



By JoAnne Ferguson

A different kind of summer

July reminds me of flags, fireworks, food, celebrations, very hot days, the coolness of the ocean and enjoying time with others. When I think of these and the Women's Club, I see us spending time together helping others in the community, having fun with each other at meetings or anytime we're together, and caring for and supporting our community by volunteering our services. We have many members who volunteer at various places in Carteret County, such as the NC Aquarium, Carteret Health Care and the History Museum.



Guardian ad Litem volunteer Janie Price
—Photo by Sandra Hale

One of our members has been a Guardian ad Litem in the Carteret County court system helping a child in foster care for over 14 years. I don't know if you are aware of what it takes to be a Guardian ad Litem, but she goes through intensive screening, including a criminal background check and 30 hours of training. Then she is assigned by a judge to represent the child's interests and needs as related to his or her specific situation. Many hours are spent working with the child, the attorney and the child's parents or guardians to help this child be in the safest place possible. It is quite an undertaking, and Janie Price

has been doing this since 2006. Hats off to you, Janie. We are very proud of you.

This year, our summer has been different. We have needed to be cautious about being outside the home due to the coronavirus. I would expect that many of you have cabin fever at this point, but please just remember to take precautions as laid out by the governor and state health director when you are around others. We want you to remain safe so you can return to Women's Club in September. We hope to have an installation luncheon then—and we will continue to monitor the situation as we get toward the end of summer. In the meantime, please enjoy your family, friends, neighbors (of course at a distance of six feet, please), and wear masks. Stay healthy and well.

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William Johnston III

Golf Carts in Pine Knoll Shores

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Q: Can I get arrested for driving while impaired if I operate my golf cart under the influence?

A: Yes. A golf cart is considered to be a vehicle, and the same impairment laws apply to a golf cart as to your motor vehicle.

We want everyone to enjoy their time at the beach and have fun operating their golf carts in a safe manner. If you would like to get more information on registering your golf cart, please contact Shelia Bupp at the public safety building at 252-247-2474 or psbadmin@townofpks.com.

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