

# Tradition is tending the flame, not worshiping its ashes

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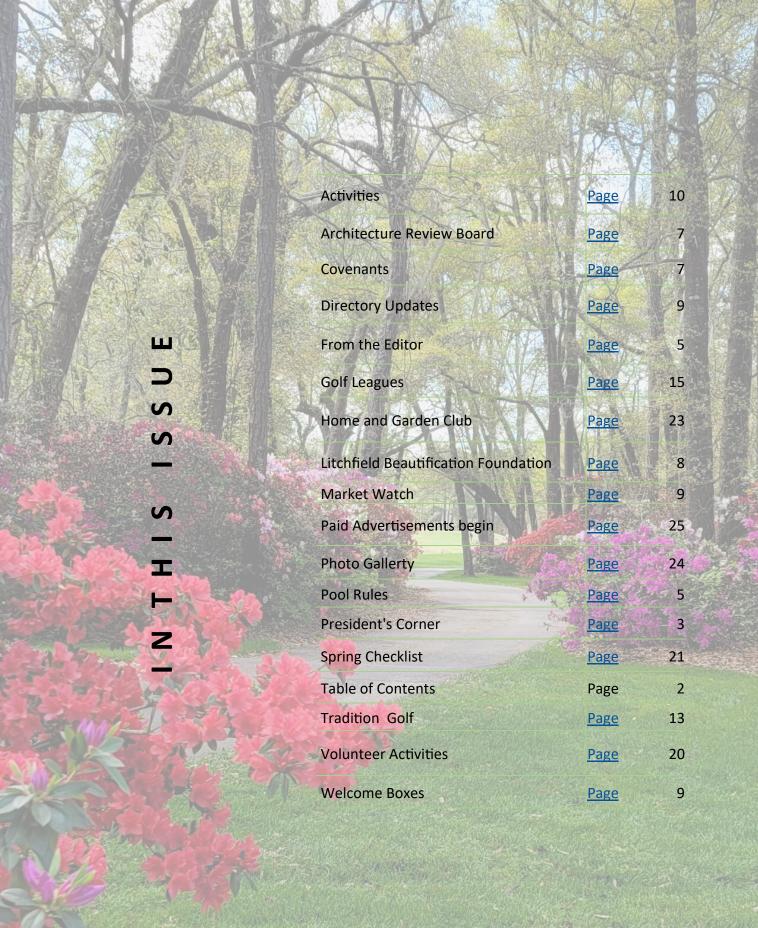
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# The Tradition Continues

From the Office of the President

## John McLaughlin jwmclaughlin@sc.rr.com 843-235-8532

Much has happened since the last Newsletter. We have survived another winter. This one included some white stuff. If I remember correctly, it is called SNOW!!! The change in seasons has brought us all the beautiful azaleas and made us look forward to warmer weather.

On a big note, we have encountered a change in our community leadership. In January, Frank and Pat D'Amato moved to be closer to family in North Carolina. We are all grateful for the outstanding service Frank gave to this community over the last 2 decades. It will be difficult to replace all his knowledge and experience. When he left the community lost a fulltime (unpaid and over-worked) employee. Thanks, Frank, for making this the best community on the South Strand.

I am very happy to report that we filled the Board of Director position made available with Frank's departure. After reviewing the resumes provided by the candidates, the Board of Directors appointed an extremely qualified individual, David Philips. Dave is well known in the community and has been a contributor for many years in a variety of positions in Tradition and Pawley's Island. Next time you see Dave thank him for his willingness to serve the community.

**Golf Course Properties -** With the influx of new residents into our great community, the golf course superintendent wants to remind all homeowners who live on the golf course of a few things.

<u>Please do not clear any vegetation on golf course</u> property.

In the past a homeowner had to pay for new small trees after they cut some down on golf course property.

<u>Please be aware that the white plastic stakes you see</u> are the "out of bounds " stakes **not the property line**.

Golf course property extends another 10 feet toward your property. Please do not disturb or landscape these areas.

If you have any questions about property lines, contact the Pro Shop and they will get you in touch with Shawn Keller, the superintendent.



Community Projects—Now that spring has arrived, it is time to begin our spring cleanup. You have already received the Eblast and the flyer reminding everyone of some of the items to be aware of. Please take the time to address these items to keep our community beautiful.

**Speeding within the community** — We continue to experience speeding vehicles throughout the community. Our speed limit is 25 miles per hour. One area of specific concern is the corner of Tradition Club Drive and Deacon Drive near the front gate. Please be mindful of the homes nearby as you accelerate after making the turn onto Deacon Drive.

As you know an Eblast was sent out regarding speeding in our community. I received many thanks for mentioning it. It seems to be a bigger concern than I thought. I have received some input into other areas which should be mentioned. The intersection of Deacon Drive and Tradition Club Drive seems to be hazardous as well. Many people do not come to a complete stop. This is dangerous for 2 reasons, one, we need to be sure no one is traveling on TCD. Secondly



there are golf carts crossing the street at that intersection. Please proceed cautiously when nearing the intersection and please come to a complete stop. Another area of concern is TCD as we near the back gate. The street is wider and this seems to encourage drivers to accelerate. Please remember the speed limit is still 25 MPH throughout the community. Please follow the speed limit and keep our residents, walkers and bikers safe.

Fountain in the Front gate pond – We have been experiencing some issues with this fountain. After attempting a fix, we learned the motor was worn and beyond repair. A new fountain and light package has been ordered. Upon delivery, it will be installed and up and running once again.

Sewer Cleaning – Many of you have probably been wondering what those trucks have been doing along Tradition Club Drive. That was the Georgetown County Water Sewer District cleaning and repairing the sewer lines. There were a number of areas where the pipes were deteriorating and a sleeve was placed in the pipe to repair them. It is quite a process using vacuums and 180-degree water to clean the pipes and secure the sleeves. We were not able to alert you of the upcoming work as GCWSD does not inform us when they are coming.

