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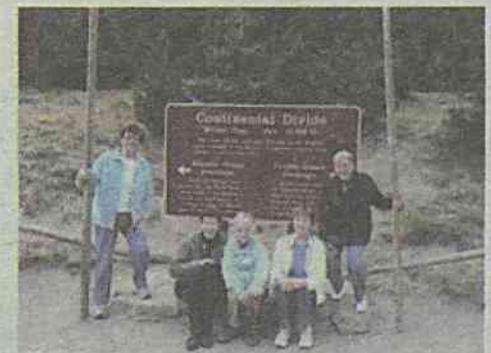
McNeill Park's "Jake" tree was named for dedicated PIKSCO volunteer Jake Rife.

PIKSCO Happenings

By Jean Macheca

A tree named "Jake" is back in the news. This story begins in 2004, four years after Pine Knoll Shores became an official Tree City, USA. The PIKSCO Board of Directors, recognizing the historical importance of our community's live oaks, applied to register several of the trees in McNeill Park with the National Live Oak Society of the Louisiana Garden Club Foundation, Inc. To meet the criteria for registration, a tree's circumference must be at least eight feet when the trunk is measured at a height of four feet from the ground. Two of our stately live oaks, the PIKSCO Oak and the McNeill Park Oak, stand near the eastern edge of the park. However, the largest or "signature" oak that towers over the Oakleaf entrance measures 10 feet, 10 inches in circumference and has a branch spread of 80 feet. This magnificent live oak was named "Jake" in honor of resident and former PIKSCO Director Jake Rife to commemorate his many years of dedication and hard work toward improving McNeill, Garner and Hammer Parks. Recently, through the efforts of current Directors Ric Cox, Bruce Flynt and Ches Garner, the Jake tree was up-lighted for dramatic night viewing, reminding us that both Jake Rife and his namesake tree are noteworthy residents of Pine Knoll Shores.

The PIKSCO Board of Directors meets every third Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at town hall. All members are welcome to attend.



Left to right sitting - Evelyn Starkey, N.Y.; Barbara Milhaven, PKS; Ann Hoag, CA - standing - Dolly Culhane, CO; Nancy Mortelaro, N.Y.

The Eighties Ladies

By Barbara Milhaven

I was one of the area Round Robin ladies able to travel to Estes Park, Colorado, this past September to reunite in the flesh since our college graduation in 1954 - yup - 1954. Hence the title "The Eighties Ladies," and while old in years, the attending ladies are definitely young in heart! I call us Round Robin ladies because for the past 58 years we—13 or more friends and sorority sisters --have had a package of letters traveling around the country. The package takes up to a year to arrive in our mailboxes, and for us to take out the old news, put in new letters, photos and articles and mail it to the next "Robin" on the list. Two of us have homes on Bogue Banks: one in Pine Knoll Shores and one, a second home, in Atlantic Beach. Others hail from Buffalo, Long Island, and Utica in New York State,

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