until assessment checks arrive at the office. On both the income and expense sides, 2010 was a good year; with revenues up about \$30,000 over budget and expenses roughly \$25,000 beneath expectations.

For the year 2010, both Decal Sales and Gate Receipts were healthy with a combined total of about \$120,000 versus a budget number of \$100,000.

At the end of 2010, your Capital Reserve account held \$946,554, up \$124,461 from 2009 year end. This increased balance reflects \$110,000 made in 4 transfers from our Operating Account plus \$14,461 in interest earnings. These investments are in FDIC insured CD's with maturities laddered from February 2011 through November 2012.

In January we received over \$150,000 in Residential Assessments which is a strong showing and as a percentage number (25%) is higher than what we received in the same month last year (23%). Both Decal Sales and Gate Receipts continue briskly into the early months of 2011. Expenses for January were under budget even though we had higher than expected utility charges for the month.

PALMETTO HALL FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR-TO-DATE-JANUARY 31, 2011 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

	January, 2011		
	Actual	Budget	(Un) Fav
Revenue			
Residential Assessments (I-101)	\$150,232	\$138,500	\$11,732
Decal Sales (I-103)	\$33,200	\$30,000	\$3,200
Gate Receipts (I-103.1)	\$4,321	\$4,000	\$321
All Other	\$1,750	\$1,940	(\$190)
Total Revenue	\$189,503	\$174,440	\$15,063
Expense			
Grounds Maint. Total (E-108)	\$8,903	\$11,786	\$2,833
Security (E-400)	\$24,624	\$26,650	\$2,026
Assoc. Mngt. (E-500)	\$9,593	\$10,374	\$781
All Other	\$14,079	\$16,865	\$2,836
Total Expense	\$57,199	\$65,675	\$8,476
Net Ordinary Income	\$132,304	\$108,765	

In the early weeks of the year, our outside audit firm Cherry, Baekert & Holland completed both our State and Federal tax returns showing no tax liability for 2010. Their audit report stated that our financial reports are "... in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." The Independent Auditors Report and year ending financials will be posted on the POA website as soon as they are formally finalized.



ARB NEWS *by Ed Zensinger, ARB Chairman*

I am sure you have noticed a limited number of new homes being built in our Planatation over the past several months. The new home at 10 Ellis Court was just completed on March 10th and the Davidson's have taken occupancy. Construction on a second home has begun on Madison Lane and a conceptual plan has been approved for 22 Cherry Hill Lane with construction to begin in October.

Several remodeling/addition projects have been completed or are underway at this time, as well as full house re-painting and two swimming pools. The new housing market seems to be picking up in Palmetto Hall, and hopefully increased building applications will be part of this trend.

This is the time of the year when tree removal and pruning has become common place due to damage and decay. You are reminded a permit is required for all tree work. A \$25 fee is required for removal of a healthy tree. There is no fee if a tree is damaged or decayed. Any specimen tree (live oak, crepe myrtle) must be replaced (mitigated).

There is no fee for pruning but a permit is required. You may prune a tree on your property, or your neighbor's property, but not remove a tree from your neighbor's property without your neighbor's permission.



ASSOCIATION MANAGER'S REPORT

by Marion Gorczynski

The POA Office and the Communications Committee has taken over the publishing of the Newsletter due to the recent loss of our editor, John Reda. We will miss John for numerous reasons, especially the publication of "The Reporter". John also developed the data base used in the office and the guard house and was the office support for our computer systems.. He served in various functions on the Board of Directors and Committees. We never saw John with a frown or unwilling to help EXCEPT he preferred not to visit the office on Mondays when the landscapers were working outside and his car might get dirty or messy. The Staff will miss him greatly.

The office has expanded!!!! The neighboring office was vacant and the BOD wanted to have space to make the meetings available for owners to attend. The larger BOD room connects to our other offices and gives the staff an extra office and badly needed storage space. Please feel free to come and observe the BOD meetings. They take place on Fridays at 7:30 a.m. and the dates will be listed on the marquee.

Due to the small amount of property sales in Palmetto Hall Plantation in 2010, the Directory will not be reprinted this year. Changes are listed on a page in this *Reporter*. Please update your directory.

The beginning of the year is always a busy time for the POA office and adding the responsibility for the Reporter has kept us extra busy. However,

- Contractor decals are selling very well
- The web site has been updated with new BOD and Committee members
- Assessments are being paid
- The first edition of *The Reporter* published by the office is complete

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be past the expiration date for payment of assessments. If you have not already paid your assessment, please do so immediately. If you have a problem, please call the office at 682-4182 to discuss a plan for payment.

