

# Kiawah Island

## ~ DIGEST ~

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## Easter at Freshfields Village

The long-awaited opening of businesses in the new Freshfields Village will begin in the latter part of March. Among those scheduled to be open for Easter weekend, March 25-27, are: The Resort Shop, McCutcheon's (men's wear), Isola (shoes), Leap Frog (children's shop), and Island Mercantile.

Several special events are planned to celebrate Easter at Freshfields. The Easter Bunny Celebration will take place on Saturday, March 26, with a bunny breakfast, Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself.

An EGGStravaganza decorated egg auction benefiting MUSC Children's Hospital will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday. Eggs will be on display in stores throughout Easter week. Following the auction there will be an Easter egg roll at 3:00 p.m. and an ice cream social at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Green area.

During April and May shoppers will be entertained on Saturday and Sunday afternoons by strolling musicians, magicians, and jugglers. Musical entertainment will be presented on the Village Green on Saturday evenings 5:00-8:00 p.m.

The Freshfields Village Official Grand Opening Celebration is planned for May 26-30 when the first phase of the complex is scheduled for completion and the Newton Farms grocery store, along with 17 other businesses, should be open.

For more information about Freshfields Village or any of the special events, visit the website at [www.freshfieldsvillage.com](http://www.freshfieldsvillage.com) or call (843) 768-5205.



This building, photographed on February 11, 2005, will house apparel stores: from left to right, Island Mercantile, The Resort Shop, and Isola Shoes.



Also photographed on February 11, the Java Java Coffee Shop is shown in the foreground, with Indigo Books adjacent to it.

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## Mission Statement

We are committed to accurately and effectively reporting news affecting KICA, its board, its committees and its members, and to presenting discussions of significant issues in a balanced and constructive manner.

### *Statement of Editorial Policy*

Under delegation by the KICA Board of Directors, the Communications Advisory Committee is fully responsible for the editorial content of the Digest and the KICA website. Accordingly, we shall endeavor to report objectively and completely all significant news relating to KICA, its board, its committees, and its members. We shall also publish editorials, identified as such, where we feel that there is a need to clarify, expand or express views and opinions on relevant issues. These views and opinions will not necessarily represent the views of the KICA board unless they are signed as such. Finally, we welcome suggestions from all members on issues deemed significant and deserving of publication or discussion.

# Resort Outlines Operating Plans for 2005

In a recent presentation to Kiawah Island Real Estate executives, Prem Devadas, Managing Director of the Resort, outlined plans for the year. First of all, he said that the Sanctuary should complete one year of operation in August with a 71% average occupancy rate, which is excellent by industry standards.

Since the Resort expects close to 90% occupancy this summer, use of the Night Heron pool will be restricted to resort guests (either hotel or villa) and Governors Club members. There are ongoing discussions with West Beach villa regimes about building a new pool in the neighborhood. Villa check-in will be moved back to Town Center and the East Beach Conference Center will get a modest updating.

The Resort intends to fence off the Inn buildings and pools, which will not be reopened. A new beach access will be

created adjacent to the Inn primarily for villa guests not on the ocean. Once it is approved by the Architectural Review Board, a new 24,000 square foot shingle style clubhouse will be built at the Ocean Course. This will be completed by January 2007, and will include a pro shop, locker rooms, bar, dining room, and a meeting room.

Lastly, Mr. Devadas stated that they are beginning to think about redevelopment of West Beach Village. This area includes the tennis center, Straw Market, old Inn and pools, Cougar Point golf clubhouse and all adjacent parking. This planning is expected to occupy most of this year. In the meantime, the Straw Market shops and Shrimper's restaurant will remain open.

## Photo Identification System



KICA member Joe Pezzullo poses for his Sandcastle ID photo with KICA Director of Recreation, Kay Narmour, during the trial phase of the new software.

The KICA Community Center (the Sandcastle) is pleased to announce that a photo I.D. system is now in place! The software that produces the card makes the process easy and takes only a few minutes. We also will be updating general information for KICA's database at the same time. This initial investment in time will actually be a time saver for members and staff, as the card will be permanent and will not have to be

renewed annually, as it has in the past.

