

What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you who donated to our Kayak for the Warriors Angel Tree Fund this year, at last count over \$3,300 had been collected. The money was used to purchase Walmart gift cards that were distributed to vetted warrior families by Hope For The Warriors. Over 41 children will have a Merry Christmas thanks to you. Thanks is also extended to BJ Peter for once again organizing this effort.

This year's 12th annual Turkey Trot in Pine Knoll Shores took place on Thanksgiving morning and was a huge success. We had 500 folks signed up to either run or walk with strollers and furry friends on a two-mile course. Thanks to Cheryl Smith, John Brodman and Maureen Young for doing an outstanding job in heading up this event. Online registration helped with the numbers. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts were available following the morning's walk/run.



Above: Over 500 people came out for this year's Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. The event started and finished at McNeill Park. Below: The Francica family came out in full force to grab a little exercise before the day's main event, dinner.—Photos by Janice Francica

The Christmas Flotilla on November 27 was well attended by the community, and Santa was available at McNeill Park to greet children and others who are young at heart. The following participants decorated their boats to make the event even more festive:

John and Anne Clarke—*Dulcinea*
Forrest Anderson—*Gringo Honeymoon*
Jeff Baran (no boat name)
Kathleen Boykin—*Sobxgirl*
Wiley Lewis—*Gina Belle*
Jeff McCracken (no boat name)
Keith McDuffy—*Far Fetched*
Scott Rideout—*Cooper Banks*
Mike Riley (no boat name)
Tom Smith (no boat name)

Eddie and Candy Stallings—*Tanks R Us*
Eric Steinberg—*Challenger*
Jason Vanderploeg—*Salty Dog*
Brandon Whitt—*Sea Sow*
Eddie Winfrey—*Triplewins*
Pine Knoll Shores Fire Boat

Special thanks to John Clarke for organizing this event, Jane Cokeley for being the go-to person at McNeill Park and Mayor John Brodman for emceeding—and a shout out to Cam Anderson as our Santa.

Your Parks and Recreation Committee welcomes any suggestions for activities that will get people out, moving and involved. If you have suggestions for PARC, we want to hear from you. Please email PARCPR@ec.rr.com or come to one of our meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 4, at 6 p.m. at town hall.

