



**TRADITION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
SPRING & SUMMER EDITION  
2020**



*EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-21 - I hereby order and direct that effective Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all residents and visitors of the State of South Carolina are required to limit social interaction, practice "social distancing" in accordance with CDC guidance, and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and to slow the spread of, COVID-19, and shall limit their*



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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Frank D'Amato

Frank D'Amato  
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## Updates

I want to congratulate Debbie Moeller for being reelected to the board of directors for another 3 years. Debbie has been a great asset to the board and community and I want to welcome her back to the team.



## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting continues to disappoint me. There were less than 125 attendees that showed interest in what went on in 2019 and what the board is planning for 2020. Adding to that many did not return the proxy card to vote on a board member and the tax resolution.

Those who attended learned that the 2019 budget came within \$1,300 of forecast, which, I consider quite awesome. You would have also learned that we spent \$138,000 from reserves on community drainage issues. This is what makes our community stand out and increases home values, so thank you very much.



## Covid-19

The board of directors (BOD) is following direction from our President, Governor and Attorneys as how to manage the Tradition Common Areas. As of this writing the pool and pool house are closed. The tennis courts remain open for tennis and pickle ball. This activity is done at your own risk. If you invite someone to play on our courts that are not staying in your house they must sign an insurance waiver. This is not new. You can get waiver forms from me. I will continue to update the community as we work through these difficult times.

Residents are making good use of free time walking, riding bikes and placing pine straw and mulch, fixing mailboxes, power washing, planting flowers and other general spring work around the property. This is what makes our community stand out and increases home values, so thank you very much.

The board realizes the difficulty some properties have with rust from our sprinklers. The common area curbs also have rust issues from our wells. We all need to make an effort in this area.

## Landscaping

We have many landscaping projects scheduled but contractor issues are causing us to run behind schedule. Some of the work scheduled:

- Placing pine straw and mulch in common areas.
- Sidewalk repair and concrete slabs for benches in common areas for walkers.
- New sod at the corner of TCD and Deacon as well as the front entrance.
- Chemical treatment of Ponds and pine straw and bushes near front pond.
- Summer flowers in common areas.
- Painting of pool house interior, top of pergola and door to chemical shed.
- Removal of pine trees around the pool parking lot and in back of pool.
- New benches for the tennis courts.

## Storms

On April 14 we again had to deal with a storm that created tree and tree debris damage throughout the community. You should know we own the streets and do not have a street department. Our community landscaper is contracted for common areas.



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.

## Golf Course Homes

If you live along the golf course you cannot remove trees and brush on golf course property without their permission. Recently the golf course has contacted me regarding clearing behind houses along #7 fairway. These are houses on TCD and Cobblestone. If it is not your property you must not clear.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

### Home swapping

The board discussed this with the association attorney and he stated that our lease/rental Bylaw covered house swapping. When making an agreement, whether on line or in person, to allow someone to use a Tradition home for a period of less than 6 months, you are establishing a lease agreement whether money is involved or not. Therefore, this is a notice to all Owners that house swapping is not permitted. Of course you may rent a vacation home anywhere you like as long as it does not involve a Tradition home.

### ARB and Covenants Guidelines

When a home/property is purchased in The Tradition, the new owner receives a booklet: the *Architectural Review Board and Covenants Guidelines*. Work has begun to review, update, and clarify the content of these documents in an effort to improve readability and understanding of our community's guidelines and rules. Most Tradition homes sell quickly, even when selling prices increase dramatically, as they have in recent years. Yes, our beach access is an enviable amenity, but it is our community of owners who take pride in their properties and neighborhoods that makes The Tradition a highly sought-after address.

The original *Guidelines* were published in 2001, with subsequent Amendments in 2009, 2013, and 2014. We are working on another update.



### Communications

*Property Owners, Residents, and Renters:* Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so that the BOD can communicate with you. To add or update your e-mail, contact a board member or Vince Franco ([qualitykid@sc.rr.com](mailto:qualitykid@sc.rr.com)).

