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EDITOR'S LETTER

Completing this month's issue, one of our biggest ever at 216 pages, felt more like giving birth (a joy!) than usual. But, we are so excited to be able to bring our readers a fabulous story regarding Sea Pines – part one of our three-part series begins with the late Charles Fraser's vision and concludes with the first Heritage in '69. Margaret Greer, a noted local historian and author, did a fantastic job and we are so grateful to Mr. Joe Fraser for being willing to participate in the

interview and share such a personal family story with us.

We're also ecstatic about our special Stewart Cink interview. We hounded Angela McSwain, of the Heritage Classic Foundation, for weeks in hopes of securing a few moments of Mr. Cink's time. Our writer Charlie Clark cherished the opportunity to speak with the winner of last year's Heritage and delivers readers a real treat this month. We thank Angela for her patience (with us!), tenacity, and phone calls to Mr. Cink's PR staff, which helped make this exciting interview possible.

We're making subtle changes, such as altering our Month in Review department this month, to freshen our look. Thanks to Art Director Molly Blackwell's artistry, we offer a beautiful watercolor map this month. (See our Lowcountry Communities guide). We would also like to note that our email addresses have changed. My new address is blt@monthlymag.com. Publisher Lori Goodridge's new address is lgoodridge@monthlymag.com. You can reach other staff members by typing their first initial and last name followed by monthlymag.com.

Whether positive or negative, we welcome comments and invite you to visit us at www.hiltonheadmonthly.com. It's all good, even when it's not!

Sincerely,

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LETTERS

The sixth annual Low Country Heart Walk raised over \$120,000 towards heart research and education at Sun City Hilton Head, barely exceeding their goal, with team dollars still coming in.

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, the top winner for the first five years of the walk, was upset by Beaufort Memorial Hospital, who raised \$14,225.87 to set a new first place record and show a \$12,000 increase over last year. Dixie Schlichter won the top team captain award for leading her team to first place. CEO David Brown was this year's walk chair. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office placed second with \$9,630.56, with Jean Tanner taking the top walker award with almost \$6,000, a 30% increase over her 2004 amount. Presenting Sponsor team Hilton Head Regional Medical Center took third place with \$7,545, also a substantial increase over last year. Belfair Community once again placed fourth with \$7,115, led by team leader Wendy Schlegel, with a 54% increase over

last year. Josie Schmitt's team took honorable mention with \$4,672. One-year-old heart surgery survivor Josie was one of the honorary co-chairs of the walk. The Technical College of the Lowcountry nurses took home the Spirit Award for the fourth year in a row. Jimmy Taylor of Regions Bank was named the top Recruitment Leader for 2005 for recruiting the most teams for this year's walk.

About 600 walkers were treated to breakfast with fruit from Kroger and bagels and muffins from Atlanta Bread Company. Before, during and after the walk they enjoyed beverages from Target and a tasting of subs from Subway, who is a national sponsor.

Subway weight-loss hero, Desiree Titration was on hand to walk and talk about her 100-pound weight loss eating Subway sandwiches.

- Barbara Clark, American Heart Assoc.

First off, kudos to the Town of Hilton Head for constructing such a marvelous system of bike paths. Sure, there's still work to be done, but all-and-all the pathways mesh well with surrounding areas and give pedal-pushers a great way to get around the island. However, it appears that most bikers didn't get the memo. I'm sick and tired of seeing people slow down traffic as they ride their bikes up Cordillo Parkway with a bike path not fifteen feet away. The same goes for New Orleans Drive – you see bikers on there all the time, but there's a bike path that fronts 278 and runs parallel to New Orleans. This is an especially dangerous practice on that road because of some of the blind corners. I understand some of these bikers may be tourists, but the rest should know better. Your tax dollars bought these bike paths; get out there and use them!

And while we're on the subject of bikers, what definition of the word "stop" have these people been using? As for me, when I see a big red octagon with "STOP" written on it in huge letters, I do just that. I wish I had a dime for every moron on a bike who almost took a ride on my front bumper because they've blown through the stop sign. They're on every bike path where it crosses a road, people. When you reach one, stop, see if anyone's turning in, and act accordingly.

- Anonymous, via email

FOR THE RECORD

- We incorrectly identified Thomas & Deborah Blair, owners of the long-standing business, Island Gold Works. See their photo on page 107.
- Sacks Resale & Consignment Shop turned 24 years old on April 1st!
- Michael Rusnak of B-5 Bistro was incorrectly identified as "Tom Rusnak" in our New Faces/New Places section.

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS! The August issue's Pet Photos feature will soon be here so please send us your pix as soon as possible!

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