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There are few places more romantic than The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort.

Whether you're planning a beachside elopement or a formal ballroom affair, an intimate ceremony or one that is large and lavish, you'll find The King and Prince is the perfect venue for an idyllic island wedding with resort amenities. Couples love the historic resort's romantic seaside setting and the wedding party and guests will delight in its gracious accommodations and amenities including on-site spa, beach access, golf course, and other recreation options. Family members and wedding guests can mingle with each other over breakfast, at the pool,

or down on the beach. If you'd like your cute canine to be part of the occasion, the resort is even dog friendly. Bringing everyone together in one central location with amenities they all can enjoy is a significant part of the appeal of planning your special day (and those leading up to it) at The King and Prince.

Just looking at the variety of space options available for events, you'll see the resort is definitely not a "one-size-fits-all" cookie cutter wedding venue. You can opt for the elegant Lanier Ballroom, the largest banquet space at the resort, or the quaint parlor known as *(continues)*



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the Solarium, which was the resort's original lobby and offers panoramic views of the ocean and a cozy fireplace. The lobby for the Retreat Room on the second floor boasts an antique bar and fireplace. Its curving wall of windows provides breathtaking 180° views of the Atlantic Ocean. Outside, the Oceanfront Terrace, a beautiful seaside brick patio ideal for small cer-

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emonies and al fresco festivities like welcome parties, is available in fall and winter months. Just steps from the beach, the lush Resort Lawn is a memorable setting for rehearsal dinners, ceremonies and receptions.

Soon there will be another space to consider at the resort: the Atlantic Pavilion & Court. This new 2,755 sq. ft. event space, currently under construction, will feature a open air courtyard with a covered pavilion and gorgeous views of the ocean. The eagerly anticipated opening date is August 1, 2019 and bookings are already being scheduled for the pavilion.

But it's not just the resort's event space and grounds that set The King and Prince apart as a wedding venue. Let us introduce you the team that makes that magic happen, The King and Prince catering staff: Wedding Catering Manager Scarlett Starr, Wedding Sales Manager Dionne Pierce, and Director of Catering and Conference Services Carla McCully. These ladies are quick to explain that they don't mass produce weddings at The King and Prince, meaning staff members are able to spend time working with each couple and determining their needs and vision for their special day. The catering staff members pride themselves on attention to detail and their ability to create weddings that are uniquely personalized to each bride and groom and their families.

Scarlett has 25 years of wedding planning experience, yet even with many, many weddings under her belt, she tells us that she still finds it incredibly exciting to contribute to couples' celebrations. Her love and passion for the resort make the experience that much more rewarding for her. Dionne, a Georgia native with a passion for this region, has been planning wed-

