

PKS Commissioners' Meeting

By Yvette Bannen

Seven citizens attended the April 17 meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners. Mayor Jones began the meeting by reading a proclamation for National Volunteer Month and thanking all volunteers for the work they do on behalf of the town.

Rob Will from the Down East Rural Planning Organization gave a power-point presentation on the Carteret County comprehensive transportation plan. It can serve as a guide for future needs and for the community's vision and goals. There is a five-year funding schedule.

During the public-comment time, Martha Edwards reminded commissioners and citizens about the upcoming Tree City Fair on April 24 to be held at town hall.

Finance Officer Julie Anderson gave an update on finance and administration; Director for Public Safety Bill Matthias gave his report on law enforcement and emergency management; Chris Jones presented his report on planning and inspections; and Director

of Public Services Ernie Rudolph reported on his department.

Under unfinished business, commissioners' approved vision and mission statements for the town and discussed Agenda 2010, consisting of fourteen items. There was considerable discussion about eliminating the roles of liaison commissioners; however, the need for communications is still necessary, and the issue will be discussed again next month. No decision was made about using solid waste containers versus plastic bags. The mayor suggested that using ammonia would deter critters from tearing plastic bags.

Under new business, there was discussion about appointing an acting town manager in the event of the town manager's temporary absence or disability. Commissioner Halada thought it was a reasonable request but thought it should be considered in two stages, one to work on the actual wording of such an appointment and the second to appoint somebody. Julie Anderson was designated as the person to serve in this

capacity for the next six months, if necessary.

Also under new business, the need for more public-safety presence on the beach during the busy season was discussed. In the new budget \$10,000 has been added for a dedicated person to monitor public-beach accesses and by invitation, private-beach accesses. Also, there is a need for a message center to inform beach visitors regarding such issues as flags for beach conditions, beach-access hours, rip currents, tides, mile-marker locations and dog leash laws.

The town manager has talked with a representative from North Carolina Rural Water Association about conducting a water-rate study for the town. Mr. Kramer assured everyone there is no immediate plan to change water rates; however, the town owns a 40-year old water system and must be financially prepared to do repairs when required.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. and commissioners went into closed session to discuss property acquisition.

Dolls Appraised

Veronica Stanley

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club met on March 26, at 9:30 a.m. in town hall. President Linda Strader welcomed 31 members and two guests, Phyllis Thomas, Pine Knoll Shores resident, and Chris Beckham, a visitor from Germany. Cherie Range, Karen Zaenker and Evelyn O'Neill prepared refreshments served on a table decorated with Easter chicks and flowers.

Vice President Barbara Bagby introduced guest speaker, Judy George, who spoke on the value, care, repair, restoration and storage of antique dolls. She works out of her home in New Bern at Judy's Doll Shop and Doll Hospital. She began her work by studying doll making and then teaching the process.

At the meeting, she evaluated members' dolls not only for dollar value but also for sentimental value. She had on display dolls made of bisque, porcelain, kid, celluloid, cardboard and hard plastic. In determining a doll's value, Judy stressed that the book-price value is only for dolls in perfect shape. Older dolls have high value, but their condition is very important. Ideal conditions for storage are in a glass case kept out of the sun, cellar or attic and placed on a doll stand. Some of the older dolls displayed were in need of repair to increase

their worth. Members' dolls were valued from \$25 to \$900. Two with the highest values were made in the late 1800's in Germany and France. Although Judy no longer teaches doll making, she does make dollhouse dolls along with her repair work.

Reporting on famous women, member Pauly Brown discussed Ida Minerva Tarbell (1857-1944). She was an author and journalist known as a leading muckraker, one who seeks out and exposes scandals. Her investigative journalism fueled public attacks on Standard Oil and trusts in general. Tarbell also wrote biographies of famous people, including Abraham Lincoln. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and has a commemorative United States stamp.

Meeting discussion involved the upcoming Tree City Fair on April 24, where the Club will participate by selling barbeque sandwiches and desserts. Arts and Culture Chair Marian Kutzer noted in her list of upcoming community activities that Pine Knoll Shores resident Ted Goetzinger will exhibit fused glass at the library in April. Book Club chair Dot Miller reported that the Beach Book Club is discussing *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* by Dale Carnegie.

Between the Bookends is discussing *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

The May regular meeting features Pat Wesson speaking on Friendly Caregivers. Supper Club is a picnic on May 16. Contact Pat Ruggiero. Cooks Night Out is May 21, at Sharpies in Beaufort. Contact Bobbie Hill. Ticket deadline for the June 4 luncheon on at Coral Bay Club is May 28. Contact Donna Belanger. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to attend meetings and to join the Club.



Judy George evaluates member's dolls

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