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SKIDAWAY HAMILTONS
A liberal progressive mens organization



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Presidential Ponderings

Greetings and Welcome to what your Board feels will be another great season of informative speakers, and now, the addition of member to member discussions. By way of introduction, your co-presidents are Tom Hamilton (a retired engineer) and Bob Marcotullio (a retired oral surgeon).

Your Board of Directors has been working over the summer on a number of items, but one we want to draw your attention to is our totally revamped website. If you have 5 minutes, please go to www.skidawayhamiltons.org and take a quick look at the pages (near the top). We've added significant content on where to go to find important progressive topics, both locally and nationally. Plus we're adding new content all of the time trying to keep our member up to date, especially on items that may be below the usual news cycle.

This Fall will be a challenging one for our country and for the core beliefs that we hold dear as progressives. We will be judged individually and as a group as to how we act, but also how we react to others that feel threatened by "the system". It's difficult to remain calm and objective but let's do the best we can and try to listen, and yet be persuasive in the "heat of the moment".

One last note: While you're at our website, please take a minute to fill out the on-line member survey on the opening page. Or, click here to go directly to it: <https://skidawayhamiltons.org/2019-survey/>.

We're looking forward to seeing our progressive family at the next membership

Upcoming Presentation on Affordable Housing

Date Tuesday, October 15th at 3:15 pm

Place Messiah Lutheran Church of Skidaway Island

The Skidaway Hamiltons' speaker for the October 15, 2019 meeting (3:15 pm. Messiah Lutheran Church) will be Dr. Kenneth Zapp. Dr. Zapp is Professor Emeritus, Metropolitan State University. He will talk about affordable housing.

How is affordable housing defined? How effective has Savannah been in providing affordable housing? What are the problems? What new initiatives are being discussed? What are other cities doing? How did the federal government contribute to the problem? Can there be a solution without meaningful federal government involvement?

Recap of September Speaker Presentation



Bruce Mallard, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs at Savannah State University, spoke about the timely subject of gerrymandering.

He explained how gerrymandering significantly impacts the conduct of

Talked about the recent Supreme Court ruling on gerrymandering and how the 2020 census will impact the reapportionment of state legislatures and the U.S. House .

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](#) .

Bring a check or cash to our next meeting.

Make a check out to Skidaway Hamiltons and mail to 30 Delegal Rd, Savannah, Georgia, 31411.

Dues are not tax deductible.

\$10 for guests.

The Abigails WAG group would like to invite the Hamiltons to attend their October meeting:

On October 22nd at 7 p.m at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd, WAG* will welcome **Chris Bruce, the Legislative Director of the ACLU of Georgia.** Chris will highlight the **ACLU's work on Voting, Reproductive and Immigrant Rights** and tell us how we can most effectively advocate for progress on these issues.

Outside of Atlanta, Savannah is the area of Georgia where the ACLU is the most active and we look forward to hearing about opportunities for partnership.

This meeting is open to all Abigails and Hamiltons and their guests (\$10 guest fee). We hope you can join us to learn about the important work of the ACLU in preserving our fundamental freedoms and rights.

RSVP at skidawayabilgails.org

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

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.

We believe that the American citizen's right to vote should not be infringed upon in any fashion.

We believe that freedom of the press and freedom of speech are the foundations of a free and democratic society.

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