

DIXIE LMG CHARLESTON GROUP CHRONICLE - 2013

President Bill Watson welcomed 58 members and guests to the HCSC Dixie Group meeting held on May 5th-May 7th at the historic Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston SC, the oldest city in South Carolina. The City of Charleston located on Charleston Harbor, is an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean, has a rich history dating back to 1670, and is known as "The Holy City".

Sunday evening began with a social hour and **Will Arant** gave a prayer of thanksgiving at the beginning of a wonderful evening of dining with a Charleston buffet.

Monday morning over 50 guests boarded horse drawn carriages for a one hour ride thru Charleston and then continued on a guided walking tour of historic downtown Charleston, including a tour of the Nataniel Russell House, dating back to 1808. Members had the afternoon to explore on their own the charm Charleston offers, shopping at the City Market on King Street, delicious luncheon options and the history of this southern city. During the evening members had the opportunity to dine at some of the finest restaurants Charleston is known for.

Tuesday morning 22 Golfers journeyed to the Dunes West Golf and River Club in Mount Pleasant, SC for the Dixie Annual Golf Outing and Lunch. The weather was wonderful and contributed to a great outing for all. Winners for the event included:

1st. Place: Jack Bailey, Charlie Haygood, Bob Rainey, and Cecil Naftel.

2nd Place: Bill Watson, Will Arant, and Jerry Green.

3rd Place: Jack Clancy, Bob Cote, Terry Nottage and Bill Webb.

Longest Drive: HDCP (-23) Jack Clancy (+23) Bob Rainey

Closest to Pin: HDCP (-23) Jack Bailey (+23) Clara Miller

Awards were presented at closing banquet.

Tuesday afternoon a brief business meeting was held, where once again, members were welcomed and 7 new members were recognized. A moment of silence was observed for those members and spouses who were no longer with us since our last meeting. Bill Webb discussed the Treasurers report and Foundation report. Bill Watson presented the slate of Officers for 2013-2014. Those elected were:

President Bob Cote,

2nd VP Dennis White

3rd VP Jack Johndrow

Treasurer/ Secretary Bill Webb

Foundation Rep Bill Webb

The site for the 2014 meeting in Callaway Gardens, Pine Mt. GA. will be held on April 27th-29th, 2014. Dennis White informed the members that he was considering Charlotte, NC. for the 2015 meeting site. Bill Watson informed the group the Deep South Meeting was scheduled for Sarasota, FL on Oct. 14th-17th, 2013. The National HCSC Convention to be held in Washington, DC on Sept. 26th- 29th, 2013 has over 200 planning to attend so far, and there is still time to sign up.

The event concluded on Tuesday evening with a farewell social hour and delicious banquet. Guests were entertained with Pirate stories by local entertainer Captain Eric with his parrot Bob. Bill Watson thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

Wednesday morning guests departed for home, taking with them many wonderful memories. A special thanks to Bill and Sandy Watson for hosting a succesfull venue for all to enjoy. We look forward to getting together again in 2014, in Callaway Gardens.

Members Attending: *Will & Rose Arant, Jack & Pat Bailey, Leon Brown, Jack &*

Lorraine Clancy, Frank & Lynda Coleman, Bob & Teresa Cote, Chester & Mildred Dowdle, Steve & Susan Draper, Dave & Sue English, Jerry & Carol Green, Charlie & Cathy Haygood, Joel & Pat Hennessee, Jack & Kim Johndrow, Vince & Becky Keefauver, John & Ginny Layman, Bob & Sara Mantel, Clara Miller, Cecil and Cathy Naftel, Tony & Terry Nottage, Bob Rainey, Bob & Jane Sain, Ed & Eileen Savold, Ted & Barbara Seaman, Jim Smith, Hugh & Donna Stephens, Ron & Mary "Gaddy" Vandergrift, Bill & Sandy Watson, Bill & Susan Webb, Ted & Beverly West, Jack & Margaret Westbrook, and Dennis & Ellen White.



Bill and Sandy Watson



New Members Carol and Jerry Green



Captain Eric and Parrot Bob



Bob Rainey, Clara Miller, Jack Bailey, Jack Clancy



Golf Outing



Horse Drawn Carriage Ride



Chester Dowdle, Jack Westbrook, Ted Seaman



Clara Miller, Charlie Haygood, Dennis White



Jack Johndrow, Dennis White, Bill Watson, Bill Webb