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# Mayor Tecklenburg sworn into office

## Hundreds gather for historic day in City of Charleston

**ELIZABETH BUSH**

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Under the midday sun on January 11, beneath picture perfect blue skies on the steps of City Hall, in a ceremony marked by spirited choir voices, poignant poetry, and glowing words of praise showcasing past and present, the Holy City welcomed it's first new Mayor in 40 years.

West Ashley resident John Tecklenburg, who once called Daniel Island home, took the oath of office as Mayor of the City of Charleston from Retired South Carolina Circuit Judge Richard E. Fields, a longtime friend of the Tecklenburg family. Fields, who met Tecklenburg's late father, Henry, in 1949, recalled a recent moment when a friend asked if he felt Tecklenburg would have success following the tenure of revered former Mayor Joe Riley. Fields answered with confidence.

"He will bring to that position a love of God with all of his heart, with all of his mind, and with all of his soul, and he will treat all of his neighbors as he treats himself," Fields told the crowd, many of whom were bundled up in warm winter coats and scarves due to the day's chilly temperatures.



ELIZABETH BUSH

**Former Mayor Joe Riley (right) looks on as John Tecklenburg, who once called Daniel Island home, took the oath of office as Mayor of the City of Charleston from Retired South Carolina Circuit Judge Richard E. Fields, a longtime friend of the Tecklenburg family.**

Under Fields' direction, after raising his right hand and placing his left on the Bible, Tecklenburg recited the oath and ushered in a new era of leadership in the City of Charleston.

"I want to personally thank the citizens of Charleston for this incredible opportunity that I have to serve," he said at the start of his in-

auguration speech. "What an honor to become Mayor of my hometown. It is at the same time humbling and exciting. Never before in our city's history has a Mayor taken office in a moment so rich with the promise of a better future for all of our citizens."

Tecklenburg devoted a good portion of his remarks to paying tribute to his predeces-

sor, calling Mayor Riley the "best Mayor in America," maybe even "the whole world."

"Before we turn to our plan to make that hopeful future our own and a reality, let's pause to recognize our current good fortune is not some happy accident of time and place," he said, as Riley sat just a few feet away on the stage. "We have not arrived at this moment by some chance... We are here in no small part due to the leadership of one man, a man who has led our city with courage, grace and dignity... Through it all, no matter how trying the times or difficult the challenge, he always made us proud. Proud of him, proud of ourselves. Proud to be Charlestonians."

"You've left our city more prosperous, more united, more just," he continued. "History will record that you were a giant, and history will be right!"

In a lighter moment, Tecklenburg joked that in moving some things into the Mayoral office on January 10 with his wife, Sandy, he found a large, oversized pair of shiny red clown shoes with bright yellow laces in the closet.

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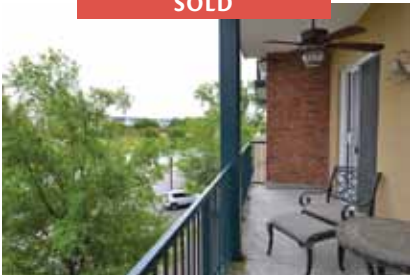
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## From the **EDITOR** Build a Better Business in 2016

In 2016, The Daniel Island News is committing the paper's resources and our staff's time to expand our efforts to promote and support the Daniel Island business community. In addition to the traditional sponsorships and the news and feature coverage of business matters that we publish on a regular basis, we are creating a "Build a Better Business" initiative. Through articles, educational seminars, business awards, lunch and learn gatherings and other interactive community opportunities, we hope to impact our business community for the better.

This week we launch "Build a Better Business in 2016" by seeking input from local business leaders about their first jobs. Like Robert Fulghum book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," there is some truth in the statement that "all I really need to know about business I learned on my first job." Well, maybe not "all", but indeed our first job experiences, whether good or bad, set an example and provided insight for how to run our businesses or engage in our work today.

When I reflected on my first job, I remembered that from about the ages of 8-12 I pulled my wagon through our neighborhood and collected newspapers

with my best friend Brad. We lived at the top of a hill, so this was indeed hard work. We stored the papers in my childhood home's basement for weeks, adding to the growing pile until it was time to load my dad's pickup truck to take them to the junkyard. We had two junkyards in town, and we would call to see which was paying the highest price for newspaper. Our goal, earn enough money to buy baseball cards with the ultimate desired result – to have a complete set of Topps baseball cards. In 1978, we reached that goal.

I still have that complete set of 1978 baseball cards. Those cards remind me what I learned from that first entrepreneurial effort. Brad and I learned to work together toward a common goal. We learned that our neighbors depended on us to collect the papers as we promised. We learned how to find the best price for our product. And all these years later I still find myself carrying stacks of papers around the neighborhood!

We invite you to read what local business leaders learned from their first jobs (pages 14-15) and to share your first job experiences with our readers, together with the lessons learned. You can send your



**Editor Sue Detar is still happy with her 1978 complete Topps baseball card collection that she purchased (and traded for) with money earned from her first job – recycling newspapers.**

reflections to sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com. We also invite you to share other business building ideas and seminar topic suggestions. Let's build a better business community together in 2016.

## And Now the Good News (part 2)



### unconventional wisdom

**STEVE FERBER**

*Part 1 addressed the compelling issue of world hunger, and the significant strides being made worldwide. Today, in Part 2, we explore an equally dynamic topic: Is humankind progressing? Today's column provides excerpts from a recent debate held among four of the world's brightest minds.*

Is humankind progressing? Do man's best days lie ahead?

A one-hour news feed from CNN (nearly every hour of the day) might convince you otherwise. It's the downside of a 24/7 news cycle – we endure one thousand impressions of the latest crime, tragedy or killing – be it human or weather-related – and, honestly, it can't help but cloud our perspective.

Yet a quick look back, to nearly any time in history, assures us that every generation experiences its own unique set of worries and fears. Why would this time in history be any different?

That was the issue explored this past fall at the Munk Debates\*, a series of semi-annual debates vetting issues of substance (prior topics included: The West vs. Russia, Gender in the 21st Century, North American Economy, Religion, Healthcare, Climate Change and Humanitarian Intervention).

Four authors took the debate floor – on the pro side, Harvard Professor Steven Pinker and House of Lords member Matt Ridley built a compelling case

that man's best days do indeed lie ahead. Opposing them, journalist Malcolm Gladwell and public philosopher Alain de Botton made their claim that today's threats (e.g., nuclear proliferation, climate change, et al) are indeed of a different order.

Clear from debate reviews was that Pinker – armed with facts and figures – carried the day. Pinker opens with two memorable lines: "Journalists report plane crashes, not planes that take off," then adds: "As long as bad things haven't vanished from the earth altogether, there will always be enough of them to fill the news." His compelling arguments rested on 10 elements that revealed, with little hyperbole, that humankind is indeed progressing. Following are Pinker's 10 points, drawn from the transcript of the Munk Debates:

1. Life itself: "A century and a half ago, the human lifespan was 30 years. Today is it 70 and it shows no signs of levelling off."

2. Health: "Two of the greatest sources of misery in human existence [smallpox and cattle plague] have been eradicated forever. The same will soon be true for polio and guinea worm and we are currently decimating hookworm, malaria, filariasis, measles, rubella and yaws."

