

OWLS Update

April 2023

It's hard to believe a quarter of the year has passed already. I am still getting used to writing 2023. Springtime – a time of renewal and new beginnings. I grew up in a farming community. Spring was the time to till the earth and plant the seed. Then pray for rain and the right weather to grow the plantings.

Waiting is the hardest part.

James 5:7 says “Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.”

As we wait for what the Lord brings next, we join in community to share each other’s burdens.

Please enjoy this edition of the OWLS Newsletter.

OWLS in February

On February 8, 2023 twelve OWLS gathered at Middleton Place for a private tour of the plantation. We enjoyed a tour of the grounds, the house, lunch in the restaurant as well as gained an understanding of life of the enslaved at Middleton. It was beautiful weather, and a full day of fun.



OWLS in March

OWLS took a break from our regular activities to volunteer at the annual St. Paul's Team Room and Gift Shop. It took over 100 volunteers each day to contribute to the success of the Tea Room. Thank you to all the OWLS who volunteered to help.





OWLS Upcoming Events

April 28 – 29, 2023 International Grandparenting Conference

This two-day conference is being held April 28-29, 2023, at St. Paul's in conjunction with Family Builder's Ministry. The schedule includes Christ-centered worship, three general Sessions, and multiple workshops with speakers from around the United States.

The three main speakers are:

Dr. Larry McCall (Founder and Executive Director of *Walking Like Jesus Ministries*; author of *Grandparenting with Grace* and *Loving Your Wife as Christ Loves the Church*).

Dr. Josh Mulvihill (Executive Director of *Church and Family Ministries* at Renewation; author of *Biblical Grandparenting* and *Discipling Your Grandchildren*).

Sharon Gamble (Founder and CEO of *Sweet Selah Ministries*; author of *Sweet Selah Moments* and *Loved*).

For more information, contact Cheryl Cargill 843-276-1427 ccargill49@gmail.com

Volunteer to help with the event. Contact Vicki Harlan to help with food prep or serving. Vicki can be reached at 843-214-1699 or Vwharlan53@gmail.com

May 17, 2023 2:00 – 4:00 An Afternoon with Thomas Edison presented by Tim Lowry

Join us for this free event. Enjoy dessert and beverages while watching Tim Lowry in action.

This presentation was a hit with audiences at the *Timpanogos Storytelling Festival* in Utah and the *International Storytelling Center* in Jonesborough, TN. Join storyteller Tim Lowry as he shares inspiring stories from the life of American inventor and scientist, Thomas Edison. Edison had every disadvantage in life from being declared unintelligent as a child, to being deemed disruptive by his school teacher, to suffering almost complete deafness, to nearly being shot dead in the street! Through all his struggles, he persevered and developed one of the most prolific inventions in scientific history: the incandescent light bulb. Not to mention his other 1,068 patents! You'll be inspired to not only value Mr. Edison's contributions to our American way of life, but you'll leave inspired to tell stories of your own.

This is a free event but we need you to RSVP to make sure there is room and dessert for everyone.

Please contact Ronna Toombs at 843-509-9009 or wtoombs10606@att.net by May 8, 2023.

Ideas?

We would love your suggestions of other places to visit throughout the year.

Contact Brenda Georgi brenda.georgi@gmail.com or Vicki Harlan Vwharlan53@gmail.com with your thoughts and suggestions.

Ongoing Activities of the OWLS

Mah Jongg

Anyone interested in Mahjongg, have a suggestion for another kind of card game, or any questions?

Please contact Cathie Diggs, at 843-814-6154, or clizad83@gmail.com

Game Days

April 13, 2023 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. we will meet in the OWLS room. Call Margie Smith to reserve your spot at the game tables. You can reach her at 843-860-0393 or margie1214@homesc.com

Fitness Classes

Fitness classes are led by our own certified fitness instructor, Ronna Toombs. All classes are free. **Mat Pilates** classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 in Skardon Hall. Ronna Toombs is your contact for these classes: wtoombs10606@att.net or 843-509-9009.

Note: there will be no class on May 11, 2023.

Book Club

Book Club meets the fourth Wednesday of every month in the OWLS nest (Room 5 in Skardon) at 10:30. All are welcome. Contact Dawn Schaeperkoetter at dleeinsc@gmail.com or 843-696-1749

The April:26, 2023 selection is: *The Lights of Sugarberry Cove* by Heather Webber

The May:24,2023 selection is: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

NO SUMMER MEETINGS

Selections for the fall:

September: *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg

October: *The Librarian Spy* by Madeline Martin

“Take a constant interest in the needs of God’s beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home”

Romans 12:13.