

# Around and About The Tradition

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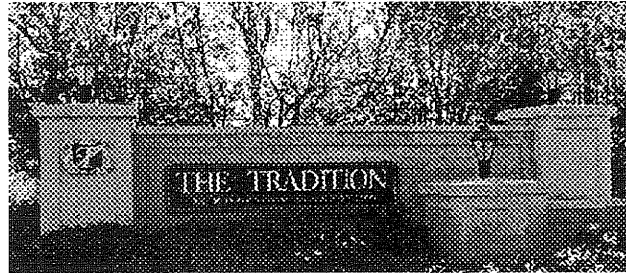
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## ACTIVITIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE

**Aerobics**—G. Burg—237-7108  
**Bible Study**—K. Kramer—235-0652  
**Book Exchange**—V. Bucello—237-7334 or  
R. Wichrowski—235-9101  
**Bridge (Ladies)** - J. Reynolds—235-2023  
**Bridge (Marathon)** - D. Phillips—235-9338  
**Bridge (Men)** - N. Nuding—237-2275  
**Canasta**—A. Hellman—235-3193  
**Coffee Klatch**—L. Dwyer—237-7669 or  
B. Dymond—235-0603, or  
M. Trent—235-3534  
**Editor**—B. Fleiss—235-0990  
**Garden Club**—S. Albright—237-1594  
**Golf—18 Holes (men)** - T. Strasser—237-7235 or  
F. Gambeski—237-5466  
**Golf—18 Holes (women)** - B. Fleiss—235-0990  
**Golf—9 Holes (women)** - C. Kelly—235-0446 or  
Dani Jennings 237-5543  
**Mah Jongg**—L. Autorino—237-7745  
**Pinochle**—V. Franco—237-9190  
**Poker**—(men) - V. Autorino—237-7745 or  
P. Kelly—237-1898  
**Singles Club**—C. Kelly—235-0446  
**Telephone Directory**—A. English—235-2019  
**Tennis**—(men) J. Hoover—235-0261,  
(women) D. Gambrell—237-3556  
**Water Aerobics (in season)** -  
R. Gallagher—235-3702  
**Women's Investment Club**—C. Krauth—237-7544

### Committee Chairpersons

**Architectural Review Board**—  
T. O'Connell—237-9540  
**Building/Grounds/Pool/Tennis Courts**—  
W. Murren—235-3733  
**Social/Clubhouse**—S. Strasser—237-7235



TRADITION - THE WAY LIVING WAS MEANT TO BE



## Bingo!

**Tuesday**  
**February 27, 2001**  
**7 PM**

**Sign-up Sheet starting**  
**February 20, 2001,**  
**at Tradition Golf Club Snack Bar**

**Tradition Residents Welcome**

## **The Tradition Ladies' Coffee**



The Tradition ladies meet on the  
3rd Tuesday of each month at  
9:30 AM at the Pool Clubhouse. A great way to  
meet your neighbors, exchange ideas, make new  
friends.

Coffees for the next three months will be  
held on:

**February 20th**  
**March 20th**  
**April 17th**

Please call Lorraine Dwyer at 237-7669  
with any questions.  
(A \$1.00 donation would be appreciated)



## Tradition Social Committee News

### Tradition St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 17th

6 pm—11 pm

Litchfield-By-The-Sea Beach House

Music by Famous Ramos

Bring your favorite Hors D'Oeuvres to share

On Hand—Keg of Beer, Ice, Soda  
(for other drinks—BYOB)

Also supplied—Plates, Napkins, Coffee, and Tea  
Dress—Arrogantly Shabby and GREEN!

Space is limited so get your check for \$15.00 single or \$30.00 per couple made out to Tradition Social Committee. Bring this to 116 Cobblestone Drive to reserve your space. Don't Wait. This will be fun.