3. Prosperity: "Two centuries ago eighty-five percent of the world's population lived in extreme poverty. Today, that's down to ten percent and, according to the UN, by 2030, it could be zero."

4. Peace: "Globally, the annual death rate from wars has been in bumpy decline, from 300 per 100,000 during World War II, to 22 in the 1950s, 9 in the '70s, 5 in the '80s, 1.5 in the '90s and 0.2 in the '00s. Even the horrific civil war in Syria has only

budgeted the numbers back up to where they were in 2000."

5. Safety: "Global rates of violent crime are falling in many places precipitously. The world's leading criminologists have calculated that, within thirty years, we can cut the global rate of homicide in half."

6. Freedom: "More than sixty percent of the world's population now lives in open societies, the highest percentage ever."

7. Knowledge: "In 1820, seventeen percent of people had a basic education. Today, eighty-two percent do and the percentage is rapidly heading to a hundred."

8. Human Rights: "Ongoing global campaigns have targeted child labour, capital punishment, human trafficking, violence against women, female genital mutilation, and the criminalization of homosexuality. Each has made measureable inroads and, if history is a guide, these barbaric customs will go the way of human sacrifice, cannibalism, infanticide, chattel slavery, heretic burning, torture executions, public hangings, debt bondage, dueling, harems, eunuchs, freak shows, foot binding, laughing at the insane, and the designated goon in hockey."

9. Gender Equity: "Global data show that woman are getting better educated, marrying later, earning more, and in more positions of power and influence."

10. Intelligence: "In every country, IQ has been rising by three points a decade."

\* The 90-minute debates began in 2008 and are a charitable initiative of the Aurea Foundation co-founders Peter and Melanie Munk. Last month's debate, on humankind, was held at the Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto, in front of an audience of 3,000. TV viewers also looked on.



# Ten and Five Years Ago in THE DANIEL ISLAND NEWS

## Ten Years Ago – Talk of water taxi coming to DI

In the January 12, 2006 issue of The Daniel Island News, the feature story was about Charleston entrepreneurs Chip Deaton and Scott Connelly who hoped to establish commuter ferry service for Daniel Island residents. Their business, Charleston Water Taxi, continues to make crossings between Mount Pleasant's Charleston Harbor Marina and the downtown Charleston Maritime Center. The operators estimate that the journey between Daniel Island and downtown would take about 20. The service to and from Daniel Island never came to fruition. Also, at the same time, the Charleston Area Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) was to begin servicing Daniel Island on January 9. However, according to a CARTA representative, services including a Park and Ride stop was delayed until further notice. This service, too, never came to fruition.

In other news, it was announced that the South Carolina Electric and Gas (SCE&G) power transmission lines connecting the St. Thomas Island substation with the Mt.



**Charleston resident Beth Cates enjoyed some mid-winter sunshine and scenic view during her ride aboard the Charleston Water Taxi.**

Pleasant Longpoint substation were to be buried under ground. The decision to bury the lines, as opposed to installing overhead lines, was announced by Mayor Joe Riley at a press conference on Daniel Island. The reality of the underground lines was a direct result of land donations that offset the cost differential of overhead lines, SCE&G officials said.

## Five Years Ago – Fire Prevention and Safety Tips

In the January 13, 2011 issue of the Daniel Island News, the centerfold featured an article about fire prevention and safety tips. "Fire causes are often related to heating," said Mike Julazadeh, the then Fire Marshal and Battalion Chief for the Charleston Fire Department. "Often, alternative heating sources are used."

"Unattended cooking" remains high on the list as well, stated Julazadeh. Basic preparedness, including having working fire extinguishers and smoke alarms in the home, as well as an emergency plan, can mean the difference between life and death. According to the American Red Cross, approximately 65 percent of house fire fatalities occur in homes with no functional smoke alarms.

What's the number one mistake people make? "Before the fire – failure to plan, prepare, practice and prevent," added Julazadeh. "During the fire – failure to evacuate quickly, assuming they can handle the fire (and) it grows quicker than expected. This also delays calling for help, again delaying our response and we must deal with a more significant event."

Other island news included, the Daniel Island Company's Employee Advised Fund (EAF)

reported that it distributed more than \$40,000 to 17 mostly local charitable initiatives in 2010.

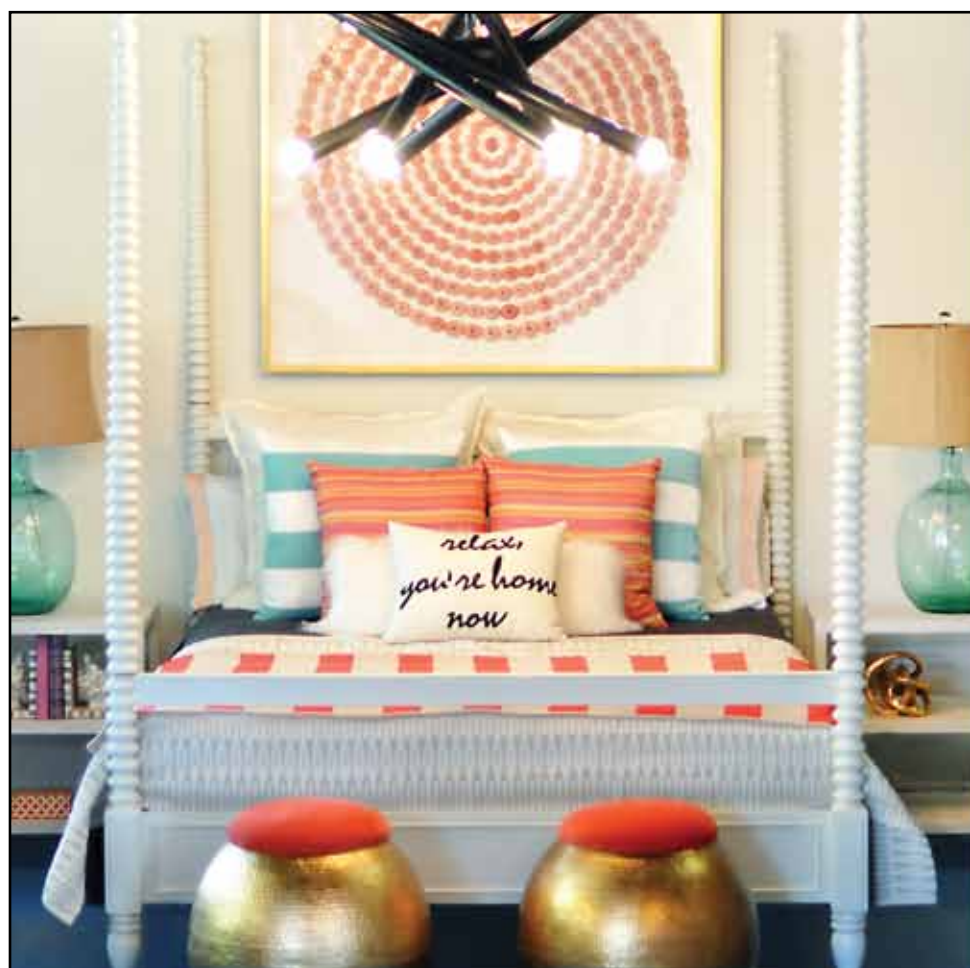
Funded through voluntary payroll deductions from employees of the Daniel Island Company, Daniel Island Real Estate, Daniel Island Club and the Daniel Island Property Owners Association, the EAF was an employee-led charitable contribution program. The Daniel Island Company matches employee contributions dollar-for-dollar, and a committee of employees guides the Fund's giving activities.

