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The **I'On Assembly HOA Annual Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, December 6th**, starting at **7 PM** at the **Creek Club**. All property owners are strongly encouraged to attend! Two seats on the HOA Board will be elected. Proxies for Board Candidates must be received by AMCS by 5PM on December 5. All property owners should have received an information packet in the mail. If you did not, please contact [Cheryl Wilson](#), at 843-303-3586.

□□□□□QUOTE OF THE MONTH□□□□□

*Count your blessings, not your crosses,
Count your gains, not your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count on your health, not your wealth.*

Old Proverb

REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS

Happy Holidays Everyone!

From the Editor:

Notes of Thanks

A big **THANK YOU!** to **Annie and Barry Bonk** for their tireless efforts in arranging and setting up all of the **2006 "Boathouse" Potluck Suppers**. They did a super job and we'll look forward to their announcement about the start of the 2007 season (if they're willing to do it again, of course!)

And **Bonnie Ray**, who has been the force behind our First Friday cocktail parties for **SIX** years (yep, I said **SIX**), is passing her job as chairperson to **Brooke Niznik** starting in January (see Bonnie's note below). What a terrific job she's done. **Thank You Bonnie!!** Now you can relax and enjoy the parties.

NEW MONTHLY ITEM

And this month, we're starting a **new addition** to the Newsletter. For all of you book & movie lovers, we'll have some recommendations each month. What do you think of calling it "**Titled Treats**"? To keep it simple, we'll only have title, author, subject & whether it's fiction or non-fiction (for reviews, there are tons of websites you can visit). I'll make sure to check for duplicates. Of course, if we get more responses than we have space in the newsletter, we'll have to re-group, but this will get us started:

Books

Barbara Fry

- ***Welcome to the World Baby Girl*, Fannie Flagg**, fiction
- ***Sick Puppy*, Carl Hiassen**, mystery
- ***I Feel Bad About My Neck*, Nora Ephron**, non-fiction (it's a hoot)

Gail Young

- ***Count of Monte Cristo*, Alexandre Dumas**, fiction (I suggest the unabridged version and I'm sorry I waited so long to read it)
- ***Life & Times of The Thunderbolt Kid*, Bill Bryson**, memoir/non-fiction
- ***The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, Kim Edwards**, fiction
- ***Marley & Me*, John Grogan**, memoir/non-fiction

You can email me your titles at gailyoung@comcast.net as you think of them, and I'll put them in the next newsletter. Just make sure to put "**Newsletter-Books & Movies**" in your subject line.

First Friday Cocktail Party – December 1st, 6–8 PM. I’On residents are invited to come and enjoy our holiday cocktail party at the home of **Betty and Alan Barbieri, 23 McDaniel Lane (overlooking Maybank Green) *festive dress***. Please bring your own beverage, glasses and an appetizer to share. Questions?? Call **Bonnie Ray** at **884-8456**.

A Note from Bonnie: After six pleasant years organizing **First Friday** parties, I will be passing the baton to **Brooke Niznik** who will be taking over my responsibilities as chairperson starting in January, 2007. These parties were originally Brooke's idea - she had the first one at her home. Everybody knows this popular I'On monthly party series will be in good hands under Brooke's management. She will be a super chairperson. If you would like to have a party at your home next year, please give her a call at **216-3475**. I would like to thank all the generous people who have so graciously opened their homes to their neighbors for First Friday parties over the past six years. Many thanks for your kind hospitality. What a great neighborhood! **Bonnie Ray**

Lunch Bunch – Taking December off (there’s enough going on!). Stay tuned for January!

I’On Bridge Group will meet on the **second Wednesday** of the month, **December 13th**, at the **Creek Club**. We play party bridge from **1-4 PM**. Please call **Judy Taylor** to reserve a seat at **388-9386** or email her at taylorioh@comcast.net.

Women’s Coffee – **Tuesday, December 12th from 10 AM-Noon**. The December Women's Coffee will be held at the home of **CJ Garrett, 15 Perseverance Street**. Decorated for the holidays, CJ's home will be perfect for bringing your mug and meeting new friends. Questions? Call **Susan Marlowe** at **884-2875**. The Women's Coffee is always on the second Tuesday of the month, and is sponsored by the **I’On Trust**.

Yarn Buddies will not meet in December. We will look forward to getting together on the **4th Wednesday in January**. Please contact **Stella Harman** at **856-2274** with any questions.