Back Gate Pumping Station - GCWSD has a pumping station near our back gate From time to time it is used as a staging area for our maintenance staff. The white gate at the entrance was damaged and has been removed. Additional plantings will be added to help hide the facility, however, there must be an opening to allow GCWSD vehicles access. Some time ago a fresh water intake was clogged by storm debris and overflowed into the discharge pipe. The backup caused the pump station to clog, leaving a strong swamp smell. GCWSD did a full system pressure flush of the line, and removed the debris, mud, and sediment eliminating the odor. **Deteriorating pipes** - One of the major issues we encounter is deteriorating underground drainage pipes. When one is encountered, a sleeve of a slightly smaller size is inserted into the pipe to seal it. When these issues take place under someone's lawn, a sink hole occurs. We currently have multiple sink holes in some back yards along Tradition Club Drive. We have contracted with a company to fix these pipes. Unfortunately, reduced staff due to COVID has delayed these fixes. Work is expected to begin soon. The homeowners being impacted will be contacted to alert them of the upcoming activity on their property. A drainage issue on Historic Lane is also being looked into to prevent future drain-

age water flowing above ground.

**Pool** – Our last newsletter article informed you that we needed to find a new pool contractor. We have hired Goodwin's Pool Service who specializes in Ionization filtering systems. They have been on the job since January and are doing a great job. The pool is open all year, however, the chairs and umbrellas are stored during the colder months. Since we have seen an improvement in temperatures our maintenance team has prepared the deck for the season. Remember to close the umbrellas when leaving the pool to prevent damage from high winds.



**Landscaping** – Mulch and pine straw have already been spread throughout the community.

**Tree debris cleanup** - In one of the recent windy days, a large branch snapped but is still attached to the tree. Unfortunately, it is hanging over the sidewalk on Tradition Club Drive near the cross over between the first and second holes. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the tree itself is dying. The tree is being removed.

**Storms** - If we have a severe storm the association will make sure streets are open and we will assist homeowners in the clean-up. However, small storms and damage to personal property lies with the property owner. It is a homeowner's responsibility to clean the debris from their trees that go into our streets. You or your lawn people need to blow the streets clean and pick it up for disposal. You must make sure the debris is not blown down street drains or we will have issues with flooding during storms. We own our streets and we do not have a street department.

We live in a special community. It is so special because of the wonderful people who live here. We have so many activities to participate in which takes a lot of work. I would like to thank all those volunteers who run the activities as well as the members of the Social Committee, Covenants Committee, the ARB as well as members of the BOD for all their efforts. Your efforts make us who we are.

When you get an email blast from Vince Franco regarding Board of Director Communications. Please do not respond to Vince, contact the board member sending the message.



**The Tradition Annual Meeting** was held on February 24, at the Waccamaw Public Library. It was very well attended. Below are questions that were posed by the audience during the open discussion session.

**Resident's Phone Books** – Issued raise regarding security of disposal of old books. Recommended that they be shredded.

**Outdated Covenants** – Request to remove things from old covenants if no longer needed

Our response: Indicated that is part of the task we are currently doing as we review all covenants as well as the Architectural Review Board requirements. Some items are required due to what is contained in the legal documents. We indicated some items may require a vote and we would keep the residents informed of any changes.

**Back Gate Safety** –Curves make it difficult to see. The bushes on the berm are trimmed to provide the best view possible. We will contact the Georgetown Sheriff's department to try to better manage the speed of the oncoming traffic.

**Spectrum** – When is Spectrum contract up? Answer given: End of 12/31/2024

**Alexander Glennie & TCD – Georgetown Pumping State site**; when will following be done?

**Fix the fence** (we indicated Tradition is responsible for this and looking into it) **Landscaping** – (Agree we need to address this when repairs complete, but also need to recognize county needs to get in and out.)

**Sewage Odor** – Getting worse (we agreed to look into it) (All above covered in the President's report)

**Historic Lane Drainage**— Concern regarding drainage (We indicated a new reserve study is being contracted with a separate company that will include review of roads and drainage.)

**What are Pool "passes"** – Kuester cleared up this confusion, they mis referenced the term in their documentation, as we have "keys" which the homeowners receive and manage.

**Rental of Street Lights**—Questioned if we were still renting street lights. (We indicated we are but working with 2 other POAs. While we are not the lead, it is taking some time to get a resolution on this issue and is still in process.)

## **Community Sing Along and Farewell**

to Frank and Pat D'Amato was held in December. The event was well attended, with great Christmas Music, food and comradery. A presentation was given by John McLaughlin recognizing Frank D'Amato's 18 year reign on the BOD followed by a slide show video of Frank and Pat throughout the years.











#### WATER AEROBICS STARTS IN MAY

Ever thought about becoming a synchronized swimmer? Me either! Fortunately, water aerobics doesn't require any artistic skill, timing, or even the ability to swim. Just bring your swimsuit, water bottle, pool noodle, and your sense of humor, and come find out what everyone is talking about!

Open to all Tradition Ladies, classes will begin in May and run all summer on Mondays Wednesday and Fridays 10 to 11 am until we freeze our booties off!

Not on our mailing list? Let me know and I can make it happen! Just email me at <a href="mailto:laffinatus@gmail.com">laffinatus@gmail.com</a> ... You can do this!

Cindi Caron Floppy Blue Hat, Deep End

#### **Pool Use Reminders**

- Persons using the facility do so at their own risk
- All swimmers must take a shower before entering the pool
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- ♦ No running or jumping
- ♦ Plastic containers only, no glass permitted in pool area
- Appropriate attire will conform to conventional swimsuits
- ◆ Floats, except for swimming aids, are not permitted in the pool
- Adults and children in diapers must wear state approved pool diapers
- Pets are forbidden in the pool area
- ♦ The use of radios is discouraged
- Each resident has a pool key, please do not open the gate for others

Pool hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Tradition pool is a private pool. You must be a current Tradition property owner, renter or a visiting family member to use the pool on your own. Visiting guests MUST be accompanied at the pool. Please respect the hours of operation and rules so that all residents can enjoy a safe and healthy pool environment.

## FROM THE EDITOR: Celise McLaughlin

Our community has been thriving for over 25 years. We still have many homeowners who settled in within the first year of opening. Having said that, many of us, as well as our properties are showing signs of age. We have sadly said goodbye to many of our friends and neighbors. Some decided to explore new locations, others felt necessary to move closer to family, a few nestled into assisted care facilities and with heavy hearts we remember those who have passed on.