In sports news, the Hanahan High School wrestling team had just hosted the 19-team Hawk Invitational and captured their own first place trophy!



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**This house on Hooper Street caught fire in 2009.**



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From TECKLENBURG on PAGE 02

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"It's been talked about...that I have some big shoes to fill!" he said, before pulling the shoes out of a bag during his speech. Riley laughed in response, as did the crowd, and told the audience that the shoes were actually from the Ronald McDonald House. Afterwards, Tecklenburg presented Riley with a commemorative plaque from the City of Charleston and its employees for his four decades of dedication and distinctive service.

Tecklenburg then used his pulpit to talk about what happens next for the city. He spoke of targeting traffic and tourism, recreation and redevelopment, public safety and public engagement, and transparency - all issues he frequently discussed on the campaign trail.

"There is much work to be done!" he said. "Work that we should and must do together. First we must tackle the problems that have come with our success, particularly in the areas of livability and quality of life... We face challenges that we can only solve by coming together around a responsible and robust plan of action."

Immediately following the ceremony and an afternoon reception on Monday, Tecklenburg planned to convene a meeting of city officials to jump start the redevelopment and strategic revitalization of West Ashley, another item on his list of campaign goals. Before the end of the day, he expected to place calls to regional leaders to further efforts to complete I-526. In the days, weeks and months ahead, he also promised to work with City Council and citizens to address flooding and rising sea level concerns, to improve the public transit system and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, to achieve sustainable growth that respects the environment, to improve the delivery of basic city services, and to help empower "our brothers and sisters in need, including our homeless citizens."

Another challenge Tecklenburg hopes to meet is that of ensuring real, meaningful opportunities for all citizens, regardless of religion, race, creed or circumstance, he said. He plans to work across communities and jurisdictions to end disparities in education, to provide more affordable housing, and to seek social and economic justice.

"So here, in this unfolding story of Charleston's history with a promise of a hopeful future, let us challenge ourselves this day to accept any test or trial and respond with excellence and enlightenment," said Tecklenburg, his voice rising from the podium. "To be open and inclusive to show that good citizens work-

ing collaboratively can tackle any challenge. To show that with faith in God and love in our hearts, we will be an example to the world, not just in the wake of tragedy, as Charleston has already done so beautifully, but in our actions going forward... That's how we truly earn the name of the Holy City."

Among the day's other speakers were South Carolina's Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth and local artist Marcus Amaker, who shared a poem they wrote together to commemorate the occasion.

"Though Charleston is a shrine to the past, where every alleyway and weather-worn road tells the story of a city resurrected, time is never standing still," recited Wentworth. "Running beneath the surface are fault lines of our own making, reshaping memory brick by brick."

"...As the earth shifts beneath our feet, we move forward together," continued Amaker. "Our hearts unhinged, guide us toward a city remade by love, into a future that our past could never have imagined, beginning today."

The event also included the swearing-in of several newly elected or re-elected City Council members, including Daniel Island resident Gary White, who has represented District 1 for the last eight years. White thanked his family and all of his supporters for helping him throughout his campaign, and also praised former Mayor Riley for his leadership.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the city and the citizens of the City of Charleston," he said.

Daniel Island resident Chad Vail and his wife, April, who is Tecklenburg's niece, brought their children along to take part in the inaugural festivities.

"It was exciting and historic," said Chad. "Charleston has had the same Mayor for so long, my whole life in fact. It was very special to be there and to see the emotion, and of course the singers, and the fun things that made that event special. But also the setting, the historical setting, our four corners of law. It was an amazing time in an amazing place."

As the momentous program drew to a close, before a rousing performance by the soulful Lowcountry Voices, Tecklenburg summed up the city's new marching orders.

"So now, with a unity and purpose of clear goals in mind, the work begins... It's an ongoing journey, but we know this - with good will, hard work, and a commitment to excellence in all that we do, Charleston's best days are yet ahead!"



## Daniel Island Community Association Board Election starts Friday

*Vote online to select two board positions from 11 resident candidates*

The Daniel Island Community Association (DICA) received a total of 11 nominations for two board openings on the DICA Board. The candidates are Kevin Brookes, David Campopiano, Keith Kraemer, Heather Lyman, Elena Pierce, Shawn Pinkston, Darrell Tasker, Greg Taylor, Gregory Turner, Jim Wasson and Dave Williams.

The election will take place on-line starting Friday, January 15 at 6 a.m. and runs through Saturday, January 16 at 5 p.m. This election is for DICA members only.

You can read more about the candidates as well as about the voting procedures on the POA Website, [www.dicomunity.org](http://www.dicomunity.org).

## What's happening this month at the Daniel Island Library?

### PUZZLED?

January is National Puzzle Month. During the month of January the library will have a large jigsaw puzzle ready to be pieced together by one and all. When a puzzle is completed another, perhaps more challenging, will replace it. Stop by as often as you like and be part of the fun.

### NEW ZEN COLORING

Relax and enjoy the latest rage, coloring for adults. Color away your problems and feel the positive energy flow as you create your own masterpiece. All supplies provided. Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m., Jan. 14th-Feb 25th

### NEW DANIEL ISLAND BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 10:30-11:30 a.m., 3rd Tuesday of the month, Feb. 16, Mar. 15, April 19, May 17. Be part of a lively discussion about some popular and chat worthy books. Was it a thumbs up or thumbs down? Come share your thoughts.



## January is National Puzzle Month

February 16- Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver;

March 15- Boston Girl by Anita Diamant; April 19- Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova; May 17- Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Copies of each book will be available at the circulation desk monthly. Please preregister due to limited space.

### DI NEEDLE WORKERS

Alternate Tuesdays 10-2, starting Janu-

ary 12th. From experts to beginners, join in the fun on Tuesday mornings. Bring your quilt, applique, embroidery, or any portable needle project and stay for a while to sew, make new friends and chat.

### LEGO MANIA

Imagine, create and build with LEGO blocks provided by the library. This program is designed for kids 8-11, but parents are free to join in the fun. Wednesday, February 17, 3:30-4:30.

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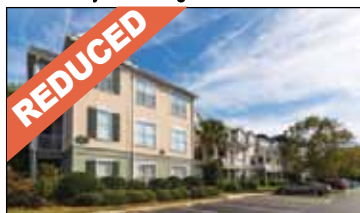
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### GARDEN CLUB

DI Garden Club meets at 1 pm, on Jan. 13 at 294 Providence Baptist Church, Seven Farms Rd. The program presenter is Kelli Shaw. She has creatively melded her art and design educational background with hands on horticultural experience! Refreshments. Questions, Jerri Pogue 703.967.4993.

### COMMUNITY MEETING ON CLEMENTS FERRY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

A public information and question/answer session will be held on Jan. 18, 7pm at Daniel Island about the Clements Ferry Road Widening Project.

