

GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMISSIONER

Larry Corsello

By Jacquie Pipkin

Commissioner Larry Corsello retired as Vice President of Marketing & Sales and Specialty Manufacturing of Sumitomo Electric Lightwave (SEL) in the Research Triangle Park in 1997. His career had taken him on a journey through a half dozen states before arriving in North Carolina in 1986. After SEL he worked for a couple of venture capital technology start-up companies and moved to Pine Knoll Shores in 2000. He looked forward to adopting the boating life on his 39-foot express cruiser, *Sea Trek*, which had been at the coast since 1995.

Mr. Corsello obtained a Captain's 50 Ton Masters license, but soon became bored and looked for other things of interest to do. Consequently, he became a yacht broker and also a dock master for the Morehead City Yacht Basin. Locally, he has also worked for boating and auto-related businesses and currently enjoys working at Ace Marine Rigging & Supply in Morehead City.

Mr. Corsello first ran for the office of Commissioner of Pine Knoll Shores in 2009. That year there were three vacancies on the Board of Commissioners. When requested by one of the remaining commissioners to consider running for office, Larry was honored, but, more than that, he saw a need and felt that he could be of service to the town that he feels is a very special place. Part of his agenda was to maintain the character of Pine Knoll Shores while at the same time remaining open minded and fiscally responsible. Now, in the third year of his second term, he continues to stand by those same principles.

Commissioner Corsello is currently chair of the Finance Committee and a member of the Administration Committee. In addition, he is on the County Beach Commission, which oversees beach renourishment. The commissioner has also been a board liaison for Safety/EMS and the Community Appearance Committee. Commissioner Corsello admits to liking being in the know, but he explains that the most satisfying part of being a commissioner is the opportunity to contribute to the town and its citizens.

Larry met his wife, Jan, while they both lived in New Jersey. Jan is a New Jersey native; Larry was born and raised in Ohio. They have a son in New Jersey and a married daughter with two children in Chapel Hill.

Pets have always been an important part of the Corsellos' lives. Many of you may remember their rescue dog, Charkey, who lived to be 17. The Corsellos presently have three rescue cats, one in her 17th year. Jan is an active participant

in the Pine Knoll Shores community. She is on the Sea Turtle Patrol, a member of the Women's Club and Garden Club, and a volunteer at the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. When deciding where they would like to retire, the Corsellos investigated various sea coast locations but settled in Pine Knoll Shores for its unbeachlike lush environment, sense of community and easy beach and boating access.



Pet lover Corsello and rescue dog Charkey enjoy a sunny day at the situm.—Photo by Jan Corsello

In closing, when Commissioner Corsello was asked if there were something that would surprise the readers to know about him, his reply was, "What you see is what you get." However, he did share his philosophy for a happy life: accept and deal. Accept what life brings to you and deal with it straightforwardly and with a positive attitude.

This is the third in a series of Shoreline articles designed to get to know our commissioners better. Thanks to them for taking the time to share with us.—The Editors

New Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood Organized in Pine Knoll Shores

On June 18 a new chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Chapter CY, was organized in Pine Knoll Shores. The ceremony took place at St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church in Salter Path. P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization that celebrates the advancement of women; educates women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and the stewardship of Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri; and motivates women to achieve their highest aspirations. There are over 6,000

P.E.O. chapters in all 50 states and six provinces in Canada, with a quarter of a million members. To learn more about P.E.O. philanthropies and projects, visit peointernational.org.

Charter members (first row, from left): Bobbie Hill, Gini Stambaugh, Connie Brophy, Karen Askew, Anne Clarke, Dolores Horn, Jacquie Pipkin, Barb Casey, Jean Haggar, Linda Payne; (second row): Janet Furman, Jean Turner, Kathy Tilyard, Moni Bottlinger, Ruth Ann Edwards, Nancy Boyle, JoAnn Shallcross, Debbie Laughinghouse, Pegge Knecht, Shari Malone and Sue McNeely. Not pictured: Helen Anderson.