Also: When you receive an email from me via "quality kid or Vince Franco," *please do not reply to Vince*. He cannot answer your questions. Your email or phone call must come to me: My contact info appears at the end of each e-blast (and is also listed in this newsletter, online at [www.Tradition29585.com](http://www.Tradition29585.com), and in the Tradition Neighborhood Directory).

If you see a problem in the community, please call any board member or myself. For association emergencies, you may call Alex Herndon, our buildings and grounds manager, at 843-241-3287. Please identify yourself.

Thanks! Enjoy the summer!

## COVENANTS

During our virus lockdown your Covenants Committee asks that all remain vigilant in adhering to the guidelines in our Tradition Covenants Booklet.

If you have any covenants questions or concerns, your area representatives are here for you. Our Suggested Vendors list has been updated as of 4/21/20 (next page). Please look this over and let us know if anyone on the list should be removed. Also, we'd like to add to our Plumbers list. If you have a recommendation:

please send to [jeanetterenault@sc.rr.com](mailto:jeanetterenault@sc.rr.com).

Bill Crimmins

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## ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD

By Vince Civitarese

Hello friends, I hope this issue of our newsletter finds everyone in good health and free of this virus that has made such a change in all of our lives. We even have had a tornado go through our neighborhood.

It is spring here in SC and that usually means time to work on our homes and lawns. It may be somewhat different this year but we are still hard at it, no matter what. Just as a reminder especially new comers, please get the proper permits for your outdoor work. This includes painting doors, shutters and homes. Please do not forget your mailboxes. Most plantings can be done without a permit. The only exception to that would be a major change to lawn grass that might change you total percentage of grass area.

Please, stay safe and let's hope things will get back to normal soon. With summer coming we will all want to enjoy our community amenities and beaches.

# Covenants Committee Suggested Vendors 4/21/20

Vendors are suggested by Tradition residents. Vendor selection is your responsibility. If poor service, unable to contact, any problems, please notify Covenants Committee.

## Air Conditioning/Heating

Carolina Cool, 843 238-5805

Jerry Beasley, Grand Strand Serv. 843-455-0551

## Appliance Repair (Large & Small)

David Gerthung 843-503-5898

Paul Bleier 843-995-3837

## Auto Body Repair

Paul Hansmeyer, 843-241-8789

## Carpet Cleaning

Clear Water Carpet Cleaning

Ethan Siekierski, 843-742-1774

## Concrete Work

SuperCrete, Inc. 843 450-0085 Brick-Pavers

Coastal Asphalt, 843-397-7325

Myrtle Beach Concrete, 843 458-0848

## Electrician

Landon McDowell, Winyah Electric

843 318-0946

## Fire & Water Damage Restoration

SERVPRO, 843 236-6278, Dave Gilbert

## Floor Work

Russell Lowery, 843 543-1344

## Garage Door (Installation, Service, Openers)

Carolina Garage Door, 843-663-4600

Precision Overhead Garage Door 843 444-2127

## Gas Fireplace Maintenance

H & S Oil, Georgetown, 843-546-9020

## Handyman (All-around work)

Tom Billings, 215-779-3963

Cole Callaway, 803 586-1113

Mike Hewitt, 631 872-2451

David Calhoun, 843 325-1867

## Home Remodeling, Construction, Repairs

Bartha Remodel, 843-545-6027; 843-461-5231

John Tarvis, Home Improvements – 843-455-5814

## Landscape Supplies – Mulch, Stones, & More

Billy Zorn (We deliver) 1-888-808-ZORN

## Lawn Service

Ronald's Lawn Service, 843-545-1749; 843-344-2868

Billy Ackershoek Landscaping(Resident) 843 685-5703

Rob Young, 843-504-6450 (Scotland Yard)