This system will protect members' privileges by ensuring that the Community Center remains solely for KICA members, their families, and guests.

All primary members, 13 years of age and older, may obtain their cards at the Sandcastle Community Center office. You will need your driver's license or other photo I.D. the first time to obtain your Community Center photo I.D. Secondary owners will be issued annual membership cards, after payment of the \$60 annual fee or, if they prefer, \$30 for the monthly pass.

Last year staff renewed over 3,000 cards, so we expect a rush at peak times during the spring and summer seasons. If you are on island, we ask that you come by the office early, preferably in March or April, to avoid having to wait in line. We look forward to seeing you!

# A Musical Evening: 2005 Celebrate Kiawah

For the 3rd year, Kiawah Island Community Association is hosting Celebrate Kiawah, at the KICA Sandcastle on Saturday, March 19. This community-building event is free for members to attend, with 400 people at last year's event. Sticky Fingers will be catering this year, with a menu of pork barbecue and rotisserie smoked chicken, as well as a selection of sides and dessert. Catering lines will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cash bars will also be provided. This year, several musical performers have been added to the evening for the enjoyment of all members. It is expected that 2005's Celebrate Kiawah event will be bigger and better than before! We hope to see you there!

*A taste of a musical evening...*

**4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

**The Tommy Gill Jazz Quartet,  
featuring Ms. Ann Caldwell**



Ms. Ann Caldwell is well known and loved in the Charleston area. Whether performing jazz, blues or spirituals, Ms. Caldwell provides a degree of historical interpretation to each performance. She has been featured in performances of *Porgy and Bess* and *Lowcountry Legends*. She has also performed with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra's Gospel Choir. In 2002, she presented a concert entitled *Indigo Jazz*, co-sponsored by the Lowcountry Heritage Society & the College of Charleston's School of the Arts. In 2004, Ms. Caldwell wrote her first short story and performed it with music to a sold-out audience at the South of Broadway Theatre Company. Ms.

Caldwell's community performance is being sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island's Arts Council.

**5:15 – 6:00 p.m.**

**The Tommy Gill Jazz Quartet**



A native of Charleston, Tommy Gill began studying piano at the age of five. He was educated in Boston at the New England Conservatory of Music where he studied jazz piano with Fred Hersch and Jaki Byard. After completing his degree in piano technology, Mr. Gill became a Steinway Concert Piano Technician working for great pianists such as Vladimir Horowitz and Herbie Hancock. He performs regularly as a jazz pianist in the Savannah, Hilton Head and Charleston jazz festivals and has been a featured soloist with the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Gill completed his piano performance degree while studying with Enrique Graf at the College of Charleston. An adjunct faculty member in the Department of Music, teaching jazz improvisation and jazz piano, Mr. Gill is the concert piano technician for the international Piano Series, as well as the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Gill's community performance is being sponsored by the Town of Kiawah Island's Arts Council.

**6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

**The Headliners**



The Headliners are one of the most requested bands in the Southeast, with an average of 200 evening performances per year. Comprised of six men, with a great blend of vocal harmonies, they create a uniquely entertaining sound. The Headliners will take you through the eras: big band, classic 50's & 60's, rock & roll, beach music, Motown, disco, etc. Don't be surprised if you find yourself tapping your toe to the music, humming to the familiar songs or even getting up to dance to an old favorite!

The Headliners' community performance is being sponsored by the KICA Community Services Committee.

## RSVP for Celebrate Kiawah

In order to properly plan for the event, please provide KICA Member Services with an RSVP if you are able to attend. You may reach KICA at (843) 768-9194, toll-free at (866) 226-1770, or via e-mail at [Gloria.Knisley@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:Gloria.Knisley@kiawah-owners.org).