Change is inevitable, and we welcome new people into the folds of our community. Who, hopefully, came to The Tradition with the same exuberance as our pioneers. We are the most sought-after community in the South Strand. Just look around, you don't find many homes for sale. When anyone gets the inkling to sell, someone wants to make a bid. I've known many homeowners who had to make their bids sight-unseen in fear of missing out. (FOMO)

We look to these newcomers in our community to get involved. There are so many activities to volunteer for, what-

ever your expertise or desire. If you attended the annual meeting in February, you heard stories about the comradery our neighbors have found in one another. Everyone came from somewhere else, and we are now a family.

One best place to start is to contact the first vice president, Debbie Moeller. As Social Chair, she organizes most of the events and if she is not the organizer, most likely she is on the committee. You can find her in the directory. Also, within the newsletter you find the contacts for activities scheduled at the pool house which you are welcome to join. We prosper because of our volunteers.

A story: I was driving a golf cart through the neighborhood a couple of weeks ago on a Sunday afternoon. As a car pulled up behind me I moved over to let them pass. They slowed and rolled down the window and asked "What neighborhood is this?" I told them it was The Tradition, they responded happily "It is a beautiful community" As they drove away I saw their license plate was from Maryland. Yes it is.

# ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD

By Vincent Civitarese, Chairman

As we start the spring and summer seasons with a new hope for better things to come after the past two years of turmoil and health concerns, I think we are all ready to make all sorts of improvements to our lives and property. As the ARB tries to keep up with this new interest and enthusiasm, we urge all our owners to think of our ARB rules and guidelines.

As the ARB we try to adjust to many new ideas and materials. Most times we only find out about them when permit applications are made and we review them for approval. It is most interesting to see what comes to us and what these things mean to our community. It is most importantly the fact that all of these ideas are improvements to our homes and community. As we improve our own properties we also improve the community as a whole.

The ARB urges all our owners to keep in mind that most exterior changes require ARB approval. These approvals help to keep our community at a high standard so that we may all retain our home values. We are not here to stop improvements to our homes.

When you have any questions about the requirement of a permit for a project, or just need a question answered about a project itself, please feel free to contact any of our board members.

Have a great summer and thank you all for your understanding and help to keep our community at a high standard.

Architecture Review Board:
Vince Civitarese, Chairman
John McLaughlin ~ Charlie Zelinsky
Keith Hoile ~ Al Britsch

# **COVENANTS**

By Dick Baughman

**Covenants Committee** – Our Covenants committee will begin their duties soon. If you get a "friendly" letter, please do not get upset. They are simply informing you of a potential problem. If you are unable to rectify the problem or have a question on solving the problem please contact your Covenants Committee member to discuss and arrive at a mutual resolution.

Our volunteer fellow homeowners on the committee are:

- Diane D'Attilio
- Al Foderaro
- John Gaston
- Phil Fleiss
- Bill Crimmins
- Lucia Jones
- Jay Jones



Their phone numbers are listed in our Tradition Neighborhood Directory.

Please use your Spring Covenants Checklist-it's an easy reference to do a self inspection and identify any problem areas you have that need to be corrected.

Remember: Covenants are easy.....read the rules and follow them!

#### CLEANING UP THE HOOD

You may spotted a gentleman working on your street signs. That is Brian Gerrity, from Tradition Club Drive. He was hired



by the Board to improve the signage throughout the community which has taken a beating from our humidity, pollen, extreme sun and many storms.

Brian began the project this winter and will continue until all the signs are bright and healthy again.





He is available to fix and replace mailboxes too.

Call him for an estimate. He is listed in the directory



## LITCHFIELD BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

# **LBF29585.com** By Debbie Moeller

Below is an excerpt from the LBF board response to the Coastal Observer November 25th story reporting on the Georgetown County accommodations tax grant process. The article contained a quoted comment from the chairperson of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee "We are reaching the point where we are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to mow grass."

The unique history of the Litchfield Beautification Foundation can be found on our website (lbf29585.com). Suffice to say that for 14 years LBF has maintained 4.1 miles of the median strip and shoulders on Highway 17 from Martin Luther King Drive to just north of Sandy Island Road. During the year LBF performs the following functions in the Highway 17 median and shoulders that are under our care:

- Edging of beds and medians
- Weed control with chemicals and hand-removal
- Replacing and renewing mulch twice per year around trees and shrubs
- Applying insecticides and fertilizers annually
- Trimming and pruning all the trees, shrubs, and grasses done seasonally to promote natural growth and to preserve safe sight lines for traffic
- Removal of dead, damaged or decayed plant material (including trees) and replacement with like species
- Hydroseeding are spots that arise
- Yes, weekly grass cutting and edging
- Perhaps most noticeable, daily trash pick-up which includes litter, leaves, limb and other debris.

We also respond to catastrophic events such as floods, hurricanes and traffic accidents that damage the shoulders or the median. The LBF Board supervises all these activities to make sure they are done in a timely, professional and cost-effective manner.

Our operations budget runs around \$130,000 per year. The board of LBF through our constant fund-raising efforts and the incredible amount of public spirit on behalf of our main donor base (individuals, HOAs, POAs, and businesses) is fortunate enough to raise around 80 percent of this budget. The remaining 20 percent or so has been provided in the last several years by a grant from Georgetown County accommodations tax. It is also noteworthy that these wonderful grants are specifically earmarked for maintenance. These funds are not expended for any other aspect of LBF's operations.

LBF is proud of the truly "public-private" union we have maintained with Georgetown County for the last several years. We genuinely hope to continue what has been a very fruitful partnership for all parties concerned. LBF believes that your readers will understand our concern that a member of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee would mischaracterize our mission as just cutting grass.

# **LBF BOARD**

- Ken Dewell
- Tom Leis
- Kathy MacSorley
- Sharon McCullough
- Bill McElroy
- Debbie Moeller
- Vonne Pannucci
- Bill Ringer
- Jim Register
- Bill Renault
- Doug Waikart

The Litchfield Beautification Foundation is sincerely grateful to all our Tradition residents for their generosity in supporting the Litchfield area as a beautiful place to live.