(No refunds after March 1, 2001)



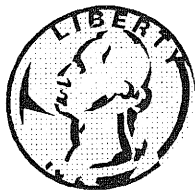
### Third Annual Tradition Yard Sale

Saturday, April 28th

(rain date—Saturday, May 5th)

For more details, look for a "Flyer" in your newspaper box.

Sooo, keep saving your "stuff"  
This is always a fun and profitable time for everyone.



### Canasta

By Arlene Hellman

There are openings for anyone who wishes to play canasta, or wants to learn. Please call Arlene at 235-3193. Canasta is played at the Pool Clubhouse on Mondays from 12:30 pm until 4:30 pm.

### Thank You, Tradition Residents— From our Special Needs Kids

Last Decemember we not only had more kids on our Angel Tree, but we had the Midway Fire Department's help with delivery. What a thoroughly wonderful community effort. Time Warner Cable covered the occasion for their local CNN newscast. There were also terrific articles in the Coastal Observer and Waccamaw Times.

These are excerpts from a few of the notes sent by parents:

*"Thank you for sharing the joy of Christmas with our daughter. Your gift made her holiday brighter and will bring her many days of fun."*

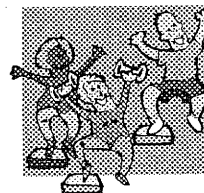
*"I will never forget the smile on their faces when what they loved so dearly was being pulled from the packages. I couldn't believe the time and effort given to all of the kids. Words cannot express our appreciation."*

*"Thank you for adopting Michael this Christmas season. You can't believe how he loves his farm. What special people you must be."*

We are thrilled that we have so many caring neighbors. Thanks to all!!!

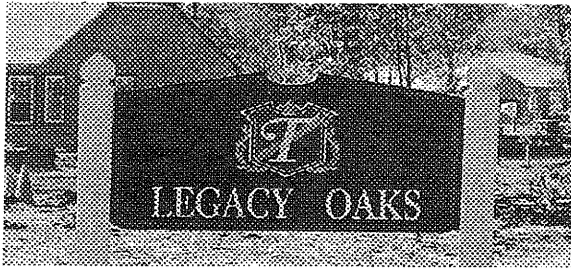
Jeanette and Bill Renault

Bobbie and Phil Fleiss



### Men (only) Aerobic Class

Men—do you want more flexibility? Do you want to hit the golf ball further? Do you want to power that tennis shot over the net? Do you want to just feel better and have more endurance? It's easy. Spend an hour in an enjoyable environment with your buddies. Give Genie Burg a call (237-7108). Genie will arrange a men's only aerobic class. Ladies, get those guys off the couch!



**From the TPOA President's Corner**  
**By Dick Hajec, President TPOA**

We have all just witnessed a Presidential Election that was flawed and will, hopefully, never be conducted the same way in the future. Many voters felt disenfranchised and many others were not even interested in casting their vote. So, with this in mind, please take the time to exercise your right to vote for your TPOA Board of Directors in our forthcoming Annual Election process. We will be electing two new members to the BOD this year. These new Directors will serve on the Board for three years and will join Ron Brugge, Moe Blais, and Bill Hartis as your BOD for the next year. The Nominating Committee has presented the current BOD with nine names from which two will be elected. Please submit your proxy vote via mail or vote in person at the **Annual Meeting on February 22, 2000**. Your vote is important.

Each of us should have already received the 2001 Operating Budget and by now have probably reviewed this budget for changes from the 2000 Budget. Two changes should have been obvious – a reduction in our regime fee from \$47/month to \$42/month and an increase in our overall cost of operation. Both were possible because we are now a “Sold Out” community of 405 lots and our expenses can be covered by this lower fee structure. Also, our year 2000 income was adequate to allow your BOD to bring the Reserve Accounts current.

Our financial condition is very healthy. The BOD and the Building and Grounds Committee have begun obtaining quotes to upgrade the condition of our “Common Properties” during 2001 by utilizing prior excess funds that are presently in TPOA interest bearing bank accounts. We plan to irrigate and grass these areas and also reorganize some of the planting to allow for more efficient mowing in the future. No firm date has been set, but I expect the work will be timed effectively to take advantage of proper growth periods.

