



# ***Fripp Island Community Centre And All Faiths Chapel***

***Newsletter and Calendar of Events***

***March 2021***

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Dear Fripp Friends,

## **Annual Meeting Highlights**

### **Budget/Financial Status**

At the virtual annual meeting held via Zoom on February 10th, Treasurer Dave Manning reviewed the FICC's current financial status and budget for the 2021 operating year. The Centre has a little more than \$73,000 in checking and just over \$300,000 in reserve. The FICC Reserves and Investment Policy requires that an amount equal to a year's operating expense (approximately \$100,000) remain untouched. The remaining reserves will be devoted to the planned expansion project.

The limitation on activities due to COVID significantly reduced our income sources, but operating expenses remain almost \$100,000 per year. Without additional income sources, we project a \$40,000 loss for the FICC for the 2021 operating year.

### **Special Fund Drive**

We have now been in COVID-response mode for a year, which required the cancellation of both the Treasure Sale and the large community dinners we held nine times per year. Clubs and organizations that meet at the Centre have also curtailed their activities and cannot provide their usual support to the FICC. We also suspended the most recent fund drive because of the limitation in services provided to FICC members.

The Board has elected to mount a limited fund drive to assist with meeting operating expenses. We're calling it the "Keeping the Doors Open and the Lights On" campaign, and it will last from March 1st to May 31st. The goal is \$50,000 to help defray the \$40,000 projected loss described above and put us in a good position to, hopefully, resume normal activities in the Fall. FICC donors have been so generous and supportive, and we are incredibly grateful. Each member will receive a letter regarding the fund drive, and we will report progress frequently. Thanks, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

## **Upcoming Events**

FICC Takeaway Dinners are planned for March 2 and 16. The ROMEO Men's Lunch Club will provide a "Take Home" Lunch on March 23rd prepared by Harold's Chef Services at the Community Centre. Ten days prior, an email invite with a menu will be sent for your RSVP. You may also want to include a lunch RSVP for your spouse, guests, or neighbor. We will ask you to schedule a time for pick-up so we can stay socially distanced. Please wear a mask. If anyone else on Fripp wants a take-home lunch, all they need to do is email or call [jacksims198@gmail.com](mailto:jacksims198@gmail.com) or 814-392-9045 to be added to the invitation list.

See you at the Community Centre!  
Main Centre Phone Number 843-838-2207

Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President  
[FrippICC.com](http://FrippICC.com)

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## CHAPEL SCHEDULE FOR March

Vespers meets every Wednesday at 5:30 in the All Faiths Chapel. Please note: per the FICC COVID Response Plan, only the Chapel will be open for Vespers. There will be no access to restrooms, kitchen, Hammet Hall, or Library.

March 3	Rev. Jon Coffey St. Marks Episcopal Church
March 10th	Rev. Rick Glover Church of the Harvest
March 17th	Rev. Steve Cobb Cord of Three Strands
March 24th	Rev. John Sheppard First Presbyterian Church
March 31st	Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bruff Carteret Street Methodist

**Thanks to those who provided flowers** for Vespers services during **February: Rebecca Climer, Ralph & Ann Petrea, Jinny Adams, and Joe Studer.** We could use more volunteers to bring flowers to the weekly Vespers service.

### Important Dates

FICC Take Away Dinner	March 2nd
FICC Take Away Dinner	March 16th
ROMEO Take Away Lunch	March 23rd

### Board Members/Officers Selected

At the Annual Meeting, Rebecca Climer, Dave Manning, and Gloria Robinson were elected to their second three-year terms on the Board. At the meeting of the FICC Board, officers and function chairs were selected by the Board and will remain as represented in the next column. The Board looks forward to serving the FICC membership!

## Board Members

Rebecca Climer	President	615-594-1552
Sandra Stuart	VP/Reservations	770-315-9884
Sandra Rice	Secretary	864-979-4531
David Manning	Treasurer	810-441-2528
Kathlyn Gray	Asst. Treasurer	843-812-4557
Carl Koellman	Communications	843-812-4381
Gloria Robinson	Community Service	210-394-2062
Don Aldrich	Public Relations	843-812-1209
Bob Jordan	Building/Grounds	828-702-9194

## Club & Organization Meetings

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Tel</u>
<i>All group activities are affected by the Centre's COVID Response Plan. The information below reflects the pre-COVID use of the Centre. Call the contacts below to find out their COVID schedule.</i>				
<b>Mon</b>	7:30 am	Low Impact Aer	K. Agee	410-917-9953
	8:30 am	Fitness	M. Smith	843-838-5359
	9:30am	Dupl. Bridge	M. Cleek	980-226-7638
	2:45 pm	Chair Yoga	S. Dashiell	843-838-9093
	4:00 pm	Yoga	S. Dashiell	843-838-9093
<b>Tue</b>	4:30 pm	Bingo	Br. Pearson	802-272-3462
	1 pm-3	Knitting Group	A. Dany	843-838-5807
4th	11:30am	ROMEO Lunch	J. Sims	814-392-9045
<b>Wed</b>	7:30 a.m.	Low Impact Aer	K. Agee	410-917-9953
	3:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		
	5:30 p.m.	All Faith Vespers Service		
2nd	10:00 a.m.	Women's Club Board		
3rd	10:00 a.m.	Women's Club	N. Atkinson	864-430-0762
			D. Perrone	860-670-4836
<b>Thu</b>	8:30 am	Fitness	M. Smith	843-838- 5359
	9:30 am	ACBL Bridge	D. Briggs	843-838-3877
	1:00 pm	Mahjong	P. Patek	843-838-3980
	4:00 pm	Yoga	S. Dashiell	843-838-9093
	7:00 pm	Friends of Bill W.	J. Edmonds	843-575-8511
4th	9:00 am	Comm Care Grp	P. Miller	843-838-1108
	7:00 pm	Audubon Club	S. Rice	864-979-4531
<b>Fri</b>	7:30 am	Low Impact Aer	K. Agee	410-917-9953
2nd	1:00 pm	FICC Board	R. Climer	615-594-1552

