

ISC Seafarers' Log

The Official Newsletter of the International Seafarers' Center

"Meeting Seafarers' Needs Since 1982"

Lunch Aboard the M/V Strategic Equity
Wendy Reilly

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On May 13, Robert invited my husband Bob and me aboard the M/V Strategic Equity for lunch. We were served mutton biryani, naan, fresh fruit, and (best of all!) delicious chai (tea). Each Indian cook has his very own chai recipe and is proud of the recipe's special spices and seasonings, as well as the effort to prepare things perfectly!

We really hit it off with Captain Ankur Agarwal, since we had traveled three times in India and he had traveled in Poland, one of our ancestral homelands where we have also spent time. We found that we had a lot to talk about.

Bob and I learned that the seafarers would enjoy some sightseeing so in the afternoon we took them in the van to St. Simons Island. They were so happy when we took them through Sea Palms that the community was open and not gated that they all ran out of the van and tumbled around on the grass near the golf course and, of course, took lots of photos. We took them up near the Pink Chapel and to Fort Frederica where they enjoyed dressing up in Colonial soldiers costumes and wooden guns and taking more photos. The live oaks and Spanish moss were of special interest as well as the horses at the Frederica stables.

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ISC Calendar

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| Volunteer Training 11 AM - 1:30 PM 307 Newcastle Street | 8/23/18 |
| International Night Out 6-9 PM Morgan Center, Jekyll Island. See full article on page 6 | 9/28/18 |
| Deadline for Newsletter Articles | 10/5/18 |
| COASTFEST Volunteers will be needed to set up, staff, and break down our display. | 10/6/18 |



Left to right: Captain Agarwal with Wendy and Bob Reilly at the Jekyll Wharf...

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Vicki West

Isaiah 4:6 “There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.”



The “dog days” of Summer are upon us. Our “snow birds” have migrated North but our responsibility to our “visitors” from around the world continues forward. The love that radiates from our volunteers, in this time of stretching, is always amazing!!

We at the International Seafarers’ Center, since our founding in 1982, have continued to give “shade” in the heat of “the day” and be a refuge in the midst of the many storms of life. No matter what, our staff, volunteers and Board members step up and things always work!! **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE!**

Our transforming renovations are, for the most part, complete!! You can check out the before and after pictures in this newsletter. As the ISC continues to evolve in meeting the mandate to “Take Christ to the Nations,” these much-needed renovations make our center even more inviting with our private and cozy meditation/chapel room. We have truly been blessed and highly favored by God because these renovations were ALL taken care of by an unsolicited anonymous donor from the Atlanta area (God in disguise). Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good.”

Other new renovations for the ISC are on a more personal level. For anyone who does not know, our own Director of Volunteer Services, Robert Randall, will be retiring the middle of October this year. These shoes will be extremely hard to fill, but we believe that God has given us a good fit in Clay Hoffman. Clay, who has been serving as a volunteer and store keeper’s helper, will come on board full time July 1st with an internship from the North American Maritime Ministry Association and the International Transport Workers Federation Seafarers’ Trust. If you have not met Clay please make an effort to do so.

Now as we all know...it is that time of year. You might ask what time of year is that? Well the International Night Out fundraiser is right around the corner. September 28th, 2018 is the date to put in your calendar. This will be Robert’s last INO so please come out and support him. More information is available on the back page of this newsletter.

We thank the Lord God Almighty for His grace in continuing to allow us to be His hands and Feet to show His love to all who enter our Ports. It does not make any difference what the religion is or part of the World or the color of the skin... God is LOVE and His heart is always turned toward people. Therefore, so ours must be. What a privilege to be a part of this amazing co-mission with our Lord.

LIVE LOCAL-REACH NATIONS

Blessings,
Vicki

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Renovations Before and After Photo Gallery

Vicki West

Finally, ALL DONE!!! After months -- yes, I said *months* -- 4 months to be exact -- all of the "facelift" at 307 Newcastle Street is finished! There is something *not* to be said about the "slow laid back" pace of the South. Up North, at the most, this would have been a six-week project. The end result, I have to say, is all worth it. But a picture is worth a thousand words.

ENJOY!!



Before Renos - 8/9/2011



Before Renos - 8/15/2011



Salty's Chapel is now where old phone cubicles were



Post Renovations



New recreation Area



Post Renovations

Lunch Aboard the Strategic Equity continued from page 1...*Photo courtesy of Myles Kilby*

Another day we took some of them to Jekyll Island to tour the historic houses; the Jekyll Island Hotel and Crane Cottage and garden were a popular photo opportunity. There was also interest in the Tiffany window in the chapel, and the Sea Turtle Center was a special highlight. We stopped for drinks at the restaurant on the Jekyll pier and made them try the fried green tomatoes with pimento cheese underneath and the peanut butter pie (not a favorite; foreigners don't always understand why we like peanut butter).

We were invited on the ship several more times and were joined by other volunteers. We had chicken tikki masala, broiled fish, and even steak and broccoli and mashed potatoes, a special American meal in our honor. On our last visit we toured the Captain's and the Chief Engineer's quarters (very spacious), the kitchen which was spotless, and the bridge where we posed "driving" the ship.