Community of I’On Artists (COIA) – **The Community of I’On Artists** will be part of the **I’On Tour of Homes** on **December 3rd, 1-5 PM**, with a **“Gift Art Boutique”** Holiday Market at **22 Jogging Street**. What would make better gifts than beautiful things created by your neighbors. There will be jewelry, cards, prints and giclees, pottery, photos and more for those art-lovers on your list. Or perhaps you might want a little pre-holiday gift for yourself. We are creating small, affordable original oil paintings especially for this event, as well as traditional-size paintings. The Boutique is open to everyone. For information, please contact **Cheryl** at **849-9490**, info@artist.com, or visit the web site at www.ionartist.com. (There will be no business meeting or open workshop in December.)

Moms’ Times Out - For dates, times and places for December, please call or e-mail **Hannah Morris** at **278-0417**, hannahbmorris@comcast.net. All Moms are welcome; join whenever you can!



Recycle Dates are December 7th & 21st



(And my apologies for the mistake on the Nov. dates – hope you got the word and put your bins out the day after Thanksgiving!)

Creating a "Night of Light" - The lighting of the luminaries will take place on **Sunday, December 3rd at 5 PM** (rain date is **Sunday, December 10th, at 5:00 PM**) to benefit the **LowCountry Orphan Relief Fund**. This "Night of Light" symbolizes hope and support for those who are going through difficult times. Your participation helps to make the luminary lighting a symbol of hope that unifies our community. The event is sponsored by **Pam Bishop, of Prudential Carolina Real Estate, and I'On Realty**, with the continued support of **Coburg Dairy** and **AB Evans**. If you have not yet purchased a kit, or would like to order more at a cost of \$12 each, please call **Lillian Schulten** at **388-8300**. Checks should be payable to **A Night of Lights, Inc.**

Results of the Pumpkin Carving Contest - Thank you **Pumpkin Carvers** for participating in the **2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest for Adults** held last month as part of the **I'On Halloween in the Hood** festivities. Check out the **Photo Gallery** for pumpkin pictures. The winners of this year's competition are:

Best Overall – **Carol Williams and Susan Marlowe** for their *portrait of an I'On diva*; **Best Illumination** – **Maggie Kinney** for her *classic Lowcountry lamp*, and **John Powers** for his *sound and light spectacular I'On radio tower*; **Best Accessorizing** – **CJ and John Pelletier** for their *well-appointed chef*; **Carving Artistry** – **Dave & Karen Thompson** for *artsy Edgar Allan Pumpkin*; **Most Innovative Design** – **Cynthia Rosengren** for *Ziggy Marley and his pumpkin band*; **Most Like Inner Child** – **Alan Barbieri** for *Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater*, and **John Farrish** for his *baseball player*; **Most Disturbing** – **Bob and Barbara Fry** and their *I'On Realty pumpkin houses for sale*; and **Better Luck Next Year** – for **Christine Harmel's Honeybee**.

Once again, thanks to all for participating and we look forward to seeing you next year!
Bob & Barbara Fry

I'Onissimo! Sings Concert - **Sunday, December 10th, 3:00 PM*– 47 Montrose Road**. **I'Onissimo! Sings** will give their formal holiday concert with favorites from medieval times through the present. The concert is free; seating and refreshments will be provided. Children are welcome. For more information see, www.ionissimomusic.com, or call **849-8481**. (*Note: this is earlier than the usual 4PM start time, to allow people to get to the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Parade at 5:30)

Holy Ascension Orthodox Church - Not sure what Eastern Christianity is like? Come to one of our services at **Ascension Books in I'On Square: Sundays 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy; Wednesdays and Saturdays 6 PM – Vespers**. For more information, visit our website, www.ocacharleston.org.

East Cooper Montessori Charter School's 2nd Annual Auction, Oh, The Places You'll Go, A Roaring Success ... Sharon Massar

On the eve of **November 9th**, the I'On Creek Club swirled with Seussical wonderment as the East Cooper Montessori Charter School hosted its 2nd Annual live and silent auction. The theme of the night was crafted from the Dr. Seuss book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" and everything from decorations to the attendees' attire dazzled with colorful whimsy. The Black-Eyed Susans filled the room with great music while everyone enjoyed tasty hors d'oeuvres from **Dining In** and **Jamie Westendorf**. The host of the evening was auctioneer, **Michael Gobin**.

The silent auction included restaurant coupons, spa treatments, jewelry, original artwork, local business coupons, and more! The live auction boasted chartered fishing trips, hotel packages, diamond earrings, helicopter rides, children's artwork, furniture, teeth whitening and other items which made the room come alive with bidding frenzy. Overall, the night was a rousing success with donations in excess of \$28,000! The money will help fund the building of the new school which will be located on Civitas Street. The ground-breaking ceremony will happen before the end of the year, with anticipation of being in the new building for the 2007 school year.

East Cooper Montessori Charter School would like to extend their thanks to the **I'On Group** for the use of the **I'On Creek Club**, and for their unwavering support. Appreciation also goes out to **I'On Biznet**, business owners, employees and community members who came out to enjoy the evening and contributed to the success of the fundraiser. Great thanks to **I'On** for your continued support of East Cooper Montessori Charter School!

