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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Last Saturday, May 4th, our society hosted the 16th annual Spring Tea at Brosnan Forest. The hostesses decorated their tables beautifully, Lisa Steward catered the delicious food and our very own Jessie Cockcroft accompanied singers Dana Adams, Tracy Judy and Jenny Welch. It was wonderful and the profit was \$2205.00. Thank you to all that helped make this such a great success. All proceeds go toward preservation of the Historic Koger House.

In March of 2018, I applied for a historical marker for the Town of St. George. The marker has finally been ordered this week. The town is partnering with the society in the purchase. It will take a few months to be made and a ceremony will be held as it is unveiled. I will keep you informed. This will be the 9th marker erected by our society.

Our membership meeting is Thursday, May 16th, 7:00 pm at the Koger House. Please come and invite a guest.

Our guest speaker is David Dement. He is a member of the Dorchester County Archives & History Center board and a military historian and collector. David was instrumental in helping to develop the veterans exhibit at the Heritage Museum.

I look forward to seeing you on May 16th.

DON'T FORGET THIS DATE
Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm
Membership Meeting At
KOGER HOUSE
NOTE: LOCATION

Memorials

In memory of David Sojourner By: Phyllis Hughes
By: Mildred & Albert Heatley

Get Well

Linda Baker Harry Behling
Bill Herman Margaret Spell
Martha Sweatman Jim Way

Membership Dues

Payable by March 1, 2019

Annual dues: \$25.00

Lifetime Membership: \$250.00

Make Checks Payable To DCHS

Please Use Envelope Provided And Mail To:

Ms. Bobbie McKinnon

c/o DCHS

101 Ridge St.

St. George, SC 29477

(Please include current home and email address.)

NOTE

As of March 31, 2019 all annual (yearly) members who are not current with their dues will have their names removed from the Membership Rolls.

DCHS 2019 Calendar of Events:

Membership Meeting	Thursday, May 16	7 pm	Koger House
Membership Meeting	Thursday, August 15	7 pm	DCA&HC St. George, SC
Membership/Awards Meeting	Thursday, November 14	7 pm	Koger House

Please check our website for updates at www.upperdorchestercountyhistoricalsociety.com

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 16 May 7:00 pm
KOGER HOUSE
Guest Speaker Mr. David Dement
NOTE LOCATION

TRIBUTE TO DAVID COLEMAN SOJOURNER

The Dorchester County Historical Society and community lost a valuable member in the passing of the Honorable David Coleman Sojourner on April 19 at the age of 91. He was a founding director of the DCHS and, with the help of his son, Dave Jr., was instrumental in securing the charter and 501(c)(3) status. The Society has relied on his wisdom and guidance and, with his wife, Betty, generous hospitality.

He moved from Demark with his family in 1936 to establish the family business, Sojourner Chevrolet Company. He graduated from Clemson in 1949 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and after graduation served two years in the army, returning after his discharge to manage the service department of his father’s business, where he later became owner and president.

He was a faithful member of the St. George United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities and teaching Sunday School for 60 years. He served as town mayor for several terms and for many years as its municipal judge. The local Senior Citizens Center and a building at The Methodist Oaks in Orangeburg, where he was a former board member, were named in his honor. The Dorchester Village was developed during his tenure as mayor. David was a charter member of the Rotary Club, a former Secretary and Past Master of Harmony Lodge #61, a Shriner, a former president of the St. George Businessmens’ Club, and a past Commander of American Legion Post 105. He was a devoted supporter of the March of Dimes and the Boys Scouts of America.

When his health failed and he was no longer able to attend meetings, the DCHS honored him by naming him Director Emeritis He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty Durr Sojourner, son David C Sojourner, Jr (Juilianne) of Columbia, daughter Ruth Sojourner Tripp (Ron) of Mt. Pleasant, and grandchildren John Walker (Alex) Sojourner, Ellis M. Sojourner, and Sojourner Tripp.

He is fondly remembered and sadly missed.

NEWS FROM THE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Can you believe it?! It’s already May!! We currently have a Beginners’ Cake Decorating Class at the Museum on Tuesdays, May 14 and 21. The cost is \$40 and room is available if you would like to join us! We are quickly approaching the summer which means getting ready for Summer Camps. The first camp will be DIY Science on June 26 through 28 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon for kids aged 9 to 12. The price is \$40 per child. The second session will be July 17 through 19. Stay tuned for more details on it. The Museum is still selling Flags of Honor, which is its on-going fundraiser. You can purchase a flag to honor a family member or friend, veteran, active duty or civilian. The flags are \$25 each and will each have your name of honor on a white ribbon. If the individual is deceased, a black ribbon will also be attached. If your loved one was killed in action, a gold star will be attached as well. The Brandon Coffey Photo Exhibit and Lee Taylor’s fossil exhibit are still on display so be sure to visit and see them. Like us on Facebook or visit us at www.dca-hc.com for more information and registration forms!

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Calling all researchers! We now have two computers in the research library that are updated weekly. The hope is to have all of our archives searchable by entering keywords. This does take time, scanning each document with software that reads the words and builds an index of each word in each document. Anything hand written must be transcribed in order to be searchable. Mr. Pat Scally transcribes the handwritten documents. Each Friday morning, what has been accomplished during the week is compiled and added that to the research computers.

Brandon Coffey Photo Exhibit



Visit The Heritage Museum
to view a Photographic Exhibit
showcasing the amazing photographs of
Brandon Coffey.

The exhibit will be open for public display on
February 19, 2019

Photos will be available for purchase, with delivery following the close of the exhibition.

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