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"There are no strangers here: only friends you haven't yet met."

William Butler Yeats

Dearest WAHHI Friends,

It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed already! My heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on our year together. My most lasting memory will be of your incredible generosity! Every opportunity that was presented, from donating children's toys, to baking cookies, to donating jewelry was met with enthusiasm. Thank you for your support, your lovely smiles and your sense of fun!



The WAHHI Board and Council are, without a doubt, the most intelligent, talented and creative women with whom I have had the pleasure to work. It has been an honor to serve with you toward a common goal. Your love and encouragement have made this a wonderful year!

Many of you have heard me say that WAHHI has been a lifeline for me. Truly, my closest and most treasured friends are women with whom I connected through this wonderful organization. And although I will be ending my year as your President, I will continue to be actively involved and cheering for the future! As she assumes the role of President on June 1st, I wish abundant success to Sheila Ferguson and her team. I know WAHHI will flourish under their leadership.

Join us at the May 3rd Luncheon to **Celebrate Spring, Students and Service**. Consistent with WAHHI's long history of giving back to the Community, we will recognize the first annual recipients of grants from the WAHHI Charitable Fund. Each of five local nonprofit agencies will receive a \$1000 "hand up" to support programs that benefit women and children. Additionally we will honor the community service accomplishments of four local high school seniors, each with a check for \$1000. Since the inception of the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards In 1980, more than 100 students have been recognized through this program.

Reggie Deas, Director of Personnel of Beaufort County Schools and lead singer for the popular local band "Deas-Guyz" will be Master of Ceremonies for the program. Rachael Wyatt, winner of the Miss South Carolina scholarship pageant and runner-up to Miss America will join Reggie to share her perspective on education, service and scholarship.

Don't miss this inspiring event!

And remember to keep looking for those strangers who are really friends you have not yet met!

With gratitude for YOUR friendship,

Kathy Reynolds
President

Our 2017-2018 Officer Nominees

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WAHHI Happenings

WAHHI Charitable Fund Grant Recipients

The following non-profit agencies were selected to receive the first WAHHI Charitable Fund Grants:

- *Bluffton Self Help* for emergency family assistance
- *Literacy Center* for the Family 360 Literacy Program
- *Neighborhood Outreach Connection* for computer equipment
- *Second Helpings* for food distribution costs
- *Volunteers in Medicine* for dental equipment for children

Many thanks to the generosity of our WAHHI members whose donations have made this program possible.

Final 2016-2017 Board/Council Meeting



Another Great February Luncheon

Another festive WAHHI Event!!!! How encouraging and inspiring to hear Kathy Merlino speak of her fears and reservations of entering into her retirement years...only to emerge with a whole new perspective of what is possible with a clean slate and positive attitude. We all may not transition into successful artists, but we all can take that first step to embracing our "secret self"...and enjoy life along the way!

Many thanks to our wonderful members who brought dozens of cookies and to the Difference Makers who creatively packaged and delivered them to our First Responders. Here is a note of appreciation:

"I am a firefighter paramedic for Hilton Head Island Fire/Rescue at station 5 (Front Gate HHP). I wanted to send you a quick thank you for all the cookies you gave us. I am very thankful you took the time out of your day to make ours a little brighter. We had a rough morning so it was needed and appreciated. I thank you for thinking of us. Have a wonderful day."

Also "thank you" to all who generously donate jewelry to be used as prizes for a special bingo event at Brookdale.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in leading (or co-leading) an Interest Group in 2017-2018, please contact Sheila Ferguson (wahhi.interestgroups@gmail.com). We're looking for a wide range of activities to keep our members active and motivated!

WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards

Congratulations to the following high school seniors for winning the WAHHI Youth Community Service Awards for 2016-2017.

In Memoriam...

Verla Brown
Mary Jo Fitler
Ginny Martin
Judi Pagluica

*Lauren Cooley – Bluffton High School
Sarah DeLoach – Hilton Head Prep
Evelyn Diaz-Garcia – Bluffton High School
Jamia Leonard – Hilton Head High School*

In addition to receiving a check, these individuals will receive a certificate recognizing their service to their respective schools and to our community at our May 3rd luncheon. Congratulations on this great achievement!

WAHHI MAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
SONESTA Resort- Shipyard Plantation
11:00 – 12:00 Social Hour
12:00 Noon Luncheon



Celebrate Spring, Students and Service

Come join the celebration as we recognize our Youth Service Award winners and WAHHI Charitable Fund Grant recipients! Our Master of Ceremonies for the May luncheon is Hilton Head's own Reggie Deas, lead vocalist of Deas-Guыз and Director of Personnel for Beaufort County School System. What an honor to have Reggie help commend our Youth Service Award winners and Grant recipients! Joining him will be Rachael Wyatts, winner of the Miss South Carolina pageant and runner-up to Miss America. Rachael will be a senior at Clemson University majoring in Communication Studies and is an advocate for creating post-high school opportunities for special needs adults.



Come early to hear Reggie sing as we gather!

May Luncheon Menu

Napa Salad Nicoise-Local Greens, Haricot Verts, Cherry Tomatoes, Eggs, Olives with Creamy Citrus Dijon Vinaigrette

Choice 1: Trio Salad-Lobster Salad, Egg Salad, Tri-Colored Pasta Salad

Choice 2 (Vegetarian): Tortellini Pasta Primavera with Alfredo Sauce

Warm Peach Cobbler

All served with freshly-baked rolls and butter, regular and decaffeinated coffee, herbal teas, water and iced tea

To make your reservation, please sign up on our website at www.wahhi.com or complete the enclosed Luncheon Reservation Form and mail to Susan Beck.

Cancellation Policy:

If you need to cancel your reservations, please contact Susan Beck at lunch.wahhi@gmail.com or 843-342-5881. No refunds after April 28, 2017.

Helping CODA

At our May luncheon, Difference Makers will be collecting items to create personal care bags for the clients of CODA (Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse). The items needed are full-size containers of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, brushes and combs, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Ten dollar gas cards and Walmart gift cards are also greatly appreciated.



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Membership Renewal

It's that time of the year! See insert for your Membership Renewal Form for 2017-2018. Cost is \$35 if you renew by mail; \$37 to renew online at wahhi.com.

If you have friends who are interested in joining, please let them know they can join NOW and attend the May luncheon as a member, attend any interest group functions and be paid up for next year. What a deal!!

Interest Group Photos



*Learning to Make
Greeting Cards*

*Crafting Fabulous
Necklaces*



*Smart Ladies with Smart
Devices!!!*

*Canasta Group Enjoying
Lunch*



*WAHHI Women
Down-under*



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