### DANIEL ISLAND INSHORE FISHING CLUB

The Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club offers the opportunity to meet other Daniel Islanders interested in inshore fishing, from beginners to more advanced anglers, and serves as a focal point to participate in various aspects of fishing and related educational, conservation, and social activities. The Club will meet on Jan. 19, 7pm at the Providence Baptist Church to hear a presentation by Ron Silverman. Ron is best known as the founder of the Daniel Island Inshore Fishing Club, as an avid fisherman for over 70 years, as an IGFA World Record holder, as a writer about fishing, and for his ability to combine fishing with fundraising for charity. Visitors and guests are welcome to

attend. For more information about the club, contact Bill Lark at Lark848@gmail.com.  
**HEALING FROM DIVORCE**  
Christ-centered group workshop begins Jan. 21 through March 10 for 8 consecutive Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Holy Cross Daniel Island. To register and for more information go to [www.HolyCross.net/PAD](http://www.HolyCross.net/PAD).

### REAL BREAD - HEALTHY EATING SIMPLIFIED

Totally Fit Sponsors this event by Sue Becker from The Bread Beckers on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross on Daniel Island. The Bread Beckers, located in Woodstock, Ga., is one of the South's largest grain suppliers with a mission to show how easy real food is to prepare and delicious to eat. Sue will focus on nutritional education while presenting practical information on how to reduce the risks of common diseases. All are welcomed. Free for Totally Fit members and \$10 for non-members.

### INTERGENERATIONAL FORUM

Free and open to the public. A public forum will be held on Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Bishop England High School Performing Arts Center. Five high school seniors and five senior citizens will discuss their perspectives on crucial matters facing humanity, our nation, and the world today. Free. Open to the public. For more info, [fred.danziger13@gmail.com](mailto:fred.danziger13@gmail.com) or 516-524-2208.

### YOUNG LIFE

Every Monday high school students will gather for an amazing night of crazy fun and fellowship starting back in January and running through the Spring semester. Location changes each Monday. For more information or to join our weekly email update, please email Joe Danehower ([joe.danehower@gmail.com](mailto:joe.danehower@gmail.com)) and Tracey Lengyel ([tlengyel91@gmail.com](mailto:tlengyel91@gmail.com)) or visit our website, [charleston.younglife.org](http://charleston.younglife.org).

### WYDLIFE

Wydlife (for 6-8 grade students) meets Monday night, 7-8 pm for an amazing night of fun and fellowship at the home of Kevin and Catherine Brookes (1712 Doldridge Street)! For more information or to join weekly update, contact Tracey Lengyel (412.852.2123 or [tlengyel91@gmail.com](mailto:tlengyel91@gmail.com)) or visit our website [www.charleston.younglife.org](http://www.charleston.younglife.org)

### WILLINGWAY CONTINUING CARE MEETINGS

Every Monday 6:30-7:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Dr. Provides a community for addicts, their family and friends to talk about their experiences and find ways to connect with 12-step recovery. Free. Contact Rhett Crull 843-323-7111 with questions.

### RUN CLUB

Gaia Fit Run Club meets on Fridays 5:30 am and Sundays 7:30 am for group runs as well as First Friday Happy Hour Runs at DI restaurants. Email [mary@gaiafit.com](mailto:mary@gaiafit.com) for more information.

### GROUP RUN/WALK

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am from Pierce Park Pavilion: Enjoy a 3-mile walk or run along the Wando River and share your thoughts and input with the Daniel Island News' writers and advertising executives.

### BENG

"Business Executive Networking Group" meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Berkeley County Library on Daniel Island, 2301 Daniel Island Drive, 5 to 6:30pm. BENG ([www.thebeng.org](http://www.thebeng.org)) is a multidiscipline networking group for mid to senior level executive professionals who are seeking a new career. Contact Cathey Petkash, [cpetkash@frannet.com](mailto:cpetkash@frannet.com). Register at <http://bengcharleston.event-brite.com>.

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### WOMEN OF FAITH

Daniel Island ladies of all denominations gather Wednesday mornings at 9 am for an hour of prayer and sharing. Call Joan Vitalo, 884-1484, or Kay Uhler, 971-1445, for details.

### WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK (WIN)

Join professional women for a networking luncheon, which is held the last Wednesday of each month at The Islander, from 11:45am - 1pm. Contact Sheila Underwood - 843.849.3820 or email [Sheila.underwood@suntrust.com](mailto:Sheila.underwood@suntrust.com). RSVP is required.

### TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters of Daniel Island meet on the first and third Friday of every month, from 12 to 1pm at Summit Place, 320 Seven Farms Dr. For more information please contact [claire@eduave.com](mailto:claire@eduave.com) or Brian Richards (843) 884-5987.

### AA MEETINGS ON DI

Daily M-F 8 am, Tue. 7pm, Fri 7pm at Providence Baptist Church, 294 Seven Farms Dr.; Sat. 8 pm at Holy Cross Church, 299 Seven Farms Dr.

### DANIEL ISLAND EXCHANGE CLUB

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (with some exceptions) at 5:30 pm at The Church of the Holy Cross, 299 Seven Farms Drive and centers its service initiatives on Americanism, youth programs, community service and the prevention of child abuse. For questions about meeting dates and programming, contact [PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentDIExchangeClub@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page.

### MOM'S PLAYDATE

Join local Moms and kids for playdates twice a month. @ Center Park (train side) on the 1st Tues. of every month at 10am and the 3rd Wed. of every month at 11am. Erica Elmenhurst ([ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com](mailto:ericaelmenhurst@gmail.com)) and/or Marie Corbin ([mariefw@gmail.com](mailto:mariefw@gmail.com)) for more information.

### MEN'S FITNESS GROUP

F3, a free men's workout group, meets every Saturday morning starting at 6:20 am at Governors Park and at 5:30 am on Wednesdays. [www.f3nation.com](http://www.f3nation.com) or email to [F3Charleston@gmail.com](mailto:F3Charleston@gmail.com).

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# A most dynamite duplex: new HQ for Peace Love Hip Hop and CrossFit Discovery

**JENNIFER JOHNSTON**  
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Disco ball reflections shine on one floor, chalk dust settles on the other. Sneakers squeak in unison opposite a staggered symphony of falling barbells. Under her direction, eight-counts run on repeat to near-perfection; under his, rounds for time recur to near-exhaustion.

This is the brand spankin-new headquarters for Peace Love Hip Hop and CrossFit Discovery on Daniel Island. It is fresh construction, physically housing (but hardly containing) both the studio and gym under one roof. And it's owned by an island resident husband and wife team. Angel Roberts started the PLHH movement inside rented space almost a decade ago. Robert VanNewkirk coached the first CFD class in his home garage in 2009. In the years that followed, both businesses would outgrow multiple spaces. So to create their own was almost always the plan.

"As soon as we moved here in 2007, we realized that Daniel Island is a very special place because of how close everything is," VanNewkirk recalls. "It's amazing how you can walk (or bike/cart) to everything



Angel Roberts leads the first hip hop class in the new Peace Love Hip Hop studio.

