

What's Up With PARC?

By Jean McDanal

Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, including Lowe's Home Improvement in Cedar Point, who adopted a family, the Kayak for the Warriors Angel Tree was a huge success. Thanks to BJ Peter, Teresa Stanton-Law and Kelly Clark for all the organizing and wrapping. We had a total of 20 vetted families that will have a very merry Christmas.

This year's eighth annual Turkey Trot in Pine Knoll Shores took place on Thanksgiving morning under clear skies and warm temperatures, a welcome relief from some of the cold, windy and wet conditions we have occasionally experienced in past years. Mayor Jones was there with his trusty bugle to sound the "charge" that is the traditional start of the race. At last count, Cheryl Smith, who handled the registration table, estimates that we had over 120 participants in this year's event, including people from all over Carteret County and many out-of-state visitors, and several very eager high school and college runners who finished the three-mile course in under 25 minutes. Trish Kramer, our town manager's wife, and her daughters not only brought coffee, doughnut holes and hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy, but they also finished the course near the front of the pack. Fast ladies indeed.

This event has grown in popularity over the years, so mark your calendars for next year's event, which is always held on Thanksgiving Day, starting at McNeill Park, with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the start of the walk/run at 9 a.m. A special thank you goes out to the Parks and Recreation Committee; Cheryl Smith, who handled the registration table; Trish Kramer and her daughters for the goodies; Mayor Jones, who bugled the start of the event and cheered everyone on; Jerry Price and John Brodman, who set out the course; and PIKSCO and The Country Club of the Crystal Coast for allowing us to use their beautiful park and grounds for the event.

The Christmas Flotilla was held Saturday, December 3. Participants included John and Ann Clarke with guests John and Kathy Tilyard (*Dulcinea*); Paul Randell with Gary and Kathy Watkins, Ken and Faye Wall and Jimbo and Melissa Toth (*Strokin' to the East*); Scott, Dana and Cooper Rideout (*Cooperbanks*); Captain Sid Bragg, First Mate Tom Kowalski, Jackie Jalosynski, Julie Kowalski, Winston, Lukus and Benny (*Osprey II/Her Ring*); Henry and Yvette Bannen (*HenryB*); Wes and Missy Klor (*SonzUp*); Kevin Furtner

Friends of Bogue Banks Annual Meeting

By Sue Warren

Featured speaker is retired U.S. Navy Captain Jim Buckingham

On Sunday, January 22, the Friends of Bogue Banks Public Library will host their annual meeting, followed by a presentation highlighting the U.S. Navy's operation to recover the wreckage and crew of the space shuttle *Challenger*.

Captain Jim Buckingham (USN, retired), Supervisor of Salvage during this assignment, will speak on this and other missions to perform salvage work around the world. During his 24-year career in the U.S. Navy, Captain Buckingham served in the U.S., Vietnam and Japan.

The library will open at 2 p.m. on January 22 to allow time for attendees to view and bid on selected art items donated for auction at this event. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m., followed by Captain Buckingham's PowerPoint presentation. Refreshments will be served following the program.

(*White Lightning*); Eamon and Dianna Kromka with three-year old Eleanor celebrating her third birthday (*Ms. Eleanor*); Tyler, Leann and Andi Sanders and Jenn Williams (*Turtle Creek*); Captain Keith McDuffy, Colin and Allison McDuffy, Geoff, Katie and Allie Marett, and Sharon and Emma Lewis (*Far Fetched*); and Tanner Tharrington and Captain Matt Bachtler on the public safety boat. A big thank you to John Clarke for being our harbormaster.

Don't forget Leann Sanders is still collecting for the playground equipment that is sorely needed in our parks. Her email is leannsworld2@gmail.com.

The Parks and Recreation Committee welcomes any suggestions for activities that will get people out, moving and involved. If you have any suggestions for PARC, please email PARCPR@ec.rr.com or come to one of our meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, at 9 a.m. at town hall.



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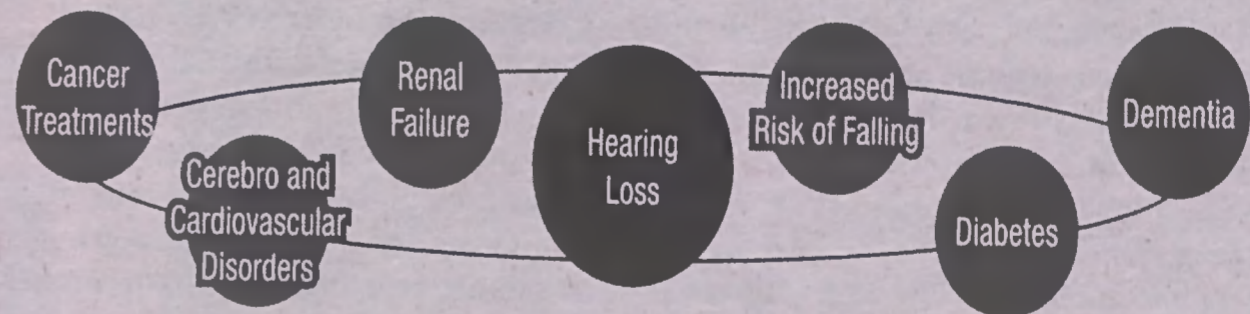
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