

Turtle Time

By Peggy Sagmiller

The 2008 sea turtle nesting season on Bogue Banks has been a very slow and puzzling one. Our beach in Pine Knoll Shores has three Loggerhead Sea Turtle nests and four false crawls. The average number of nests here is five to nine, with as many as fifteen in an exceptional season.

On the island, only Atlantic Beach is having a better than average season. There are usually very few nests in Atlantic Beach due to light pollution, but this season they already have four! Hopefully, nesting will pick up before the season ends September 1.

Ryan Ollerman is one of our early morning beach walkers. He drives over

from Beaufort to Pine Knoll Shores every morning, sometimes with his wife Sarah and always with his son Kaleb, to walk a section of our beach. This season he has taken it upon himself to give each of the Pine Knoll Shores regular beach walkers a gift certificate to Coffee Affair in Morehead City. He wanted everyone to know that their dedication is appreciated. Thank you so much, Ryan, for your dedication. You too are much appreciated!

Lastly, I would like to welcome the new sea turtle coordinator for Indian Beach/Salter Path, Tom Winar. If you live in either town and would like to be part of the Sea Turtle Protection Program, please give Tom a call at (252) 727-9026.

Tip of the Month

Keep the heat out. Half of all of the heat that enters your home comes in through the windows. Invest in a thick shade or window film to block out the summer sun. Shade west-facing windows, which

absorb the most afternoon sun. For the hottest parts of your house, consider installing an awning or planting trees in front of the window to shade the house.

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Women's Club to Reach Out in New Year

By Veronica Stanley

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club ended their 2007-08 year with a luncheon on June 6 at the Coral Bay Club. Organized by hospitality chair, Marsha Dean, club members enjoyed dining with an ocean view. President Gail Halada reviewed the year's highlights in which she described the women blooming in their work in the community. She thanked each committee chair individually with a special poem. Throughout the year, women heard various interesting speakers on the topics of Overcoming Illness for the Joy of Living, Morehead City Revitalization, Porcelain Artistry, Floral Wreathing, Shackelford Banks Ecology & Management, Dog Obedience, Chiropractics, & Coping with Widowhood. Book Clubs read best sellers & met to discuss them. Members were informed about local cultural activities. Club members enjoyed Cook's Night Out at local restaurants. The Supper Club invited members into their homes.

The women raised funds to donate to needs in our community. A scholarship was awarded to a deserving woman going back to school at Carteret Community College. In memory of recently deceased member, Blanche Yancy, the women donated additional money to the scholarship fund in her memory. Other contributions were made to the Caroline

House Playroom, CERT of PKS, Friends of Bogue Banks Library and Relay for Life. As part of our outreach activities, meals were provided to members needing help due to illness, items were donated to Caroline House and labels from participating grocery items were given to schools toward funding supplies.

In looking to the new meeting year, PKS mayor and club member, Joan Lamson, complimented all members for their dedication to the club and urged them to continue to enjoy its activities and to serve our community. She inducted the following officers: treasurer, Loretta Poremba; corresponding secretary, Urlene Williamson; recording secretary, Paulette Murphy; vice president, Linda Strader; president, Gail Halada. The 2008-09 theme will be "Reach Out and Touch Someone," with a commitment to welcoming all women in our community. Members meet on the fourth Friday of each month from September to May. The first board meeting will be on August 15, 9 a.m. at the home of Gail Halada. Membership dues of \$20 can be sent to membership chair, Barbara Fix, or brought to the first member meeting, September 26, at town hall. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to join.



Officers: Treasurer Loretta Poremba; Corresponding Secretary Urlene Williamson; Recording Secretary Paulette Murphy; Vice President Linda Strader; President Gail Halada.