## Mailbox

Size: 10 7/8 H x 8 1/2 W x 20 1/4 L. Color: Black

Post paint: Sherwin Williams

Complete replacement: John K, Sign-It-Quick,  
843-293-9855, \$280

## Painting

John Smith, 843 222-6552, dsmith1950@yahoo.com

Steve Coats, 843-333-0305

Jernie's Painting & Staining, 843-283-2779

Andrew Strickland, 843 461-7372

## Plumber

DS Plumbing (Pawleys Is), 843-979-9977

## Pressure Washing

Ed McDonald, 843- 458-4419

Mark Roberts, P.I. Pressure Wash 843 318-2227

Nick Strumke, 843-655-5470

## Roof Cleaning

Minton Braddy, 843-385-8500

Ryan Wright, 843-240-4830

## Roof Repair

Mitch Anderson, 843-546-3330 (evenings)

## Siding

Contract Exteriors, 843-222-3574;

843-357-9234

## Sprinkler Service

Todd Mitchum, 843 602-2272

Wylie's Sprinkler Service, 843-448-4016

## Tree Service

Acorn Tree Experts- Ed Perron, 843-655-1444

Mastercare, 1-877-848-TREE (8733)

Arcadia Tree Service - John McCarthy, 843- 236-5696

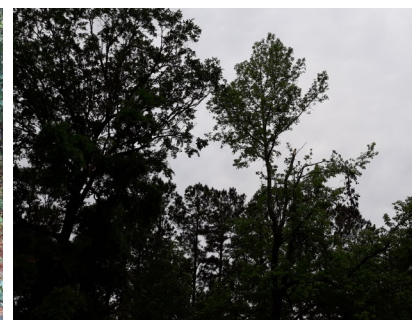
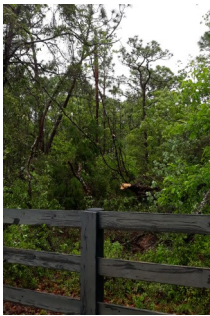
Georgetown Tree Serv. Peter Stevens 843-240-4514

Carolina Tree Services, 336-561-0383 (Kirby)

## THE DAY AFTER EASTER TORNADO AT LITCHFIELD BEACH

*(photos courtesy of Monique Philips)*

The National Weather Service confirmed there were at least three tornadoes on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Georgetown County. One EF0 tornado touched down in Litchfield Beach and eventually became an EF2 waterspout when it moved offshore. In addition to damage in Litchfield Country Club, Willbrook and Tradition, survey crews found damage on Lakeshore and Trace drives in North Litchfield. The tornado hit around 8:30 a.m. and was 50 yards wide and tracked almost five miles. Wind gusts were measured at 59mph when passing through Monarch Court before taking off the roof of the pump house at the Tradition Golf Course maintenance shop. Major tree damage was reported on Kings River Road and at many homes along the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes at Tradition. An eye witness report saw significant debris flying through the air and the forming of a funnel cloud on Sandfiddler Drive before the storm continued its trek to North Litchfield, Huntington Beach and out to sea. Winds were estimated to gain strength from 65 to 85 mph. A wind gust of 114 mph was measured in Murrells Inlet as this storm moved offshore.





# LITCHFIELD BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

**LBF29585.com**

**By Kathy MacSorley** [kmacsorley@aol.com](mailto:kmacsorley@aol.com)

### **MAKE A FREE DONATION TO LBF**

By using Amazon Smile and selecting LBF to give your donations to, it will help LBF close it's funding gap. Please tell your friends about this.



Litchfield Beautification Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) working for you. Since 2007, the LBF has been the caretaker of the highway medians in the Litchfield corridor from south of Brookgreen Gardens to Baskerville Drive.

Daily trash pickup, weekly mowing, pruning, ground cover and flag displays! Join your neighbors in funding the work to maintain the medians and fly the flags!