Holy Cross Episcopal Church – For Information about services and the building project, please contact **Nicole Streetman** at **886-6528**, or nstreetman@bellsouth.net

The Holiday Market on I'On Square - Sunday, December 3rd from Noon-4 PM.
For information, contact **Jennifer Graziano**, grazianojl@hotmail.com, **216-2087**.

I'On Trust Update – submitted by Anne Register

2006 Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On - Sunday, December 3rd

This big day in I'On is almost here. Thanks to the approximately 200 of you, under the leadership of our **Chair, Sandy Powers**, who have been or will be involved in making this event happen – a huge undertaking. We will publish the complete list on the Trust website (www.theiontrust.org) when it's all over. Of course, we are grateful to our neighbors who are sharing their homes for the tour (**Michelle and Shane Doran, C. J. Garrett, Jane and Gary O'Neil, Nancy and Chris Ravenel, Marion and Burt Schools, Judy and Larry Taylor, and Cynthia and Ted Webb**). If you don't have your tickets yet, they are only \$25 if purchased ahead of time, so visit **I'On Realty** to get them **before 5 PM on December 2nd**.

Remember to join us at **Westlake Amphitheater** at **5:45 PM** that day for caroling, led by **I'Onissimo Sings**, and refreshments. Rumor has it that we may be joined by a special holiday visitor (hint: he wears a red suit and can frequently be heard laughing a jolly, "HO, HO, HO!")

I'On Trust 2007 Membership Campaign – "Thanks for Giving"

All I'On neighbors should have received their mailing by now. Please note that we are offering \$10 in extra Trust Bucks for submitting your membership before the end of 2006. The official campaign will end January 31, 2007, although we are certainly happy to have people join at any time throughout the year.

There are many different groups doing a wide variety of things in our very active neighborhood. Because of this, people sometimes are confused about what the Trust does and how it is different from the HOA or other groups. To clarify, The I'On Trust is completely separate from the HOA (called the "I'On Assembly"). We are the only I'On organization that is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity. Our mission is to connect neighbors with the community by providing cultural and civic activities and promoting volunteerism.

In addition to the Holiday Tour of Homes in I'On, The I'On Trust is responsible for the Blue Dogs Concert after the Cooper River Bridge Run, the 4th of July CelebratI'On, and the Charleston Community Band Concert on Memorial Day weekend, to name a few. With support from other I'On entities, we put on family-oriented, traditional neighborhood events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween in the 'Hood. The Lecture Series, Women's Coffees, and Screen on the Green are also Trust programming. We provide support to groups like I'Onissimo and the Community of I'On Artists.

With the exception of the few large ticketed events, Trust activities are free, and most are open to the entire community. Our 2007 Programming Schedule will be on our website soon.

These events and activities enrich our lives here in I'On and add to the value of our property. They are part of what makes our neighborhood a desirable place to live. Making all of this happen does take financial support from several different sources, and memberships are an important part of this.

Our heart-felt thanks to of you who have already joined. Membership offers the benefit of Trust Bucks (for example, \$50 in Trust Bucks at the \$100 membership level), which can be used for discounted or free tickets to events. Perhaps even more important, Trust members know that they are part of making possible much of the "good stuff" in I'On. We hope all of you will want to join. Click [HERE](#) to go our website for more information and to sign up.

THANKS FOR GIVING!!!

Thanks to our Halloween in the 'Hood Volunteers

We had one of our biggest groups ever for this year's October 29 family celebration. From the costume parade, to the hot dog cookout and Pumpkin Carving Contest, a good time was had by all.

Thanks to our friends at **BI-LO** for providing the hot dog cookout. They even came and grilled the dogs! Thanks to **Barb and Bob Fry** for organizing the Pumpkin Carving Contest; the **Assembly** for sponsoring the storyteller; **East Cooper Montessori Charter School** for the loan of the sound system; **BizNet** for providing the tents, arranging for the fortune teller and running the sound system; and the **I'On Club** for providing children's games.

And a big thanks to our volunteers who helped with set up, activities, and clean up: **Jack Hamilton, Phyllis Sheefer (our fortune teller), Dave Rosengren, Charlie Mountain, Barb and Bob Fry, Theresa Green, Phil and Diane Ayers, Don Higgins, and Sharon Lorish.**

Brick Campaign

You may have noticed in your Trust membership mailing a flyer about our Brick Campaign. By popular demand, we are repeating this opportunity just in time for holiday gift buying.

The Brick Campaign offers you the opportunity to purchase one or more personalized bricks to be installed around the fountain in **Perseverance Park**. If you go to the Park, you will see a number of these bricks already installed to give you an idea of how they will look.

