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PALMETTO GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lion Sam and I had the pleasure of representing the Beaufort Lions Club at the Congaree Palmetto PGA Golf Event held outside Ridgeland on June 6 – 13. We volunteered with BCM Solutions; a security specialist group headquartered in PA. We volunteered 12-to-18-hour days for a club donation.



Main entrance Avenue of Oaks



Resurrection Ferns on Oaks



The lake near the main house and first hole

As a former rice and hunting plantation, the Congaree Plantation provided a typical Lowcountry setting for the golf tournament. Several avenues of majestic oaks covered with resurrection ferns draped in Spanish Moss, towering pines, calm lakes stocked with fish, and a circa 1800 plantation house and slave quarters served as a welcoming location. And yes, there were rumors of a ghost in the pro shop, the former plantation guesthouse. There are 4 original structures on the property dating back to the early 1880s. One cabin is named the “Robert’s Cabin” because Julia Roberts stayed there during the filming of *Something to Talk About* in the mid-90s.



The Lodge



Governor Henry McMaster

Front and rear view of the main house (Plantation house)



The former slave quarters.



Eighteenth green

The BCM and Congaree staff, as well as spectators attending the event, were very helpful and friendly. Among the spectators were TN Governor, Bill Lee; SC Congressman, James Clyburn; and SC Governor, Henry McMaster. Columbia native, Dustin Johnson (2020 Masters Champion) was awarded the Palmetto Fellow Award by Governor McMaster on Wednesday. My post was across from the lodge where the dignitaries ate. The post was also just down from the governor's box where they met, so I saw all of them.



The Goodyear Blimp

The trophy was a replica of the plantation schoolhouse which served as the rule's office for the event.



The trophy

All in all, it was a long challenging but exciting week.

GOODBYE TO A LIFE OF SERVICE

Lion Artie Heape was laid to rest on June 23. The service was in the chapel at Anderson Funeral Home, and he was interred in the National Cemetery. His life focused on service to his community and country as well as a strong devotion to his family. Many members of the Beaufort Lions Club were present at the viewing and the funeral. There is no way of knowing the impact that Lion Artie had on members of his community and his family through stories, experiences, love, and 45 years of mentoring.

Lion Artie, I miss you but know you have found a well-deserved peace.



LCICON 2021

Because of COVID restrictions, Lions Clubs International held its first virtual convention from June 25 to 29, 2021. International officers, guest speakers, and members presented instructional videos from around the world on tips for holding virtual meetings, the impact of service projects, reaching club excellence, Leos' service projects and activities, as well as building community. Voting for international officers was open for delegates to participate online. The virtual Parade of Nations allowed members to share their culture, colorful attire, and music with all convention-goers.

Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who was shot in the head, uprooted by global terrorism and championed human rights specifically the right to girls' education was interviewed.

WATER FESTIVAL

The Beaufort Water Festival has returned, along with the Lions Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast. The festival will run from July 16 to the 25. As usual, the pancake breakfast will be held Saturday, July 17 from 8-11. Please contact Lion Sam to donate items, if you have not had the opportunity to sign up.

Set-up for the breakfast will be at 5:00 Friday at Sea Island Presbyterian Church. Please plan to attend both the setup and the breakfast. We need all volunteers for a successful event.

Members of the Beaufort Lions Club have been asked to man the recycle tent on July 17 for the Concert in the Park from 5:30 to 12 and on July 21 for the Talent Show from 5:30 to 11. (If you cannot work the entire schedule adjustments can be made). If you are interested in volunteering for the recycle tent, a COVID waiver must be submitted ASAP (contact Lion Melinda).

Saturday, July 24 will be the Water Festival Parade. Although Lion Pat reports that applications are slow to be submitted, all participants must sign the COVID waiver, as well. If you are interested in volunteering to line up parade floats, be at the Green St. Gym near the pool at 8 AM With your COVID waiver.



CLUB MEETINGS

All club meetings are now blended. The meeting location for in-person meetings is at Sea Island Presbyterian Church, 81 Sea Island Parkway. Members are asked to arrive between 5:30 and 6 with a dish to share with the meeting starting at 6:30.

Zoom meetings will continue for those members unable to attend in-person meetings. Zoom links will be emailed before the meeting and recordings will be emailed after the meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 5 – Blended club meeting Sea Island Presbyterian Church (bring a salad to share)

July 16-25 - Beaufort Water Festival and Camp Leo

July 17 – Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast, Sea Island Presbyterian

July 17 – Volunteer in recycle tent at Water Festival

July 19 - Blended club meeting Sea Island Presbyterian Church (bring soup to share)

July 21 - Volunteer in recycle tent at Water Festival

July 24 - Water Festival Parade

July 31- District Cabinet Meeting 1:30 Summerville

