

Women's Club

By JoAnne Ferguson

"History is an ongoing thing. Think about it. Tomorrow, that which happened today is history." That's how Ted Lindblad, member of the Pine Knoll Shores History Committee, opened our October 25 Women's Club meeting, when he spoke with us about the history of Pine Knoll Shores.

He asked us, "Did you know there was once an active livestock operation in Pine Knoll Shores? Is there really a Confederate ship buried 100 feet off shore?" and "Who is Alice Hoffman?"

If not for Alice Hoffman, there may not have been a Pine Knoll Shores. She came to what we call Pine Knoll Shores in 1915 and fell in love with it. She purchased the land in 1917 and created a life here. There is so much history in our town, and capturing it for posterity is important.

The History Committee is continuing to document and compile important papers, maps, notebooks and videos. Mr. Lindblad sparked our interest in finding out more about our history. He told us to go to the history committee's blog at pineknollhistory.blogspot.com to find more information. The committee also



Pine Knoll Shores History Committee member Ted Lindblad and Women's Club Vice President Libby Gallagher at the October club meeting.—Photo by Toni Cox

contributes articles about our history to *The Shoreline*. Last month the committee hosted Rodney Kemp to speak to the town about Alice Hoffman at a wine and cheese party. The event sold out, and Mr. Lindblad assured us they will have Mr. Kemp back to tell us more.

A business meeting followed. We discussed the Christmas luncheon, when we will be collecting money for the domestic violence shelter. At our October meeting, women's club members brought needed items for the domestic violence shelter that were delivered to Caroline's Collectables. Our next charity is Martha's Mission. We will gather food and gift cards to help those families in need.

Our first Cooks Night Out was a huge success. We went to Full Moon Oyster Bar in Atlantic Beach; the food was great, and everyone enjoyed being together with their spouses.

The Christmas luncheon is December 6 at the Crystal Coast Country Club. We hope to have a good turnout and that everyone will enjoy the luncheon.

Our next regular meeting is at 9:30 a.m. on January 24 at town hall. Bobbie Waters of Coastal Environmental Partnership will speak with us about how to keep Pine Knoll Shores clean. We hope to see you there.

Venom: It Could Save Your Life

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while supplying venom to numerous other researchers, including the Welcome Foundation of London, which used viper venom to control bleeding in surgery. Another product, developed by Abbott Laboratories in Chicago, dissolved blood clots in the body without hemorrhaging.

Today, venom research has become a hugely promising and exciting new field that has expanded to include venom from all sorts of animals—from scorpions and spiders to cone snails and Gila monsters—providing a wide range of treatments for any number of maladies, from stroke to diabetes to cancer. "Venoms have powerful physiological properties," according to Dr. Daniel Drachman of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. "Bill Haast realized that long before scientists did. He foresaw its effects and inspired the opening of a new field in research of the nervous system."

Frederick Boyce is the staff herpetologist at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Sources: "Milking' Cobras for Cures," by Ben Funk, Nov. 12, 1978, *The New York Times*
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Speed Study on Oakleaf Drive

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rate of traffic violations. This information is extremely helpful considering the limited resources (officers) that we have.

We will continue to think outside the box in addressing traffic safety concerns in our neighborhoods and on NC Highway 58. At the time that I wrote this article, your officers have stopped over 2,700 vehicles in 2019 for traffic violations. We take traffic safety incredibly seriously and are willing to try different approaches to get the best results. We even installed a set of speed bumps at the intersection of Cedar Road and Cypress Drive in September to address the concerns of the residents in that area about vehicles not stopping for the stop signs. It is worth mentioning that those speed bumps were stolen less than 12 hours after our Public Services Department bolted them to the roadway. If you are visiting a neighbor and see a set of black and yellow speed bumps in their garage, give me a call. I'm betting they belong to the police department.