Then we headed down to the Village which was very crowded since it was Mother's Day (also Mother's Day in India). We walked around and went to St Simons Sweets for ice cream. I pointed out to them the Southern specialties like pralines and divinity. We took them back to their ship but one of them returned on a later van to the Village to try some seafood and walk the pier and the beach.

*Captain Agarwal and Wendy*

We received phone calls from them while they were here and even after they went to Tampa where our friend Captain Agarwal was headed off home for two months. The Chief Engineer had four more months to go. The captain was from north India and spoke Hindi and English. The Chief Engineer was from Kerala and spoke Hindi, English and Tamil. Bob and I have traveled to India three times and love it, so it was fun to reminisce about our trips there!

We really enjoyed this crew and hope we'll see them again sometime !

Visiting the M/V Undine

John Samuelson

Recently, I visited the Wallenius ship, M /V Undine, with the Jackson family, Garrett, Ellen, John and Judy. They noticed a 'Seafarer of the Year' award on the captains desk. Ellen asked about it and we were told it was for rescuing 13 Indonesian sailors in the Malaccan Strait on June 14 of last year (the rescue and subsequent award were covered in the Winter 2018 ISC Newsletter...reference 'Christmas-At-Sea to the Rescue' by Robert Randall).

It was exciting to be able discuss the rescue with the captain. He described the efforts of the Undine crew and showed us the lifeboat that had been used.



Master Fredrik Krysen (center) with the Jackson Family aboard the M/V Undine

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Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Psalm 107:23-25, 28-30



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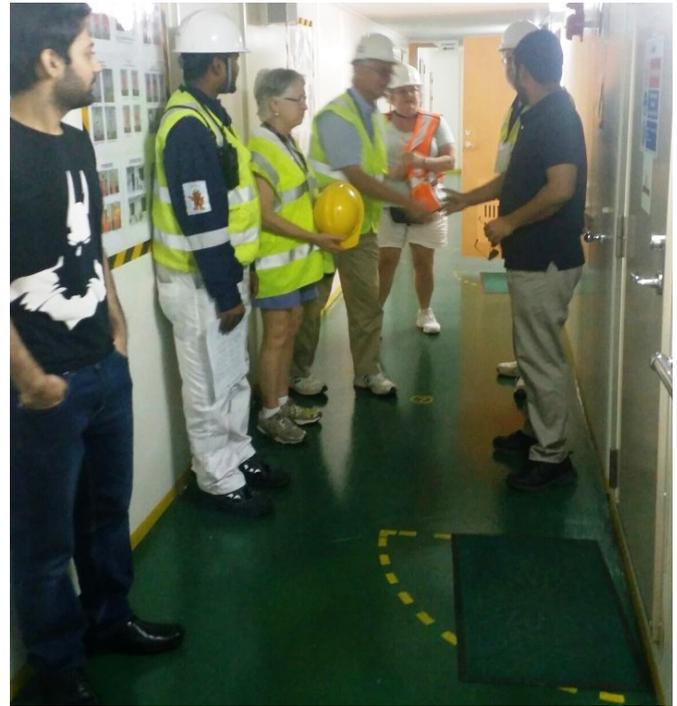
ISC Low Country Boil Photo Gallery



A Tour of the M/V Morning Cherry

The winning bid at a Silent Auction benefitting the Satilla Riverkeeper brought Wendy Hurd Montague, Clay Lafitte Montague, Bruce Arthur Lafitte, and Daria Leida Jones (pictured in the photo at right) to Colonels Island for a tour of the port and the M/V Morning Cherry on May 26.

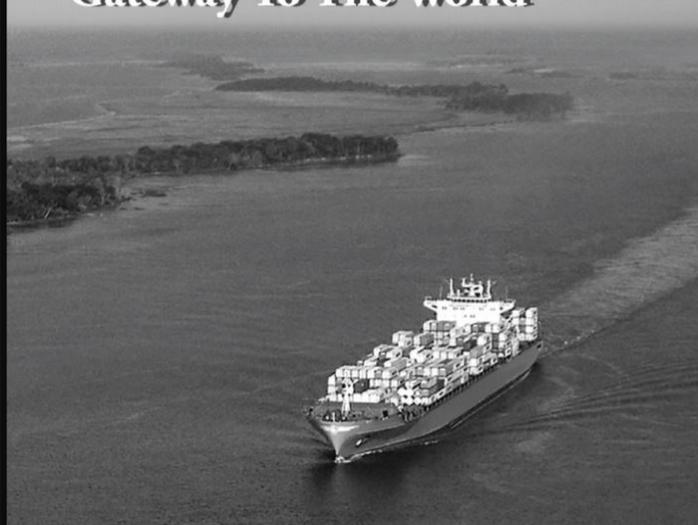
Photo provided by crew member Sujan Ghosh.





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 A photograph showing several people, including men and women, looking through a large closet filled with winter clothing. The closet is packed with coats, jackets, and other garments. One man in a blue shirt is smiling at the camera. The setting appears to be a donation center for seafarers.

