

# PINE KNOLL SHORES *Women's Club*



Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club newly inducted officers: President, Bonnie Ferneau; Treasurer, Evelyn O. Neill; Secretary, Carroll Beckham; and Corresponding Secretary, Marian Kutzer with Gail Halada performing the Installation Ceremony. (Absent: Vice President, Barbara Milhaven)

## Women's Club Celebrates Year of the Turtle

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club closed its 2010-2011 year with a luncheon at the Coral Bay Club. Hostesses were Bonnie Ferneau and Donna Belanger. The decor was a turtle theme, with Donna's creative touch for the name tags, program and decorated turtle cookies. Secretary Carroll Beckham prayed the invocation. President Barbara Bagby welcomed members and guests.

The town of Pine Knoll Shores being a turtle sanctuary, President Bagby related to the turtle theme at the monthly meetings. She noted how turtles with their strong shells take their homes with them, reminding women to remember their roots while still welcoming new phases in life. They teach us to appreciate life's true necessities: shelter, food, drink and faith. Speakers for each meeting received turtle-related gifts.

From the speakers, women learned about special desserts, honoring our veterans, our Aquarium, local Christmas history, food and exercise, Elderhostel opportunities, Dale Carnegie strategies, Pine Knoll Shores recreational opportunities and Boys' & Girls' Clubs of Coastal Carolina. They also heard monthly stories about famous women.

After a lunch of Sandbar Shrimp and Crab Salad or Turkey Cobb Salad, with a lemon meringue dessert, President Bagby presented her yearly report. She commended members for meeting their commitment to serving our community. They contributed a total of \$1,500 to Friends of Bogue Banks Library, Caroline's House, Boys and Girls Club of Coastal Carolina, Pine Knoll Shores' Community Emergency Response Team, Broad Street Clinic and La Leche League. Their special annual project provided a Carteret Community College female student with a \$1,300 scholarship.

Members enjoyed shared interests and friends as they attended meetings and participated in book discussions, art and cultural activities, Supper Club, Cooks' Night Out, and special projects such as the Christmas Parade, Christmas Tree Festival and Tree City Fair. They collected product labels for public school supplies. They helped each other by providing meals, visits and cards for those needing assistance. They invited new residents to join the club through Women Welcoming Women so they could get to know each other through club meetings and activities.

President Bagby honored the following officers, board members and special-interest group chairs with a gift of turtle stationery, thanking them for their dedication and hard work: Vice President, Bonnie Ferneau; Recording Secretary, Carroll

Beckham; Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn O'Neill; Treasurer, Marilyn Lindblad; Hospitality, Donna Belanger, Anita Adler and Linda Pearson; Membership, Floranne Passino; Publicity, Ronnie Stanley; Directory, Linda Strader; Historian, Patricia Filan; Scholarship, Gail Halada and Kay Howe; Communications, Betty Filan and Mary Jane Munch; Special Projects, Sue Warren, Linda Strader, Bonnie Ferneau, and Barbara Fix; Services for the Ill, Joan Brown; Women Welcoming Women, Linda Langheld; Arts and Culture, Marian Kutzer; Book Clubs, Dot Miller; Caroline's House, Mary Jo Jennings; Cook's Night Out, Bobbie Hill; Supper Club, Edy Rene Magel and Pat Ruggiero; Report on Famous Women, Pauly Brown. In appreciation for President Bagby's dedicated leadership, Vice-President Ferneau presented her with a basket decorated with turtle-embroidered ribbon, a turtle pillow and also a turtle painting by member Floranne Passino. Gift packages were wrapped with special designs by member Maureen Danehy.

Following the honors, new officers were installed by Gail Halada who acknowledged the outgoing officers with a hearty "thank you" for their part in adding to the richness of the history of the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club. New officers are President, Bonnie Ferneau; Vice President, Barbara Milhaven; Recording Secretary, Carroll Beckham; Corresponding Secretary, Marian Kutzer and Treasurer, Evelyn O'Neill. Outgoing President Bagby presented the gavel to new President Bonnie Ferneau. Meetings will resume in September on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, except for the December and June luncheons. Membership dues for 2011-12 can be sent to Linda Strader at this time. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to attend meetings and join the Women's Club.

## PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

By Yvette Bannen

At the June 14 Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting, there were two public hearings. The first was on the FY 2011-2012 budget. One citizen commented that her real estate had decreased in value by 30% after the re-evaluation, and she expected that her tax would decrease by a similar amount, but that was not the case. Work started on the budget in February, and after many meetings, a revenue-neutral tax rate of 15.6 cents per \$100 was realized. Due to the 2011 re-evaluation, this is an increase of 4.1 cents per \$100. No reserve funds were used to balance the budget. The budget was approved unanimously.

The second public hearing was in regard to an amendment to a zoning ordinance for Roosevelt Beach for four lots in particular and the setback from the beach. There were no comments, and later, after much discussion, the commissioners adopted the amendment. Commissioner Danehy thanked the Planning Board for its work.

Town Manager Brian Kramer reported on some ongoing projects. The survey work and preliminary design work has been done for the sidewalks, but now the Department of Transportation is requiring additional work. Also, there is a good possibility the Mimosa Bridge project won't start until Fall 2012 because of delays.

Under unfinished business, there was a lengthy discussion regarding a limited business use permit for outdoor display of seasonal items on property located at 112 Salter Path Road. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The town manager reported on available options for having a backhoe for emergencies on a retainer or under contract. Questions were raised about how often a backhoe is needed and also if this is in the budget. Currently, it is not.

Under new business, there was discussion about surplus town property to be electronically auctioned at GovDeals.com. A resolution on the matter was adopted. Also under new business, Richard Seale was re-appointed as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment.

Since 2008, there has been a second regularly scheduled BOC meeting each month, but more often than not, it has been cancelled because of lack of business. Instead, special meetings are called as necessary.