

# ISC Seafarers' Log

The Official Newsletter of the International Seafarers' Center

**"Meeting Seafarers' Needs Since 1982"**

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**ISC Calendar**

Crew Visiting Training 12:00 to 2:00 PM Seafarers' Center	8/16
International Night Out Sea Palms Resort 6:00 to 9:00 PM	9/27

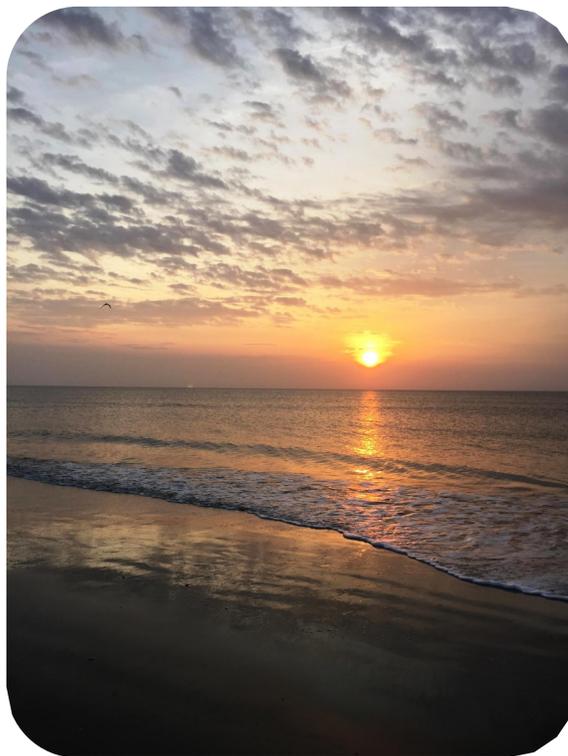
**INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS' CENTERS'**

**IMPORTANCE INCREASES ALONG WITH GEORGIA PORTS**

*By Anne Hurley*

Our local ports have gained increasing importance as Georgia has become one of the main car distribution centers in the United States. Along with the Port of Savannah, we have also become one of our country's most active product distribution centers. The resulting increase in warehouse construction and truck routes up and down the I-95 and I-75 corridors, are having a huge economic impact in creating jobs.

People often look at our ports in terms of dollars and cents, but there is an equally important human side. Our trade with other countries, and other regions of our own nation, means there is a constant flow of visitors to our area. For foreign crew-members who visit our town and state, the only contact they may ever experience with United States' citizens is the time they spend at our International Seafarer's Centers or during excursions (provided by our centers) to town.



Our Seafarer volunteers are a crucial international relations link. Among the services they provide are transportation to medical and retail facilities, internet connection, clothing, small stores for the replenishment of necessities and snacks, and a place for relaxation away from their ships. Employee and volunteer duties also include boarding incoming freighters and meeting with ship captains or officers to explain port and environmental regulations, and the services available.

*Our visitors come from nations across the sea. For many, we are their only contact with United States' citizens.*

The Center's employees' duties include working with funding, volunteer coordination and training. *Continued on page 3...*

**A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...***Vicki West***Hidden Brokenness**

Psalm 147:3 “He (God) heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

As I begin my third year as Executive Director of the ISC, let me say what a privilege it is to serve with such a great group of people. Thank you to my Board, my Staff and all the wonderful volunteers for the support and encouragement shown and given to me over these years. We have seen God’s hand move mightily in funding a complete renovation of the center on Newcastle Street, inside and out.

The contractors arrived to start the new composite decking. YAY! I was so very excited. Demolition began and oh my, so much was broken and decaying on the supporting structure. It was not detectable until what was underneath began to be exposed.