The Litchfield Beautification Foundation	
2022 Flag Day Sponsors	
Armed Forces Day, May 15	IHO Johnny Dieter, WW ll
Saturday before Mem. Day, May 28	Debbie & Francis Moeller
Sunday of Mem. Day, May 29	Tradition Property Owners Association
Memorial Day, May 30	River Club Community Organization
Flag Day, June 14	Litchfield by the Sea
Saturday, July 2	Bill & Joanne Kendall & Family
Sunday, July 3	IMO William Cotton, U.S. Navy
Independence Day, July 4th	Knights of Columbus, Assembly 3272, P.I.
Saturday before Labor Day, September 3	IMO Elliot Dodson, U.S. Navy
Sunday before Labor Day, September 4	Litchfield by the Sea
Labor Day. September 5	Waccamaw Landscaping
Patriots Day, September 11	The Reserve Homeowners Association
Veterans Day, Nov 11	Tradition Winey Wednesday Ladies

Your donations and word of mouth are our best source of advertising

On behalf of the LBF – "thank you"

# Directory Updates By Keith Hoile gsojayhawk@gmail.com

### **WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS:**

Jeffrey & Cindy Todd of Cave Spring, VA to 27 Shrimp Net Court Jim & Beverly Jackson of MI to 378 Historic Lane Dale & Elene Hertwick of PI to 55 Boatman Drive Thomas & Gloria Kellerhals of PI to 450 Tradition Club Drive James & Marie Kelly of PI to 187 Deacon Drive Barry Walters of PI to 203 Tradition Club Drive Michael & Christina Matthews of Forest, VA to 218 Tradition Club Dr John & Renee Bruce of PI to 311 Deacon Drive David & Megan Cooper of Concord, NC to 917 Tradition Club Drive James & Dr. Lauren LeBeau from Arizona to 231 Boatman Drive Paul & Jennifer Keuch from New Jersey to 256 Sandfiddler Drive Robert & Colleen Misa from Huntington, NY to 24 Revolution Court Steven & Elizabeth Aitkin from Chadds Ford, PA to 107 Deacon Drive Claire Pierce from Hiawassee, GA to 448 Tradition Club Dr



#### **FAREWELL TO FRIENDS MOVING ON:**

David Albright & Debra Matalavage from 27 Shrimp Net Court Ronald & Donna Keller from 450 Tradition Club Drive Thomas & Diane Gooding from 203 Tradition Club Drive Sylvia Peterson from 34 Discovery Place Mary Ellen McMillan from 218 Tradition Club Drive Richard & Cynthia Porter from 311 Deacon Drive John & Judith Migas from 917 Tradition Club Drive Gertrude Hooker from 231 Boatman Drive John & Rosemary Plesha from 24 Revolution Court Frank & Pat D'Amato from 256 Sandfiddler Drive Robert & Cynthia Koone from 107 Deacon Drive Brenda Owens from 448 Tradition Club Drive



#### WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

I want to extend a welcome to all of the new folks who have moved into The Tradition over the last 6 months. We try to get information out to you on a timely basis, but we don't always know when you move in. So if you have not received a welcome basket or box from anyone yet, please let me know.

Our e-blasts are sent to all Tradition homeowners when it is important to convey information quickly from the Board of Directors and other pertinent items of interest to all. If you are not receiving the eblasts, please email qualitykid@sc.rr.com and get Note to homeowners who are on distribution. considering moving out, please, please leave your pool key and maybe label it so your buyers don't have to ask for a new one to be issued.

Celise McLaughlin <a href="mailto:cmclaughlin@sc.rr.com">cmclaughlin@sc.rr.com</a>

# Market Watch—CJ Brockington

Happy 2022 and no change in the Real Estate market-still hot, hot! How long this continues is anybody's guesseven rising mortgage rates do not seem to have any effect on sales! Minimal inventory still seems to be the only culprit that keeps our market from being even more robust!

Some highlights nationwide: As a homeowner, our net worth has gotten a big boost. That's because recent home price appreciation has increased our equity. Over the past year, the average homeowner's equity grew by \$55,300. This should make all of us feel confident in our home investment.

Now for the statistics within The Tradition: 2021-21 closings, 2022-7 sales and closed already, highest sold price was \$600,000, average sold price was \$484,000, and presently 0 homes on the market! Finally, from my old price sheets in 1996, the largest homes sold for less than \$200,000!

If I can answer any questions or be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call! You can find me in the directory and my ad at the end of this newsletter.

# All Around The Tradition

Mayor Beau—For anyone who travels Tradition Club Drive, you know this to be a common sighting! Tradition mayor Beauregard "Beau" Mandroc and his human (Tim, our Board secretary) occupy this bench by the driving range on a regular basis. Beau loves to survey his kingdom and make sure all is going as it should in our little community. Once Beau is settled on this bench, he's not leaving anytime soon! Stop by and discuss world issues with Beau, or just say "WE ARE...." to his human, and you'll







October 6 - 22, 2022









All Events Held at the Reserve Golf Club For Tickets and Information: www.pawleysmusic.com or Call 843-626-8911

What is Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art? -PIFMA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide quality performances, programs, and educational opportunities in music and the arts to the public and in area schools.

PIFMA fundraising events are a necessity for funds to be able to continually fulfill its mission.



Ladies and Gentlemen Please join us! Beginners welcome! You will love this friendly easy to get connected, game.

Monthly play days at the pool house starting at 12:50 in the afternoon 2nd & 3rd Mondays 1st & 3rd Fridays

We are finished before 3pm

Many of us have not played since "way back when" Printed instructions available to get you back into the game. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME EVERY TIME! Any questions, comments, and to get your name on the reminder list: Call Jeanette @843-235-3566 jeanetterenault@sc.rr.com

#### **HELPFUL HINTS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS:**

#### Easy clean your microwave:

Fill a casserole bowl with water and turn on the microwave The steam makes easy wipe away grime.

#### Grate carrots, cheese:

Turn grater on side instead of upright; Makes for Faster & easier grating

#### **Toenail Fungus:**

Apply Vicks VapoRub or Metholatum to nails at night; put on a sock. Next morning fungus is gone.



