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By Gracie Bender

Women's Club Fashion Show returns

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club is thankful to be able to invite you once again to our annual fashion show. After the fashion show had to be postponed for the past two years because of the coronavirus pandemic, we look forward to seeing your faces and highlighting the latest clothing styles available at the beach. Funds raised will benefit local charities and scholarships, and we are excited to be able to give more this year.

On March 25 the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club Fashion Show and luncheon returns to the Crystal Coast Country Club, and we invite you to join us. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Keeping to this year's theme, "A Walk in the Park," attendees will see the latest styles from The Posh Pelican, The Gatorbug, Davis Beachwear and Tilly's Carolina SoCo. The array of new fashions will surely inspire you to don a whole new outfit or garner inspiration from a single fashion piece. There will also be a cash bar, raffles and a silent auction.

Seats are filling up fast so call 252-727-5000 or stop by Pine Knoll Shores Realty at 320 Salter Path Road in Pine Knoll Shores today to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$35 per person.

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club continues to offer our sincere thanks to medical staff who care for the sick and those recovering in our local community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some club members bring goodies to fill bags, and others volunteer to deliver them.

If you are not a member of the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club but are interested in joining, we welcome any woman to join us who lives or works in Pine Knoll Shores, on Bogue Banks or in any surrounding community not served by a women's club. Our meetings are normally held on the fourth Friday at 10 a.m., and updates or changes are posted on our Facebook page. Please join us.

Please see the Town Crier pages in this issue for images of Women's Club activities.

Smoke Detectors Saves Lives

By Jason Baker, Pine Knoll Shores Fire Chief

It is that time of year again when we move our clocks forward for the summer—so that means it is time to check our smoke detectors and change the batteries.

The history of the smoke detector goes back over 100 years to the 1890s, and the first patent for a smoke detector was issued in 1902. Those early ones were very expensive, and only the rich could afford them. In the early 1900s, there was a one in 10 chance of a home fire with a fatality—not very good odds.

Around 1960, the SmokeGard700, which was the first home smoke detector to have removable and replaceable batteries, was invented by Duane Pearsall. Pearsall's design was improved upon, and home smoke detectors were readily available in the 1970s. Around that same time, fire prevention codes began to be written, making homes and structures safer.

Since that time, smoke detectors have saved countless numbers of lives in spite of a still dire statistic: three out of five home fire fatalities across the nation occur in homes where smoke detectors are not present or detectors are present but not operational. Dead batteries were the cause of one quarter of fire alarm failures.

The ability to survive a fire in your home depends on early notification that a fire is occurring—while the fire is in its early stages. That is the sole purpose of a smoke detector. It is a proven fact that they do the job well if they are installed and working properly. However, they can become an afterthought to us as we go about our busy lives. What I encourage folks to do is to replace their batteries twice a year as the time changes and to also check them monthly on a schedule. I have a habit of checking my detectors at home on the first of the month, and anytime I am going away overnight, I check them before I leave, especially if my family will be staying home.

Just this past hunting season, before I was leaving for a few days, I did my detector check routine—and I found a nonworking detector. Since they were all about the same age, in an abundance of caution, I replaced all of them before leaving my family in their "care."

Make it a habit to think about fire safety, and check the only early warning device that we have, the detectors in your home.

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