Thank you Tradition residents for supporting four of the 2020 flag days: Joan & Ed Sheldon, Bill and Joanne Kendall, Debbie and Francis Moeller, and Winey Wednesday Ladies group.



## **Directory Updates**

### **“Arrivals & Departures”**

**By Keith Hoile—[gsojayhawk@gmail.com](mailto:gsojayhawk@gmail.com)**

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

- Charles Zelinsky & Loretta Samartino to 39 Monarch Court
- Errol & Leslie More to 99 Confederate Lane from Pawleys Island
- Jeffrey & Jenny Breland to 1551 Tradition Club Drive from Pawleys Island
- Jay Strosnider & Dorothy Setliff to 30 Brookridge Lane from Brookhaven, GA
- Kathleen Brophy-Degrassie to 45 Historic Lane from Pawleys Island
- William & Patricia Garrison to 48 Pierpoint Court from Lexington
- Stephen Egenrieder to 1618 Tradition Club Drive from Pawleys Island
- Richard & Judith David to 42 Heston Court from Pawleys Island

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

- William and Mary Kidd from 39 Monarch Court
- Howard & Claudia Krauth from 99 Confederate Lane
- Carol Taylor from 1551 Tradition Club Drive
- William & Barbara Ackershoek from 30 Brookridge Lane
- Elizabeth Feno from 45 Historic Lane
- John Moran from 48 Pierpoint Court
- William & Wendy Eisenhower from 1618 Tradition Club Drive
- Brian & Mary Grady from 42 Heston Court



# Tradition Health Forum

By J. Vance Vandergriff M.D.

What is COVID-19? This is a respiratory disease first identified in China in December 2019. It is a Coronavirus similar to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) from 2003. SARS seemed like a big deal back then when it infected over 8000 people worldwide, and resulting in almost 800 deaths.

Fast forward 17 years and COVID-19 makes SARS seem like a common cold. Because COVID-19 is a new virus, we continue to learn more about its symptoms and effects every day. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 is fever greater than 100.4, dry cough, and shortness of breath.

This virus seems to attack and destroy the cells in the lung, resulting in the inability of oxygen transfer from lung cells to the bloodstream. Without oxygenation of the blood, other organs like the heart start to fail. Damage to the lungs also leads to severe bacterial infections like pneumonia.

Fortunately, studies are showing greater than 80% of infected individuals have a "mild" illness, no worse than the flu. About 15% of infected people do end up in the hospital requiring some form of oxygen support, with less than 5% ultimately expiring from complications.

We know that groups at the highest risk for severe disease include those over 65, diabetics, those with cardiovascular disease, and the immunocompromised. We also know that frequent hand washing for over 20 seconds is the most effective way to keep from getting infected.

Also avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Stay home if you are feeling sick, and avoid contact with others that are sick. Clean and disinfect frequently touched areas of your household. Maintain social distancing from others when you do need to go out.

The CDC is now recommending wearing cloth masks when out in public. The reason for this is not to protect yourself, but to protect others. We think as many as 25% of infected patients may be spreading the virus and not even have symptoms of infection yet. Wearing a mask does not protect you! Your eyes and face are still open to exposure, but if everyone wears a mask then those that are infected but may not realize it yet will not continue to spread the disease.

Companies are rapidly responding to the need for faster and easier testing. Unfortunately, it can still take several weeks before these products can reach your local Primary Care Offices. If you are feeling sick, you should call your PCP office before going there. Many offices are not seeing sick patients at this time.



## Focus Coronavirus COVID-19

Tidelands has established a tent outside their office on Holmestown Road for drive up COVID-19 testing. You can call 843-652-8440 for more information. The test is performed by a nasal swab. Results can take anywhere from 24 hours to several days to come back. If you think you could have COVID-19, you should self quarantine for 14 days or until test results are negative. Although some companies may be testing through blood, this is not an approved test to determine active disease.