Georgetown County properties were re-assessed in 2000 and I suspect that all of us have ended up paying significantly higher property taxes on our homes. This is both a sign of the times and the fact that our property value has indeed increased over the past several years. Maybe we should all be happy about this situation since increased value certainly beats losses in property value.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the committee heads and their committee members for their time and efforts over the past year. We are very fortunate to have neighbors that are willing to volunteer their time and efforts to make the Tradition an active and affordable community to live in. I trust it will continue to remain so in the future.

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope to see most of you at the **Annual Meeting on February 22**.

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**Candidates for the Tradition**  
**Board of Directors**

Jacqueline S. Green  
Mary W. Berendsohn  
G. Nicholas “Nick” Kuruc, Jr.  
James C. (Jim) Lewis  
Richard G. Hajec, P.E. (Incumbent)  
Ronald Mokrynka  
Ron Belbutowski  
Howard Burton  
Jack Sullivan

**Annual Meeting—February 22, 2001**

**An Irish Spring Fashion Show**

Thursday, March 15th

At Pawleys Plantation

Time—12:00 Noon

Lunch—Prizes—Music

Fashions by Stein Mart

\$25.00 per ticket

(groups of 8 or 10 can reserve a table)

Sponsored by the Precious Blood of Christ  
Catholic Women's Club

## **Buildings and Grounds**

**By Walter Murren**

We welcome Jim Parker of Legacy Oaks to our committee. All areas of the community are now represented on the committee.

### **COMMON AREAS**

According to the surveys returned to the TOPCC, a great many members are concerned about the condition of the common areas of our community. We are faced with a number of hurdles in getting these areas in proper condition. As you know, most of these areas are not irrigated and the past dry summer has taken a toll on them. Our former landscape company did little to help that situation. After considerable negotiating by the Building and Grounds Committee, our Board of Directors has approved and signed a new contract for maintenance of the common areas. Additional money was approved for extensive pruning needed to improve the two entrances and club house area along with planting seasonal color. Unfortunately the cold spell we experienced has prevented the color from reaching it's full potential.

### **IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

Building and Grounds is presently receiving bids on irrigating all of our common areas. This is a large undertaking that we feel is necessary if we are to avoid the damage that can be done by future dry spells. This should be completed before further improving these areas. All this will take some time to accomplish, but we hope you can see and appreciate the changes already made.

### **CURBING REPLACEMENT**

Replacement of damaged curbs is completed. If a few small areas were missed, we are sorry, but the general feeling is that Centex has done more than we expected.

The responsibilities of the Building and Grounds Committee are more extensive than many residents realize. With the roads, buildings, pool, tennis courts and common areas we impact a large portion of the Club's annual budget, but we are only an advisory committee to the Board of Directors. It is the Board of Directors who must approve what we attempt to accomplish. If you support our endeavors, or have your own concerns, let them be known to us and to the Board Members. Soon you will be asked to elect two new Board members. Get to know the candidates and their positions. Vote responsibly so that we can continue to make The Tradition a better place to live.



## **Tradition Garden Club**

**By Susie Albright**

Please mark your calendars for April 10th when The Garden Club visits to Middleton Plantation in Charleston, SC. The total cost for the trip is \$45.50 and includes: house and garden tour, lunch, tax and gratuity, bus transportation, and driver's tip. This price is contingent upon filling the buses. **February 13th** is the deadline date for Garden Club members to be on the priority list. Bus Number 1 is already filled. After February 13th, we will fill the remaining seats on the bus with husbands of Garden Club Members and other Tradition residents.

Please call Carol Freed at 235-9057 or Ginnie Lee at 237-8432, to be put on a waiting list.

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## **Area See and Do's**

**February 22-25:** Tidelands Birding Festival at Huntington Beach State Park. For more information, call 1-888-887-2757.