If you have not paid your assessment, or set up a payment plan, by April 1, the office will remove your pin number from the data base and you will not be allowed to call in guest passes.

If we have not received payment or been contacted by you by May 1, 2011, we will place a lien on your property and you will be responsible for the amount of the assessment, interest AND the cost of legal fees.

While the Board of Directors realizes this is a difficult time with the economy, we must have the finances to manage the Plantation. Communication with the office is always key.

Spring is always a busy time of year for the Maintenance Committee and you will see work being done around the Plantation to "spruce" it up.

One home has been recently completed, one is under construction, and we have one new submission for later this year. There are homes and lots being sold and renovations usually begin when Spring arrives.

A new data base has been installed for the Guards. It is updated with the information we currently have. If you have any changes to your information, please e-mail the office at palmettohall@hargray.com.



Please remember there is NO PASSING in the Plantation and radar is being maintained. You will be ticketed for excessive speed or even tailgating. The speed hump at the gate is keeping exiting traffic speed down.

If you have any questions regarding covenants, communications, security, environmental, maintenance issues, please call the office **first**. Katie, Courtney, or I will help you, or at least point you in the right direction. If you need copies of the covenants, ARB guidelines, a directory, decals, please stop by the office.

The Association Office staff is always available to you and welcomes your input and suggestions on ways to continue to make Palmetto Hall Plantation the premier residential community in Beaufort County. We try to stay focused on improving property values for all property owners and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.



Our Palmetto Hall community has an important interest in the current operations at – and future plans for – our neighbor, the Hilton Head Island Airport.

This article is intended to provide you updates on the following, since the October issue of the *Palmetto Hall Reporter*:

Significant Airport-related events

- Actions and activities undertaken by your Board and your neighbors relative to the Airport
- Our Board's position on the Airport
- Our planned next steps.
- Significant Airport-Related Events
- Over the past six months, the following Airport-related activities have taken place:
- Drew Laughlin, the candidate more sensitive to Palmetto Hall POA concerns on the Airport, was elected HHI Mayor in a run-off election. *Note: Laughlin won by only 223 votes; he carried Palmetto Hall 255 to 27!*
- At a combined HH Town Council and Beaufort County Council meeting, the Councils accepted the *draft* Airport Master Plan prepared by the firm of Talbert & Bright (T&B).
- Our neighbors in the St. James Baptist Church entered into a law suit against the Town and County asserting actions taken by the governments relative to the planned Airport expansion were not in conformance with Town and County ordinances and laws.
- The HH Town Council has initiated actions needed to change the existing Land Management Ordinance (LMO) that will allow extension of the runway to a maximum length of 5000'.

Actions and Activities Undertaken by Your Board and Your Neighbors

The Board of Directors – and a number of our PH community residents – have been very actively involved on a number of fronts regarding the proposed Airport runway extension, These include:

- The Board hosted both mayoral run-off election candidates to a pre-election Town Hall meeting with our Palmetto Hall community.
- Members of the Board have met “several-on-one” with candidate Laughlin, several Town and County Council candidates, and elected Council members to outline our concerns and our position regarding Airport runway expansion.
- Board and community members made multiple oral presentations at the combined Council meeting at which the *draft* Master Plan was reviewed and approved.
- Members of the Board have met with representatives of our neighboring communities – St. James Baptist Church, Port Royal POA, Baygall POA, and the Spa at Port Royal – to

- discuss options and coordinate future plans and activities.
- Our Awareness Committee's members, led by Don Schwarz, have written a number of letters for publication in the *Island Packet* that highlight our concerns with, and/or correct errors in, airport-related articles published in the *Packet*.
- Members of our Board and community, i.e., Joe Bogacz, Bob Wallhaus, have participated in a multi-community team that prepared an *independent* cost-benefit assessment of the proposed runway extension.