This is also a good time to discuss vaccines. We do not have a vaccine for COVID-19. It can take several months before an approved vaccine is available. But we do have vaccines for several other infectious diseases. Studies show only about 40% of Americans get the flu shot. We have over 20,000 flu related deaths every year. Those deaths would be much higher if we did not have 40% of Americans getting flu shots to prevent the spread.

This crisis with COVID-19 shows what can happen when a highly contagious virus spreads unabated through our country. This is why we recommend getting your flu shot, pneumonia vaccines, tetanus shot, and shingles vaccine. We may not be able to prevent all of these illnesses, but we can help mitigate the spread if everyone gets the recommended vaccines.

This is a tough time for all of us. Uncertainty over the economy, health risks from this and other illnesses, and protection of your business or family are just a few stressors we are all facing during this epidemic. Make sure you take time to ensure your mental health is protected.

Take a socially distant walk. Take care of some needed home projects. Sing and dance if you want to. Use technology to video chat with your friends and family. And by all means reach out to your health care provider if you are in need. As I write this on Easter Sunday, remember there are more important things in life than our material possessions. Be safe everyone.

Vance Vandergriff, MD

# GOLD TEES BY JERRY MITHEN

<http://tradition29585.com/goldtees.htm>



The Tradition Gold Tee Golf Association is composed of a group of great guys who play nine holes of golf from the gold tees on Wednesday afternoons. Our motto is “Fun, Fellowship, Friends”. We have many social functions during the year. Our member/chefs cook up some delicious meals. Our annual tournaments include a Chili Bowl in February with cold weather and hot chili provided to all participants. During the summer months we have grilled cook outs at the pool house. We also take occasional “Road Trips” to other local golf courses. The “Gold Tee Boutique” offers association members good deals on clothing and medical items. Pictures of our weekly winning teams are taken each week and then placed on our web site. Contact Vince Franco, President, at [qualitykid@sc.rr.com](mailto:qualitykid@sc.rr.com) if you are interested in joining the Tradition Golf Club and the Gold Tees.

## Tradition Gold Tee Christmas Party-December 3rd

The Gold Tees held its annual Christmas party at the Tradition Clubhouse. Chefs Debbie and Sharon prepared a dinner of meatloaf, ham, carrots, salad, rolls and cake for dessert. Carla had decorated the entire club house with Christmas decorations, including a beautiful Christmas tree with 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. The Gold Tees Player of the Year and Red Tees Player of the Year awards were based on rounds played and scores. Al Carline 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. John Melzer, Score and Handicap Keeper, presented Allan MacDonald Red Tees Player of the Year and John McLaughlin with the Gold Tees Player of the Year plaque. Vince Franco gave Ernie Heilberg a Birthday Thank You plaque for remembering all members on birthdays with cards and cake. The annual holiday party was enjoyed by all.



**Red Tees Player of the Year**  
Allan MacDonald with John Melzer



**Gold Tees Player of the Year**  
John McLaughlin with John Melzer



**Service Award for** Ernie Heilberg  
with Vince Franco



**President’s Award—Al Carline**  
with Vince Franco

## Pizza Party-January 15<sup>th</sup>

The Gold Tees welcomed a new member, John Gaston, during a pizza party after golf. He is seen below with John McLaughlin who, along with David Philips was celebrating their big “70”







# Jim Conway Chili Bowl



The second annual Jim Conway Chili Bowl was held at Tradition on February 5<sup>th</sup> with 14 (4) man teams competing. Each 2 man team within the same foursome competed against each other. Following golf, Chef Debbie prepared the traditional meal of chili with noodles and corn bread and biscuits. All enjoyed a wonderful fun tournament honoring our dear friend Jim Conway.

### Two man Match Play:

Winners Front Side: John Melzer/Charlie Muratore, Al Federaro/Tom Swanson, Bill Jacobs/Gregg Jacobs, Bob Caufield/Jay Jones, Larry Barksdale/Paul Lempert.