**February 17/25:** Long Bay Symphony. Call 448-8379 for more information

**February 17:** Myrtle Beach Marathon. Register on-line at [www.coastal.edu/mbmarathon.com](http://www.coastal.edu/mbmarathon.com) or call 843-293-RACE.

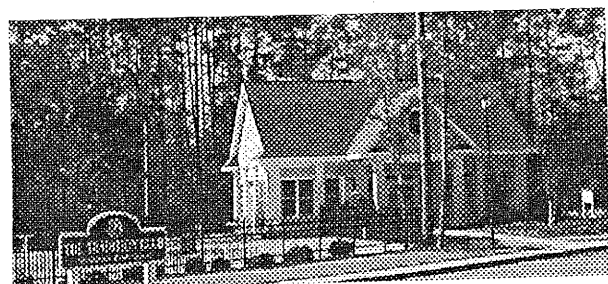
**February 22—**Annual Tradition Homeowners Meeting.

**March 25:** Long Bay Symphony. Call 448-8379 for more information.

**April 6-7:** Annual Plantation Tours. For more information, call 545-8291.

**April 4/27:** S.O.S. Spring Safari. Ocean Drive Section of North Myrtle Beach. More information on their web site: [www.shagdance.com](http://www.shagdance.com)

**April 22:** Long Bay Symphony. Call 448-8379 for more information.





## Tradition Ladies Golf Club News

By Patsy Roberson

Board members for the year 2001 are:

Bobbie Fleiss-President;  
Ginni Swenson-1st Vice President;  
Patsy Roberson-2nd Vice President;  
Debbie Massie-Treasurer;  
April Kuruc-Secretary

Recapping the results of last year's annual achievements, they are:

Low Gross for the year—Connie Hazard (85)  
Low Net for the year—Trudy Hart (60)  
Lowest putt round of the year—Trudy Hart (28)  
Low "Ringer Board" winner—Ginni Swenson-45 stroke improvement  
Most Birdies—Maureen Lempert (15)  
Most Chip-Ins—Donna Culver and Betty Ruff with 6 each  
Broke 100 for the first time in league play—Rachael Coletti and Jeanette Renault  
Broke 90 for the first time in league play—Joanne Foster and Jan Hussey

### Scheduled Tournaments This Year

April 26th—Member/Member  
May 24th—Member/Guest  
June 26/27th—Waccamaw Neck Match Play Challenge  
July 17th—Myrtle Beach Ladies Invitational  
September 13/14—Club Championship  
October 1/2—President's Cup  
October 19th—Susan G. Koeman Cancer Tournament



## Congratulations Nancy Main

On December 12th on a Grasshopper outing, at Land O'Lakes Golf Course in North Carolina, Nancy was a star. Nancy aced the par 3 second hole (99 yards). She used an 11 wood and a Pinnacle ball. Her playing partners were Mary Ann and Bob Keller. The Kellers knew it was a great shot, but thought it went past the hole. Nancy thought she heard it hit the flagstick, but dismissed that notion until she got on the green and could not find the ball. It peered up at her from inside the cup and that is when the celebrating began with lots of shouting, hollering, laughter, tears, and enough excitement to last the rest of the day. Celebrating continued after the golf with a pre-scheduled pot luck lunch and awards ceremony. Everyone had a good time. This is Nancy's second hole in one. She got her first one at Seagull in 1985. Nancy and Ike Main are directors for our local Grasshopper Club.

By Mary Ann Keller



## Ladies 9 Hole Golf League

The ladies 9 hole golf league is up and running. There is information on the Bulletin Board at the Golf Clubhouse in the members' room.

Come out and have some fun with these ladies. For more information, please call Clare Kelly at 235-0446 or Dani Jennings at 237-5543.



## Bike the Neck

The 5th Annual Sweetheart Dance will be held at Pawleys Plantation Ballroom on Saturday, February 10th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

The dance will feature Big Band to Beach Music by the Dan Ramsey Band. Heavenly hors d'oeuvres by Chef Jeff Tuttle. A silent auction will also take place.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person. You can get them at the Art Works and Litchfield Books. Please make checks payable to Georgetown "Bike the Neck". For more information, you can call 237-4486 or 235-9600.



