

Meet Your Neighbors – The Malones

By Marge Green

I am so fortunate to be able to write columns for The Shoreline's Meet Your Neighbor. It allows me and you, through my interviews with some of our new neighbors, to introduce you to them and vice versa.

I want you to meet an interesting couple, Shari and Jim Malone. They just moved into 133 Holly Rd. I first met them on the Fourth of July at Bogue Banks Country Club when I was going through the hot dog line. What immediately impressed me was the fact that while they are still getting settled in, they had time to volunteer at one of our major events. While we are referred to as the "Tree City", we could also be known as the "Volunteer City".

Jim and Shari moved here from Blacksburg, Virginia, home of Virginia Tech, one of the major universities in the Virginia system. Jim retired as Director of Career Service and Cooperative Education. Shari was involved in many administrative functions ranging from costume design for the theater groups to activities for the Alumnae Association.

One always wonders how or why people find Pine Knoll Shores, and does it meet their expectations. When they talked of retirement, they wanted a place near the water, with a diversified population of friendly, laid back neighbors, and some trees. They felt PKS filled their requirements to a tee. They had rented at Peppertree, so they had some familiarity with the island. They had checked out St. James Plantation in the Wilmington area, and gave it a great deal of thought. That was until they played golf at BBCC with some friends from

Emerald Isle. Jim is a golfer from way back, but when Shari parred #16 hole that did it for her. Her mind was made up. This is where she wanted to retire. In effect, their choice was driven by the Bogue Banks Country Club. The members seemed very friendly, plus the golf course was very playable. Wilmington was forgotten. They talked with a Realtor and started to give serious thought to our town. They are happy with their choice.

They bought their current house in late April and moved in June. They have two unmarried sons, one of whom will soon marry. He seems to be a man of many parts. He is a buyer's administrator for a large grocery outlet. He has done graphic design and currently is in a management trainee program utilizing these skills. Their older son, a recent graduate of the Scottsdale Culinary Institute, is now actively pursuing that profession.

Jim hates the thought of going up north for any reason, so their many friends are visiting them here this summer. Jim is a fixer upper. He has many projects around his new home to keep him occupied. Just don't make him go off the island. I think the one thing that could get Jim off the island is a visit to New Zealand, where Shari's younger sister lives. However, before that happens some tectonic plates must shift and bring that island a little closer to ours.

Shari is the newly elected president of The International Delta Gamma Sorority. This does require some travel on her part. While she loves the challenge, her heart will always be here with us.

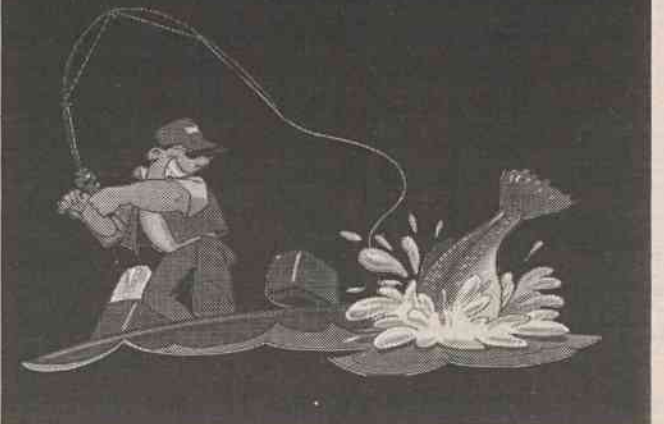
They have several hobbies such as golf, snow skiing, and a love for pinochle. Neither one of them seems to need a large mall or the theater to keep them happy. When you meet the Malones, I am sure you will find them a wonderful addition to our town.



Daydream Delight

By Gail Halada

Here I am just sittin' and wishin',
 For someone to come and take me fishin'!
 To sit by the water; to be still and wait,
 For a fish to come and bite on my bait!
 I'd catch that fish and reel him in.
 Then I'd bring him home. Smile and grin!
 I'd clean that fish and cook him for dinner.
 I'd feel so good cause I caught me a winner!
 Well—it may be August and it's too hot to fish,
 But I sure can dream and I sure can wish!
 I look at a picture and then I ponder.
 It's the next best thing to fishin' over yonder!
 So don't be afraid to imagine and dream.
 Dreams keep you going when you want to scream!
 Dreams become goals and goals become real.
 Believe in yourself. Trust God and feel.
 It's good to be alive. It's good to wish.
 So dinner tonight was "frozen" fish!



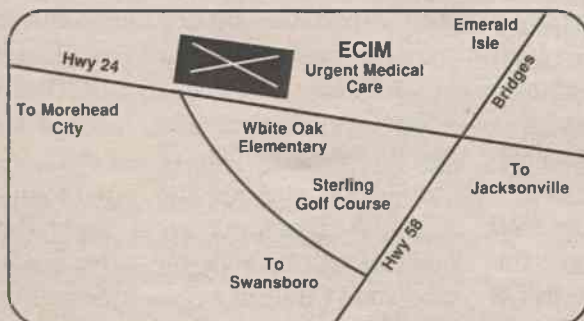
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