# TAI CHI by Karen Fayer

The participants (in their tai chi greeting form) from left to right:

Front row: Deb Lucas, Loretta Espey, Pat Kemper

Back row: Ruth Miller, Carol Guilmette, Debbie Edwards, Barbara Alice, Pat Perry, Karen Fayer, Jean McElroy, Marilyn Nagele, Penny Pikaart

Absent: Judy Lewis, Allison Mooney

My first exposure to tai chi was several decades ago while commuting to work from Staten Island to midtown Manhattan. While staring out my bus window I noticed a large group

of people performing some flowing form of exercise in a Chinatown street park. While I didn't know what they were doing, I thought then that it seemed to be a peaceful way to start the day.

In January 2018, a month after we relocated to Pawleys, I found a tai chi class at the Waccamaw Recreational Center and I've been practicing ever since. When my teacher of four years moved to Florida last month my classmates and I continued to meet weekly in a self-led practice. I'm now taking Zoom tai chi classes which are educational, but the collective energy is lacking. In an effort to take my practice to a new level I decided to share my knowledge with beginners. While I wasn't confident in my teaching skills, my love of tai chi and my teacher's encouragement moved me into action. The initial response from my neighbors and members of the Tradition's Home & Garden Club was positive. We held our first class on Monday morning, February 21st in the clubhouse.

Normally, a tai chi teacher will see students drop out after 2 or 3 classes. This attrition can be driven by a teacher's poor skills, but it's more probable that the students weren't prepared for the learning curve required to become mentally and physically comfortable with the various forms. I'm still developing my teaching skills and am encouraged by these lovely ladies who are the best students. The current class is at full capacity, but please contact me if you are interested and I'll start a second class. The lessons are free and available to Tradition residents only. Karen Fayer Cell: 917-855-4965 Email: karen.fayer@gmail.com

# Women's Wednesday Bridge

This bridge group meets every Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the Tradition Club House.

We are a friendly bridge loving group and accepting of any level of play.

Stop in to meet the members or call: Mary Grace Robic 843-237-8745





The needlework group meets at the Pool House

Fridays 10am to Noon. All are welcome,

Bring your project or we can help you start one to work on

Contact Loretta Espey for more information

843-235-2518 loretta-espey@sc.rr.com



# Mexican Train is looking for a new conductor!

A group of neighbors meets the first Wednesday of each month in the Pool House to play Mexican Train from 6:45-8:45

I have been the coordinator of the group for almost 3 years but I have to step down because of another commitment.

This is a great opportunity to get involved and meet your neighbors.

The role entails sending a couple emails once a month,
attending the event to open and close the club house
and running the game

Please consider taking on this fun monthly activity If interested, please contact me at michele@herwig.us or call 410-608-2124. Thank you so much!

# **Hand Foot & Elbow**

By Darlene Dodson

We play Hand, Foot and Elbow on the 1st and 3rd Mondays

1PM at the pool house

Rules of the game can be picked up at my house

at 651 Tradition Club Drive

If you'd like to be on the list of players email me at

smile4me@sc.rr.com





# **TENNIS & PICKLEBALL**

The courts have been very active all year round, check the schedule on the board outside the tennis courts for free times. You can open the courts with your pool key.

Don't forget to lock it up when you leave and please do not give your key to others. The courts are for Tradition Residents, family and guests only.





\$10.00 per Household - Permit Only Contact: Debbie Moeller, 843-808-8181 or fdmoeller@aol.com



The Woman of Winey Wednesday met on the deck on April 13th for the first time this year. The picture was taken to say hello and get well to Sue Guzlas who is finally returning back to Pawleys after a very long stay at MUSC. Want to join Winey Wednesday? <a href="mailto:mlovestennis@gmail.com">mlovestennis@gmail.com</a>



TRADITION GOLF CLUB
By: Kurtis Kuhn
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Hello Tradition Community,

For those of you who do not know me my name is Kurtis Kuhn and I have been working here at Tradition as the First Assistant Professional since March of 2016. I recently was promoted to Head Golf Professional / General Manager at the end of 2021. It has been an honor to work here, and I am excited that I get to take the next step of my career here at Tradition Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Christa Bodensteiner for all that she has done for Tradition during her time as Head Professional / GM. She has always been a mentor to me, and I will strive to continue the great work she has done to make Tradition one of the best clubs on the beach.

She was promoted to Director of Memberships for all the Founders Group International courses, and I wish her great success in her new position.

We were able to hire Sean Gilroy as the new First Assistant for Tradition. He comes to us from TPC Myrtle Beach. He has brought a new energy to the club, and we look forward to seeing what he can do for Tradition.



There have been some exciting changes and upgrades to Tradition Club in the past six months. We were able to update the pro shop and grill area with new carpeting and paint, the landscaping in the parking lot has been upgraded with palm trees and new plants, and the course is in great condition heading into this spring season. This winter we even got to experience snow. The course was pretty in white, but we like it better when it is green.



The membership at Tradition is thriving and growing with each day. We have added 15 new memberships since the start of the 2022 year. We are currently up to 160 members of the club. It is great to work at a facility that has amazing support from the community. We are striving to be the be the leaders in customer service and providing a great membership for all that choose to be a part of the Tradition Family.

Some information on upcoming events / closings: The Tradition Community Scrambles will be on the following dates:

Memorial Day Scramble – Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022
July 4<sup>th</sup> Scramble – Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
Labor Day Scramble – Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022
Course Closing Due to Aerification
on June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> for 2022.
As always if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

# Director of Membership for Founders Group International

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#### Hello Tradition Community!

We have had some exciting changes since the Fall Tradition Community Newsletter was released. As most of you know, Kurtis Kuhn was promoted to Head Golf Professional / General Manager at Tradition Golf Club. I believe this is a perfect fit for the club and for Kurtis!

Another nice match is with my new position as Director of Membership for Founders Group International. I have always enjoyed working with members and our local players, so I am happy about my new role overseeing FGI's Club Memberships and the Honors & Prime Time programs. With the game of golf growing and the influx of people moving to the Myrtle Beach area, we expect an increasing demand for club memberships and our local programs. I am excited about the new challenges and responsibilities related to this positive shift in the golf business.

I am still the South-end Regional Operations Manager and have kept my office at Tradition so I still get to enjoy this beautiful facility. I also get to enjoy Kurtis, Deb, Shawn, new Sean, and the rest of the staff that make this place such a fun place. I have been traveling much more to other FGI courses, but I always appreciate the time I get to spend here.

