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Photo by Jill Cross

Front row: Phyllis Makuck, Betty Carr, and Mayor Joan Lamson. Back row: Ellen Peirce and Charlie McBriarty.

Editors' Reception

By Phyllis Makuck

Before the Board of Commissioners' meeting on March 13, the foyer of town hall became crowded with people. The purpose of the gathering was to honor past editors of *The Shoreline*. At the beginning of the commissioners' meeting, Ellen Peirce, Betty Carr and Charlie McBriarty joined me in presenting to the Town of Pine Knoll Shores a plaque listing the names of all past editors and their years of service, dating back to 1973.

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The Outlook for Gasoline Prices

By John Brodman



Fasten your seat belts. Here we go again. Just like last year at this time, oil prices are on the move once more. The average pump price of regular gasoline has increased in the last nine weeks from \$3.29 per gallon on January 2 to \$3.87 per gallon on March 19, an increase of \$0.58 in just two months. On a year-to-date basis, global crude oil prices are averaging about \$15 per barrel above last year, and gasoline prices in early March were running about \$0.31 a gallon above where they were last year at this time.

Prices in Past Few Years. Last year's price increases were driven by a combination of economic recovery, rapid growth in global oil demand and by the supply uncertainties created by the

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