

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

August 2011

"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2010-2011

'Tis said it's a sign of old age when the days are long and the years are short. Nevertheless, this year has flown by and a job I really didn't want has been a pleasure because of the cooperation of so many people. I truly didn't do it by myself, and I appreciate all the members of the Board and the Society and want them to know how grateful I am for all their help.

We held a board meeting in July 2010 and committees were lined up. (Harriet Roberson had already done most of that work.) Ed Cawthon became a new Board Member and Chuck Bryans volunteered to serve as Books and Publications Chairman. Our August program was the Bermuda Triangle story of "*Flight 19*" described by Walt Raczynski. In September our own Harold Hicks spoke about his experiences at Dachau and his part in the liberation of the survivors. Field trips were arranged by Harriet Roberson to Fort McAllister State Historic Site in early October and to Wormsloe on December 2nd. Our October program was by Jim Jordan, historian and author who related "*Savannah Survives Sherman's March to the Sea.*"

November was our always popular "Show and Tell" with members bringing in family treasures. The December Christmas Party was hosted at Belvedere by Jean and Bob Hawkins featuring Everett Moriarty's traditional eggnog. This is always a delightful way to socialize and get better acquainted with our members. Carol Churi has done great work with Membership and we continue to have a satisfactory membership and usually good attendance at meetings.

The New Year started with a program featuring the Cherokee Indians and their sad trek to Oklahoma. Jane Walker of McRae researched her story for three years and presented it to our society. February really woke us up with Jim Conine's rendition of patriotic music along with his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. Then in March we had our "toes a'tapping" when Steven Smith and his crew treated us to an evening of Scottish music. This was so much fun we hope to do a repeat next year.

However, February was really highlighted by Highlanders. Thank you, Bubba Pitts, for recruiting the Clan Donald to celebrate with us in re-installing the ARDOCH marker. Steven Smith and Fort King George worked with the placement and many thanks go to family members Richard Smith, Read Gignilliat and Bill Stewart for their generous gift. An excellent "Darien News" article by Maggie Toussaint was incorporated into a hand-out program for the occasion. With bagpipes swirling and many locals in attendance, the marker was unveiled. I was happy to preside and become acquainted with Willie Cook, the patriarch of that community. His father, Jim, and my father, Robert A. Young Jr., were contemporaries and revered historians for McIntosh County.

April's program was "*Savannah, Immortal City,*" a history given by Barry Sheehy. In May, I gave a slide show, "*Come Fly With Me,*" an overview of the Georgia coastal islands. June was a picnic using ole-timey recipes that produced delicious results. I am happy to have wound down my presidency and know that Jack Godfrey is more than up to the job of carrying on our society's goals. Our on-going use of the Archives at Fort King George is a blessing (Martha Carney and Casey McMillan) and Betty Cleveland mails out many of our publications. The "*Cemeteries of McIntosh County*" still serves as a marvelous resource for family studies and Howard Klippel's programs enlighten and educate us. Carole Williams' "Altamaha Echoes" keeps us all posted; Jim Bruce manages our website; the Clarks (Mary Virginia and Harry) treat

us with homemade cookies; and Ann Howard runs our Scholarship Committee. We are fortunate to have Buddy Sullivan as Historian with his vast knowledge on so many phases of Georgia history which he vibrantly and interestingly presents.

I leave with two projects unfilled, but hope that the DOT will correct the signage: the community is ARDOCH and the DARIEN RIVER is a river. (I can't even bear to type Darien and creek together.) May we always be proud of our heritage and be willing to work to tell the good stories of our past to future generations.

Lloyd Y. Flanders

News from the Board:

Jack Amason has agreed to serve as Vice President – his election will be presented for a vote at the August meeting. If elected, he will take office immediately.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 18, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

LAHS members are always welcome.

(Postponed from July)

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, August 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

“Spanish Settlement in Florida and the Far West” will be the program presented by Dr. Daniel Good, a member of LAHS. This program will examine the Spanish colonial expansion from St. Augustine, FL to the Far West. The early Spanish mission period included the Georgia coast and is a significant component of his talk. Dan has spent the past 20 years researching Spanish place names in GA and will illustrate his talk with slides of his travels throughout the former Spanish empire.

