

Women's Club

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on "Wine Talk, Tips and Thimble Tasting"; Library Manager Susan Simpson on "Library Trends"; and Ranger Benjamin Fleming on "Butterflies and Moths of Bogue Banks."

Recording Secretary Carroll Beckham recorded in a most efficient manner. Corresponding Secretary Marian Kutzer sent cards to ill or grieving members and acknowledged member birthdays monthly. Treasurer Evelyn O'Neill conscientiously kept track of the Club's finances. Historian Pat Filan with Arlene Terrell put together a beautiful scrapbook of programs and activities. The following were also recognized:

Hospitality – Linda Strader and Mary Greene coordinated social activities for the monthly meetings and planned Christmas and installation luncheons.

Membership – Linda Langheld, Linda Pearson and Ilene Karlson worked together to increase membership and welcome new members and guests at meetings.

Communications – Betty Filan, Mary Jane Munch and Paulette Murphy assisted the club by sending information to members about meetings.

Publicity – Ronnie Stanley reported club activities in the *Island Review*, *News Times*, *Daily News* and *The Shoreline*.

Services to the Ill – Arlene Graczevski offered meals to members or families at the time of illness and represented the Club on the Island Seniors Committee, providing food from members for Island Senior functions.

Scholarship – Gail Halada, Kay Howe and Loretta Poremba raised funds and coordinated the Community College scholarship with Pat Filan, coordinating the Entertainment Book sales.

Special Projects – Sue Warren accepted Coupons for Education for our schools and coordinated members for the Festival of Trees. Martha Edwards chaired the club's Christmas parade floats. Pauly Brown and her committee are producing a Women's Club Cookbook.

Arts and Culture – Elaine Tempel informed members of upcoming community events.

Book Clubs – Dot Miller reported summaries of books being read in three book clubs and gave updates on happenings at Bogue Banks Library.

Caroline's House Playroom – Mary Jo Jennings collected and delivered donated supplies for the women and children at Caroline's House.

Cook's Night Out – Bobbie Hill and Barbara Bagby hosted evenings for members and spouses at Frank and Clara's, Channel Marker, Port of Call and Amos Mosquito's.

Supper Club – Pat Ruggiero and Edy Rene Magel coordinated member and spouse participation with a cocktail party, four meals in member homes, a brunch at St. Francis by the Sea and a final picnic at Beacon's Reach.

Famous Women – Pauly Brown presented fascinating information on famous women in history at monthly meetings.

President Ferneau concluded with a special thank you to all members for attendance, participation and contributions to the Women's Club, recognizing them all as STARS of Pine Knoll Shores. Vice President Milhaven presented her with a gift of serving items decorated with starfish.

Past President Barbara Bagby inducted officers for 2012-13 and presented them with flowers in colors signifying their duties. Bonnie Ferneau returns as President. Other officers are Vice President, Karen Betz; Recording Secretary, Betty Thomas; Corresponding Secretary, Ronnie Stanley; and Treasurer, Pegge Knecht. All women living in Pine Knoll Shores are welcome to join and attend meetings, which will begin again in September.

PINE KNOLL SHORES COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

By Yvette Bannen



Team Members of the Quarter: Ernie Guthrie, Howard Henderson and David Watts.

Pine Knoll Shores' Board of Commissioners met on May 23 for another budget meeting. Commissioner Edwards was absent. Before the meeting got underway, Scott Sherrill was sworn in as the new Town Clerk.

Town Manager Brian Kramer gave the budget message for FY 2012-2013 and reported that the budget is balanced, as required by North Carolina General Statutes. The recommended budget continues to support the essential missions of town government. The most significant expenditure will occur on the beach. A new Capital Project Fund will span across FY 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 and will provide for a major beach renourishment project following the losses from Hurricane Irene. The overall budget for FY 2012-2013 provides for a modest raise for the staff, the first such adjustment for all employees in three fiscal years.

The General Fund Budget maintains the basic property tax rate at 15.6¢ per \$100 of assessed value. The beach tax rates remain unchanged at 5.2¢ and 1.4¢ per \$100 of assessed value. No changes to the water rates are planned.

The town is in the final stages of replacing the Mimosa Bridge. The 2011-2012 fiscal year budget includes the first installment of payment for this project. Another long-term issue is the East End Stormwater Project and its associated engineering costs.

The reserves in the Water Enterprise Fund are sufficient to allow an increase in the annual payment on the debt service, thus decreasing the interest so the debt can be retired earlier.

The regular BOC meeting was held on June 12, but before the actual meeting got underway, there was a ceremony involving Patti Swetz and her gift to the town of a military flag that had been on her husband Charlie's casket.

When the official meeting began, there was a call for a public hearing on the FY 2012-2013 budget, but no comments were received. Commissioners unanimously approved the budget. Everybody who worked on the budget was thanked for his or her hard work to make it happen.

Nobody signed up to speak during the public comment session. However, Mayor Jones mentioned that there has been discussion about changing the meeting day from Tuesday to Thursday. A citizen then suggested that the meeting time be changed from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Team Member of the Quarter awards were given to Ernie Guthrie, Howard Henderson and David Watts in recognition of the work that they did all along the beach, digging innumerable holes for the sand fencing.