

Involvement Women's Club Theme

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Beaufort Poet Laureate, Carol Bessent Hayman

On September 25 before the first Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by Teresa King, Pat Ruggiero and Marilyn Lindblad. Membership Chair Barbara Fix noted that 58 members were present with nine guests.

President Linda Strader welcomed new and continuing members to the club's 25th year, telling them she was honored to serve them and thanking them for what they do for the club. She also presented her theme of Involvement, asking members to remain involved with community service, fundraising for organizations and scholarships, learning experiences at meetings and friendships through mentoring and enjoying activities together.

In recognition of the club's Silver Anniversary, Linda Strader had invited past club presidents to the meeting. She honored each with a red rose and notes on their terms. Past presidents at the meeting were Marge Turney, Ellen VonThaden, Betty Katzenson (who now lives in Arizona), Diane Donovan, Joy Amico, Joan Lamson, Marian Goetzinger, Arlene Terrell, Elaine Tempel, Mary Kanyha, Kay Howe and Gail Halada. Those who were unavailable or living out of state included: Wanda Lettan

(California), Betti Condra (Florida), Betty Lee Foulk (Virginia), Nancy Forster (Morehead City and New Jersey), Norma McClellon (PKS) and Jerri Matthews (Texas). Deceased past presidents honored were Verna Armstrong, Betty Hammon, Pat Nuzzi, and Betty Gray. President Strader thanked them for their service and expressed hope that their efforts would continue to inspire club members.

The club's new scholarship recipient, Candace Christopherson, visited the meeting. She took the opportunity to thank the women for their scholarship donation and told them about

her plans to study accounting. The membership decided to continue the sale of Attraction Books to help raise scholarship funds. The books, including coupons for restaurants and stores, will be available for sale to anyone interested. Contact Gail Halada.

Guest speaker, Carol Bessent Hayman, Beaufort Poet Laureate, praised the members for their energy in working in the club. She shared some of her poems from her book *These Lovely Days*, focusing on how we mellow with the years. She also read her official Beaufort poem, "Beaufort By the Sea," which noted a past filled with mystery and magic and an attitude of taking sunlight and rain with equal grace. She was very proud of her work in the small town she loves so much and was very supportive of the club's work.

The next board meeting will be at 9 a.m., November 13, in the town hall. The next regular meeting is November 20, 9:30 a.m. social and 10 a.m. meeting at the town hall. Gail Horne, Director of the Guardian ad Litem, will discuss the Carteret County program. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to attend meetings and join the club.

Around Town

It is written that "you never can come home again", but Arizona couple Betty and Bob Katzenson did just that and enjoyed their visit to their former home in Pine Knoll Shores. The couple decided, after 10 years of Southwestern living, to visit friends and family in the east.

Betty and Bob decided that driving from their residence in Tucson, Arizona to the East coast was just too much. So they opted for a flight that took them to Ft Lauderdale, Florida to visit with a friend that was a bridesmaid at their wedding fifty-five years ago. While in Florida they renewed friendships with a cousin who also lives in Florida.

From there they rented a car and toured up the Coast stopping at Raleigh to visit a former resident of Pine Knoll Shores and friend Gen Wiseman. Their next stop was Pine Knoll Shores, where they visited old friends Pat and Bob Ruggiero. During their stopover in Pine Knoll Shores, Betty, who served as president of the Women's Club during 1992 - 1993, was able to participate in the celebration of the club's 25 year anniversary recognizing the past presidents of the club.

The couple then left to complete their journey to see relatives in the New York area, and returned to Arizona from Mac Arthur airport in Long Island.

Martha Edwards is in charge of the Woman's Club of Pine Knoll Shores' float at the upcoming Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5. Volunteers are needed to assist assembling the float and becoming a parade participant. Anyone interested may call Martha at 726 7429.

Larry and Beth La Brie of Pine Knoll Shores are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Joanne La Brie of Harleysville, Pennsylvania, to Joseph Anthony Pergine of Chalfont, Pennsylvania. Joseph is the son of the late Fiori Pergine and the late Josephine Pergine. Miss La Brie is a graduate of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and is employed at Vanguard Funds in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Mr. Pergine is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York, and is employed with Synthes (USA) in West Chester, Pennsylvania. The couple plans a winter wedding.