Dr. Dan Good has been recognized by The National Council for Geographic Education with their Top Professor Award. Georgia Southern University has awarded Dan both the GSU Teaching Excellence Award and the GSU Contributions To Service Award. He is presently a Professor Emeritus of Geography at GSU in Statesboro, GA, where he taught geography and meteorology for 35 years before retiring in 2003. Dan and Julie have a vacation home at Springfield Plantation in McIntosh County and divide their time between there and their home in Statesboro.

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

To Be Announced

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 20, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

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LAHS Meeting, Thursday, October 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza

Dr. William J. Morton, MD, JD, will be presenting *"The Story of Georgia's Boundaries: A Meeting of History and Geography."* This in-depth look at Georgia's boundaries – which won the Georgia Historical Society's 2009 Lilla M. Hawes Award - reveals the fascinating story of how the state was shaped. Dr. Morton has written a well-researched book discussing the boundaries of his home state in the context of the events and the personalities of those that helped to determine them. He is a board-certified urological surgeon and also received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1985. He and his wife live in Atlanta and Ennis, Montana.

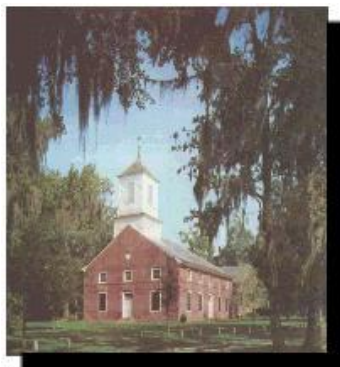
Membership News:

Membership Chairperson, Carol Churi, would like to say thank you to the faithful members who renewed their memberships for 2011. We had a wonderful response to our membership campaign.

**We want to welcome two new members, Barry and Claudia Owens from
Lawrenceville/Meridian, GA, who joined in May.**

Don't forget that a membership to LAHS would make a great gift. Our dues remain the same as last year: *Family \$20, Individual \$15, Student \$5, Corporate \$100, and Life Membership \$250.* Membership benefits include great programs each month, quarterly newsletters, friendly fellowship with other members, field trips, summer picnic, Christmas party – and free admission to Fort King George. Email anyone? I would like to expand my membership list to include your email address. Please send your full name and email address to me at churi@dariantel.net or phone 912-437-4477. Also, please contact me with any changes to your home address and/or phone number. Thank you.

FIELD TRIP:



LAHS field trip is planned for Thursday, September 29, 2011. We will be visiting the Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Georgia Salzburger Society Museum, and the New Ebenezer Family Retreat in Rincon, GA. We will carpool, as we have done for the last few field trips, leaving south and north McIntosh in time to have lunch at "Johnson's on Fourth" in Rincon at about noon. Then we will move on to the oldest church in America with an active congregation, holding Sunday School and church continuously since 1734. Lots of history at this site – and the curator of the museum will give us a guided tour of all the premises. We should be back by about 4:30 or so. The cost is \$5.00 per person, plus the cost of your meal. We will sign up people at the August and September meetings, but you may also call me to get your name on the list. I know we will have a great time as usual, so let's have a good number of you sign up to take part.

Harriet Roberson (265-6729)

Congratulations to Alyssa Outhwaite, an honor student at McIntosh County Academy, who was the winner of the 2011 Buddy Sullivan Scholarship. She has been accepted at Berry College in Rome where she plans to pursue a career in veterinary science. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. Scott Outhwaite of Darien.

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Membership	Carol Churi
Programs	Howard Klippel
Scholarship	Ann Howard
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Altamaha "Echoes"	Carole Williams
Publications/Books	Chuck Bryans
Historian	Buddy Sullivan
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Honorary Life Memberships

Ralph Gill Jr.	Myrtle Newberry
Mattie Gladstone	Buddy Sullivan
Everett Moriarty	

A Murder Mystery in Colonial Darien

Saturday, September 24, 2011

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

*Have fun with the Garrison as you play killer colonial Clue! Guests will become amateur sleuths during this one-of-a-kind entertaining and engaging evening! Take notes and uncover clues as this dramatic episode unfolds before your eyes. All guests who successfully solve the crime receive a prize, while two lucky guests receive free tickets to the next Garrison dinner! Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. **\$30 per person, RSVP.***

**OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING,
ON THE GROUNDS OF
FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE,
IS OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**



Happy Labor Day!