# March

## Sandcastle Information

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**Kay Narmour, Director**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>						
		Monday – Friday	7:00 am to 6:00 pm			
		Saturday	8:00 am to 6:00 pm			
		Sunday	11:00 am to 6:00 pm			
		1 1:00 pm POPs Bridge 	2 4:00 pm Weight Watchers	3 5:30 pm Members' Dinner – Good Food Catering (Rue de Jean)	4	5
6	7 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Stitches and Conversation 1:00 pm Book Club 4:00 pm Opera Lite 	8 1:00 pm POPs Bridge	9 9:30 am KPOG Regular Meeting 4:00 pm Weight Watchers	10 5:30 pm Members' Dinner – Billy Dee's	11	12 10:30 am Myofacial Release Workshop
13	14 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Garden Club 4:00 pm Opera Lite	15 10:00 am CPR Training 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	16 1:00 pm Alternatives 4:00 pm Weight Watchers 	17 5:30 pm Members' Dinner – Savory Market's Shamrock Shindig 	18	19 4:00 pm Celebrate Kiawah 
20	21 8:30 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Duplicate Bridge	22 1:00 pm POPS Bridge 4:00 pm Sunset Cruise 	23 4:00 pm Weight Watchers	24 5:30 pm Members' Dinner – Deborah Beam's "Yummy Stuff"	25	26
27	28 8:30 am Bible Study 	29 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	30 4:00 pm Weight Watchers	31 5:30 pm Members' Dinner - The Casual Gourmet		

## SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTER

### March Events and Programs

#### March Fitness Schedule

##### Body Shaping

MWF 8:15 am  
\$5 member/\$8 guest

##### Light Conditioning

MWF 10:00 am  
\$5 member/\$8 guest

##### Stability Ball for Peak Performance

Wednesdays 9:30 am  
\$3 member/ \$5 guest



##### Morning Pilates

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:00 am  
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest

##### Afternoon Pilates

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
4:30 pm  
\*Participants must register for  
afternoon classes. \$50/month or \$10  
drop in rate for member and \$12 for  
guests.

##### Yoga Fusion

Saturdays 9:00 am  
\$5 member/ \$8 guest

\*Personal Training is available at the Sandcastle. Call us at (843) 768-3875 for more information. \*

#### Spring Sunset Cruises

Look for the following dates in '05 for our popular boat party. This year, all cruises will depart from Rhett's Bluff! Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cups and ice will be provided. Members provide their own beverages. Reservations required, as space is limited. Please, no children under the age of 12. Please contact the Sandcastle at (843) 768-3875 or email [sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org) to make reservations. Payment is due 10 days prior to the cruise.

Dates: **Tuesday, March 22**  
4:00-6:00 pm  
**Sunday, April 10**  
5:15-7:15 pm  
Cost: \$40 per member  
Venue: Rhett's Bluff



#### Upcoming Special Events

**Registration is required for the following events.**

##### Summerville Flowertown Festival Outing

More than 200 craft artisans and vendors will display their work against the backdrop of Summerville's Azalea Park. The event will be complete with live entertainment, food vendors and much more! The cost of this trip includes round-trip transportation and light snacks.

Date: **Friday, April 1**  
Time: 10:00 am Bus leaves Sandcastle  
2:00 pm Bus leaves Summerville  
Cost: \$25 per member

##### Family Circle Cup Outing

Calling all tennis fanatics! We hope you'll join us on an outing to see some of the best women's professional tennis in the world! This package includes one grandstand ticket and round-trip transportation. Space is limited, reservations and payment required by Thursday, March 31.

Date: **Friday, April 15**  
Time: 9:30 am Bus leaves from Sandcastle  
11:00 am Matches begin  
4:00 pm Bus leaves Daniel Island  
Cost: \$55 per member

##### River Rendezvous at Rhett's Bluff

Join fellow members for a casual "River Rendezvous" cocktail hour at beautiful Rhett's Bluff. We'll pass the hors d'oeuvres and enjoy the wonderful scenery with friends, both new and old. Bring your own beverage. Cups and ice will be provided for you. Reservations required, as space is limited. Call the Sandcastle at (843) 768-3875 or send an email to: [sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org](mailto:sandcastle@kiawah-owners.org).