**Memorial Services always take precedence over regularly scheduled activities.**

## PRAYER LIST

We are looking to rebuild and re-establish our prayer list since Vespers was on hiatus for a time. Please call Patty Patek, 843-838-3980, or Gloria Robinson, 210-394-2062, to submit names for the list.

# February Newsletter

## Greetings from Your Fripp Island Women's Club Board!

We hope our members are staying safe and warm during these winter months, as Covid-19 limitations continue to influence our ability to gather with friends and family.

Many of our members have already qualified for, and received, their Covid vaccinations, for which we are grateful.

We look forward to the time when we can once again gather together and experience the camaraderie and friendship

that make our Fripp community so special. Until then, stay safe!



## Pat Conroy Scholarship Winners

Since 2017, the Fripp Island Women's Club (FIWC) has sponsored the "The Water is Wide" scholarship in honor of Pat Conroy. To date, the FIWC has awarded five scholarships, totaling \$9000, to students attending the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) or the Technical College of the Lowcountry (TCL).

In memory of Pat's dedication to education, this scholarship provides financial assistance for any adult residing in Beaufort County whose education may have been delayed or interrupted and desires to pursue a degree at USCB or TCL.

This year's recipients, pictured below, are Alyson Boggess, a senior nursing student at TCL, and Robert Powel, currently enrolled in TCL's Physical Therapy Assistant Program. Alyson, a busy Beaufort mother of 3, will receive her Associate Degree in Nursing in May. Balancing a full-time job while pursuing his degree, Robert plans to use his own physical therapy experience to inspire his future patients' recoveries. The scholarships will be presented by Cassandra King Conroy, widow of Pat Conroy, at our FIWC Spring Luncheon, May 11, 2021.



Each year, the FIWC contributes \$500 to this worthy scholarship that continues to provide support to qualified candidates who are continuing their education. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable to The Pat Conroy Literary Center, FIWC Scholarship Fund, and mail to Ms. Anne Hoyle, 5 Pelican Cove, Fripp Island, SC 29920.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Although we are not holding our traditional in-person fundraisers during the pandemic, our members are supporting other Fripp and area fundraisers that support worthy causes and organizations.

Women's Wellness 5K, March 27  
Live Oak Park, Port Royal

Supporting Habitat for Humanity and  
USCB Center for the Arts  
info@lowcountryhabitat.org

St. Paddy's Golf Tournament  
March 13, FIOC Course

Sponsored by the Fripp Island Sea Rescue, this 18<sup>th</sup> annual event is their only fundraiser, so contributions and sponsorships are much appreciated.

The FIWC is proud that members Nancy Wingenbach, Marnie Rusnak, Katherine Samples, and Mary Jacobs serve in this essential organization.

An Online Auction, featuring items such as a week-long condo stay, a day on a shrimp boat, and an original painting by a famous artist, will be conducted March 3-13. Check out the FISR page on Facebook for more!

Donations may be sent to  
David Manning, 365 Sea Bass Dr.

## Dr. Tara Mack

Our February speaker was to have been Dr. Tara Mack, Principal of St. Helena Elementary School. As Covid protocol has resulted in the closing of the Fripp Island Community Center and cancellation of in-person events, we have asked our speakers to send us a few comments about their professional challenges during this time. Dr. Mack has graciously provided the following input regarding the adaptations her staff has made to best serve their students during the pandemic.

"There's no question that teaching young children is a challenge right now. Whether it is getting laptops, iPads or hotspots to children in need, supporting faculty in the move to remote learning, or just giving students a sense of comfort, the staff at St. Helena Elementary is rising to the challenges and turning them into opportunities. At St. Helena, we are dedicated to serving the educational, social, and emotional needs of our students and families. Our goals during the pandemic are to: be responsive, engage families, focus on progress, and foster creativity." After describing the specifics on how the staff implemented these goals, Dr. Mack added, "We are thankful for local organizations that have reached out to help us acknowledge and support our staff. Adopt-A-School volunteers provide gift cards for the teachers, fund teacher requests, and provide staff meals. The Parish Church of St. Helena on Fripp acts as staff ambassadors, providing weekly treats and gift cards for the staff. A partnership with Cross Community Church provides an in-house food bank that supplies free meals to families once a week. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful for ours, especially during this pandemic."