The Board's Position on the Airport

The PHPOA Board has tried to be very clear on our position regarding proposed runway expansion at the Airport:

- The draft Master Plan does not contain a thorough cost-benefit analysis for each of the potential alternatives for runway expansion.
- Costs for the expansion alternatives are incomplete.
- The Talbert & Bright analysis of the role of turboprop aircraft in future commercial aviation operations is not consistent with the trends now being observed within the airline industry.
- No determination is made as to whether any of the runway extension options can/will address runway lengths needed by regional jet aircraft.
- Data, and resultant impacts, based on forecast passenger enplanements at the Airport are incorrect.
- Forecasts of commercial aviation activity at the HH Airport are significantly inflated.
- The draft T&B report significantly understates the potential of the Q400 turboprop aircraft now being offered to, and purchased by, airlines as the next-generation turboprop for service to airports such as the HH Airport.
- Data on the reliance of the Town and County tourist industry on Airport commercial and general aviation operations is incorrect and/or unsubstantiated.
- No reference is made in the draft Master Plan on the environmental impact to communities from increased noise due to expansion options; no reference is made to the ongoing Noise Study or the commitment to noise mitigation.
- Defer any change to the LMO until the Master Plan -- produced by Talbert & Bright at taxpayer expense -- stops changing, and the significant errors and omissions in it are corrected.

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- Defer any change to the LMO until a formal, detailed cost/benefit analysis of the runway extension is completed.
 - Our independent assessment is that the costs will approach \$50 million, and the benefits to the community will be nil.
 - No taxpayer – at the Federal, State, County, or Town level – can afford to pay for that kind of unsubstantiated expense.
- We support well-conceived commercial operations at the airport.
- We do not support runway expansion without solid justifications – and there are none.
- *We have been good neighbors to the airport; we expect the airport to be a good neighbor to us.*
- Meet with the Mayor and individual Town and County Council members to further delineate our concerns and constructive recommendation.
- Meet with representatives of our neighboring communities to develop and promote a “consolidated community position” on the Airport and any plans for runway extension.
- Form a Palmetto Hall “Due Diligence Committee” to track – and propose necessary actions on – Town or County Airport-related actions and activities that are counter to our Palmetto Hall property owner interests.
- Work with Federal Government officials to ensure no federal funding is appropriated and budgeted for unneeded runway extension activities at the Hilton Head Airport.

In summary: Stay tuned and stay involved!

Our Planned Next Steps

- Over the next several months, the Board plans to take the following actions relative the proposed Airport runway expansion:

A STORY TO SHARE...

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone. Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard.. Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror.

The cop was stepping out of his car, The big pad in hand. Bob? Bob from Church?

Jack sunk farther into his seat. This was worse than the coming ticket. A cop catching a guy from his own church. A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office.. A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, He approached a man he saw every Sunday, A man he'd never seen in uniform. 'Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this.' 'Hello, Jack.' No smile.

'Guess you caught me red-handed In a rush to see my wife and kids. What'd you clock me at?'

'Seventy. Would you sit back in your car please?'

'Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging

65.' The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

'Please, Jack, in the car' Flustered, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dashboard.. He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad.

Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license? Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again.

A tap on the door jerked his head to the left. There was Bob, a folded paper in hand. Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches, just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

'Thanks.'

Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice. Bob returned to his police car without a word. Jack watched his retreat in the mirror. Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was this one going to cost?

Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke? Certainly not a ticket. Jack began to read:

*'Dear Jack,
Once upon a time I had a daughter. She was six when killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver. A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free. Free to hug his daughters, all three of them. I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again.*

A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man. A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now. Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left.'

'Bob'

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road. Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later he, too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.

Life is precious. Handle with care. This is an important message; please pass it along to your friends. Drive safely and carefully.

The life you save may be ...
Your own child or grandchild.



*Dedicated to
John J. Reda
October 13, 1942 - January 14, 2011
Publisher of Palmetto Hall
Newsletter*

- 2010 "Volunteer of the Year"
- President of the BOD
- Treasurer of the BOD
- Chairman of the Security Committee
- in-house Computer Guru - purchasing equipment software and maintaining our systems in both the POA office and Guard-house
- Publisher of Palmetto Hall Directory
- Always willing to help wherever needed



2010 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

John Reda was a great loss to all of us in many ways. In addition to his numerous contributions to us here at Palmetto Hall, John was a vital part of our local Knights of Columbus council. In addition to the Palmetto Hall newsletter he produced one for the Knights. His effort exceeded our expectations and was highly professional in both content and layout. He set a standard that will be difficult to match.

He handled both of the above challenges in his normal quiet and efficient manner. The council recognized his efforts by selecting him as our "Knight of the Year" for 2009 - 2010.

