

The Shoreline



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Group photo of award winners, L to R: Rita Ellington (2012 Volunteer of the Year), Barbara Lemieux, Cindy Garp, Debbie Dunham, Guy Rouse, Lucas Gomez, Barbara Neptune, Gloria Matthews, Bob Wilson, Nancy Aitken. Not pictured: Peg Karas, Kathy Eatmon, Barbara Odgers, Linda Allen, Jan Voelpel, Freda Pyron, Bubba McLean, John Fifer, Brennan Fifer, Isaac Hopkins, Lee Merrion, Jason Ellington

BHA Volunteer Awards

By Lindsay Parker

Members of the Beaufort Historical Association (BHA) and guests were treated to a delicious potluck dinner and the presentation of the Volunteer Awards at BHA's semi-annual membership meeting, Tuesday, January 22, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Beaufort. The BHA presented five awards during the evening's event, recognizing individuals for their exceptional volunteer efforts during 2012.



(From left) Newcomer Award Winner Larry Becker, Fundraiser Award Winner Joanie King, Volunteer of the Year Award Winner Bill Kaeser and Longevity Award Winner Genia Lanier. Not pictured; Couples Award Winner Birkett and Sandra Howarth and Fundraiser Award Winner Paula Stancil.

Aquarium Pays Tribute to Volunteers

The North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores recently saluted its more than 200 volunteers and singled out several for outstanding contributions to the Aquarium's conservation mission.

Rita Ellington of Newport was chosen as Volunteer of the Year. Ellington spends most of her volunteer hours as an interpreter at the River Otter exhibit. Debbie Dunham of Bridgeton won the Order of the Octopus award for her willingness and flexibility in filling a variety of roles. Peg Karas of Chocowinity was cited for outstanding customer service with the Order of the Spadefish award. Barbara Lemieux of Emerald Isle received the one-time Penguin Plunge award for her many hours interpreting at the visiting penguin exhibit this past summer.

Above and Beyond recognition went to Kathy Eatmon of Newport, Barbara Odgers of New Bern and Lucas Gomez of Morehead City for excellence in performance of their duties. Dedicated Volunteer Service recognition went to Nancy Aitken, Barbara Neptune and Guy Rouse of Morehead City; Linda Allen, Jan Voelpel and Bob Wilson of Emerald Isle; Gloria Matthews of Swansboro and Freda Pyron of New Bern.

Among volunteer divers, Cindy Garp of Jacksonville was chosen as Diver of the Year and Bubba McLean the Rookie Diver of the Year. The Saturday "A" dive team led by John Fifer was chosen as Dive Team of the Year. Members include Brennan Fifer, Isaac Hopkins, Lee Merrion and Jason Ellington.

The aquarium hosted a volunteer open house on February 2. Aquarium staff and current volunteers were on hand to discuss the volunteer experience with potential new volunteers and describe current openings.

Well-deserved recipient Bill Kaeser received BHA's 2012 Edward and Frances Trent Piver Award for Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Involved since 2006, Kaeser began making an immediate difference in many areas of the BHA. Bill Kaeser, and his wife Maria,

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