## **Tradition Men's Golf News**

**By Harry Stewart**

### Tradition / Litchfield Inter-Club

December marked the first home/away inter-club matches with our neighbors at Litchfield. This year's two day match play tournament ended with Litchfield winning the matches 13 1/2 to 10 1/2. It was an enjoyable time for both clubs. Hopefully, these matches will be continued.

### Ice Bowl Tournament

The third annual Icebowl Tournament was completed at Prestwick on January 22nd, followed by dinner. This three round event was won by Prestwick 19-13. However, Tommy Smith of the Tradition was the star of the final match with a hole-in-one on number 13. Tommy used an eight iron on the 135 yard hole. Congratulations Tommy.

### Men's Club February Schedule

**Monday, Feb 5**—Gold Cup Tournament, Round 1

**Friday, Feb 9**—Member/Spouse Tournament, plus dinner at Tradition Clubhouse

**Monday, Feb 12**—Gold Cup Tournament, Round 2

**Monday, Feb 19**—Gold Cup Tournament, Round 3

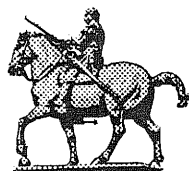
**Monday, Feb 26**—Gold Cup Tournament, Round 4

**Note:** Inter-club Tournament with River Club to be scheduled.

### Men's Club March / April Schedule

**Monday, March 26**—Black Tee Tournament, Round 1

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## **Brookgreen Gardens**

For those of you interested in our neighbor, Brookgreen Gardens, the 3rd Annual Student Art Exhibit is on display for six weeks in the Rainey Pavilion. The exhibit contains 90 pieces of art, ranging from sculpture to Sumi-e Chinese Brush Painting.

On Saturday, March 24th, Brookgreen will have "Garden Fair." Demonstrators from Southern Living will hold workshops around the gardens. (No extra cost other than the usual entrance fee.)

## **Tradition Golf School Tip of the Month**

**By Steve Dresser (aka B. D. Ball)**

In case you haven't noticed, it's been cold out there! Golf balls don't carry as far when they're cold. To combat this, keep an extra golf ball in your pocket and switch every hole so you're always teeing off with a warm ball. You may want to try a lower compression ball but stay away from liquid center balls. Tests have proven they are most vulnerable to the cold.

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## **Thank You Ann English**

We are a special community because of people like Ann English. When this subdivision was at its first stages, Ann very generously took time out from her busy schedule to get the community organized by creating and maintaining a much needed and well-used telephone list. Ann truly brought this community together on the telephone. She definitely got the ball rolling and we have become neighbors and friends because of her efforts.

Ann is ready to pass this list on to someone who feels as she does. Someone who wants to keep this community well run and efficient with the maintenance of the telephone list.

Neighbors, please consider volunteering. Let Ron Brugge (237-5522) or Moe Blais (237-3925) know of your interest.

**Thanks Ann, for putting us in touch!**





## Getting to Know Our Neighbors

By Joan Murren

### Bill Renault

Fulfilling a life-long dream of becoming an actor has finally come to fruition in retirement for Bill Renault, one of The Tradition's well-known residents. Bill was born and raised in New York City as part of an outgoing family who sang and danced in amateur theater productions. Upon graduation from Mount St. Michael's HS in New York, Bill fleetingly considered trying to break into the theater and television. However, the Korean conflict put his dreams on hold for many years.

After one year at Fordham University, Bill enlisted in the Army and did his basic training at Fort Knox, KY. Of the 200 men in his basic training group, all but three were sent to Korea – Bill was one of the three to stay in the States. Next he was stationed at Fort Benning, GA where he met Jeanette. After completing his stint in the service, Jeanette and Bill were married and settled in Atlanta. They have one son who is a chef at Frank's Restaurant in Pawleys Island.

He earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia State, taking all his classes in the evening while holding down a full-time position. His Masters in Administration from Cal State was obtained some 20 years later, also by attending night classes.

Bill's entire business career was in Sales and Marketing. His first position at Procter and Gamble introduced him to the fast-paced marketing of such products as Crest toothpaste, Prell shampoo and Secret deodorant. His career included 11 years at Vanity Fair, working in Atlanta, Indianapolis, running the Los Angeles sales office, and finally in New York City. Other positions included National Sales Manager for Totes Rainwear, VP of Sales and Marketing for Kayser-Roth Apparel, and finally his own sales organization as a Manufacturers Rep for Enesco, importers of fine giftware. In the course of his various positions, Bill and Jeanette moved across the country eight times, the last move being to Pawleys Island.

In the spring of 1998, and for the following two years, Bill assumed chairmanship of the Tradition Social Club, and together with Jeanette and Suzanne and Tom Strasser, initiated the semi-annual dances, bingo and several bus trips to Charleston. He presently is the Secretary of the Tradition Men's Golf Club and is on the Board of Directors of the Waccamaw Neck Civic Association.

Both Jeanette and Bill are active members of Precious Blood Church in Pawleys Island where they participate in the Meals on Wheels Program. Bill is also a Lector and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jeanette is a Eucharistic Minister, both at Precious Blood and Georgetown Hospital, participates in the after school program at St. Cyprians Church in Georgetown, volunteers at Georgetown Hospital, and is Treasurer of the Tradition Garden Club.

Working with Bobbie Fleiss, Bill and Jeanette were instrumental in running the Tradition's Christmas Angel Tree for clients of the Georgetown Board of Disabilities and Special Needs. The overwhelming success of this endeavor assures its return every December.

In spite of all the activities in which the Renaults are involved, Bill has finally been able to do the theater work that he put on hold many years ago.

Bill is a member of the Murrells Inlet Community Theater, where he is on the Board of Directors and Treasurer. He recently performed in "Lovers and Other Strangers" as Hal, and "The Night of January 16" in which he portrayed an eccentric millionaire. He has just completed "The Golden Age of Radio" at the Grand Strand Senior Center, where he portrayed Bud Abbott in the famous "Who's on First" skit. He also played Kenny Baker on the Jack Benny Hour and participated in a spoof on soap operas called "Garish Summit," in which he portrayed the son of a dowager. In March, he will be back with the Murrells Inlet group in "Other People's Money – The Ultimate Seduction."

Bill says he never gets nervous prior to a performance – that it is always fun. He feels that without the pressures of the business world, he is able to totally immerse himself into the character he is playing.

Throughout their 45 years of marriage, Jeanette has been Bill's biggest fan, being completely supportive of all he does. They are a delightful couple and it is a pleasure to have them as part of our community.



### **Tradition Property Owners Covenant Committee**

**By Rachael Coletti**

As of January 11<sup>th</sup>, the TPOCC is ready to begin helping our neighbors to keep TRADITION an appealing and desirable place to live. A letter of introduction, a copy of the covenants, and a questionnaire, were distributed to all residents, including mailings to our out-of-state homeowners. Many of the questionnaires were returned with good suggestions and concerns and we thank you very much. For those who have forgotten to return their questionnaire, you may still do so. Just drop it in the suggestion box at the Pool Club House.

A large majority of the returns were concerns and requests to enforce the covenants and make our "common areas" more attractive. None of the suggestions, concerns and requests were ignored. They have been passed on to the proper committee involved.

If each homeowner would just read through the covenants and check to make sure that they are in compliance it would make our job so much easier. None of us on the committee really like confronting our neighbors with these issues. But, as the questionnaire returns noted, most of us have been aware of these covenants from the beginning and that they should be adhered to.

If for some reason, you have misplaced or did not receive the original introduction packet sent to you, please contact us. We will be happy to supply you with one.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a happy Spring.

