



Happy St Patrick's Day!!

Spring has sprung!!! Yeah!!! Temperatures in the 70's and 80's which makes my thyroid happy!! Then ending the month with the celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, our savior!

Bob & I completed our six session OLLI rice plantation course, ending with a full day multiple plantation tour on the 18th of the month. It was a 14 stop tour visiting old plantations and historical houses throughout Georgetown County, so we had to keep moving - or as Robin would say - "lickety-split." There was another tour scheduled for the 19th, with 14 different stops. There is a picture of a stately oak tree that was said to have been saved from being chopped down by George Washington. Maybe this was in atonement for the poor cherry tree that he chopped down as a lad. This annual event is put on by volunteers from Prince George Episcopal Church in Georgetown. It looked like their entire congregation was involved.

In our OLLI course, we learned that most of the plantation owners had summer homes on the coast to get away from the heat and mosquitoes inland. We drove down to Pauley's Island, and found "All Saint's Church" and cemetery that dates back to the 1700's. There are many graves of the people responsible for the settlement of South Carolina and the formation of the United States. We didn't get to see Alice's ghost tho!

Then we drove out onto the island itself, where we found that some of the plantation summer houses are still standing. We learned that the plantation owners sailed their belongings on the river from their plantation homes to their summer homes. These homes are privately owned now, but we were able to see some houses and read the historical markers.



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We took another day tour on the 15th, with Robin and Storehouse Tours, to visit the picturesque town of Southport, NC. It is a neat little town which has been featured in quite a few movies. After a delicious lunch, we took a ferry ride to visit the NC Aquarium on Fort Fisher Island.

Lakeside got into the St. Paddy's Day spirit by attempting to paint the streets green - or maybe it was just pollen! We had a fun filled party, including a visit by our resident bag-piper, Jim Gillan. Melissa did an outstanding job with the decorating and organizing. She is a definite keeper! In the center-left picture, you can see Melissa (dressed in black) attempting to take a photo of some of the party goers with her phone. Doesn't anybody use cameras anymore?

Back on home base, we have been busy with the Photo Group and our Lakeside Activities project. One of our members, Judy, took the initiative to setup a group on face book for us to post our Lakeside activity pictures; so Bob & I had to setup face book accounts - and "friend requests" started popping up from all over the place! Looks like that might become a full-time project! We need to do some research to see how to reply to messages.

A definite highlight of the month was the Carolina Forest High School production of "Mary Poppins." After every show, we say "they can't top that!" - but then they do. It was a fantastic performance, with a large cast, and even had "Mary" soaring through the air! You can see our large contingent from Lakeside Crossing starting to settle in; and next to that is a picture of Mary soaring through the air - if they allowed us to take pictures!

That's it for this month - see you again in April.



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