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A liberal progressive mens organization

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## Presidents Message Ponderings - It Won't Be Easy, but . . .

Being realistic is sometimes a hard thing to do. In the current political climate it's going to be very difficult to get any Progressive legislation passed on the Federal level . . . OK, maybe on the state level too. But we shouldn't totally abandon our efforts and wait for the 2020 elections to hopefully resolve things.

Our November co-meeting with WAG (Women Advocating for Georgia) will bring into focus just what is on the state legislative agenda next year as we head toward the elections. If you care about the Environment, Voting Rights, Gun Safety and Criminal Justice Reform you'll want to come and hear what our experts have to tell us about what is happening at the state capital next year.

If we "walk our talk" our representatives need to hear from us. Subtle "Skidaway Pressure" can go a long way with some of these folks and we shouldn't miss the opportunity to voice our values. Don't assume that someone else will do it. We need the numbers behind the e-mails and phone calls. It won't be easy, but it sure isn't that hard either.

Hope to see all of the Hamiltons turn out for this important meeting. . . . . Tom & Bob . . . . .

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## Get the Inside Scoop on Key Issues Facing You and the 155th Georgia General Assembly

**Date** Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm

**Place** Messiah Lutheran Church of Skidaway Island

The Skidaway Hamiltons and the Skidaway Abigails' WAG (Women Advocating for Georgians) will hold a joint meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> (7pm) at the Messiah Lutheran Church to discuss the 155<sup>th</sup> Georgia General Assembly agenda. This important second session of the 155<sup>th</sup> begins on January 13, 2020 (the first session lasted 40 days in early 2019). Four progressive issue experts will reveal what Georgia representatives, lobbyists, and concerned citizen groups are doing in reference to these four advocacy issues:

1. Environment (Alex Muir)
2. Voting Rights (Carol Nathan)
3. Gun Safety (Anne Allen Westbrook)
4. Criminal Justice Reform (Christopher Bruce)

If you want to learn more about Georgia politics and government and how you, too, can make a difference, be sure to attend this informative meeting of nonpartisan progressive men (Hamiltons) and women (WAG). It's open and free to all Hamiltons and Abigails members. Guests are welcome for a \$10 fee.

For more information, including membership, upcoming events, and user-friendly resources, visit the Hamiltons ([SkidawayHamiltons.org](https://www.skidawayhamiltons.org)) and the Abigails/WAG ([SkidawayAbigails.org](https://www.skidawayabigails.org)).

To RSVP for this meeting, please click the button below:

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## Recap of October Speaker Presentation

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## The Impact of Affordable Housing on Savannah

At our October 15 meeting Dr. Kenneth Zapp presented the topic of Affordable Housing from the factual perspective of an economist. What many would think of as a “dry subject”, Dr. Zapp showed us just how significant an impact this issue has on the local economy.

Cases in point:

1. There are over 100,000 households in Chatham county that spend more than 30% of their income on housing, leaving little remaining for other necessities.
2. At the minimum wage of \$7.50/hour, a worker would need to work 92 hours per week to afford a typical one bedroom apartment, without it being a significant cost burden.

Dr. Zapp finished his presentation outlining what other municipalities are doing to address the dwindling number of affordable housing units in their jurisdictions.

The local issue in Savannah / Chatham County is that this problem is not at all recognized and only private organizations are trying to address it. The direction is for it to get worse before it gets better.

We Thank Dr. Zapp for a very informative presentation. *For more information please refer to our website for a copy of Dr. Zapp's presentation.*

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## Dues

**Our annual dues are \$20** and will now cover September 2019 thru August 2020.

**You can charge dues to your favorite credit card by clicking [HERE](#) .**

or, Bring a check or cash to our next meeting.

or, Make a check out to Skidaway Hamiltons and mail to 30 Delegal Rd, Savannah,

## Mission Statement

The Hamiltons is an organization of liberal, progressive men whose purpose is to provide an environment for comfortable social engagement, a forum for discussion of sociopolitical issues, and a framework to champion our values. We welcome men who support our values to join us, regardless of residence, race, ethnicity, age, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

### Values

#### WE VALUE:

A society and government that diligently pursues fairness, justice and equality for all

A national health care system that makes medical services available to all regardless of preconditions and economic status.

A tax system and laws that reduces economic inequality and offsets the power of corporations and money in influencing government.

And support women's efforts to achieve fair and equitable opportunities and to control their reproductive rights.

Quality public education, from preschool through college, available and affordable to all residents of the United

States. Government financial support to Science and Technology, Arts and Humanities

A fair, unbiased criminal justice system and penal institutions that focuses upon rehabilitation and humane treatment.

An emphasis on diplomatic and "soft power" in world affairs.

Government policies that protect the environment.

### Hamiltons Board

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