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Ahoy from the Desk of your Commodore.

As I sit down at my desk the Sunday after Thanksgiving to write this log entry, I want to wish all our members a belated Happy Thanksgiving. I trust that your Thanksgiving was filled with family, good friends, good food, good wine and a remembrance of the all your blessings that you are thankful for. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a beautiful place as The Landings.

Even though the SIBC Year-End-Bash was held October 25th, the work of your Directors and Officers continues. In the coming weeks, SIBC members will be voting on a slate of candidates for Officers and Directors to navigate SIBC through 2023. According to SIBC By Laws, the club is governed by its Board, which consists of seven Directors, inclusive of the club's Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elections for Officers and Directors of the club is held annually, usually in December.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to select a single recommended slate of candidates for Board membership. This slate of candidates will be presented to the club membership to vote on.

Pursuant to the SIBC By Laws, each full member residence shall have one vote (i.e. only one vote per household). Each household may also write-in a candidate of their choice for each Directorship or Officer using the 'Other' selection of the ballot.

The 2023 SIBC Officers and Directors Ballot will be sent by Google mail to all our membership in the first few weeks of December. Your vote is important so please look for this ballot and return it as soon as possible.

If you or your spouse are interested in any of the seven Board positions or in serving on one of our committees, please email me at <u>hughandcharlene@gmail.com</u>

SIBC Donation Tiny House Project

For several years, SIBC has donated to Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and their Tiny House Project for homeless veterans. This Project is the first of its kind in Georgia and relies only on private donations for funding. No government funds are used. This Project has received national attention for its success and several states have visited the site and are following this model to fight chronic homelessness.

The Tiny House Project is designed to treat the root cause of homelessness in veterans. The Project provides previously homeless veterans with counselling, a free clinic, and a place to eat, sleep, take care of themselves and return to a more normal life.

On November 12th, the day after Veterans Day, SIBC arranged a meeting with Jen Darcy to present this year's donation as well as Chatham Sailing Clubs donation to the Project. A small group of seven SIBC members went to the Tiny House Project and met with Jen Darcy the Executive Director of the Project. We were treated to a tour of the houses and other facilities on the grounds. We were fortunate enough to actual tour one of the Tiny Houses that an Army veteran was living in. The houses are only 120 square feet and are very, very cozy. A few couples are actual living together in a Tiny House. This gives a whole new meaning to the word intimate relationship.

Following the tour of the Tiny House Project, we presented a \$2000 check from SIBC and a \$500 check from Chatham Sailing Club to Jen Darcy.

Here is a link to the photo album of the Tiny House Project Tour and Donation Ceremony: <u>Click here to see photos taken</u>

Membership Renewal Reminder

I wanted to remind all our SIBC Members that membership renewals will come due in early January. Be looking for separate eMails containing instructions on how to renew your membership. Household memberships are still only \$75 and single memberships are only \$50. SIBC Membership is one of the best values for the money on The Landings and our prices are holding steady even in this inflationary economy.

2023 Events – Social Committee Survey

SIBC Social Committee is interested in your feedback on what events to plan in 2023.

2022 was a good year for SIBC to recover from the effects of COVID. We had our Tall Tales Event, Sock Burning/BBQ, Pot Luck Dinner/Bingo Bash, Pontoon Sunset Dinner/Dolphin Cruise, Friday Dockside Bar Happy Hours and the Year End Bash.

In 2023, we hope to add some different functions and would like your input on what type of function you, our Members, want to participate in.

Below is a link to a Google Form where are listed some ideas for you to consider. Please take a minute to indicate which activities you are interested in or add some ideas of your own. Your input will be very helpful to finalize SIBC plans for next year.

Click Here for the Social Committee Questionnaire for 2023

Off Watch



"You jump on its back and distract it, while I grab our boat."