Date: **Sunday, April 3**  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Cost: \$12 per member  
Venue: Rhett's Bluff

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*

The recent *Economic Impact* survey commissioned by the Town of Kiawah indicated that island residents make substantial contributions to the Charleston area community, financially and otherwise. Each month in 2005 *Digest* will feature a KICA member who volunteers time and talent to a Charleston organization.

## Bill Connellee: South Carolina Aquarium

Bill Connellee has been a volunteer for the South Carolina Aquarium since before the building's opening in 2000. During the planning and construction phase, Bill presented Turtle Talks at area schools showing turtles from the Kiawah Island Nature Center. Now he spends one day a week at the Aquarium helping visitors at the "Touch Tank," answering questions around the building, or working on special events including a recent behind-the-scenes tour for members of the Kiawah Island Naturalists Group.

Bill's interest in animals was inspired by a volunteer job at the Houston Zoo.



After he and his wife, Ann, moved to Kiawah 18 years ago, he helped at the Charlestowne Landing zoo, before it was

closed because of damage from Hurricane Hugo. The new Aquarium was a perfect organization for Bill's talents. Since its opening he has worked over 500 hours and is now a Master Guide who can train new volunteers.

While the Aquarium is considered by some to be a tourist attraction, Bill stresses that it was built as an educational institution. He says that it is a wonderful place to volunteer and help people learn.

To find out about volunteer opportunities at the South Carolina Aquarium call (843) 720-1990.

## KICA Annual Meeting Reminder

KICA's 2005 Annual Meeting packets were mailed to members on February 2, 2005. Please remember to complete, sign, and return your Annual Meeting ballot/proxy card using the postage-paid return envelope provided in your packet. All ballots/proxies must be returned to the College of Charleston by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2005.

The KICA Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the East Beach Conference Center. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. and closes promptly at 1:50 p.m. If you vote by absentee ballot, there is no need to register. We hope that you will be able to attend!

## KPOG Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2005  
9:00 a.m. at Turtle Point

Speakers will include representatives from the Town of Kiawah Island,

Kiawah Island Community Association, Kiawah Island Golf Resort, and Kiawah Property Owner's Group. Light refreshments will be served.

## Save the Date

**For the Second Annual  
Kiawah Island Natural Habitat  
Conservancy's Bobcat Ball**

*Come experience the  
wild side of Kiawah!*

**Thursday, April 21, 2005**

Cocktails, dinner, dancing, and exciting raffles. Registration information will be available in the Winter/Spring issue of *Naturally Kiawah* and on KINHC's website, [www.kiawahconservancy.org](http://www.kiawahconservancy.org).

All proceeds benefit the  
Kiawah Conservancy.

# 105.5 FM, The Kiawah Bridge

Kiawah Island residents who scan their FM dial may have noticed a station identifying itself as “105.5 The Bridge, Kiawah and Charleston.” It’s a “Classic Rock” station that broadcasts mostly “retro” music, news, traffic reports, commercials, and special features. The *Digest* interviewed the station manager, John Majhor, on January 16, and later talked to Allison Harvey, Administrator of the Town of Kiawah Island. Here’s what they had to say about 105.5 The Bridge.

Mr. Majhor responded to the query about identifying the station with Kiawah Island by saying that the station, WCOO, is licensed by the FCC to Kiawah, and “by law you have to do a call letter and city of license side-by-side at the top of each hour.” Ms. Harvey, when asked by the *Digest* about the Kiawah connection, responded that WCOO, 105.5 The Bridge, has no official connection with the Town of Kiawah Island.

Despite the fact that Mr. Majhor thought the broadcast tower of his station was once on Kiawah and then relocated to James Island after Hurricane Hugo, Ms. Harvey’s research indicates otherwise. She found that the broadcast tower is located on Johns Island, which

accounts for the Kiawah identification (recall that Kiawah Island’s postal designation as 29455 is officially Johns Island). Apparently, the FCC requires that all radio stations be affiliated with an identifiable location regardless of their actual position. Since the Town of Kiawah Island neither sanctions the broadcasts of 105.5 nor receives payment from a business license, the station’s affiliation with Kiawah Island is partly the result of an FCC licensing procedure.

