

PINE KNOLL SHORES
Women's Club

By Libby Gallagher

Talking trash with the Women's Club

Who would ever think that talking about trash could be so entertaining and informative at the same time? Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club members certainly learned just that during their January meeting, thanks to guest speaker Bobbi Waters. Bobbi, Solid Waste Planner/Outreach Coordinator for the Coastal Environmental Partnership, refers to herself as "Diva of the Dump." As she has 35 years of experience in solid waste management, we feel that she certainly deserves that honorary title.

Bobbi entertained us with her sharp wit and abundant wealth of information about trash. The Coastal Environmental Partnership provides an environmentally sound and cost-effective system of solid waste disposal for citizens of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties. The company collects 650 tons of trash daily and can track each truck of trash using its GPS system. Yard waste is recycled into organic compost, and landfill gas is turned into electricity.

Bobbi will talk to anybody about trash. She gives tours of the landfill for schools, churches and any organization that shows interest. She loves speaking to all groups that ask her to appear on their program.

February, often referred to as the love month, brought the club members together for a brunch, prepared by the Crystal Coast Country Club and board members of our club. As our theme for the 2019-2020 year is "Life in PKS," we felt it appropriate to celebrate each other. Numerous love stories were told about our generous, loving and kind community.

Yes, you just heard the adjective "generous" describing our special town and county. The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club holds a Fashion Show in March that raises funds to sponsor a college student's tuition. We also donate money



Women's Club Vice President Libby Gallagher (left) and Bobbi Waters from Coastal Environmental Partnership—
Photo by Toni Cox

to the Crystal Coast Autism Center, Broad Street Clinic and the Friends of the Bogue Banks Library, just to name a few. Last year, over 50 patrons of our community donated silent auction gifts for this event.

Save Friday, March 27, at 11 a.m. to attend our 5th annual Fashion Show at the Crystal Coast Country Club. This year's theme is "What a Wonderful World." Tickets are \$30 and may be picked up at Pine Knoll Shores Realty at 320 Salter Path Road.

Regular Women's Club meetings are held on the fourth Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Pine Knoll Shores town hall, except for the summer break. Meetings begin with coffee and conversation, followed by the guest speaker and then a short business meeting. As spring brings in warmer temperatures and beach goers arrive on the island, our April 24 program will be about water safety. Pine Knoll Shores Fire Chief Jason Baker or someone from his staff will review water safety, and we are hoping to have a CPR demonstration. Join us to hear how we can all work together to be water savvy.

Out and About

By Sara Barbee

Fort Macon Bird Hike. On the second Monday of every month at 9 a.m., I join Ranger Randy Newman at Fort Macon for a bird walk. Randy is the best. He can see and name birds near and far, and he shares a wealth of knowledge about the birds we see. February's list included ibises, yellow rump warblers, red breasted mergansers, an immature night heron and shorebirds, just to name a few. Don't know if you like birding? Then go for a walk in this rare, pristine and untouched barrier island ecosystem. Fort Macon State Park covers over 400 acres, and there are meandering trails, wooden footpaths over swampy areas, abundant flora and fauna and spectacular views. I have volunteered to become a nature guide, and I hope to see you there.

Beaufort Historical Association. My favorite event at the Beaufort Historic Site is their February Valentine Membership Party. This year, most of the houses were open. Beer and pizza were served in the jail, champagne in the Bell House, steamed oysters outside of the Apothecary, olive oil tasting in the Courthouse, mulled cider in Leffers Cottage, and a spread from local restaurants with wine and sodas galore. My favorite table this year had cookies and sweets in front of the gallery. The featured artist for February and March is Heather Sink, and she was there. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, and her work is well worth seeing. I am a member of the Beaufort Historical Association and a volunteer because I love that they share the history of this coastal village through the older homes and through many educational programs for adults and children. Don't miss the Old Homes Tour in June or the double-decker bus ride and home tours given every day.

In Memoriam
Dr. Horace Adams Jr.
Margaret Pennybacker