

# Opinions

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## Service Scene

This column will regularly feature photos from local community service clubs. Submit your club information and photos to: Judy Watts, Summerville Journal Scene, Summerville, SC 29483; or e-mail [jwatts@journalscene.com](mailto:jwatts@journalscene.com). All people in photos must be correctly identified. Photos should be at least 200 dpi.

## ROTARY CLUBS



Ellen Priest/Journal Scene

**Dennis Miskewicz was inducted into membership of the Rotary Club of Summerville at the Feb. 17 meeting. President Elect Kelly Williams and sponsoring member Tony Pope welcomed him to the club.**



Judy Watts/Journal Scene

**From left, John David Griffith, Billy Romanstine, Luke Biggs listen as Frank Bouknight spins the wheel for member fines.**

## SERVICE CLUBS

### Service Club meetings

The Summerville Oakbrook Rotary Club meets on Monday at 7:30 a.m. at the Wescott Plantation Club House. For more information about the club, go to [summervilleoakbrookrotary.org](http://summervilleoakbrookrotary.org).

The Rotary Club of Summerville meets Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at Sticky Fingers on North Main. For more information about the club, go to [summerville.rotary-clubs.org](http://summerville.rotary-clubs.org).

The Summerville Noon Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at Shoney's on North Main Street from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information contact Linda Hornsby at 345-8582.

The Summerville Kiwanis Club meets Wed. at 8 a.m. at Oscar's restaurant at 207 W. 5th North St.

(To have your service club included in Service Scene, contact Judy Watts at 873-9424.)

## RE-ELECTION

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16-30 with their corresponding political party's executive committee.

"I consider serving on Dorchester County Council to be of the highest honor and would like to personally thank the citizens of this great County for giving me the opportunity to represent them for two terms," Murphy said.

The Dorchester County Democratic Party can be reached at 843-851-3787, by email at [dordems@gmail.com](mailto:dordems@gmail.com) and [www.dordems.com](http://www.dordems.com).

To learn more about The Dorchester County Republican Party call 843-873-8851, email [Carrollsduncan@knology.net](mailto:Carrollsduncan@knology.net) or visit [www.scgop.com](http://www.scgop.com).

## Roving Eye

### FOG WALK



Stefan Rogenmoser/Journal Scene

**A lone walker crosses the Luden Drive bridge near the Sawmill Branch trail on Feb. 22, during a foggy evening.**

## Smith Says

# What makes women happy?

BY JULIE R. SMITH

Virginia Woolf said it was money and a room of one's own (i.e., a sanctuary in which to work or dream.)

Gloria Steinem—"mema her?"—said the key to happiness is a sense of purpose.

Marabel Morgan—I KNOW you 'mema her—said making our husbands happy would make us happy. (Total Woman workshops were as ubiquitous as Jello in the 70s, and to this day I agree with many of her principles.)

The latest look at happiness can be found in a book by Ariel Gore, "Bluebird: Women and the New Psychology of Happiness." Gore defines happiness as "the ability to rejoice in the midst of suffering."

Happiness, she says, is a decision, an act of will: We must actively choose to be happy. (That sounds too much like gritting one's teeth and wearing a hair shirt to me.)

Then again, she says, some women have a talent for happiness. They're born cheerful, like my sister was born knowing how to twirl flaming batons. Other gals are grim as the grave. (We've all known a few of those, haven't we? Their lives are blessed, but joy eludes them. I avoid these people like the plague.)

Here's a brief list of what makes me happy. Feel free to add your own.

- A bubble bath.
- Hanging out with my husband.
- Learning a new skill (not baton twirling; I have fingers like sausages.)
- Makeupalley.com. It's addictive.
- Getting a certain magazine each month, because it reminds me of the friend who's quietly renewed the subscription for years.
- Listening to my little dog snore.
- Feeling in control. (It's always an illusion, but so what?)
- Retin-A.
- Knowing my brother counts me as one of his best friends.
- Widdle reaching for my hand in church.
- Ice-cold Chardonnay.
- Facebook friends.
- Waking up with a face that doesn't have swollen eyes or sheet creases.
- A new tube of mascara. I'm such a girl.
- Chocolate so bitter it makes my tongue curl.
- Being corrected by someone I love. (Who else will point out your mistakes?)
- A flat-bellied day. (Which never lasts



past 11 a.m., but still.)

- Having enough of anything, whether it's linguini or love.
- Friends who smell good.
- Watching "The Office."
- Letters to the editor. The topic doesn't matter; I just like to read them.
- Washing dishes. (I know, it's weird.)
- A new shaver for my Sasquatch legs.
- Watching anything with Ricky Gervais in it.
- Friends who loan me books and say, "This made me think of you."
- Looking at photos of Widdle before we met.
- Being alone by choice, which is so different from being alone by circumstance.
- Reading three days' worth of newspapers by lamplight on the squishy sofa in the living room.
- Andy Griffith re-runs.
- Rearranging the 17 mismatched wine glasses in the china cabinet.
- Marinara sauce.
- Throwing out ugly silk flowers.
- Baby goats.
- When someone indicates, with a nod or a smile or an arched eyebrow, that he/she gets me. It's a rare thing to be truly got.
- Irish oatmeal. With cream and sugar.

Julie R. Smith, a happy little fool, can be reached at [widdlewife@aol.com](mailto:widdlewife@aol.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### Support Summerville's orchestra

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the Summerville Community Orchestra and Alex Agrest, conductor, for being named "2009 Most Popular Music Maker" by The Summerville Journal Scene. Having lived in Summerville since the early 1970s and having watched it evolve as a community, the SCO exemplifies the spirit you find only in thriving places. A volunteer organization of highly trained and dedicated musicians — orchestra members — practice weekly in a crowded band room at Alston Middle School because the price is right (no charge) and they have no place else to go. You see, they have so little money, they are allowed to used music stands at the school because they cannot afford to buy any. Does this discourage them? No.

Under the gifted direction of Alex Agrest, they strive to achieve musical perfection for the pure joy that music brings into their lives and ours.

As we begin a new year and a new season for the orchestra, please remember the Summerville Community Orchestra as you contemplate which worthy organizations you will support...and maybe...someday we will be fortunate enough to finally achieve the dream of so many here in Summerville, our own performing arts center for our schools, our churches, our theater, our wonderful town...and our souls.

Sharon Chellis  
Summerville

### Give us books, crafts

Dear Editor,

I read Jenny Peterson's article on the retail study conducted by Arnett,

Muldrow and Associates with much interest. I was surprised to see that the firm recommended that the county seek more retail outlets for furniture, sporting goods, and electronics, but did not mention bookstores or craft stores. It seems that many Summervillians travel to North Charleston to visit Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, AC Moore, and Michael's Crafts. I personally spend literally hundreds of dollars at these businesses each year and would much rather shop in my own town if these stores-- or better yet a Hobby Lobby and Borders Books and Music-- were available to me in Summerville! Any other readers or crafters out there looking for a well-stocked hometown store?

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