So it is with a lot of our seafaring friends and others that we meet daily. There is brokenness that is not seen until conversation and sharing the love of Jesus begins to expose the secrets that have caused the brokenness. The love of God is a sweet salve that heals and binds up the wounds. Remember what it feels like to be broken and alone? I am sure we all, at one time or another, have experienced that. In our daily walk, let us stop for the one and love them back to life. If you are a Pastor or Priest, retired or not, and would be interested in partnering with us at the ISC to help disciple our seafarers in need as a chaplain or part of our chaplaincy program, please let me know. Even one day a week will go a long way in bringing hope to our friends.

As we continue moving forward, with our mandate, to take Christ to the Nations, finances to keep our momentum going are essential. Our fall fundraiser ***THE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT OUT*** is right around the corner, September 27, 2019. I am happy to announce a **NEW VENUE** for our event: **Sea Palms Resort and Conference Center, St. Simon’s Island GA!** Save the date. Tickets go on sale July 1, 2019. See our advert in this newsletter.

The world changes quickly and so must we. Change is inevitable and usually good, although hard at times. We said good-bye to Clay Hoffman, as our Coordinator of Volunteer Programs and Services. Mary Ellen Desrosiers has begun with the ISC as Store Assistant. Now is a **GREAT** time to come and join our family. Please, come aboard as a monthly financial partner and/or become a volunteer and watch the world change one seafarer at a time as we share **TRUTH** (Jesus) with them and let them decide what to do with it.

May God’s blessing and ridiculous favor belong to you today and always!

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and public relations in direct relationship with the Georgia Port Authority which is a main supporter of the organization. Although the Seafarer's Center is based on Christian principles, its service is ecumenical. All are welcome, regardless of race, religion, gender or ethnicity.

The International Seafarer's Center is a non-profit organization associated with the Georgia Port Authority. Its mission includes providing seafarers from all countries a safe harbor they can call home. The services available include meeting the physical, emotional, spiritual and material needs of the thousands of seafarers who arrive at the port docks in downtown Brunswick and on Colonel's Island.

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Thanks, Anne

## 2019 ANNUAL BOARD SPONSORED LOW COUNTRY BOIL

*By Marsha Wooten*

This year's Board sponsored Low Country Boil, was held on June 22, 2019 at the First United Methodist Church in Brunswick. This annual event is meant to show appreciation to all the volunteers who support the mission of the International Seafarers' Center and what a great turn out and fun group of volunteers we have!

A huge thank you to the amazing board members, Patrick Stokes, Matthew Henderson and George Yarborough, Vice President, and Lynn Hamil who made all preparations and served up an amazing Low Country Boil packed with shrimp, sausage, onions, corn and potatoes! Someone had recently shared with me that shrimp get bigger the more rain we have and boy have we experienced some rain the month of June. The shrimp were from City Market in Brunswick and were well rain fed. We had approximately 85 people in attendance and farewell wishes were given as Clay Hoffman will be leaving the Volunteer Coordinator position at the end of June and will pursue his calling with his family to serve and take Christ to Africa. James Vivenzio, who was recognized as our board treasurer, is retiring his position and plans on enjoying new adventures with family and grands. The evening ended with an ice cream sundae bar, cake and cookies.



*A fond farewell to  
Clay Hoffman and James Vivenzio*

Enjoy our  
Low Country  
Boil Photo  
Gallery on  
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ISC's Low Country Boil Photo Gallery continued...