Through my four years at Tradition, I have greatly enjoyed the community and working with our members. The activity level and the growth of our membership has been enjoyable and educational for me. This clearly is a membership program that works well and I have already used the model at other FGI clubs where we are hoping to grow memberships. I think we have increased appeal even more by implementing the option of monthly billing for our members, and we will continue to explore ways of making our memberships better.

In closing, I just want to thank the Tradition Golf Club Members and the Tradition Community for all your support – past, present and future. Please reach out if I can be of assistance in any way.

# Dinner and Dancing at Tradition Club 2/25/2022













# The Tradition Ladies Nine Hole Golf Association by Dot Nolan

The TLNHGA started 2022 off with a Souper Bingo Night at the residents' pool house on January 25. Members volunteered to make delicious appetizers, soups, and desserts. On April 5th the popular Bunco Pizza Social was held after golf. Both nights were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

On February 8th a Birthday Breakfast was held at True Blue to celebrate the January, February and March birthdays.





On March 15, thirteen members of the league participated in the Interclub at Pawleys Plantation.

The format was a step aside scramble. Our own Donna Scott's team finished in first place with a score of 34!

Nine Hole Ladies Board

Chair: Mary Lou Goodell Co-Chair: Janice Hayes Secretary: Caroline Cocores

Treasurer: Elaine Little Social Chair: Dot Nolan



The 9 Hole Ladies League plays every Tuesday afternoon at the Tradition Golf Club and hosts several social events throughout the year.

If you are interested in golfing and want to join this active and friendly league, please stop by the Pro Shop for information or contact a board member. All levels of golfers are welcome to join the Tradition Golf Club and the 9 hole ladies league.



# Tradition Gold Tees By Jerry Mithen

If you want to have fun, make friends and enjoy good fellowship with a great bunch of guys, join us. See our web site <a href="http://tradition29585.com/goldtees.htm">http://tradition29585.com/goldtees.htm</a>

# **Tradition Gold Tee Christmas Party December 14**

The Gold Tees held its annual Christmas party at the Tradition Clubhouse. Chefs Debbie and Sharon prepared a dinner of meatloaf, ham, baby carrots in butter, salad, rolls and two choices of cake for dessert. Carla decorated the entire club house with Christmas decorations, a beautiful Christmas tree and wrapped presents underneath.

Following dinner, the annual Gold Tees Awards were presented. The three awards are: President's Award for the player who contributed the most dedicated service to the club for the year.

Charlie Zelinski was presented the President's Award plaque from Vince Franco, President of the Gold Tees for service to the Gold Tee Members and Community Service.

Dale Guzlas presented Craig Monaghan Red Tees Player of the Year and John McLaughlin with the Gold Tees Player of the Year plaque. Vince Franco gave Frank Hawkins, Treasurer, a bottle of Titos Vodka as a token of appreciation to the Gold Tees.

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Gold Tee POTY John McLaughlin Red Tee POTY Craig Monaghan

# Annual Jim Conway Chili Bowl February 2nd

The Jim Conway 4th Annual Chili Bowl was held at Tradition on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with 13 foursomes competing in a 2-man match play.

Following golf, Chef Debbie prepared the traditional meal of chili with noodles and bread. The Gold Tee club provided beer and soda for the players.

All enjoyed a wonderful fun tournament honoring our dear friend Jim Conway.

Winners of the Chili Bowl were: Bill Jacobs/ Greg Jacobs, Bob Wittig/Ted Wroth, Bill Renault/Dieter Wegner, Dale Guzlas/Mike Conway, Bill Kendall/Vince Franco, Jeff Albright/ Dale Hertweck, Bob Bridges/Marion Culpepper, Mike Thompson/Randy Mills.



President's Award Charlie Zelinsky Gold Tee Appreciation Frank Hawkins



# TRADITION MEN'S CLUB by Bob Wittig



2021 was a very good year for the Men's League with an increase in membership, the normal schedule of tou ments resuming and more activity in the clubhouse for the 19th hole.

On the Sunday following Thanksgiving the **Kronski Turkey Shootout** took place on a pleasant fall day. Ten two-man teams qualified to play in the event which has everyone teeing off and playing the same hole as one large group, with one team





being eliminated (high score) on each hole. The game was still tied after the last hole was completed, the two remaining teams of Paul Lempert and Charlie Zelinsky were matched evenly with Dave Streeter and Doug Waikart. So a playoff was needed to determine the winners, a spot was selected just off the ninth green and each player had to chip and putt the ball into the cup, Dave Streeter made a great chip shot that landed within three feet of the cup and sunk it for the win.

In December the **Individual Ringer Tournament** was held, this two week event allows each player to record the best 18 hole score from two rounds played, using their full handicap. It was a flighted event with lower handicap players competing in one flight and all others in a second flight. Winner in the A/B Flight on a match of cards over Dan Goodell was Jack Graham with a net score of 62. In the C/D flight the winner was Larry Barksdale with a net score of 61.





HOLE IN ONE On December 6th 90year-old Marion Culpepper recorded his third ever **HOLE-IN-ONE** on #12, which was playing 130 yards to a back pin, he used a 5 wood which struck the pin on the fly and dropped straight in the cup.

During week two of the Team Ringer Tournament Jim Spataro scored a hole-in-one on #12 which measured 119 yards, using an eight iron Jim's shot landed softly and rolled into the cup.

The Tradition Men's Golf Club annual meeting was held in December, this is our business meeting with most members in attendance. The main focus is the election of the officers to the board, this year after thirteen years of leadership John McLaughlin did not elect to run for office, nor did Brian Kramer for treasurer.

The newly elected board welcomes some fresh faces - President Dan Ingram, 1st VP Games Charlie Zelinsky, VP Games Charlie Cocores, Treasurer Steve Smith, Secretary Bob Wittig, Rules Vinnie Esposito, Tournament Chairman Ted Wroth. Due to the growth and popularity of the club a motion to increase our non-resident membership from 30 -40 was passed. In other business, the annual budget was presented and passed and rule changes were presented by Vinnie Esposito.

# TRADITION MEN'S CLUB continued

To wrap up 2021 in December we held our **annual Christmas Party** at Pawleys Plantation (this event was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID ).

