

# The State Port Pilot Business



Rhe Helms (right) of Realty Executives in Yaupon Beach is congratulated by owner/broker Furman Melton upon receipt of the Achievers Award and Top Producer Award in the Realty Executives System. The awards recognized sales of over \$2 million and Helms' customer service record.

## Southport-Oak Island

# The chamber report

By Karen Sphar  
Executive Vice-President

(This is a report on the activities of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce that appears weekly in The State Port Pilot.)

We have much appreciation to extend to many, many folks.

On Saturday, April 11, the chamber entered the ninth annual Robert Ruark Foundation Chili Cookoff. The chili was whipped up by Chuck and Donna Sandine of Southern Hospitality. It was yummy! We appreciate those who voted for our chili and honored us with the People's Choice Award. We are also thankful to Chuck and Donna, who donated all the fixings, time and lots of effort; booth volunteers Joyce Maresca and Nancy and Bill Sphar; and equipment suppliers Barb's Seafood & Midtown Deli and Bobbie Frazier.

We hope the Robert Ruark Festival raised lots of funds for its short fiction and poetry contests and art exhibit. If you would like information on how to enter the competitions, please call Bette Leggett at 457-5494.

On Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, the bark *Endeavour* passed by the waterfront on its way up the Cape Fear River to Wilmington. The time of arrival was hard to pinpoint due to the weather and currents, but

those who were down on the waterfront when she passed were treated to a show. We appreciate the many phone calls and updates by local residents such as Becky Felton (husband Bert was aboard the ship) and Mary Strickland, Southport Maritime Museum.

A regional team effort was put forth to get her into harbor the night of April 16, and if you looked closely you saw she was flying the City of Southport flag. Working with the Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau; Cape Fear Yacht Club, Tow Boat/US Southport and Water Taxi, Cape Fear Pilots Association, City of Southport officials and administration, Ship's Chandler Restaurant and Southport Historical Society was a delight.

We were disappointed when Capt. Carl Blake's representatives were unable to disembark the ship due to weather and come ashore for some of that famous Southport hospitality. However, a token of our appreciation was delivered to them Tuesday from the City of Southport and the chamber. Items in the gift basket were donated by area businesses.

For those who would like to board the *Endeavour*, tours will be conducted 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

through April 26 at Wilmington's Riverfront Park. The fee is \$10 per person.

On Monday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. Brunswick Town State Historic Site will present a program entitled "A Glimpse of History" as the *Endeavour* passes. They are planning for an exchange of signals, a flag salute, firing a ceremonial cannon and some information about the ship and everyday life aboard.

**Next week: A detailed account of the chamber's Secretary/Support Staff Spring Cruise.**

## Setzer joins Essey sales

Sheila Setzer has joined Century 21 Dorothy Essey and Associates as a sales associate in the Long Beach office.

Since joining the company she has completed Century 21 Plus training as well as the Century 21 VIP Sales Associate Course. She is recipient of the New Horizon Award for outstanding sales performance by Century 21 Dorothy Essey and Associates.

Setzer is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the North Carolina Association of Realtors and the Brunswick County Board of Realtors. She is a native of Morganton, now residing in Yaupon Beach. She is married to Terry Setzer and they have three children and four grandchildren.



SETZER

## Dixon named to President's Circle again

Charles H. Dixon of Coldwell Banker Southport-Oak Island Realty has been selected to join the company's International President's Circle, an honor bestowed on only the top four percent of sales associates.

This is the third year Dixon has been chosen for membership in the prestigious Coldwell Banker group. Alex Perriello, president and CEO of Coldwell Banker, said, "The International President's Circle recognizes those sales associates whose sales performance and dedication are exceptional."



DIXON

## Huggins joins Sterling group

Janet Huggins of Coldwell Banker Southport-Oak Island Realty has been named a member of the company's International Sterling Society.

The honor is bestowed upon only the top 20 percent of more than 60,000 Coldwell Banker sales associates in North America. "Being a member of the Coldwell Banker International Sterling Society is one of the highest honors among our sales associates."



HUGGINS

## St. James honor goes to Dickens

St. James Plantation has named Andi Dickens its first Employee of the Quarter for 1998.

She was selected by fellow employees based on "attitude, outstanding work ethic and the willingness to go above and beyond."

Dickens has served as a marketing system/data entry associate with St. James Plantation for three years.



DICKENS



SMYRE

## Smyre earns Rudd award

Lee Smyre of Margaret Rudd and Associates Inc. has been awarded the company's 1998 first quarter Champion Associate trophy.

The award is presented to the sales associate with the highest production for the quarter.

Smyre, a resident of Caswell Beach, has been affiliated with Margaret Rudd and Associates' Yaupon Beach office since 1995. He is a member of the Brunswick County Board of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

## College offers notary course

Brunswick Community College will offer a notary public education course on Wednesday and Thursday, April 29-30, 6 to 9 p.m., in the teaching auditorium.

The registration fee is \$35. Brunswick County residents age 65 and older may register for free. The textbook costs \$14.15 and must be paid for separately.

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