Regardless of its pedigree, the Bridge is a station specializing in music familiar to many Kiawah Island property owners. From studios in the South Windermere Center in West Ashley, various personalities offer up a mix of programming that includes music, traffic reports, and occasional comedy vignettes interspersed with commercials. Since the station is owned by Lynn Martin, whose company is small and based in Lexington, Kentucky, 105.5 is not obliged to adhere to “corporate guidelines” in its offerings and is eager to respond to local input.

Kiawah residents can contact The Bridge either by calling (843) 769-4799 or visiting the website at [www.thebridgeat1055.com/content.asp](http://www.thebridgeat1055.com/content.asp).

## Beach Boardwalks

As of 2005, there are twenty-three beach boardwalks on Kiawah belonging to KICA. These boardwalks were built completely of treated southern pine lumber with galvanized 16-penny nails as fasteners. Some of these boardwalks were originally built as early as 1975; the newest ones in the early 1990’s.

The boardwalks have usable life expectancy of twenty years, so in 1995 KICA started looking at replacing some of the older ones. What we found is that the decking and handrails needed replacement but that the undercarriages (4x4 posts, 2x6 stringers, 2x6 braces and

cross members) were still in good shape. Most of the boardwalks had three stringers under the decking, so we decided to add two more for strength. We also decided to use 3” stainless steel decking screws in place of the 16-penny galvanized nails.

At this point, all but a couple of the newest boardwalks have had their decking and railings replaced. Most of the boardwalks are now handicap accessible.

One of the biggest problems that we have encountered over the years is erosion and accretion of the primary

## Board Briefs - February

- Accepted revision to the existing 99-year lease for Cinder Creek facility, which adds additional land where KICA will bulkhead the eroding creek bank to protect Blue Heron Pond Road and the canoe/kayak storage building.
- Norm Shea, Director of Lakes Management, presented the renovation plans for Pond 32, which is located between the Enclave at Turtle Beach and Turtle Beach Village. This project will join Pond 32 to the existing network by lowering the water surface elevation and dredging the pond deeper. Existing shallows for wading birds will be retained, as well as the tree trunk which turtles use for sunning.
- Accepted recommendation of Security and Safety Committee to allow Direct TV and Dish Network installers to access Kiawah utilizing no-fee commercial passes.
- Revised Class Protocol and Sponsored Guest Policy for the Sandcastle were approved while the Underage Usage Policy was returned to the committee for further details.
- Major Repair & Replacement recommendation for repaving/resurfacing of the Kiawah Island Parkway was presented without formal action by the board.

dune line. Because of this, we have had to move the beach end of some of the boardwalks back and forth almost on a yearly basis.

We are always looking at new ways to make the beach boardwalks more accessible and safer. At one point we considered using a man-made material called Trex but found through experimentation that although it had a long life expectancy, it would not hold up well to weight. We are presently investigating Ipe and other very hard woods to replace the treated lumber.

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## Kiawah Island Art & House Tour

The fifth annual Kiawah Island Art & House Tour will take place on Friday, April 1, 2005 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Tour highlights five exceptional homes and their individual art collections. All five are unique and range from an oceanfront home inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie Style to a colonial French West Indies abode nestled into a secluded setting on a peaceful lagoon, unobtrusive to all the nature it embraces. These homes have never before been opened to the public.

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase at the Kiawah Island Real Estate Office (located just before Kiawah's main gate), the Kiawah Island Real Estate Office at the Sanctuary, and the Gibbes Museum of Art in Charleston. Tickets cost \$45. To purchase tickets by mail, send a business-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check made out to "Gibbes Museum of Art" c/o Lynn Armstrong,

601 Piping Plover Lane, Kiawah Island, SC 29455. For more information, please call (843) 722-2706 extension 39, or e-mail [housetour2005@bellsouth.net](mailto:housetour2005@bellsouth.net). Purchase of

a ticket to this event permits one free admission to the Gibbes Museum, and all proceeds will benefit the Gibbes Museum of Art.