The evening began with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuves, with music provided by a disc jockey. This was followed by a wonderful meal which was enjoyed by just over 100 guests Throughout the evening there was lots of dancing, fellowship, laughter and levity as the members and significant others had a great evening to usher in the holiday season.

The Presidents Award was presented during the evening and was shared by Dan Ingram and Charlie Cocores our two tireless VP's of Games for their contributions to the club to create the weekly games, the pairings and complete all the scoring to award prize monies.



2022 has already had some exciting golf, the **Team Ringer Tournament,** a two week event with each two man team recording the best net score per hole for one 18 hole total.

With the return of milder temperatures and all the flowers in bloom, the

course was in great shape for the first event of the year. Low scores were the order of the day as **Bill Jacobs and Jim Lewis** fashioned a net total of 58, just edging out Charlie Cocores and Jim Spataro with 59.

During the first week of the tournament on the ninth hole par 5, **Lou DePazzo scored an unusual rare double eagle** AKA "an Albatross", using his 4 wood from 207 yards away from the pin, he holed out with his second shot. Don't see that very often.

The rest of 2022 has a full slate of tournaments scheduled

Presidents Cup May 16 & 23
Member/Member July 11 & 18
Member/Guest August 19 & 20

Club Championship September 5 & 12

Red, White and Blue October 10 & 17

Turkey Shootout November 27th

Individual Ringer December 5 & 12

Each tournament will have a meal served in the clubhouse served by chef Debbie after the second week of the event.



#### Memorial Masters April 4th and 11th



Fantastic April weather prevailed for the two week Memorial Masters Individual Net score event, using the Stableford scoring method. Net Bogey = 1 pt, Net Par = 2 pts, Net Birdie = 3 pts, Net Eagle = 4 pts, Net Double Eagle = 5 pts.

This year the tournament featured a full field of 56 players, conducted the first two weeks of April (at the same time as the Masters PGA event played )

Rudy Schwarz, the first place finisher led after the first week and closed out the second week with an equally strong game with 75 total points. Second place with 71 points was Bill Shelley (not pictured) and in third and fourth place with a very close match were Steve Smith 69 points and Danny Ingram with 68 points.

After the final day all the players enjoyed a meal in the clubhouse served by Deb and the wonderful kitchen staff. Prize money was awarded to the top four finishers.

#### TRADITION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION by Suzanne Strasser

In November Maureen Lempert & Dot Franco treated the ladies to an Italian dinner at the pool house. It was a lovely meal, thoroughly en-

joyed by all who attended.

The Annual Christmas/Awards luncheon

was held on December 6th. Awards:

Joan Sheldon for Low Gross Red Tee (80) and Most Birdies (12)

and wost bildles (12)

Daune Barksdale Low Gross Blue Tee (85)

and Low Net (68) tie

Maureen Lempert Low Net (68) Low Putts

(29) and Player of the Year

Penny Pikaart 1<sup>st</sup> eagle award hole #3 Carol Guilmette broke 100 and broke 90

Congratulations to those ladies who have improved their games.



**Play with the Pros** 3/31/22 Step aside scramble. Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Parah, Cindy Greenwald, Maureen Lempert, Carol Guilmette, Dot Franco 2<sup>nd</sup> Zach Medford, Joan Sheldon, Judy Gambeski, Pat Kemper 3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew Perks, Penny Pikarrt, Suzanne Strasser, Kathy Allbright

#### **Tournaments scheduled for 2022**

Ringer tournament 4/14/22 4/21/22

Member Guest 5/19/2022

Member Member 6/16/22

Guys & Dolls 8/25/22

President's cup 10/6/22 10/13/22

If you enjoy playing 18 holes come out and join us.



#### **WEEKLY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

December 16, T's & F's

1<sup>st</sup> Place Pat Kemper 2nd Place Joan Sheldon 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Adrienne Molloy and 4th Place Maureen Lempert

<u>CHIP IN:</u> Penny Pikaart, Carol Guilmette and Joan Sheldon

<u>BIRDIES:</u> Penny Pikaart, Joan Sheldon and Carol Guilmette

MILESTONE: Adrienne Molloy - Broke 90 January 6, Closest to Pin the winners were: Kathy Allbright, Joan Sheldon and Maureen Lempert

January 22, Low Putts

Joan Sheldon (32), Amy Monaghan (33) and Penny Pikaart (35). Chip In By Joan Sheldon February 10, Tee to Green

1st Place Tie: Amy Monaghan and Carolyn Mims, 3rd Place: Maureen Lempert. One Birdie by Joan Sheldon

March 3, Best Nine.

1<sup>st</sup> place Pat Kemper, 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie Maureen Lempert & Carol Guilmette.

Birdie by Amy Monaghan and Maureen Lempert had a chip in.

March 17, ONES

The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Vickie Anthony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol Guilmette, 3<sup>rd</sup> ties Pat Kemper and Maureen Lempert . Birdies by Janet Ransom and Joan Sheldon who also had a chip in.



Welcome new neighbors and members

Colleen Misa and Kathy Allbright

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** By Carol Cocores

Charlie and I have been volunteers with Habitat for Humanity for over 14 years and have been part of 25 builds in over 10 countries! This year a team came to Georgetown from March 23-29. Participants came from all parts of this country as well as one from the Cayman Islands. Several members of the team stayed with Charlie and Carol and some at the Theodore's house, which was kindly donated for the week. We, and other volunteers work hard to provide decent and affordable housing for a family in need. Our week began with a house dedication and by the week's end the team was able to construct the shell of the house along with the interior walls.

On Friday, March 25, a group of Tradition residents treated the Habitat team to a home cooked meal at the pool house. The cooking crew included Mary Ellen and Glen Campbell, Linda and Pat Butler, Terry Tuttle and Mary Ann Lester, Cindy and Brian Kramer and Patti Horak. After dinner the group was treated to shag lessons by our own Suzanne and Tom Strasser. We all enjoyed a great time, great food, and great company thanks to the kindness of some of our wonderful Tradition neighbors.









Has aging or illness forced you to give up driving, making it difficult to get to medical appointments? Did you know there is an organization that can help? Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) is a non-profit company, relieving isolation and promoting independence by volunteer transportation services to the homebound. For more information, to apply for assistance, or to volunteer, call (843) 839-0702 or check out their website at www.riden2n.org. Two of our Tradition residents (Linda Butler & Cindy Kramer) have been transportation volunteers with N2N for several years!