### Winners Back Side:

Glen Campbell/Harry Stewart, Vinnie Esposito/Dick Pacella, Jim Cronin/Allan MacDonald, Corky McKenzie/Jim Davis, Frank Hawkins/Ernie Heilberg.

Closest to the Pin: #2 & #5  
Larry Barksdale #12 Al Carline  
#15 Patrick Tole



Patrick Tole, Larry Barksdale, Al Carline and Paul Kelly

**Cheeseburger in Paradise March 4<sup>th</sup>**—After golf the Gold tee members went to the pool house for a cheeseburgers, potato salad and drinks. Chefs, Melzer, Carline, Hayes and Guzlas did all the hard work and a great time was had by all.

### Birthday Celebration March 11<sup>th</sup>

Tom Strasser also was honored at a milestone birthday celebration after golf with a sleeve of golf balls and a card signed by all the members.

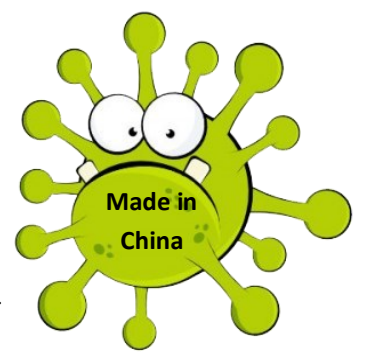


Tom Strasser and Paul Kelly

### COVID -19 The Coronavirus

On March 16<sup>th</sup> the Pool House was closed by the Board of Directors to all events to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus as requested by the CDC. The Gold Tees had to cancel the March 17<sup>th</sup> dinner as well as the PITA tournament on March 19<sup>th</sup> and all subsequent group sponsored events for the remainder of the spring months.

The Tradition Golf Course remained open to play, however the snack bar and restaurant were closed. The Gold Tees continued to schedule play each week for any members who were interested in strict accordance with the social distancing mandate by the Governor of South Carolina, the CDC and the President of the United States.





# TRADITION LADIES GOLF LEAGUE BY SUZANNE STRASSER

On 12/3 the Tradition Ladies Golf Association held their Awards Luncheon at Café Piccolo. The awards were presented as follows: Most Improved, Overall Low Net (tie) and Low Gross Blue Tees: Janet Ransom, Low Gross Red Tees: Joan Sheldon, Overall Low Net (tied), Player of the Year and Low Putts: Maureen Lempert, Broke 100: Cindy Kramer. The food was excellent and the gathering of friends a great start to the holiday season.



Maureen Lempert Janet Ransom Joan Sheldon Cindy Kramer

During December, January, February & March our ladies continued to make birdies. 12/5 A Birdie/Chip in was made by Joan Sheldon hole #7. On 1/2 birdies were made by Joan Sheldon



holes # 6 and #15 and Amy Monaghan hole # 15. On 3/19 birdies were made by Maureen Lempert hole #15 and Suzanne Strasser hole # 3. **Chip-Ins:** on 1/2 Chip ins were made by Pat Kemper hole # 5 and Penny Pikaart hole # 16. On 1/9 a chip in was made by Cindy Kramer on hole #9. On 3/19 Janet Ransom had a chip in hole #4.

The TLGA have been playing golf for the joy of being in the fresh air and seeing friends. I have included some old photos of our group, perhaps you are in them. Celise McLaughlin, our Editor, asked why we moved to Tradition? My thought, we are lucky to have a group of neighbors & friends like these.



# LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE By Celise McLaughlin



## INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT @ TRADITION

The Tradition Nine Hole Ladies golf association hosted an Interclub tournament *“Diamonds in the Rough”* on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The weather held out for Dee Ely and her committee to welcome more than 40 women from Tradition and other area leagues to participate in a 9 hole Step-Aside Scramble. The winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Marsha Davis, Cindy Kramer, Nancy Harley & Pat McCarthy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Linda Kees, Bev Jackson & Sue Schmalfuhs

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 3<sup>rd</sup> Ursula Pierce, Susan Mayberry, Carol Majocho & Linda Mitchell

Other awards included Closest to the Line: Candy Anderson  
Closest to the Pin #2-Jan Hayes and #5-Pat McCarthy



Marsha Davis, Cindy Kramer, Nancy Harley & Pat McCarthy



Linda Kees, Bev Jackson, Sue Schmalfuhs



Ursula Pierce, Susan Mayberry, Carol Majocho & Linda Mitchell



Candy Anderson, Jan Hayes & Pat McCarthy



The final quarterly breakfast OF 2019 was held on November 4th at True Blue honoring the sixteen league women who celebrated birthdays in October, November and December.



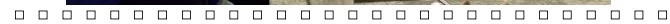
The league had planned to hold a member/ member tournament in March, a pizza day at the beach in April and a Member Guest tournament in May but because of the COVID-19 mandate, all those were cancelled. We do continue to play golf on Tuesdays for anyone who wishes to show up, no money collection, games or post golf get togethers. We do keep and post scores for the GHIN system and hope that things will return to normal by Memorial Day.



**GAME DAY DINNERS** the social chair organizes dinner after game days at a local restaurant. On January 21st Golf was cancelled due to weather, but several members of the league got together for 10 buck Tuesday at Quiqueys. On February



25th after game day of Low Putts, we went to Uncle Mike’s in Murrells Inlet for pizza. While there we celebrated birthdays for Patti Horak and Jan Jennings with cupcake and candles.





**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AND AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The league held the annual Christmas and awards luncheon at the lovely Kimbels restaurant on Wachesaw Plantation on December 4th. The event was held on the porch overlooking the river and the league members donned their best holiday attire for the festive occasion. Lunch included a choice of entrees along with salad, dessert and beverages. Dot Nolan acted as the master of ceremony. Mary Lou Goodell, League president welcomed the ladies and thanked the outgoing board on an excellent year. The member of the 2020 board were introduced and Sue Guzlas, Asst Secretary and Statistician presented awards to the golfers.



TLNHGA LEAGUE AWARDS FOR PERIOD November 2018 – October 2019  
 Back Row (L to R): Lowest Putts in Single Round – Janette Mitchell (12)  
 Most Chip-Ins - Dee Ely (6), Most Birdies – Bev Jackson (4)  
 Most Pars – Cindy Kramer (34), Low Gross – Ellen Spataro (42)  
 Lowest Average of Putts per Round – Georgia McDowell (16.1)  
 Front: Most Improved – Celise McLaughlin (7 strokes)  
 Best Attendance, Most Times Played – Dot Nolan



2020 League Officers: Jan Hayes/Mary Lou Goodell Co-Chairs, Celise McLaughlin—Secretary, Dot Nolan—Social Chair, Sue Guzlas—Asst Secretary, Pat McCarthy—Asst Treasurer, Elaine Little—Treasurer

**Chip-In Pool.** The league started an optional chip-in pool of 50 cents each day of play. If any player who chips in from off the green wins the pool (as long as they participate) In November Janette Mitchell won twice. Then no one won again until Phyllis Confer won the entire pool in January. In the weeks that followed multiple chip-ins occurred and many had to share the pot.





# THE MEN'S CLUB BY BOB WITTIG

The end of year activities for the Men's Club were bitter-sweet in 2019, the annual Kronski Turkey Shootout held on the Sunday after Thanksgiving was not able to be completed due to inclement weather. Many brave souls were suited and ready to play, but unfortunately mother nature was not cooperative.

In early December the Christmas Party was held at Pawleys Plantation and the packed house enjoyed a wonderful meal, adult beverages, dancing and some well deserved kudos



John McLaughlin & Jim Cronin

and thanks to members in service during 2019.