Even though I had known him for over 10 years, I did not know him closely until he became involved with me in the financial affairs of our council. I found him to be a true friend that could be counted on in every way. Even with his medical difficulties, he did not complain and continued to be professional in every way.

John was there when we all needed him. He will be sorely missed.

George Salemi

I knew John for over 15 years. I served with him on the POA Board for some six or seven years. Without saying, he was the kindest man I have ever known. He was my golfing buddy and a great friend

We used to call him our computer guy. Whenever something went wrong or we just got lost on our computer, we would make a call to John. Shortly thereafter, he would arrive on his bike to take care of the problem. He even gave me and installed a new monitor when ours was near death. But not only computers, he was always there when we needed help around the house or just wanted to talk.

John, Bill Coleman and I spent many, many lunch times together solving most of the problems of the world. Two of us would treat the other on birthdays or other momentous occasions. Whenever John got to choose the restaurant, it would always be Italian.

John was someone we should all try to emulate—his long-term battle with cancer, his dedication to our community, and his friendship. We miss you John.

Buzz Berger

I will always remember John telling me how he hated to have to go to the bathroom between five and six in the morning as when he returned to the bedroom Linda always had made the bed.

I will always remember asking John what restaurant he wanted to go to. I would run off about six or seven knowing that he would be luke warm to them until I mentioned Il Carpaccio's. He would then light up and with a smile say.... do you really want to go there because that's my favorite. As if we didn't know.

I will always remember picking up John in my convertible to go out some place. He would peek out the door as I pulled up, and if I had the top down he would go back in and put on his long sleeve sweater and his helmet and then come out even if the temperature was seventy five degrees.

I shall always remember John never saying no to any request made of him. I shall always remember John....my dear friend. May God be holding you close to his bosom.

*Your friend,
Bill Coleman*

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Jeff DiBiasi

The Maintenance Committee members are George Banino, Dave Pierce, Tom Rogers, Jim Webb and myself as Chairman. David Henson is our Board liaison. We will miss the financial and budget assistance of Rick Kasper who has decided not to continue on the Committee.

Some of the upcoming projects we will be looking into for the coming year are a spring and fall community cleanup day with materials properly bagged and left at the end of driveways for pickup by Ocean Woods. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Mail boxes are still a subject of discussion with some refurbishing and replacements to be completed during the next several months.

Our roads have had more repairs and maintenance issues due to colder than normal weather during December and January. There will be some additional repair work done during the next several weeks.

As in the past, please feel free to contact our POA office if you notice anything that needs to be addressed due to appearance or safety and we will take appropriate action.



PH PARTICIPATES IN BIRD COUNT

Ed Zensinger, Chairman

In December your PH Bird Committee participated in the Audubon International Society National Christmas Bird Count. This program has been in place for over 100 years. It was the first time Palmetto Hall participated. The purpose of the program is to determine the bird population in our plantation by species and number. We conducted the count on December 15th on a chilly, but sunny day with the following results; a total of 50 species with a total count of 383 birds.

A highlight of our count was observing two bald eagles on Hills #8. Many of our residents have seen these marvelous creatures. A few of the counters were able to see these majestic birds in full flight as they came in to land in their nesting place. The total count for Hilton Head Island was 155 species with an estimate of 36,000 birds, the highest count over the past ten years.

The Palmetto Hall counters were: George Banino, Blair Fisher, Sue and Steve Laxdal, Dave Storey, Priscilla Loeben, Debbie Korthase, Carl Samberg, and Ed Zensinger.

2010 was a banner year for the bluebird population. 242 bluebirds were hatched from 37 houses, 100 more than the previous year. Also, we had our first nesting of purple martins at the Hills #4 house where 3 were hatched. We are optimistic the count will increase in 2011.

Plans for 2011 include the addition of 3 bluebird houses, on Hills #2, another at Hills #6 and the third at Cupp #1. The installation began on March 15th.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bob Gentzler

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT, AIRPORT AND TREE REMOVAL

The ongoing issue of the Airport and proposed tree trimming and/or removal continues to receive considerable attention. Our goal is to have a solution that provides necessary safety for Airport operations without causing adverse environmental impact on our community.

We have been proposing a Noise study to have the current noise documented prior to any changes at the airport. A Noise study was approved by both councils without soliciting community input. Preliminary results obtained through the Freedom of Information Act showed that for our two closest sampling sites there were 144 Prop Aircraft and 8 jet aircraft noise levels obtained during a noise survey. This grossly underestimates the jets, which contribute the majority of the noise. In any future actions at the airport we have been told to expect noise mitigation. This sampling appears to be totally inadequate in providing essential data to guide that effort. Along with the other airport efforts this will be pursued to get a solution that meets our goals.