**Rachel Coletti; email:traditionpocc@aol.com**



### **Road Maintenance District**

**By Dick Albright**

Discussions continue on ownership of the extension of Kings River Road between Willbrook Blvd. and Sandy Island Road, past the new Middle School. Litchfield Company's Mike Mahon and Rick Ryan and other Road District Board Members met with Georgetown County Planner, Al Burns. Litchfield Company is building the road and wants to turn over maintenance responsibility to the county/state rather than to the Road Maintenance District (our goal too). Ultimately we would also like to see maintenance responsibility for Willbrook Blvd. and Kings River Road (south of Willbrook) taken over by the county/state with the Road Maintenance District retaining beautification responsibility.

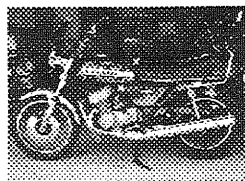
Also at issue are turning and deceleration lanes on Willbrook at the new school road. Mr. Burns stated that the issues are financial as well as political. Three of Georgetown Counties seven Councilmen (Charlton, Hood, and Swatzel) live on the Neck and a meeting with them to gain their support is planned. We, as a community, must become proactive in this issue. Personal contact and letters to Council Members as well as the School Board (safety of school buses on a privately maintained road) will be needed. The first step is getting the county/state to assume responsibility for the new road.

Repair and update of signage along Willbrook Blvd. is under contract and work is anticipated in March .

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**Habitat for Humanity** recently held their annual Brickholders Meeting. This meeting recognized the hard work of their volunteers during this past year. Many of our neighbors here at the Tradition were thanked for their efforts. The areas they worked in were: Fund Raising, Tour of Homes, the Golf Outing Fund Raiser, Construction, Office Help, Selection Committee, and overall general volunteering. Anyone can volunteer to work for Habitat. Just call the office in Georgetown (546-5685) and sign up. A worthwhile effort with the results seen right here in our area.





## *Tradition Riders Club*

**By John Carroll**

The Tradition Riders Motorcycle Club held their winter rally November 11th and 12th in Asheville NC. There were several riders from the Tradition, but due to the fact it was 18 degrees with a wind chill of minus 27, I was unable to recognize any of them. On these rallies, I normally ride my Moto-Guzzi, however, it was inadvertently "stuccoed" to the side of our home, and we were unable to break free in time for the trip.

Plans are now being made for a ride to Daytona and a spring rally. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome. It is open to all motorcycles. Call John at 237-0217.

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## **St. Paul Waccamaw United Methodist Church**

Invites you to "The Taste of St. Pauls"  
Saturday, February 24th  
5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Food from "This Side of Heaven"  
Tickets in advance—\$5.00  
Tickets at the door—\$7.00

Benefiting—"The Children's Mission"  
Everyone is welcome



Lovers and Friends, come to the Tradition Valentine's Day Dinner on Wednesday, February 14th (Valentines Day) at 6 pm.

Price is \$16.00 per person. Music by Famous Ramos. Sign up and pay at the Tradition Golf Club Snack Bar. Limited seating.

## **Tradition Golf Club**

**By Robert Spangler and Staff**

It is time for another newsletter and I hope everyone is doing well.

The Tradition has had plenty of exciting news as well as changes. We were voted *Golf Course of the Year* by the Golf Course Owners Association in the area level as well as the state level. This was a great honor and a big surprise. The criteria for these awards were:

- **Exceptional quality of the course**
- **Management**
- **Promotion of the game**
- **Contribution to the community**

Also, we lost a staff member. Brian Weiss moved to Chicago to take on another career. We wish Brian luck in his future. He will be missed. We now have a new member of the staff, Joy LoCascio. Joy comes from Chicago and will be a great addition to the staff. She is not a "shop person", but is in the PGA program and plays a great game. So stop by our pro shop and welcome her.

For the New Year, my position will be a little different. I will be marketing the club, and on the road a little more than in the past. In my absence Jeremy, who has been with us almost a year, will be in charge. Jeremy will be working with the leagues and member events at the club. So, if you have a problem, see Jeremy. He will be glad to help you out. Have a great New Year and happy swinging.