**MEET MARVIN MCARTHUR SINGLETARY**

**New ISC Board Intern**



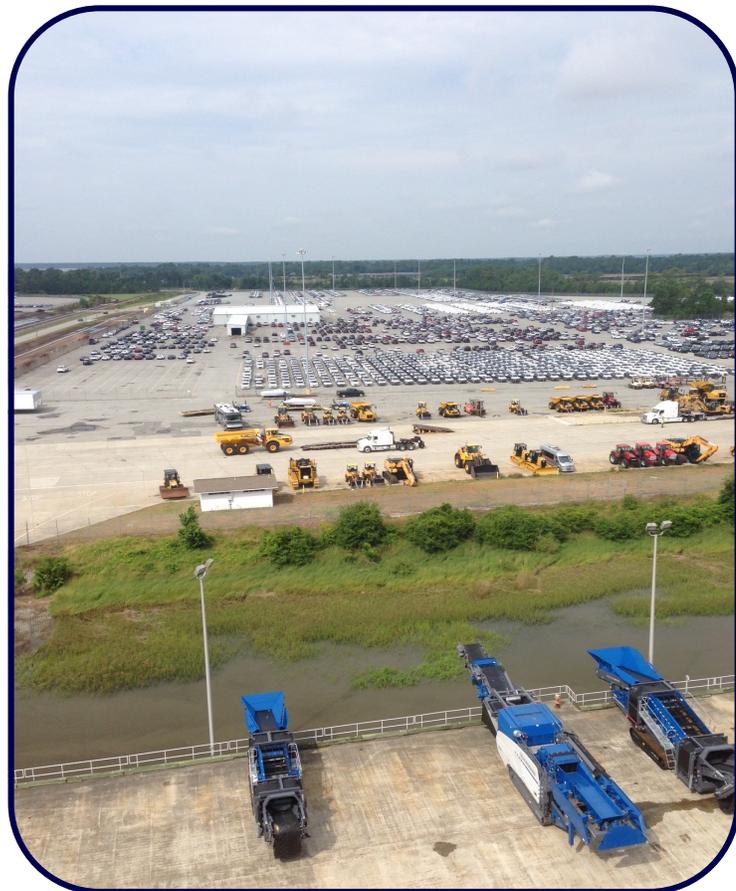
I was born and raised in Albany, Georgia, where I attended Deerfield-Windsor College Preparatory School until the eighth grade. I then went to The McCallie School for high school where I earned my Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow and graduated in 1999. I attended the University of Georgia where I was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and graduated from Lynn University in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management. I spent five years in the hospitality industry both at the Boca Resort and Club and at The Cloister before entering the insurance business. I am currently a sales producer with McGinty-Gordon and Associates. My wife, Marcie, and I have lived in the Golden Isles for the past 14 years. We married in 2015 and are happily expecting a newborn through adoption in November. Our two dogs, Cider and Gracie, are excited to be big "sisters." My hobbies include golfing, hunting, traveling, and spending time with my nieces and nephews. I am a member of the Brunswick Rotary Club, serve on the

Ducks Unlimited Board, a member of the Church Council at Wesley UMC, and lead a 707 Group with the Gathering Place.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BRUNSWICK PORT

By Marvin McArthur Singletary

The Brunswick Port is almost hidden off of highway 17 on the south side of Brunswick. It sits subtly at a stop-light that seldom changes. Most of the port is shielded from the public view by trees and shrubs. If you go into the entrance, you will not get very far without the escort and credentials that one must have to get past the guards and access the port.



Many people do not realize the importance of the port. The Brunswick Port is the second largest for automobiles, tractors, and military vehicles in the country (and is not that far from being number one). The last time you bought a new car from an auto dealer, you no doubt looked at the sticker price in the window of the car. What you probably did not know is someone at our local port placed that sticker in the window. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that we take for granted.

If you drive West on Highway 17 over the Sydney Lanier bridge, about a mile after you get off the bridge, there is an incredible number of cars as far as the eye can see. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, a fellow board member and I toured the port with Matt Henderson who works with Wallenius Logistics. Matt first took us to see the current and expansion plans they had for the port. While they have three spots for the ships to load and unload, they are adding a fourth. When we headed to the lot, I could not believe the number of cars that were neatly aligned there. The ones I had seen and marveled at all these years did not even scratch the surface of the sheer number of cars that they had on the lot. SUVs, sedans, and sports cars were all organized by

type, make and model: everything from Hyundais to Maseratis. We rode through the lanes to get an understanding of a little of what went on at Wallenius Logistics.