WATER SYSTEMS

Storm Water Planning and Agreements with the Town of Hilton Head

Work with the Town and Heritage (as agent for CNL the owners of our courses) continues to finalize agreements that will transfer the maintenance responsibility for all PHP storm water facilities from Heritage and the POA (who currently share these costs) to the town of Hilton Head. We still expect to have these agreements in place during the fiscal 2011 Town budget.

Wetlands

The wetlands have emerged from the winter having received significant reuse water from PSD. This provides nourishment and maintains the quality of the system.

Lagoon Quality Inspections

We have ended the winter months with the lagoons overall getting benefit from more rainfall and cooler temperatures. As we begin the algae and weed growing season with the onset of the warmer weather, we will continue to conduct inspections to help guide treatment by the The Lake Doctor.



DEER MANAGEMENT

As a result of a survey in September a fall cull was successfully conducted in December.

BIRDS

The Bird program continues with plans to add several bluebird and multiple Purple Martin houses this year and monitor progress of all those installed.

If anyone is interested in joining the effort, please contact Ed Zensinger at 342-7612.



EGGCITING GOLF EVENTS

The Palmetto Hall 9 Hole Golfers have an exciting Spring coming up as we host the 18 holers on April 21st for "Eggciting 18 Holes" and 8 other clubs on May 26th for "Swing with Bling". We also will be participating in other clubs' exchanges during the next 3 months as we enjoy the Spring weather.

Dona Pavloff and Wrae Tankins



COVENANTS AND ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

by Rich Penwell

Our current Committee members are: Jan Davis, Beryl Dibiaso, Steve Hyslop, Art Klose, Bart Korb, Rich Penwell (Chairperson) and Nancy Sigmund. Tom Renshaw is our Board liaison. Many thanks to Gayle Fisher and Tom Renshaw for previous service on the Committee and welcome to our new members Steve Hyslop and Nancy Sigmund.

Our mission can be seen on the PHP website. One of our main functions is to do ridearounds twice a year, with follow-up, to help keep our plantation "up to snuff" using our Covenants, By Laws and the ARB Standards as reference. During the ridearounds, violations referenced in these documents are noted by Committee members. Letters are then sent to homeowners requesting compliance or a plan for compliance within a certain timeframe, depending on the violation. If nothing is done within the given timeframe, the violator will be invited to a meeting with the Board of Directors to have a hearing after which a rendering, which may include a fine for the violation, will be given. In most cases, things are resolved without this meeting.

We have had a number of instances where homeowners are dumping trimmings and brush in nearby vacant lots. Please do not do this. This is not permitted and carries a stiff fine for doing so. More importantly, it reflects poorly on the look of our Plantation. If you see someone doing this, please report it to the Association Office or to me. The offender will have to remove the trash from the lot and on any subsequent dumping offense, be subject to a fine. Other common, fineable offenses are dogs not on leashes outside their property, dog messes not picked up and unsightly yards. Warmer weather is approaching and it's the best time to get our yards in shape. We have about a dozen yards from last year's violations that will need work, including resodding in parts.

If you receive a violation notice, please call the Association Office or me if you have questions. The Association Office should be notified when the violation is corrected or a plan is developed to correct it. Please do not call the Office and tell them it has been corrected if it has not - we've had several people do this in the past and it wastes everyone's time.

As we all drive through the Plantation, please keep an eye out and call in violations. This is a great help in keeping our Plantation looking the best it can.

The Committee thanks the majority of lot and home owners who do comply in a timely manner.

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION *By Jim Colburn*



The 2011 season for the Palmetto Hall MGA got off to a rousing start with 70 players participating in the first tournament, a 2-Man Better Ball competition held under sunny skies and moderate temperatures on February 12. Winning teams included Bob Turner and Ed Tiscornia, Joe Bradley and Bill Brimmer, Mickey McAlexander and Jack Eichelberger, Angelo Nardi and Rick Kasper, Jim Webb and Frank Sutera, and Art Loebe and Rick Smith. The second tournament, and Age Flighted Individual competition, was played on March 12-13, and competitions are scheduled almost every month during the year. The annual Masters Pro-Am tournament is on April 9 and the Member-Member tournament will be played April 30-May 1.