JENNIFER JOHNSTON

you need. We wanted our business to be an extension of that lifestyle and allow for CrossFit and hip hop to be a central part of such a close-knit community."

But it wouldn't be a cohabitation of convenience. Despite the obvious markings of distinction between the two recreational

phenomena – heavier loads in the gym versus heavier bass in the studio, to name just a couple – they share many of the same celebrated hallmarks. Truly fun fitness. A supportive, inclusive community. An all-out sweat-fest. And what is a hip hop booty drop, really, if not just a sassier CrossFit air squat?

There are more synergies to the pair of programs, as well. For one, they "share" many of the same families. Several CFD athletes are parents of youth PLHH dancers, and many of the adult hip hoppers supplement dance with CrossFit. "We wanted to make sure that the whole family had a place to go where they could be together, have fun, and be active," says Roberts of the combined facility.

There were also some efficiencies to be observed, with shared lobby space, in-house physical therapy, a kids' play area, and men and women's showers. And before the amenities were built into the new building, they were just a few of the notions inside the heads of the entrepreneurial duo. "We have been dreaming and talking about the space for years," says Roberts. "It's been such a fun design project!"

The owners worked with architects Richard Gowe and Rush Dixon; Dan Sweeney and his Stumphouse Design team; and contractor David Iaria, President of T.A. Iaria, Inc. But it seems that it has also been a labor of love that has been touched by those who

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## Peace Love Hip Hop and CrossFit Discovery open new headquarters

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have become part of the PLHH and CFD “families” over the years. “We have had so much support from our community that we really want to thank everyone,” states Roberts. “It’s amazing how many people have offered their help with this project.”

Knowing their dancers and athletes as they do, what did these business owners anticipate would cause the biggest freak-outs at the unveiling of the new studio and gym?

“In CrossFit, people are going to lose their minds over the back porch and the spaciousness of the new gym,” predicts Van-Newkirk. “With the huge amount of open floor and the big rollup doors, it’s really going to feel like you are working out in a beautiful, outdoor space.”

For the hip hoppers, Roberts has just one question: “Have you seen the six-foot disco ball?” It’s one of the biggest ones on the east coast.

“There are so many things that we love about the building and are most excited about all of the SPACE,” Roberts gushes about the 2,500 square foot studio and 3,500 square foot gym. “We can’t wait to have huge dance parties and big group CrossFit classes. More space = more friends!”

And you know what they say... Friends that sweat together, stay together. Regardless which side of this movement mecca you enter.

CrossFit Discovery currently offers morning, noon, and evening classes Monday through Friday and morning class on Saturday. Peace Love Hip Hop offers afternoon youth classes throughout the week, and adult classes in the evening. More classes will be added, so visit [crossfitdiscovery.com](http://crossfitdiscovery.com) and [peacelovehiphop.com](http://peacelovehiphop.com) for the most current information. Watch for summer camp information in the coming months as well.



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**Proud husband-and-wife gym and studio owners Robert VanNewkirk and Angel Roberts welcome the community at the new facility's grand opening on January 9.**



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## City launches online business license renewal system

Staff report

Earlier this month the City of Charleston launched a new online service that provides Charleston business owners with a convenient way to renew their business licenses. Businesses with existing licenses now have the ability to renew their licenses online directly through the City's Customer Access Portal at <http://charleston-sc.gov/cap>. The new online business license renewal system is a password-protected, secure system that can be accessed by businesses that receive a business license renewal notice in the mail. Notices were mailed the first week of January and to avoid penalties renewal is required by January 31, 2016.

"This new online service has been a top priority for the City of Charleston. Our goal is to make it as easy and convenient as possible for people to conduct business with our City and this is just one of the many things we are working on to facilitate convenience for the Charleston business community," said Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.

A City of Charleston business license is required for any organization or person that

conducts business within the City, even if the business is physically located outside of city limits or the company or person has a business license from another city.

Most businesses with an existing license can renew online by creating an account, which will be verified by City staff within 2 business days. Once accounts are confirmed users will go to <http://charleston-sc.gov/cap> and enter Gross Receipts from the previous Fiscal Year and Allowable Deductions to complete the renewal. The City accepts the following payment methods: MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover. Once the transaction is complete, you can print and keep the payment receipt at the business establishment as proof of renewal. The business license certificate will arrive, by mail, within 10-14 days.

You may also renew by mail or in person. Visit <http://charleston-sc.gov/renewal> for the renewal form complete and submit:

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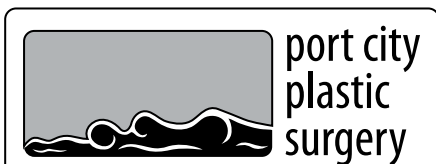
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## Three Characteristics of Exemplary Leaders



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*Leadership is a matter of having people look at you and gain confidence, see how you react. If you're in control, they're in control.*  
— Tom Landry

A story is told of Gen. George C. Marshall when upon taking command of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA, found the post in a generally run-down condition. Rather than issue orders for specific improvements, he simply got out his own paintbrushes, lawn equipment, etc., and went to work on his personal quarters. The other officers and men, first on his block, then throughout the post, did the same thing, and Fort Benning was brightened up. Leadership by example.

Many a leader want to equip their teams to achieve certain results, move the company forward, set new sales records, etc., but fall short at the most basics leadership practices to get there.

Living a life of exemplary leadership is not an elusive goal that only a select few can attain. You can live it every day if you will simply follow the example of Gen. Marshall. Here are three observations from the story that can elevate your leadership.

#### EXEMPLARY LEADERS ARE DECISIVE

Arriving at Ft. Benning, Gen. Marshall found run-down conditions. Rather than assess blame or pull rank by assigning the task to men under his command, he took decisive action and began the work himself.

There is a time and place to forge strategy, communicate across the spectrum, and otherwise set plans into motion that will best serve your organization. But there is also a time to act.

Do you want to be a decisive leader? Exemplary leaders are those who see what needs to be done and do it.

#### EXEMPLARY LEADERS ARE ENGAGED

One of the largest complaints among employees that you will find in most any survey is that they have a manager or boss who is

disengaged. In fact, in a story by US News and World Report, (<http://bit.ly/1O7c5vT>) it was revealed that, "Only 18 percent of managers at U.S. jobs had "high talent" for leadership skills, including the ability to encourage accountability in the workplace, motivate workers and build relationships with them." Sobering, isn't it?

Being engaged as a leader can't be phoned in, faked, nor neglected. If you want to lead on a level that engages your team then you have to be engaged with your people and be intentional about creating a culture in which your people can thrive.

Do you want to be an engaged leader? Just as Gen. Marshall took out the paint brush and went to work, so too must you roll up your sleeves and not be afraid to get your hands dirty. Get engaged and get involved with your people.

#### EXEMPLARY LEADERS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Maybe in some circles taking responsibility has become a lost art, but it still works. Upon arriving at Ft. Benning, Gen Marshall saw what had to be done and went to work. Beneath the dignity of a General? Maybe. Below his pay grade. No doubt. But exemplary leaders are not worried about either—they just see what needs to be done and get busy.

Peter Drucker said, "Rank does not confer privilege or give power. It imposes responsibility." And that is the essence of exemplary leaders. When you worry less about your title and position and more about the responsibilities that come with it the greater your impact you will have as a leader.