After seeing the cars, we went to the main office where the lion's share of the work takes place. When you see the cars unwrapped and parked in the lots, you are not seeing them the way they arrived. They are originally shipped without many of the standard features that you would have expected to be installed in the factory like bumper guards, rear-view mirrors (front windshield), owner's manuals, rear-hatch handles, and cargo netting just to name a few. All these, and many more, are installed on the cars once they arrive at port. Wallenius is also responsible for custom jobs. While most of their customers are dealerships, they have a significant number of customers that are individuals. These customers that are ordering from the dealership or the overseas factories have specifications about the vehicles they want. Whether it is an umbrella or a specialized roof rack, it is installed on the Wallenius Logistics site. The paint jobs and cleaning of the vehicles take place in the garage of the Wallenius. They have employees waxing, painting and cleaning every inch of every car with chemicals specifically designed for that vehicle to make sure it is in perfect condition for the new owner. I observed the way the employees worked as a team in most everything they did. They had specific jobs, but they were not alone. There was always someone to help; it was a well-oiled machine. Everyone knew what their job was and what was expected of them.

It was an honor to be invited to see the port from the angle that I did, and I suggest if you ever get to experience this firsthand you take advantage. I will never look at the port or Wallenius Logistics the same way again.

## VOLUNTEERS AHOY!!!

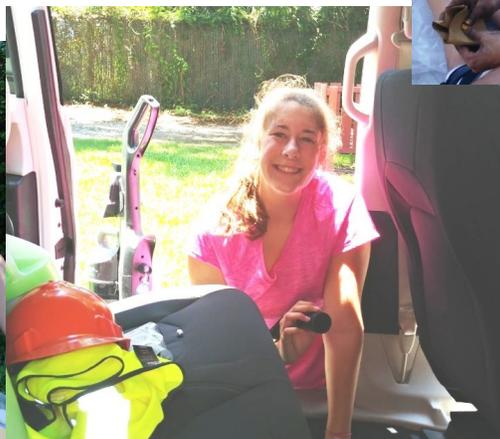
*By Vicki West*

On July 10, 2019, at approximately 1:30 pm, 19 of the most energetic and sweet-spirited teens descended on the ISC at 307 Newcastle St. These amazing teens accomplished more in 2 hours than I could ever have imagined. Coming from Enterprise Alabama, these teens from the First United Methodist Church wowed me from the get go.

All four of the projects that I had set up, and thought that would surely be two hours worth of work, were completed handily in 1 ½ hrs. These teens cleaned two passenger vans inside and out, painted railing around the front porch, painted rocks for the flowerbed, shredded documents and did laundry.

I just want to thank Epworth Center for sending these awesome young people to the International Seafarers' Center. Mr. Matt and Mr. Foster, you should be very proud of your youth!!

***Check these wonderful volunteers out in the attached photo gallery!***





“Ocean going ships will always inspire young minds to raise their head and look to the horizon and over the seas.”

*Captain Jan Eriksson, Master of M/V AIDA*

## Golden Isles Magazine Visits Port as Classroom Part 2 “Putting It All Together”

*By Jack McConnell*

Our last reporting of Bethany Leggett’s two days with Port as Classroom concluded after her first day as she had the students review interviewing and getting ready to write a story about a person using quotes!

Bethany’s second visit, March 12, “put it all together,” which is the subject of this next report of her visit to PAC!

Bethany wove her first session into the second by explaining what is done after you gather the interview information. With a quick review of the previous class on interviewing skills, she got the students focused on how to construct a “lede!”

Writing a story is like a good movie: your story should have a beginning, middle and end. And, interestingly, they are not always chronological.

In journalism, the opening sentence or paragraph of a news article, summarizing the most important aspects of the story, is called a “lede!” Emphasizing the special spelling to the group, she captured the need to attract the reader’s attention with the first few sentences. She stressed when writing to remember details, details, details! People like to read articles that have specifics because it helps them understand what is going on.



Now that the format has been discussed and the specific writing skills needed, it was time to talk about “Tips for Writing!”

- Use your quotes wisely.
- If you are stating a fact, then paraphrase.