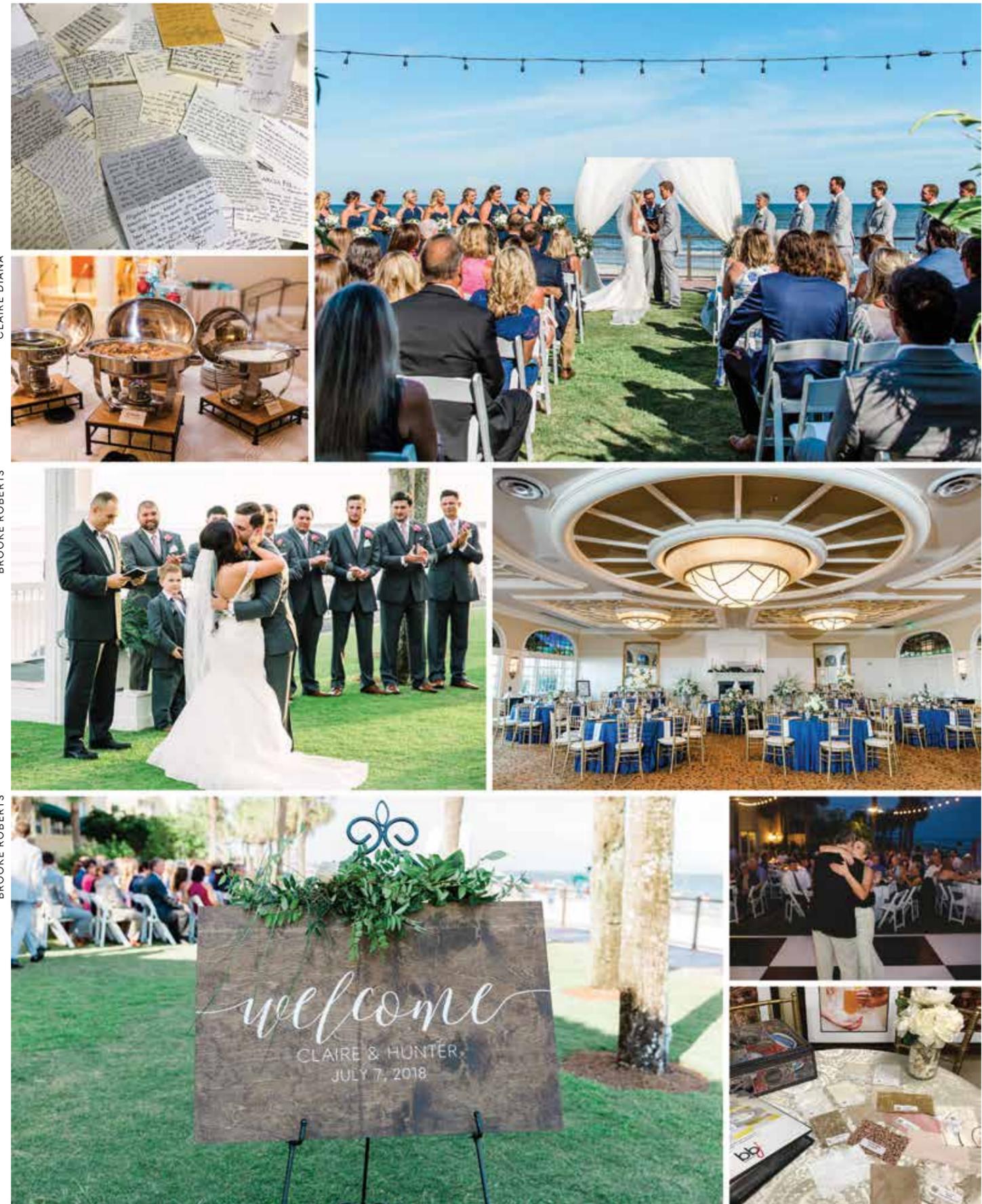
dings for more than 20 years. She understands the qualities and features of this area that couples are seeking: coastal elegance with Southern charm and hospitality with a historical value. She and her teammates are able to coordinate weddings with very short time frames or those that are years in the making. The team is available for weddings planned from long distance to local brides who can visit with them any or every day before a wedding. Speaking with the catering staff, it is clear that building a rapport with their clients is their number one goal. They vow to make each wedding day one of romance and memories to last a lifetime. You can find evidence of their success in their wedding showcase meeting room or by looking at all their five-star reviews on *The Knot's* website.

The King and Prince Resort offers all-inclusive wedding packages to completely customized weddings. Receptions can be sit-down casual, formal, or strolling, offering carving stations or buffets. The catering team can coordinate rehearsal dinners and coastal breakfasts for guests before the wedding. Any ideas a bride or groom may have for their wedding experience, the catering team will do their best to make it happen. The catering menus offer dinners themed with favorite Low Country dishes to whimsical and fun buffets. Menus for seated dinners feature elegant entrées like rack of lamb and beef Wellington. Cultural menus can be

created and customized for any wedding party and special dietary needs of any guests can be accommodated. The bar can offer house, premium or deluxe libations or can be set up to suit your theme: tropical drinks from a tiki bar, a classy martini bar or bubbly bar, or maybe a brunch-style Bloody Mary bar. The King and Prince also offers many amenities that can be added onto wedding packages to allow for full enjoyment of resort services and area attractions. They'll be more than happy to arrange for a Bachelorette Beach or Spa Day, kayak trips for wedding party members or families, golf outings, or even a post-event "recovery" breakfast. From menus to linen swatches to spa packages, the catering staff has many tools on hand to help couples make decisions to ensure their special day is memorable.

The resort's professional staff bring calm and focus to what can sometimes be a chaotic event. The support staff and concierge service are available to meet the needs of the wedding guests during their stay. Resort staff can help coordinate additional wedding services like florals and photography using preferred local vendors with whom they have longstanding and trusted relationships. The vendors on their list are an extension of The King and Prince team and Scarlett says they are like family and will treat the wedding party with the same level of care as she would. Wedding parties also have the option of bringing in their own vendors. In that case, The King and Prince staff will do whatever they can to support the vendor in order to meet their clients' needs.

We really enjoyed getting to know the catering staff at The King and Prince. This stunning, historic island resort has the makings of anyone's dream wedding. But the professional team's high standards and passion to create a tailor-made event for each and every wedding party is the icing on the cake. Once she says "yes," call Scarlett, Dionne or Carla at 912.268.5010, or visit kingandprince.com. They vow to make your special day a dream come true!



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