# **Spring into Action Checklist for Homeowners**

Inspect for RUST, MILDEW, MOLD and Overall Cleanliness:
☐ House Siding ☐ Driveway ☐ Curb/Gutter ☐ Sidewalk
Inspect your LAWN, SHRUBBERY, and TREES for:
☐ Mowing & Edging of all grassy areas (see Sidewalks note below) *
☐ Lawn thinning & bare spots that need improvement (fertilizer, pest control, irrigation)
□ WEED CONTROL for grassy areas, beds, and shrubs
$\hfill \square$ Bedding areas in need of EDGING and MULCH or PINE STRAW
☐ Trees and shrubs that need attention (see Wetlands Buffer note below) ***
☐ Branches and shrubs that overhang house or sidewalk and require pruning or trimming
Overall cleanup of yard debris, branches, dead leaves
Inspect your MAILBOX & POST:
☐ Post repair needed? (Vendors to help are listed on The Tradition website)
☐ Post paint needed? (Tradition formula available at Sherwin Williams, PI or Murrells Inlet stores)
☐ Mailbox paint needed? (Black spray enamel)
☐ Remove RUST, MILDEW, MOLD and bird droppings
☐ Are House Numbers posted on <u>both sides</u> of paper box? (Must be 3-4" high per Fire Dept.)
* Sidewalks where applicable: You are responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the sidewalk and grass borders that adjoin your front property line.
<u>Curbs &amp; gutters – All properties:</u> Every homeowner/renter is responsible for removing debris and cleaning the concrete gutters that connect your driveways and perimeter property lines to the asphalt edge of the street. Keeping these areas free of debris is crucial to eliminate flooding during hurricane season!
** Wetlands Buffer: If the section of your property that needs attention falls within the Wetlands Buffer, before taking any action, please consult a member of the Covenants

committee or the ARB. Please consult your plat for buffer lines.



# Spring into Action

# A Message from your Board of Directors

When you first saw Tradition, you probably thought this looks like a great place to live! Properties here are sought after because most homeowners take good care of their properties. It is an investment worth maintaining!

When each of us "signed on the dotted line" to purchase our property—simultaneously each of us became a member of the Tradition Property Owners Association (POA).

Your signature was a legal commitment to comply with the rules set forth in the

Association's governing documents (the bylaws and the covenants, conditions and restrictions). You are responsible for assuring that your family members, guests, and renters comply also.

# The Covenants Committee: Who we are and What we do

We are your neighbors.

And as homeowners, we volunteer our time to "Keep Tradition Beautiful" by assuring compliance with Tradition's bylaws, covenants guidelines, and ARB guidelines.

Regularly scheduled external inspections are conducted by committe members, each assigned to a section of streets within Tradition.

The inspection checklists are reviewed at the committee's monthly meetings. If a compliance issue is identified, the homeowner will receive a dated notice describing the issue(s) and requests prompt resolution.

# Spring into Action: Be your own inspector.

First, refresh your knowledge of Tradition's compliance requirements. Read your printed Tradition handbook

Covenants Guidelines and the updated (2020) Fine Schedule.

When you identify an issue on your property, please address it promptly.

A property that has fallen out of compliance will trigger a friendly "nudge" from the Covenants committee or BOD (the dated notice mentioned in the previous section).

# Questions?

Knowing where to start or how to proceed is not always easy. We are here to guide you! Please contact any board member to discuss your issue, and do not hesitate! An issue left unresolved can ultimately lead to a fine or worse.

As volunteers, we appreciate your prompt attention to the first "nudge" from our committee. As neighbors and fellow members of the Tradition POA, we expect everyone to respect and honor their commitment to compliance.

# HOME AND GARDEN CLUB-By Debbie Moeller

The Tradition Home & Garden Club is staying busy with community projects and interesting new speakers as we continue to expand our interests. We welcomed new residents as members and thanked Elaine Squillace for stepping right up and volunteering as our Secretary for the year.

During our November meeting, Pat Castanera (Vice President) led the community project of preparing favors for the shut-ins at The Lakes of Litchfield. The favors were small pumpkins for Fall/Thanksgiving that each member decorated with a variety of items that Pat had brought. We all had fun and enjoyed visiting and catching up with each other. The "Lakes" sent a note of appreciation and thanked us for our favors – they were enjoyed by all.

Our speaker for December was George Fain of George Interiors. He had recently been working with the Belin Church on their Christmas decorations. He provided his approach to decorating Christmas trees and fielded many questions as we all learned how better to approach the whole process. Definitely a timely presentation and well received.



During December we also hosted a neighborhood wreath contest to celebrate the season. The only requirement was that the wreath contain use of natural elements: greenery, pinecones, magnolia pods, grapevines, leaves, etc. Our judges were from Brookgreen and included Lucy Contreras, Theresa Parker and Marlene Goddu. And the winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Carol Perry; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Allison Mooney; and 3<sup>rd</sup> – Monique Philips! Congrats to the winners and "thanks" to our judges! And thanks everyone who participated - it was fun!



Hostesses – Marilyn Nagele and Wanda Johnson

In January our speaker had to cancel due to exposure to COVID. We held an open discussion meeting. We welcomed new residents and guests, discussed potential subjects and speakers, and shared items of interest.

In February we welcomed Mack McKin-

non, fresh from the Grand Strand Camellia Society Annual Show. His vast experience and love of camellias, along with a great sense of humor, instantly had everyone enthralled. He explained the two major categories of camellias and the various strains that each produce. He had beautiful examples of blooms to demonstrate and provided handouts on the care and feeding of this beautiful plant.

For March we welcomed Diane DuLoft of Wild Birds Unlimited who provided an excellent presentation on the variety of birds in our area, as well as their migration habits, songs and foods. It was amazing to learn so much about migrating birds as well as those who stay in our area. Diane presented it all with a touch of humor and provided a gift for our 50/50 draw!

April 19<sup>th</sup> we will welcome Master Gardener, Sara Reddick – sure to be a hit. On May 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual luncheon and installation of the new officers for the 2022/2023 year. Look for future announcements and join us for another fun-filled year!

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