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ISC Board of Directors Tour the Port at Colonel's Island

Clay Hoffman

I had the opportunity to join a group of ISC Board members on June 12th on a tour of Colonel's Island with Port Manager and Board President Bill Dawson. It was awesome! There are so many things that go on behind the scenes at the port, and a tour of some of the facilities to which I would not have access to on my own gave me a glimpse of some of them. We started the day by touring a ship that was unloading a car crusher. Yes, you read that correctly: one of the ships in port that day was off-loading brand new cars, but was also off-loading a huge car crusher to help recycle the old ones.

After a lengthy tour of the ship and its facilities, we headed over to International Auto Processing's facility to see how they keep the flow of new cars coming off the



L-R Clay Hoffman; Ron Adams; Robert Graham; Capt. Phillip Kempton; Jack McConnell; Bill Dawson; Paul Salter and Bradley Hoyt.

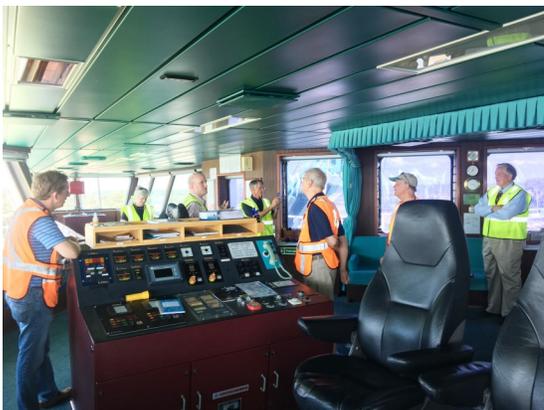


ships moving smoothly from manu-

factorer to consumer. Let me just say, it is an enormous undertaking and we only had a brief overview of what is involved. Board members Matthew Henderson and Robert Graham of IAP explained what happens at the facility once they receive a vehicle from one of the ships. From the spot they are assigned in the parking lot, to updating computer systems and adding accessories, there is a meticulous method to ensure every vehicle is properly handled and prepped for delivery to the dealer. They have a full body shop for repairing damage to vehicles, and must be more than thorough, as

some of the vehicles they fix cost as much as a home.

After leaving the IAP facility we toured the rest of the property and saw a parking lot that seemed to go on as far as the eye could see. We saw a current expansion that is underway, and finally made it to "the end of the line", or the back of the Port's property where the rail cars were already loaded with vehicles to send to their next destination.



those involved in putting the tour together.

Matthew gave us a nice surprise as we headed back to IAP's facility. He stopped and let us listen to him crank a beautiful Aston Martin. Captain Phillip Kempton commented that it did not sound the same as his Jeep cranking. Some of our board members sat inside the car and admired the illustrious hand stitched interior. This was the cherry on top of a beautiful day touring the port. Many thanks to all of



Blessings to all, Clay

SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Wound Care Center Receives Healogics Center of Excellence Award



The Southeast Georgia Health System Wound Care Center was recently awarded the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence for 2017 by Healogics™.

For two consecutive years, the Wound Care Center has achieved patient satisfaction rates higher than 92 percent and a healing rate of at least 91 percent in less than 30 median days. These results were based on 10,025 wound care encounters and 3,332 hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments in 2016 and 2017. Nationally, out of nearly 700 centers, 268 were honored with this award, which is named for Dr. Robert A Warriner, III, a pioneer in wound care and the former chief medical officer for Healogics.

The Wound Care Center is a member of the Healogics network of nearly 700 wound care centers, with access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds. The highly specialized wound care provided helps patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds, which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Advanced treatments include negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, biological and biosynthetic dressing and growth factor therapies.

For more information about the Wound Care Center, located at 2600 Wildwood Drive in Brunswick, call 912-466-5350.

POS A GREAT SUCCESS

By Vicki West

Well.... after several years of consideration, we have FINALLY plunged into the 21st Century with our new Square POS (point of sale) system. This was made possible by a grant from our local Sam's Club. Thank you to Angus Campbell and Van Black for their laborious hours getting acquainted with and setting up this system. It is a great success. The volunteers have adapted well and seem to like the new system. Modern technology is amazing. I would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their willingness to learn new things. It is not always easy stretching to the "unknown" challenges at hand.

So again, THANK YOU ALL.



Clay Hoffman and Linda Haines



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ISC HONORS SEAFARERS ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER

June 25th was the annual International Day of the Seafarer. This year its focus was on seafarer welfare, especially as regards mental health. Seafaring is a very stressful, dangerous, and lonely occupation, so seafarer ministries are essential to the mental health of those we serve.

This year two vessels, the Occitan Key at Logistec and the Star Istind at Mayor's Point, were with us on June 25th. In addition to our regular ship visits, on which we always ask if anyone wishes to see a chaplain or a health professional, we took cakes to each vessel. On each cake was written a "thank you" to the crew.

Cake is always good for one's mental health!



Glenn Hoffmann (right) delivering a cake to a crew member from the Star Istind.

ISC MISSION STATEMENT

The ISC mission is to provide seafarers with a safe harbor that they can call home. The ISC provides services that meet the spiritual, emotional, physical and material needs of seafarers who visit the Port of Brunswick.