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Let me conclude with my observation that the NCDMF and the FMP process is cumbersome and slow, and still is not fault proof. The good news is that hopefully the public process has a chance of providing reasonable protection of our finfish, crustacean and shellfish populations. Whether they suffer from pollution, overfishing by commercial or recreational interests or even habitat losses, these protections are important.

Do I think all the creel and size limits and seasons are 100% right? No, I do not think so. If there are species of interest to you, you might want to get involved by going to meetings to listen to what is being covered. You might want to consider volunteering to serve on the advisory committee or the FMP committee for a fishery. Each committee has representatives from recreational, sport and commercial interests as well as scientists and regulators.

Whew, even fishing has gotten awfully complex. Let's turn to a couple of the simpler things in life. I put some crab pots in the sound around March 10 and started catching a few nice crabs and a bunch of whelks. I know Andy and Beverly Nguyen will be glad to hear that. Rich Bingman reported he gathered some clams on a nice day—although he did add he used hip waders and not a bathing suit. He also said he caught a nice sea mullet in the ocean in mid March. George Brown is testing the sound water daily and reports it is into the 50's. He is gathering courage for his first swim. Floranne Passino says she still plans on walking for awhile rather than doing her daily morning "sound back stroke." Fishing usually picks up about the middle of the time between George's first swim and Floranne's first swim, so we are getting closer. There are some drum and trout in the deeper holes in the marshes and creeks. In April, the Sea Mullet (aka whiting and kingfish) should be in the turning basin. Blood worms, pieces of shrimp or squid and stout number 2 or 3 hooks, rigged on multi-hook bottom rigs, can be used with success on these bottom feeders. These fish are great table fare. As for the Black Sea Bass, well there is a SAFMC proposal to reduce the creel limit to 5 per day per person, down from the current 15 per day, starting June 1, 2011.

PINE KNOLL SHORES Women's Club

By Veronica Stanley

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club met February 25 at Town Hall. President Barbara Bagby welcomed 38 members including new member Lena Hathaway. Hostesses Joan Brown, Linda Pearson and Mary Jane Munch presented a variety of sweets on a table with an Irish Blessing plaque surrounded by shamrocks. Vice President Bonnie Ferneau introduced Pine Knoll Shores residents Richard and Linda Seale, who spoke about "Elderhostel at Trinity Center and Beyond."

Trinity Camp and Conference Center, located in Salter Path, is housed on property donated by the Roosevelt family to the Episcopal Diocese. Its major focus is a variety of educational opportunities with sidelines that may include travel, crafts, physical activity or optional ecumenical spirituality. The Sound to Sea program offers biological, cultural and social events and physical activities for school children during the school year and in summer camps. Club members mentioned sending their grandchildren during their visits here.

The Trinity Center's Road Scholars (formerly Elderhostel) Program offers hands-on classes for those aged 50+, covering such topics as ecology, history and digital photography, as well as other interests some of which include worldwide travel. Some programs are intergenerational. The Seales noted their travels to Hawaii, China and some US national parks with the Road Scholars. They also host the digital photography program at the Trinity Center. Further information can be found on www.trinityctr.com and roadscholar.org.

Diane Donovan reported that the Beach Book Club will be reviewing *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson, and *Between the Bookends* will do *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison. Mary Jo Jennings thanked members for their household donations to Caroline's House, which is currently full. Gail Halada

and Loretta Poremba presented awards to winners of the scholarship raffle. Linda Pearson donated a bottle of cabernet sauvignon, Pauli Brown a chocolate cake and Gail a sunflower bouquet. Gail also reported that President Barbara Bagby presented the Women's Club proposal for Christmas decorations in Pine Knoll Shores to the County Commissioners. It will be under review as the Board of Commissioners plans the new budget. Linda Strader announced that the Tree City Fair will be on April 30. The club will participate with its famous barbecue sandwiches.

Pauli Brown presented this month's famous women, Martha and the Vandellas. They were among groups honored by President Obama at the White House Motown Concert, which was broadcast on March 1. They were one of the most successful musical groups of the Motown era. Following Martha Reeves's substitution for a singer in the Vels, a musical group, during her employment as a dedicated secretary for Motown, Martha remained with the group. It became successful, and instead of a flowery or ego-boosting name change, it merged her grandmother's street, Van Dyke, with Reeves's idol Della Reese. Martha and the Vandellas it was, and Motown artists they were, as of September 1962.

Richard and Linda Seale.



Most club members remembered "Nowhere to Run," "Heat Wave" and "Dancing in the Streets." Martha and the Vandellas may not have sustained the same commercial heights as other Motown artists. But everything they could have done to ignite their music, they did, with voluptuous vocals and intoxicating zeal. Martha herself continues to be instrumental in promoting music in Detroit, where she was a councilwoman.

The next Women's Club Board Meeting is April 8, 9:00 a.m., at the town hall. The regular meeting is April 15, with a 9:30 a.m. social and a 10 a.m. meeting, at the town hall, featuring Chef Tom Hosley speaking about the Carteret Community College Culinary School. Supper Club will be April 17. Contact Pat Ruggiero or Edy Rene Magel. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to join the Club and attend meetings and activities. Members would gladly accompany anyone interested in attending a meeting.