Some dates to keep on your calendar are:  
February 9—Member Spouse Tournament  
April 26—Ladies Member/Member Tournament  
May 24—Ladies Member/Guest Tournament  
May 26—A Players Tournament  
May 27—Memorial Day Scramble  
May 29—Course closed for maintenance  
June 20—June Bug Tournament  
July 4—Red, White, and Blue Scramble  
July 17—Myrtle Beach Ladies Invitational  
July 20—Golf Holiday Family Fun Tournament  
August 4—Sadie Hawkins Tournament  
August 15—Dog Days of Summer Tournament  
August 27-30-Dupont World Amateur  
August 31/Sept. 1—Men's Member/Guest  
September 2—Labor Day Scramble  
September 11—Grasshopper Tournament  
September 13/14—Ladies Club Championship  
October 1/2—Ladies President's Cup



## Our Midway Fire Department

By Jackie Boeh

Midway Fire Department was organized in 1961. Its first location was on Route 17 in Pawleys Island near the Shell Station. The district that this department covers extends from the Georgetown bridges to the beginning of Murrells Inlet. The first Department was comprised of all volunteers. Mike Mock, who is now Fire Chief, was the first paid employee, and he joined the Department in 1978. The Midway Station, our neighbor, was completed in 1989, just in time for Hurricane Hugo, which delivered a devastating blow to the east coast.

The new station suffered only minimal damage (a few roof shingles) so the firefighters and their volunteers turned it into an emergency center for our area. The station became a shelter and a place where more than 600 people, including policemen from other areas, could find a meal. The Midway force worked for weeks with the recovery effort, because of so much damage. There were many downed power lines as well as gasoline cylinders and other hazardous debris floating around, all of which had to be carefully handled.

Today, the Midway Fire Department has two additional substations, "82" in the True Blue section and "83" in the Debordieu area, manned by 47 full time employees and 24 volunteers. Twelve volunteers are in charge of on-site jobs, such as setting up resting areas for the firefighters when there is a particularly large fire, taking photographs of the fire scenes, doing administrative duties, including reports about the emergencies. The remaining twelve volunteers are part of the fire crews, joining in fighting fires, and helping with medical emergencies and accidents. Chief Mock stresses that volunteers are always needed and are sufficiently trained. Current volunteers include several retired individuals as well as a married couple.

All firefighters are EMT's (emergency medical technicians) and include twelve paramedics. These additional standards have been in effect in Pawleys Island since 1986. Last year, Midway answered 1560 calls, of which 65% were medical calls, 15% were fire emergencies, and 20% were miscellaneous accidents, including motor vehicles.

The Pawleys Island Rescue Squad is separate from the Fire Department and has its primary location at Station 82. However, our main fire station has a Rescue Squad vehicle there at all times. This squad is in addition to the fire department's paramedics and EMT personnel. The Rescue Squad, because it is a separate unit, is entirely supported by donations.

In addition to its other duties, Midway provides an extensive educational program for children and seniors. For children, the department has rebuilt and refurbished a 1962 fire engine. It is decorated for children to explore and climb into it. The crew visits schools and other interested places with the truck and also presents a puppet program about fire prevention and safety. Last year about 3000 children and seniors benefited from the program. In 1999, the Midway Fire Department won the South Carolina Fire Education award.

Tradition Residents are fortunate to have such a professional, dedicated, fire department nearby.

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## The American Red Cross Needs Your Help

The Georgetown Chapter provides services to their residents in the form of disaster relief, blood drives, and health and safety instruction. Volunteers are needed in those areas as well as fundraising, public relations, marketing, and financial management.

March is American Red Cross Month—a good opportunity to dedicate a little time to this worthy community cause. For more information on how you can help, please call Judith Bayer-Griffin at the Georgetown Chapter of the American Red Cross at 546-5422.

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