

By Michelle Powers

The Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club celebrated the holiday season on December 2 with a Christmas luncheon for members, family and friends. With music provided by Dick Cumberland and a holiday buffet hosted by The Country Club of the Crystal Coast, it was a festive way to end the 2016 club year.

With the arrival of 2017, club members are prepared to stay active in the new year by following the healthy living tips offered by new club member Lisa Park at the November meeting.

Lisa moved to Pine Knoll Shores from Asheboro in March and immediately embraced the town's volunteer culture by joining both the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club and the Garden Club. Lisa has many years of experience as an Active Living Coordinator, teaching Silver Sneakers exercise classes, designing fitness challenges and promoting an active lifestyle. We can counteract the normal effects of the aging process, which causes loss in bone density and muscle mass and slows metabolism, she explained, by practicing simple exercises that encourage moving, stretching and cardio activities

Walking is the safest form of aerobic exercise, and Lisa stressed that it doesn't take fancy equipment or special clothing to engage in a healthy lifestyle. She led the group through a series of exercises that can be done at home or outside in many locations around Pine Knoll Shores. Lisa provided a list of benefits to both mind and spirit that exercise provides: strengthening heart and lungs, building bone, burning calories, fostering weight loss, boosting energy and improving mood. She led the group through a discussion of the "Power Nine"—habits or common denominators that help humans live a healthier, longer life. Studies have shown that people in various locations around the world that have the largest number of people over 100 years of age have the following in common:

Lairen IX alaman II han 1. They move naturally and regularly—their cultures encourage daily movement.

- 2. They know how to "downshift" and release stress—they pray, take naps.
- 3. They have a purpose in life, something to live for.
- 4. They embrace the 80% rule—stop eating when full.
- 5. They drink moderate amounts of alcohol each day.
- 6. They eat a predominantly plant-based diet.
- 7. They belong to the "right tribe"—their cultures encourage socializing and daily contact with others.
- 8. They live in faith-based communities.
- 9. They put their loved ones and families first and commit to a life partner. Try some of the above behaviors in 2017 for a more balanced, stress-free and longer life.

The next meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club is scheduled for January 27 at town hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Michael Souci, chief pharmacist of Carteret Health Care, will speak about drug interactions.

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