Do you want to be a responsible leader? Play the hand you are dealt. Find solutions and not fault. Set the example by being the example of what exemplary leadership is all about.

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*Doug Dickerson is an internationally recognized leadership speaker, columnist, and author. A Lowcountry resident, Doug is available to speak for your civic, business, or church group. To learn more visit [DougDickerson.wordpress.com](http://DougDickerson.wordpress.com).*

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# Build a Better Business –

*Local business leaders share lessons learned from their first jobs*

**A**s part of The Daniel Island News's Build a Better Business 2016 campaign, we asked several local business people to share details about their first jobs and what they learned from those jobs that still applies to their work today.

We think their answers may inspire you to remember your first job and the lessons learned. You can share your first job stories and lessons learned via email to [sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com](mailto:sdetar@thedanielislandnews.com) for possible future publication. And, by sharing, we can all learn something that might improve our work and business life.



**BOB MORAN**  
General Manager Family  
Circle Tennis Center and  
Volvo Cars Stadium

My first job was as an Assistant Golf Professional in Scarsdale, New York. My responsibilities included: Management of all Pro Shop operations, staff scheduling, Pro Shop accounting, Pro Shop buying, junior programs, tournament operations, and teaching.

The decision on my first job came down to the fact that I wanted a job where I would interact with people. Both in group and one on one settings. I also chose the job as it allowed me to network with individuals who could help me with my future. Twenty-five years later, those same people continue to be good friends and provide career guidance.

I learned very quickly that you only get one chance to make a first impression. Sounds like a cliché, but so very

true. Service is everything. What is that experience like for your client or the consumer from the very beginning to the very end? Each aspect of that experience is equally important.



**PAM HARTLEY**  
Agency Principal,  
Momentum Marketing

My first job was as the Drive-thru booth money collector/order taker at McDonald's (drive-thru booths were brand new in 1984)!

I was 16 years old and asked my dad to buy me a pair of \$125 boots. He told me I needed

to get a job and earn my own money. So the next week I got my worker's permit and got a job. I bought those boots with my first paycheck!

McDonald's was a leader at that time in customer service and they had an extensive training program. I learned a great deal about upselling and cross selling (would you like fries with that?), being courteous to customers and on-the-job organizational and multi-tasking skills. That first job taught me to honor my commitments, follow procedures, be on time and to always serve my customers with a smile – all skills that still apply to this day.

**My job involved following along with an older man in a pick-up truck. He would drive, I shoveled behind the horses.**

– Matt Sloan



**MATT SLOAN**  
President, The Daniel  
Island Company

My first paying job was after I had just turned 13. The upper state New York town I was spending the summer in had a six week long series of festivals with different themes - German, Polka, Country Western, etc. It was an

opportunity for me to make money for the first time, so I eagerly inquired about jobs I could do.

Budweiser had a very large presence at the entire series of events, and their signature Clydesdales were there. They did a daily parade through town. My job involved following along with an older man in a pick-up truck. He would drive, I shoveled behind the horses. We would fill up the back of the truck, empty it, clean it and repeat. I actually did this six days a week one summer and was paid \$2.12 per hour.

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# Learning from First Jobs

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**SENSEI GLENN RAUS**  
Owner/Head Instructor  
of Japan Karate Institute  
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My first job was in 1982 as a busboy at the Baron's Inne in King of Prussia, PA. It was a fine dining restaurant that, due to its proximity to the Valley Forge Music Fair, had quite a few celebrity patrons. (Engle-

bert Humperdink, Bowzer from Sha Na Na, Mike Schmidt HOF 3rd Baseman, Bill Giles, Harry Kalas to name a few)

My duties were to assist the wait staff by filling waters, providing bread, coffee/tea, clearing flatware after each course and cleaning & resetting tables.

I got the job because my oldest brother was manager and my dad said it was time for me to get a job. (I had just turned 16). I wanted the job to earn spending money. My only initial goal was to not get fired. As I continued to work there, I wanted to be the best busboy in order to be scheduled on the high volume nights and make more money. (We were tipped by each of the waiters we served)

The three biggest things I learned from this job were: Team work and hustle are key, working smart beat working hard, and I developed an ability to talk to anyone (I once served Phillip Testa, head of the Philadelphia Mafia. He tipped me \$100 for getting him a coffee).



**KATHARINE MOFFAT**  
Owner -  
Lucia's Premium Pet

My first job was at a local, woman-owned pet food and supply shop in Greensboro, NC called All Pets Considered. At this job I helped customers find solutions to a number of animal related issues, rang up sales, stocked shelves, cleaned

the store, and learned about pet nutrition and health. I stuck with this job for five years because I adored working with the public and of course, with animals.

I wanted this job because I grew up in a home where I was not able to have pets. I loved dogs, cats and all animals I came into contact with, and had a natural desire to rescue them. With this job, I was able to interact with many different pets and help local rescue organizations.

The lessons I learned from that first job were invaluable to the work I do today. Had I never gotten that job in high school, I would have never opened the business I have. I went to Wake Forest and majored in French, Spanish and International Studies. I studied abroad and really enjoyed communication and culture. During the summers though, I always ended up back at the pet shop. My customers would ask what I wanted to do with my degrees and language skills and I would always reply, "I just want to work at this pet shop for the rest of my life." I've always been a follow-your-heart kind of girl, and my heart led me here to Daniel Island to open Lucia's in 2008.

place for me to start. I worked hard, enjoyed the outdoors and earned more responsibility as a result of my efforts. As a city boy, it also gave me a taste of small town life and community events.



**JANE BAKER**  
Vice President Community  
Services Daniel Island

My first job was selling Cutco Knives.

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## be? What skills will you need to do it?

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I want to be a hip hop instructor. I need to know how to dance.  
Lucas  
Age 10



I want to work at BenefitFocus. I need to know how to code.  
Tyson  
Age 9



I want to be a vermiculturist. I need muscles to carry all the bags of fertilizer and I need patience for the worms.  
Ian  
Age 10



# BE girls and boys fall to Wando

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The Battling Bishops had rough games on Saturday against Wando. The girls lost their game 80-54 while the boys lost 58-36. The problems that the teams faced were very different from each other, but did not reflect their seasons at all.

The Lady Bishops struggled to score

the entire game. Only one player finished in double figures, Rhetta Moore, who struggled early but turn into a scoring machine down the stretch. She finished with 28 points. Unfortunately, none of her teammates were able to step up and help. Coach Runey said of his team's offensive drought, "We're in a scoring slump. We've been, most of the time, relying on two players to score... One of them is in a

terrible slump."

The Bishops boys' team started very well. They led 12-6 after the first quarter and they also were only down by four points going into the final quarter. Suddenly, offensive struggles and frustrations set in during the fourth, and BE was out-scored by Wando 24-6 in the final quarter. Coach Grevey felt the struggles actually started in the third. He stated simply, "What it really came down to is I thought we lost our composure a little bit in the third quarter. Things weren't going right for us offensively for a lot of our guys,

and I think the frustration mounted. Also, credit Wando, they played a perfect game, they came out and executed and my hat's off to them."

