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# Member News

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## Fall Luncheon

The Fall Luncheon held at Sea Pines Country Club was attended by a record 85 members. After socializing and a delicious lunch we learned the grants focus for 2012 and had a most relevant presentation by John Morris Russell.



The theme for 2012, announced by the Grants Committee, is "Fostering Creativity: Through the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts." With decreased focus on the arts in our schools, and drastic cuts in government funding, it is more important than ever that the philanthropic community increase its involvement in this area. Thanks to your generosity, in this our seventh year of grant giving we will be distributing \$21,000, 17% more than last year, to the selected applicants. The committee anticipates receiving innovative submissions from Beaufort County nonprofit organizations.



The guest speaker for the day was John Morris Russell, Principal Guest Conductor of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra. He captivated the audience with his description of the programs that he has developed and implemented to bring music to schools in the Cincinnati area and Windsor Ontario. He described the multi-year series that has been designed to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for, music using age appropriate programs presented by



members of the symphonies that start in fourth grade and continue each year through high school.

### Holiday Party - SAVE THE DATE



## Women in Philanthropy ~ Holiday Party

Hosted by Hester Hodde and Opal Abbink

At the home of Hester Hodde  
61 Baynard Park Road - Sea Pines

Tuesday, December 6, 2011  
5:00 p. m. - 7:00 p.m.

Invitation to follow

### Member Profile - Jan Billingslea



Jan was born in Birmingham, AL. She is a graduate of Kentucky State University in Frankfort, KY. While she was at the University she met her husband, Morris, during her freshman year, and they were married after his graduation from Law school.

Jan and Morris settled in Morris' home state of NJ where Jan had a 36-year career as a Family Service Caseworker and Casework Manager for the Department of Citizens Services, Division of Welfare in Newark, NJ. While working this full time job, Jan and Morris also co-owned a beauty salon and boutique. As if that wasn't enough to keep them both busy, they also co-owned a restaurant and entertainment complex. This complex was a jazz/ R & B venue and one of the original sponsors of HBO'S Def Jam Comedy.

After the nightclub venture ended, Jan enjoyed a successful career as a New Jersey realtor from 1997 to 2007, in addition to continuing her work as a manager for the Department of Citizens Services. After all this work she was ready for retirement!

So Jan and her husband moved to Hampton Hall in Bluffton in 2007, where she is enjoying her new life. She is an involved member of her community and a member of several social clubs. Jan is a passionate gardener, loves playing Mahjonn and discovering great restaurants with her husband. She joined WIP in 2008 and was elected to the Board in 2010. She has worked on the Membership Committee and will serve as Vice Chairman of the Events Committee this year. She has happily left all those long hours of working behind and is ready to channel some of that energy into philanthropic endeavors and working in that effort with like-minded women. Her involvement in WIP meets that interest.

### Welcome New Members!

Women in Philanthropy is pleased to welcome four new members since the September edition of our newsletter.

They are:

Kay Bangs, Palmetto Dunes  
Patricia Eden, Moss Creek  
Anushka Frey, Windmill Harbour  
Andrea Gonce, Hilton Head Plantation

Welcome!

**Sincerely,**

*Judy*

Judy Johnson  
Women in Philanthropy Communications Chair

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when you are updating your will or trust.*

*Our Mission:*

*Through a woman's unique lens:*

- *Promote the power of collective giving*
- *Explore new approaches to address community needs*

- *Embrace fellowship*
- *Engage and inspire women along their philanthropic path*



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