

Around Town

By Bob Ruggiero

Norman and Irene Beattie celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on September 5 while cruising to Bermuda on board the Norwegian Cruise liner Grandeur of the Seas. The couple was married in 1959 while living in Ottawa, Canada. Norman had immigrated to Canada a year earlier from Glasgow, Scotland, and was employed with the National Research Council. While there, he opted to get Canadian citizenship. While living in Glasgow, Norman knew Irene, and when she joined him in Canada, they were married in 1959. The couple moved to Montreal, spent eight years there and decided to move to the United States after experiencing the Canadian unrest due to efforts to nationalize Montreal. Irene graduated from the Glasgow Nursing School with a Registered Nurse license; Norman graduated from Glasgow University with an engineering degree. While in Bermuda, the locals celebrated Labor Day on the same weekend as their American neighbors. Upon returning from Bermuda, the couple traveled to Florida for three weeks to enjoy the late summer sunshine.

Local residents Vince and Helvi Larson, traveling with long-time friends Shirline and George Holzworth, recently returned from a two-week visit to Provence,



France. Having an apartment in the small town of Isle sur Sorgue gave them an ability to live like locals. Isle sur Sorgue is located on an island surrounded by two branches of the Sorgue River. Many

of the old moss-covered waterwheels, which once ran the town's fabric and paper mills, are still in existence along the canals running through the town. While enjoying this beautiful area of France, they enjoyed day trips to picturesque, ancient hilltop villages, driving to the

summit of Mt. Ventoux, which is the site of the Tour de France; visiting Avignon, the Papal Palace and St. Benezet Bridge where efforts to walk out on the remaining ruins of the bridge were hampered by winds of the Mistral, which frequently gusts up to 60 mph; and visiting St. Remy, where Vincent Van Gogh did many of his paintings. It was difficult for the Larsons to leave this beautiful part of France with its friendly people, who were so willing to forgive their limited French. A returned visit is definitely planned.

Ralph and Evelyn O'Neill purchased their home in Pine Knoll Shores in 1990. At that time, they had busy and challenging careers. Within a few years, Ralph retired and started spending more time in Pine Knoll Shores. Evelyn continued her career as a Commercial

Property Manager, working for a small real estate company in Silver Spring, Maryland, managing properties in

Maryland and Virginia. While keeping pace with the real estate world, she had the privilege of volunteering her time with the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club.

She donated a small event office in Silver Spring to the club and worked with Washington Redskin Hall of Famers Charles Mann and Art Monk in addition to many other Redskin players. Her volunteer work also included several years on the Board of Directors of the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Montgomery County Economic Development Committee to help plan Silver Spring's revitalization. Evelyn was named one of Silver Spring's outstanding Business Leaders. Her future plans include spending time with Ralph while enjoying the peaceful beauty of Pine Knoll Shores.

Barbara Bagby, wife of Commander J.B. Bagby, hosted a luncheon on November 4 at their home for women from the Fort Macon Sail and Power Squadron. Attending the luncheon were members Cindy Murphy, Helvi Larson, Mary Heim, Carol Schmidt and Bobbie Hill. A good time was had by all, and as usual the food was delicious.



PKS Residents on NC Sampling Trip Front row left to right are Lauren Scanlon, Norma McClellon, Sheila Daly, Barbara Baccollo, Moni Bottlinger; Second row are Jim Scanlon, Eileen McBriarty, Charlie McBriarty, Joan Lamson, Marsha Deane, and Bill Bottlinger.

Eleven Pine Knoll Shores' residents recently spent an extended weekend exploring the vastness and variety of the state as they experienced "A North



Carolina Sampling." This "Sampling" was a Travel Team LLC tour for the Carteret Arts Forum and friends that began early in the morning on Thursday, November 6, and concluded in the evening on Monday, November 9. Highlights of the "Sampling" included visits to Old Salem and a tour of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts; a wine tasting dinner at the Harvest Grill at the Shelton Vineyards; exploration of Asheville with dinner at Deepark and a Candlelight Christmas Evening tour of the Biltmore; a trip on the Blue Ridge Parkway with stops at the Visitors' Center and the Folk Arts Center and Museum; a barbecue lunch in Lexington; and a private visit to Jugtown Pottery and a Raku demonstration at Dirtworks in Seagrove.

Linda Patton and Patti Dill of Travel Team, LLC made a very generous donation to Carteret Arts Forum at the end of the trip. Their careful planning was greatly appreciated by all the travelers.

