

Hope everyone had a fun St. Patrick's Day! Bob & I had just returned from Jekyll Island, so we did not do anything special. We stayed home and watched some of the celebrations on TV. Oh yes, I did say Jekyll Island, so guess what, that is the central part of this newsletter.

The other big event was the presentation of *West Side Story* by our local Carolina Forest High School. It was another smash hit, of exceptional quality, challenging other productions. A lot of hard work goes into these productions! Keep in mind that this school has come out on top in past local and national competitions. Much of their success is attributed to the love, commitment, and skill of Kraig McBroom, Co-Director/Musical Director at CFHS. They in turn adore him as well. He had a personal interest in this musical as he himself performed in it as a senior in high school. He reminded us that this musical offers the same story line today as it did back in 1975, reminding us that the same social struggles continue to exist. The picture on the lower left side of the page is of the cast following the end of the production. Most of us whipped tears from our eyes from the emotions displayed on stage!



Back to Jekyll Island. The bottom-left picture is of the famous resort on Jekyll Island, that dates back to 1886, which is where the millionaires of that time vacationed and where we stayed during this trip. The next picture is of one of the so called "cottages" on the island. Nothing is small on this island. We saw the cottages via the open air trolley. Note the person sitting in the trolley all bundled up!! Yes it was quite chilly out...even in Georgia!! The sunset picture was taken one evening when we went to a local restaurant for a fish dinner. I took this picture from the back porch, while we waited for a table. The bottom picture is the bridge to the Brunswick.



Jekyll Island continued!!!



The next day we boarded our van and headed for historic St Simons Island. We spent most of the day there as we did some shopping and also had lunch. Robin arranged another Trolley Tour -- this one a bit more comfortable as you can see!! The driver was an excellent guide, telling us a great deal of the island's history.



He stopped by this tree with a lady carved into it and challenged us to identify her. None of us could - but if our dear friend, Barbara, was with us she would have immediately identified her as being the "Starbucks Lady!"

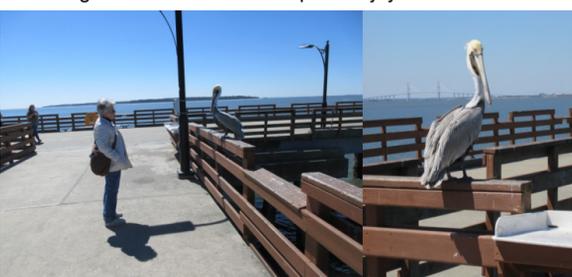
Since we were unable to get off the trolley to explore, we returned to this very historical church, on our own. That is "Christ Church", an active Episcopal Church. Anglicans have been worshipping under these oaks since 1736. When we arrived the pastor was there giving a talk to one group of tourists and then he spoke to us as well. It is a very impressive church, with a strong history. You too can read about the history of this church online by going to this link. www.ccfssi.org One of the great things about touring with Robin is that she knows all this stuff!!!



Jekyll Island continued!!!



Then there is my new found friend and guardian of the St Simons Pier. In reality, he is collecting free fish from local fishermen who were fishing off the pier. When I stepped forward a little, he did not hesitate to warn me off with his big bill. There is also a picture of the historic St Simons lighthouse and the rock boarder on the beach that was placed there to protect the shores from erosion. A picture of a fishing boat that brings in the delicious shrimp we enjoyed on the island.



I also took a picture of our illustrious host, Robin, posing with the owner of one of the local shops on the island, with a host of gorgeous gifts and local items for sale.



Later in the day, back at the resort, we all met with Robin and Sue in one of the parlor rooms for wine and cheese, and were introduced to a local author, Pamela Bauer Mueller. I didn't give much thought to it until I heard her speak. Earlier in life she worked as a flight attendant, commercial model, an actress, an English and Spanish teacher and a U.S. Customs Inspector. She and her husband live on Jekyll Island. What really caught my attention is that she is now into historical fiction novels, which I love. Naturally she delved into the history of these islands for the historical groundwork. I bought *Splendid Isolation* which is about the Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club between 1888-1942. I bought a second book for our neighbor, Doris, entitled *The Dancing Delilahs*, which is about 2 women who were civil war spies. As you can see in the pictures, there was much interest from our group for her books.



**We Will Be Back Jekyll Island!!
We Promise!!**