

Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club Bargain Dining No more

By Clare Winslow



Left to Right: Carol McVitty, Martha Edwards, Helvi Larson, Barbara Flynt, Kay Howe, Jan Corsello.

The Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club held its thirty-fifth annual installation luncheon June 10 with Past President Mary Heim presiding as installing officer. She presented Treasurer Jan Corsello with a yellow rose representing strength, ability and honesty needed for the disbursement of the club's funds. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Flynt received a white rose signifying the white pages she will use to contact members who are ill or suffering the loss of a loved one. Recording Secretary Kay Howe was presented with a red rose suggesting vigilance and the constant faithful attention needed to record all club activities. Second Vice-President Helvi Larson received a yellow rose signifying the joy her work of beautifying the town of Pine Knoll Shores will bring

to the community. First Vice President Martha Edwards received a pink rose representing fidelity, a definite requisite for her job of planning all of next year's programs as well as substituting for the president when necessary. A yellow rose signifying strength and leadership was presented to President Carol McVitty to help guide her in the coming year when she will oversee all the club's projects and activities.

Although members' work on town gardens will continue throughout the summer, meetings of the club will recess for the summer and will resume on the second Wednesday of September. The club welcomes visitors and guests to their meetings held every second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at town hall.

By Jane Ashland

Due to the downturn in the economy, dining out may not be high on people's priority list. So several smart restaurateurs in the area have made their prices very attractive for either lunch or dinner.

- Shepard's Point in Morehead City has luncheon specials Wednesday through Saturday for \$7.99. Recently we enjoyed a scallop and shrimp dish and also a fancy beef stew entrée which were both delicious.

- Calypso North on N.20th St. in Morehead City serves what they call a medium entrée at one-half the price of their full entrée. One of the entrées we enjoyed was a seafood crepe with shrimp and scallops for \$12.95.

- Frank and Clara's in Indian Beach are known for their traditional southern fare. One favorite is their Clam Chowder which was full of flavor.

- Island Grill in Atlantic Beach has a two-for-one on Monday and Tuesday night. It would be best to make a reservation or get there early as they are busy on those nights and it gets very crowded.

- Sharpies in Beaufort has reopened and will be open for lunch, dinner and late evening dinners on the weekends.

- Carlton's in Salter Path/Indian Beach has moved to Ocean Club Spa and has a new menu.

Spaghetti's is a new pasta restaurant in Carlton's former building.

So with these bargains let us support our very good restaurants and keep our kitchens at home cool this summer.

'waisted' efforts

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My grandmother and grandfather dance the night away in May 2008 at my cousin Jake's wedding. This year marks their 57th wedding anniversary. Photo courtesy of Regan White

hours before surgery (thanks to a God-given sleeping pill that I'd really like to get my hands on one of these days), I thought more about love than I did waistlines or penny loafers.

As my grandfather's first-born grandchild, I'm a lot more like him than I'd ever admit. Much as I like to sigh and stress over his intensely German obstinance, the strudel didn't fall far from that apple tree, if you know what I mean.

When the nurse came to wheel my grandfather to surgery, I thought about all the things that are never said enough. Things like "Thanks for coaching my soccer teams for so many years" or "Thank you for always calling me Regan Baby" or "I love you more than I ever let on."

There's no guarantee we'll see tomorrow. It's a trite saying that everyone knows, but which feels a lot different when said on the eve of a day we fear might be our last – or the last of someone we love dearly.

Pa made it through with flying colors and was released from the hospital on St. Patrick's Day – a fabulous omen for such an Irish-German family. With a bit of recovery time under his belt, and the removal of a pesky, cancerous kidney that was revealed during his stay here, my grandfather should be good to go for his 80th birthday this June.

And about those "waisted" efforts? They don't seem like such a waste after all.

Let someone you love know it, before you lose them.



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