Click [HERE](#) to go our website to learn more and to sign up to purchase a brick.

December BizNet article

Thanks so much to everyone who came out for a very successful auction in support of the **East Cooper Montessori School Building Fund** on **November 9th**, and a special thanks to all of the generous auction item contributors who made the event possible. We're all looking forward to our new school in I'On!

The **Annual Stewcook** on **November 18th-19th** was once again a tasty success, thanks to **John White** his **assistant stewmasters** (who watched over the simmering pot all night long), and to the many I'On families who donated ingredients for this year's magical concoction.

The **November 8th BizNet planning social** at **Grazi's** led to many good ideas for BizNet events for the coming year...thanks to all for their valuable input, and to **Jennifer Graziano** for her gracious contribution of wines and facilities.

The **Annual Holiday Market on the Square** will be held in conjunction with the **Holiday Tour of Homes on Sunday December 3rd**, along with a BIG agenda of other holiday events that day. The Markets will be open from **12-4 PM**, and have been organized this year by **Jennifer Graziano, Grazi's Shoe Café and Wine Bar.**

The **Annual Christmas Party** for **BizNet** members will be held once again in December...details on the website.

Further details about all BizNet events, and the latest information, always up-to-date, are at www.ionbiznet.com or contact **Steve Kwiatkowski** by email or phone: stevekw@liqqid.com, **388-8077**.

Welcome New I'On Neighbors!*

Dean & Susan Porter 42 Isle of Hope Road
James & Christy Eisman 54 Saturday Road

Moving Around in I'On...*

Joanne Ayers 19 Krier Lane

*For new and relocating neighbors - please do take a minute to inform AMCS, our community management company, of your new address. [Click here - Thanks!](#)

The 2007 I'On Phone Directory Is Out! Many thanks to our I'On Ambassadors who are hand-delivering this directory to you. Take a minute to thank them for the time they invest to make this a nice, inclusive and welcoming community! If you are living in I'On and haven't received your directory before the I'On Assembly Annual Meeting (December 6th), you can pick yours up there. For those who don't yet live in I'On, your copy will be delivered to you as you move in, or you can make special arrangements by calling Cheryl Wilson at 303-3586 next time you're in town.

The Directory is a handy resource for the new parking regulations (foldout map in back) and other information important to living contentedly in I'On! Many thanks to **Barbara Fry, Theresa Green, Steve Kwiatkowski, Cynthia Rosengren, Carol Williams, Cheryl Wilson** for their work throughout the year that's reflected once a year in this directory.

"Giving Thanks" to I'On OnLine Team - submitted by Cynthia Rosengren. December, 2006 marks the beginning of the 5th year for www.ioncommunity.com. Our website is staffed by neighbor-volunteers who give their time and talents to keep the site fun, fresh and functional for all neighbors to enjoy. We've had over 65,000 logins since it started. Thanks to the website, we distribute this monthly newsletter electronically to 80% of our households, collect all the residents' information for the I'On Phone Directory, and initiate the Welcome Basket delivery orders, too. So the website touches each of our households in a variety of ways, but only thanks to the many people who help make it all happen. Many thanks to **Skip Runge** - Photo Gallery Editor, **Gail Young** - "Living in I'On" Newsletter Editor, **Jane O'Neil** - Event Calendar Editor/ newsletter proofreader, **Barbara Fry** - Online Directory Editor, **Steve Kwiatkowski** - Classifieds Editor/Technical guru, **Cynthia Webb** - Reviews Editor, and **Diane Ayers** - Welcome Basket Delivery Coordinator, *and all the folks who have preceded them*, for keeping www.ioncommunity.com alive and thriving as it enters its 5th year!

Largest Public Wi-Fi Hotspot in SC Comes to I'On. November marks the opening of the **Maybank Green Wi-Fi Hotspot in I'On.** In plain English, anyone with a notebook computer and a Wi-Fi adapter can access the Internet from anywhere on Maybank Green in I'On. I'On thus becomes the home of the largest, public Wi-Fi hotspot in South Carolina. I'On residents can gain access at **no cost** by simply visiting Maybank Green and asking a neighbor for the password. For more information, contact **Ward Mundy** and [click here!](#)

Remember to take a quick visit to your community website to see what's new in the Photo Gallery, Reviews, Message Board and more. [Click here.](#)

Next Newsletter is February (no January newsletter)

The Deadline for the February Newsletter is Friday, January 19th.

Pease note that we ask you to use **only the online form** to submit your events/articles and get them to me that way – **no separate emails to me.** The online forms are on the website at [Promote an I'On Event.](#) If you have questions, you can still email me at gailyoung@comcast.net or call 856-3854. Thanks for your help.



Remember to visit the community website at
www.ioncommunity.com