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- Use different nouns to take place of names. This makes the story sound less repetitive.
- **AND ALWAYS BE NICE TO THE PERSON YOU ARE INTERVIEWING!**

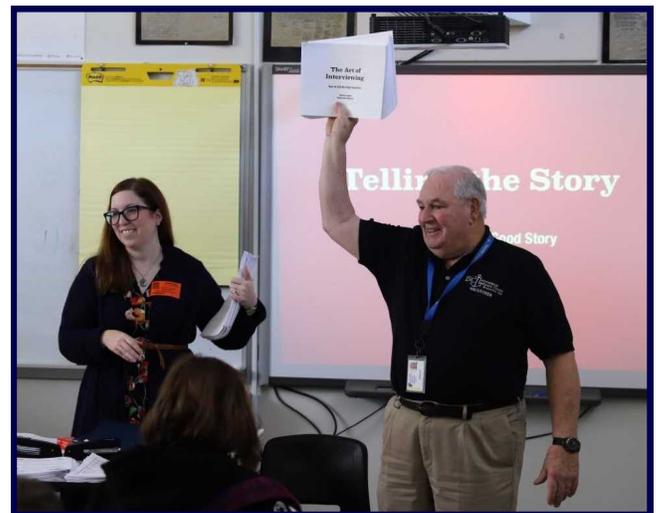
This class study was initiated to reinforce the students' writing skills. It prepares them to learn how to interview seafarers and write a story based on what they discovered in the interview experience. Bethany then "brought it home!" She said, "Last session you interviewed me. Let's see how much you remember!"

Each student expressed themselves differently as she asked, "What's the most important thing you found out about me during the interview?" She then instructed them to rank the facts they remembered and create a "lede!" She hoped for a direct quote and urged them to paraphrase as necessary to not be repetitive.

These wonderful experiences possible with the Port As Classroom project enable students to grow in classroom knowledge while also learning invaluable life lessons.



**Jack McConnell and Ms. Lori Joiner, Principal of Risley Middle School,**



**Jack McConnell and guest lecturer Bethany Leggett**



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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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<p><b>Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Socks</li><li>Handkerchiefs</li><li>Gloves</li><li>Knit Caps</li><li>Baseball Caps</li><li>Scarves</li><li>T-shirts</li><li>Underwear</li><li>Undershirts</li></ul> <p><b>Toiletries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shampoo</li><li>Conditioner</li><li>Soap/Body wash</li><li>Toothbrush</li><li>Toothpaste</li><li>Shaving cream</li><li>Razors</li><li>After-shave lotion</li><li>Combs</li><li>Manicure kit</li><li>Small scissors</li><li>Lotion</li><li>Hair Gel</li></ul>	<p><b>Medical / Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tylenol / Aspirin</li><li>Chapstick</li><li>Baby oil</li><li>Band-Aids</li><li>Antibiotic ointment</li><li>Deodorant</li><li>Bath Soap</li><li>Hand lotion</li><li>Kleenex</li><li>Vaseline</li><li>Q-Tips</li><li>Toothbrush</li><li>Toothpaste</li></ul> <p><b>Stationeries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pencils/Pens</li><li>Note pads</li><li>Envelopes</li><li>Pencil Sharpeners</li><li>Post cards</li><li>Address book</li><li>Highlighters</li><li>Bookmarks</li><li>*Upcoming year's calendar</li></ul>	<p><b>Food</b></p> <p>(non-perishable in sealed packages)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Crackers/ Pretzels</li><li>Nuts</li><li>Gum/Candy</li><li>Raisings</li><li>Dried fruit</li><li>Canned Meat (pop-top)</li><li>Juice</li><li>Mints</li><li>Popcorn</li></ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bibles (English)</li><li>Novels (all languages)</li><li>Flash/Thumb drives</li><li>CDs, DVDs</li><li>Playing cards</li><li>Sudoku puzzle books</li><li>Sewing kit</li><li>Flashlight w/batteries</li></ul> <p><small>* Items available for purchase at the International Seafarers' Center</small></p>
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