The Bishops and Lady Bishops have started region play, and are both 1-0 after victories on Friday against Garrett. The girls won 73-15 while the boys won 70-53. They played Battery Creek yesterday, the scores as well as the stats for the girls' game are online at besports.net. They also play away at Whale Branch on Friday and home against Porter Gaud on Saturday.

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# Chris Brown to play in the East-West Shrine Game in advance of the NFL draft

**PHILIP M. BOWMAN**

He's a team leader, so Chris Brown found little solace in scoring a touchdown in a losing effort against Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl, a game that featured two of college football's marquee programs.

The former Hanahan High School two-sport star would have rather celebrated the victory, said farewell to his teammates of four years. Yes, Brown wanted a different ending, but he's not looking back as he takes the next step in his career, a potential date in the upcoming NFL draft.

"It hurts when you lose, it always does," Brown said. "But it is obviously a good way to go out. You want to win, but scoring a touchdown in a New Year's Day bowl against a team like Ohio State on a big stage is something I will remember."

Brown caught a 4-yard TD pass to cut the Ohio State lead to 28-21. But the Buckeyes weren't to be denied as they posted a 44-28 victory. It was a season of what might have been for both teams. Sports Illustrated picked the teams to play in one of the national semifinals. But OSU had quarterback problems all year while the Irish had an incredible run of injuries.

Brown finished the season as the Fighting



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**Hanahan standout and Notre Dame wide receiver Chris Brown runs with the ball after the catch in Notre Dame's loss to Clemson early in the season. Brown is likely to be selected in the NFL draft.**

Irish's No. 2 receiver this season. He entered the 2015 campaign with 56 career catches for 813 yards and two TDs. He caught 48 passes this senior year for 597 yards and four scores.

He was one of two Notre Dame players selected to play in the East-West Shrine

Game, which is scheduled for Jan. 23 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

"It's a great opportunity," said Brown, who also excelled in track and field at Hanahan.

"My senior season I was considered one of the top wide receivers in the state, but I was

injured and didn't have the numbers to play in the North-South Game or the Shrine Bowl. It's a blessing. I am looking forward to see how I fare against good competition. But at Notre Dame, I always faced good competition."

Brown will get one more chance to showcase his talent before the NFL draft. The week of practices leading up to the all-star game are just as important because scouts will be in attendance all week, getting a chance to see the prospects in a one-on-one situation.

Brown is slated to graduate on time and his classes for spring semester are on Mondays and Wednesdays. That gives him ample time to travel from South Bend to Chicago for intense training for the NFL combine.

He is projected to be a fifth or sixth-round selection. But one practice, one game or one workout can change a player's stock in a second. That's why academics were the big reason Brown selected Notre Dame on National Signing Day 2012.

"I was put in a great situation," Brown said.

"Coming from the Charleston area, I was able to meet people from all over the United States, from Texas, Rhode Island, Miami and Boston. It allowed me to grow, to adapt to situations."

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**7th Grade Boys - Daniel Brooks.** Led the team in scoring and rebounding with 18 points in a hard fought 45-38 win against Cario. Also let the team in scoring and rebounding with 21 points in a victory against Brownsville Church.



**6th Grade Girls - Payson Noding.** All around strong play and hustle.



**6th Grade Boys - Tee Skipper.** Led team in scoring in both games this week, 15 and 11 points respectively. Great on court leadership.

**8th Grade Girls - Victoria Roe** (Picture not available). Tremendous hustle, great defense.

**8th Grade Boys - Tajh Venning** (Picture not available). Great interior presence on the defensive end.




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# Trout, Redfish, and skateboard bite has been pretty good



## fishing trends

**GREG PERALTA**

It is the middle of January and I have yet to catch a fish here (in the Lowcountry).

However, now that I am back from the Keys, I intend to set this right as soon as possible. In my absence, Elliott (my son) has been fishing a lot.

By all accounts, the Trout and Redfish bite has been pretty good. Falling water temperatures have Redfish in the shallows and Trout in deeper channels. These are their usual winter haunts, so the fish are now more predictable (and reasonably easy to catch).

Elliott reports bouncing a Z-Man Minnow Z Houdini on a quarter ounce jig slowly along the bottom has been effective for both Redfish and Trout. Using this technique, El-

liott caught an unusual sort of inshore slam.

While casting to an oyster bar adjacent to a dock, he caught a Redfish in the shallows atop the bar. A few casts later, he caught a Trout at the base of the bar in about 10 feet of water. On the next cast to the base of the bar, Elliott caught a pink skateboard. We are not sure what to name this slam, as this is the first skateboard we have ever caught. In the hope of catching another one, Elliott carefully revived and released the skateboard back into the creek.


A lot people stop fishing in January. I do not recommend doing this. If the water remains in the middle fifty degree range, fishing will continue to be very good. So dress appropriately for the weather and go fishing. If you are really lucky, you just may catch an extremely elusive skateboard!

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A skateboard that Elliot caught.



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# Griffin Williams wins the Pig Skin Pick 'Em!

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Each week from now until the Super Bowl, readers will be given the opportunity to "Beat the Sponsor" and to win great prizes. We will email a link to the survey each Tuesday evening via our "Coming This Week" eblast and we will also put the URL link on our Facebook page and here in the

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You can also enter by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZFJMKMG> to fill out your ballot or by dropping a paper ballot to our office by noon on Friday.

Each week, we will also include a running

win-loss record for each of our sponsors and the paper will donate \$500 to the charity of choice of the sponsor who has the best overall win-loss record at the end of the season.

This week, the sponsor rankings remained the same. UBS widened its lead over 843 Health Marketplace by one additional point, taking a three point lead. This coming week, with the inclusion of leading rusher, passer and the over/under, there are more opportunities for movement within the rankings.

First place - Steve Meyer/Jeff Burton of UBS (138-61); second place - Dave Williams of 843 Health Marketplace (135-64); third place - Helen Girly Brown (130-69); fourth place - Dr. Estes of Southern Orthopedics (125-74); fifth place tie - Tony Pope State Farm and Phil Bowman, sportswriter for The Daniel Island News (121-78); seventh place - the employees of the Daniel Island Grille (115-84); and eighth place - Cara Schaafsma of Irongate Realty (109-90).

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Total Score Over or Under 50? Over  
Leading rusher: David Johnson  
Leading passer: Palmer

Carolina vs. Seattle  
Total Score Over or Under 50? Under  
Leading rusher: Jonathan Stewart  
Leading passer: Cam Newton

Pittsburgh vs. Denver:  
Total Score Over or Under 42? Under  
Leading rusher: CJ Anderson  
Leading passer: Ben Roethlisberger



**Dave Williams**  
843 Health Marketplace  
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Total Score Over or Under 50? Under  
Leading rusher: David Johnson  
Leading passer: Aaron Rodgers

Carolina vs. Seattle  
Total Score Over or Under 50? Under  
Leading rusher: Marshawn Lynch  
Leading passer: Cam Newton

Pittsburgh vs. Denver  
Total Score Over or Under 42? Over  
Leading rusher: CJ Anderson  
Leading passer: Peyton Manning



**Clyde Hiers' dog,**  
Helen Girly Brown  
130-69

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Kansas City vs. New England  
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Southern Orthopedics  
125-74

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# Landing coveted bio gig, P&C columnist goes toe to toe with Mayor Joe

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Good fortune does not always coincide with good timing, even when that stroke of luck is matched with merit. But when you have the good fortune of being invited to pen the authorized biography of the man known as “America’s mayor,” you are willing to take do-able timing over that which is truly good.