At this writing we have 89 MGA members, with an expectation for at least six more. The 2010 total was 99 members. Although membership is eroding a bit, we find that some of our members are now spending a lot more of their time in Hilton Head – and less in the northern states and Canada. Consequently, the available player list seems not to have diminished.

The MGA maintains a vast e-mail list for its announcements. If you want to be added to that list or deleted from it, please send your request to mgahhi@yahoo.com.

PALMETTO HALL WOMEN'S CLUB EVENTS COMMITTEE

By Pat Ward and Ellie Pierce

We are putting together some nice trips for the PH Women's Club. This summer we will be traveling to Magnolia Plantation, north of Charleston. We have not picked a date yet, but please watch your mailboxes for information.

Later, we will hope to visit the September Oaks Winery in Ridgeland. We will tour the winery and vineyard and have lunch (and samples) there. We hope some of our men will join us.

In November, we will travel to Auldbrass Plantation in Yemassee. This was built by Frank Lloyd Wright and is presently privately owned. It is open to the public once every two years.

We look forward to these special events. We will inform you of specific details.

PALMETTO HALL WOMEN'S CLUB

By Patty Zensinger, Women's Club President

What a winter we have had! We are all anxious to get out & enjoy the warmer weather & hit the beach with a good book. Wednesday Night Beach nights are coming soon! Happy Hour at the Club is every Friday night, but the first Friday night of each month, Chef Walter and the entire staff are making a special effort for our Members. So we hope to see you at the Club soon.

Your Women's Club has been busy all year with many different activities. So far we have learned about dreams & met Cassie Chadwick, the convict. We will hear from a local author and ER Doctor C.J. Lyons, who has written some thrilling medical suspense novels and then off to Honey Horn in May to learn more about our Low Country Creatures and their environments at the Discovery Museum.

Many of us are enjoying the Gourmet & Casual Gourmet with our neighbors. It is a great way to really get to know everyone and enjoy great food.

Stitch & Bitch has been very busy this year and they have many more projects planned.

We have a few social events coming up, so watch for those in your e-mail and newsletters.

We are fortunate to be getting some new neighbors throughout Palmetto Hall. So please let your Southern Comfort representative know when someone moves in or is having a baby. And remember, stop by to meet your new neighbor. They would love to meet you too!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call any officers or committee chairs. If you want to join your Palmetto Hall Women's Club, please call Bonnie Saunders at 342.8820

Enjoy our warm weather!

PALMETTO HALL 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Open House at POA office – Friday, April 15th from 3:30 – 5:30. Come meet the POA staff and Board and tour our expanded facilities (light food/refreshments served).
- Neighborhood curb clean-up day, Saturday, April 16th Landscape cuttings/trimmings will be picked up the following Monday at your curb.
- Neighborhood kickball game, Tucker Ridge ballfield - Sunday, April 17th - 2:00 Teams will be picked upon arrival – family friendly fun, grandparents, parents, and kids welcome.
- 3rd Annual Community Party recognizing our Volunteer of the Year - Saturday, September 10th - save the date - further details to come.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

March 25th - Maintenance Committee Report

April 15th - ARB Committee Report

May 20th - Hurricane Committee Report

June 10th - Environmental/ Lagoon Report

July 15th - Security Committee Report

August 19th - Communications Report

September 16th - No Committee Report

October 21st - Finance Committee Report

November 18th - Nominating Committee Report

December 16th - 2011/2012 BOD Meeting

December 1st - Annual Meeting

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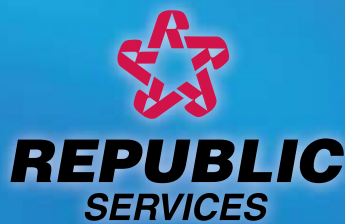


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**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 -
(TAX DAY)**

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Happy Hour

Office Open House

Appetizers & Beverages

Come and see the expanded office.
Meet the Board of Directors and
POA Staff.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
**Neighborhood
Clean Up Day**

Leaves, cuttings/trimmings will
be picked up Monday, April 18,
at your curb.

- Items must be bagged
- Limbs & branches must
be stacked together
- No contractor debris

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
2:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Kick Ball Game

Tucker Ridge Ball Field

Teams will be picked upon
arrival. Family, friendly fun.
Parents, Grandparents,
and Kids Welcome!

