

# **Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter March 2019**

## **New Members**

No new members joining our Friends organization during the month of February 2019.

## **President's Corner**

March is here! Warmer temperatures and sunny skies are on their way! No, I am not a former or current weather forecaster. I am just an optimistic Southerner! Give me one sunny warm day and I am ready for many more beautiful days to come. Speaking of warm and sunny days thanks to all of you who came out and supported our annual 3 in 1 Day celebration as volunteers or patrons. There are a lot of thanks to go around for such a great celebration day so let me start with a big thanks to our special members - volunteers who came on Friday to freshen up Atalaya and the members-volunteers who helped us on Sunday. What wonderful inspiring speakers Jim Lee and Andrea DeMuth were on Sunday! All I can say is wow and thank you for such informative talks. It was also great to meet Angus!

We also want to thank the Walmart in Garden City for donating the delicious cake that we enjoyed. I would be remiss if we didn't thank the Park staff for helping with the freshening up of Atalaya on Friday and their help on Sunday. Last but not least, many thanks to our Vice President Karen Korzeniewski for organizing the event, making the punch, picking up the supplies and planting the beautiful geraniums along the walkway!

It takes a lot of time and talent to keep up the activities that the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park puts on to make money for Park projects that are not funded by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Funds from each event and your annual dues make the Huntington Beach State Park the place that we know and love. As spring approaches more volunteer opportunities will be announced for all of us to take part in as well as, opportunities to serve as a board member in our organization. Won't you consider volunteering and /or serving?

Your President,  
*Sandra Barnes*

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## **Updated Information the Huntington Beach State Park**

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, the Park is sponsoring a 5K race on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The race is called The Gator Gauntlet and will include a 1-mile fun race for children. Registration is required to participate in either the 5K or the 1-mile fun race for children.

Here is the link to the South Carolina Parks Come Out and Play registration if you plan to participate in either race.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/park-news/come-out-and-play-5-k-races>

### Helping with the Children's 1-Mile Fun Race

Park Manager Brenda Magers has asked to for help of our members with the children's 1-mile race. Volunteers will help the children thru the different games along the 1-mile fun race. If you can help the day of the race (April 6, 2019) please email Park Ranger Fran Bozak at [fbozak@scprt.com](mailto:fbozak@scprt.com). The race starts at 9:00 a.m.

## **Open Board Member Positions**

The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park will hold its annual board member elections in June. Per our bylaws each board member position is a two-year term. When our charter was created in 2003 the election of officers was established so that not all of the officer positions would expire in the same year. This year we have 6 officer positions that are expiring and fortunately all have agreed to stay on for another term. However, we still have openings for 3 more officers. If you are interested in serving as a board member please contact our President Sandra Barnes at [sbarnes93@ymail.com](mailto:sbarnes93@ymail.com) or our Vice President Karen Korzeniewski at [korsz@sccoast.net](mailto:korsz@sccoast.net) for more information and / or submit your name for nomination. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 15, 2019. The ballot will be sent out in early May and the election results will be finalized at our annual all members picnic.

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**Save the Date**

Mark your calendar for June 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Shelter #1 for our annual all members picnic. More details to come!

**The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Website**

Please be sure to bookmark on your computer or tablet our website [www.friendshbsp.com](http://www.friendshbsp.com)

If you would like to make a monetary online donation to the Nature Center Building Fund click on the Donation Tab on the far right at the top of any of our website pages or you can click on the underlined Heading (that will take you to the page for the Friends PayPal account).

If you wish to mail in a donation, please make the check out to the Nature Center Rebuilding Fund and mail to the following address:

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