And so, on December 10 at a special meet-the-author event at Halls Chophouse, award-winning Post and Courier journalist Brian Hicks introduced the finished product of his leap of faith (and race against the clock): “The Mayor: Joe Riley and the Rise of Charleston.”

Hicks opened by praising the event’s host for the outstanding lunch. “For the past year, I’ve been eating with Joe Riley... at Subway,” he deadpanned. “I believe the mayor and I have eaten at every Subway franchise in the metropolitan and Columbia areas since January.” Riley’s

staff had warned Hicks that the mayor was a creature of habit. He had apparently gone nearly unbroken with lunches at The Colony House until the decades-old restaurant closed in the early 90s.

When initially approached about writing the biography, Hicks almost declined the offer. He was invited to the project in late October 2014, and was told the team wanted the book out before Riley left office at the end of 2015. That gave just over a year to store shelves, and production time alone averages about nine months. “So, that was my excuse,” Hicks stated, “I said there wasn’t going to be enough time.” (As it turns out, by word count “The Mayor” is longer than any of the previous seven books he’s authored.)

But Hicks concedes that his hesitation was less about the time constraints than it was about the subject matter. Hicks had done a story with the mayor within the journalist’s first couple of weeks in Charleston and, from the start of their working relationship, had always found

him to be pleasant and forthcoming. But Joe Riley had always been very private about his personal life, a habit that was understandably concerning for the person doing the chronicling. Though Hicks had earned the privilege of contacting the mayor on his unpublished line for an “unvarnished” opinion on many matters, he was unsure that the mayor would be willing to go truly on-the-record for a meaningful biography. But apparently the mayor trusted Hicks and perceived their relationship as a well-founded, trusted one, because he gave the nod to the veteran political columnist after turning down offers from six other author hopefuls.

After a week’s deliberation, Hicks decided to take the gig. What really sealed the deal was this: Hicks had learned from those close to Mayor Riley that after his first inauguration, the new holder of the City Hall keys and some of his buddies capped off the celebration with some late-night beer and cigars in the mayor’s office.

See **BRIAN HICKS** on **PAGE 23**



**Brian Hicks, metro columnist with the Post and Courier, has recently released his authorized biography of Charleston's 40-year mayor, Joseph P. Riley, just weeks ahead of the city leader's retirement.**

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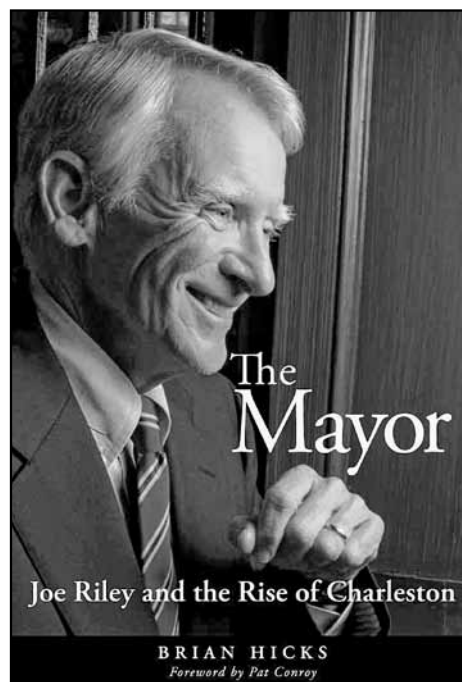
# Brian Hicks pens new biography on Mayor Riley

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Hicks knew the mayor's reaction to this bit of dish would be indicative of just how open his bio subject would be in divulging stories and information. To Hicks' delight, when he approached Joe Riley, they mayor sputtered out, "Oh, that ain't all... we re-arranged all the furniture..." Said Hicks, "That's when I realized, there was going to be nothing off-limits for the book." He went further to state that, in the year of interviews, not once did the mayor refuse to answer a question or request that the author not include material in the manuscript.

At the onset of the project, Hicks dug into the P&C archives, and found that between 1975 and the fall of 2014, Mayor Joe Riley appeared in 20,000 of the paper's stories. The biographer read each one, and created a timeline with all the most notable headlines. It turned out to be 120 pages long. When he told the mayor about that four-decade outline, Riley responded, "I'd like to borrow that sometime." From the time writing on "The Mayor" commenced last December, Hicks was at his laptop from 9 a.m. to midnight seven days a week. And he was still working on his P&C column all the while.

Early on, Hicks pitched his approach to Riley like this: the book would be a biography, but it would really read as a modern history of Charleston, with Mayor Joe as the main character. "Make no mistake," Hicks told the crowd at Halls, "in the history of Charleston over the last 40 years, Joe Riley has been the main character." He focused on the mayor's efforts at



**"The Mayor" includes a foreword by famed Lowcountry author Pat Conroy.**

racial equality and social justice, and the revitalization of Charleston, recalling that those were the reasons he ran for the post in the first place.

Hicks also underscored the mayor's propensity to get on something, and stick with it. He "got on" Charleston Place a year after taking office, and ten years later the centerpoint hotel would open. He grabbed onto Waterfront Park, an idea he had in 1976 that did not come to fruition

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until 1990. He had the notion of building the South Carolina Aquarium in 1982, and at the turn of the century the doors finally opened. And the first mention of the African-American Museum, which the mayor is still working on today, came in 2000. "It's the same pattern with everything he does," the author attests. "He doesn't give up. He's tenacious."

As the P&C's metro columnist, Hicks had spent a fair amount of time with Joseph P. Riley since joining the news outlet in 2007, establishing a strong rapport with Charleston's mayor. Hicks had, in fact, logged hours with a multitude of local and state politicians over those years. "I work with politicians every single day; it's pretty much what I do," he asserted. "Some of them I like a great deal; I consider some of them friends. And there's a lot of them I don't trust further than I could throw them. The mayor has always kind of been at a different level from all of

those people."

Hicks claims that the distinction is Riley's near-universal ability to command respect, simply by virtue of who he is and what he has stood for and accomplished. Still, Hicks contends that as much as he respects the mayor, he hasn't always agreed with him. "I've written columns against things that he's said... and I've heard from him every single time," the author related. "That's Joe Riley's standard operating procedure, the three-page, single-spaced letter, telling you why you're wrong and he's right." It apparently has been the mayor's modus operandi for at least 40 years; he argues that he's right, he tells you why he's right, he makes his case, and he states it over and over until the opposition just gives up. Observed Hicks, "That's how Charleston was built."

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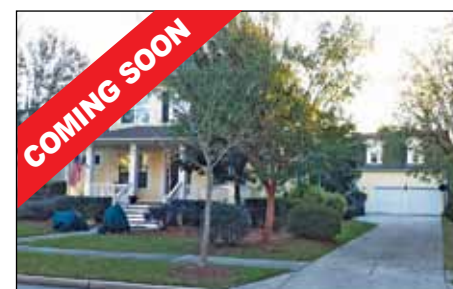


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