Jim Cronin received the Presidents Award, Distinguished Service Awards where given to Paul Hayes and Ron Mokrynka for thirteen years of organizing and running the weekly games. That's over 650 events during their tenure, a tremendous job. Bill Renault for many years as the club secretary and Dave Phillips as outgoing club treasurer for many years. Absent from the group pictured was Joe Stacey who also received a Presidents Award for exemplary work in training and deployment of AED devices in carts each week during play.



Paul Hayes, Ron Mokrynka, Bill Renault & Dave Philips

At the Annual Meeting in November a new slate of officers was elected and the board now consists of a nice blend of new blood and veteran leadership. John McLaughlin was re-elected as President, serving with John are new faces Charlie Ccores and Danny Ingram as the VP's of weekly games. They have brought new energy to their roles and introduced a mobile app for signup and pairings, along with extensive use of email for excellent communication among members. Returning as Tournament Chairman is Glen Campbell, with ten events scheduled for 2020. Brian Kramer, Treasurer and Bob Wittig, Secretary round out the team.



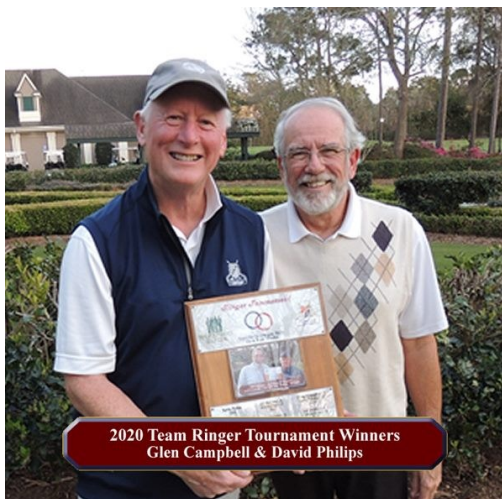
Toward the end of 2019, Hugh Espey recorded a Hole-in-One on hole #12, (11-1-19) and beginning in 2020 the Holes-in-One continued, first Steve Johnson on January 27th on hole #12, followed the next week by Paul Hayes on February 2nd on #2 and on March 16th on hole #5 by John McLaughlin - the hole-in-one insurance fund has been depleted and will be replenished with a special collection soon. John and Steve both recorded their first ever Holes-in-One at Tradition Golf Club.



John McLaughlin



Steve Johnson



The first tournament of 2020 was held over two weeks in March, the Ringer Tournament was determined by totaling the best 18 hole team score over two weeks of play, this year Dave Phillips and Glen Campbell took the honors with a net (56), Tom Strasser and Dick Culver (58) and Charlie Cocores and Doug Waikart (60) were close behind.

Beginning with regular play in March there have been some changes at the course due to the virus guidelines. We are very fortunate to still be open for play everyday with a dedicated staff at the club to accommodate our weekly play. While the 19th hole has been lacking after the golf game is completed, the Men's Club still maintains the cordial and friendly atmosphere that has made it one of the premier organizations within the Founders Group. Just in 2020 alone there have been six new members joining and playing regularly.

But while weekly play has been maintained and we continue to enjoy the good spring weather, some of the 2020 tournaments have been cancelled. In spite of the current situation, our group continues to expand and play weekly (weather permitting) to the enjoyment of all. See you on the links !

### High Tech and Safe Play —By Charles Cocores



Master Gamers Danny Ingram and Charlie Cocores

The Tradition Men's Golf Club (TMGC) has up graded its tech savvy. In 2020 the TMGC moved to a new computer program to keep records of members, sign up players for matches, create parings for weekly games, score those games, and record and publicly display results and winnings for every participant throughout the year.

VP's Danny Ingram and Charlie Cocores have tapped GolfSoftware.com for their program which is now allowing players to sign up for a match from a computer , tablet or a cell phone.

The new technology promotes better communication and accessibility of information among the members, many of whom have expressed their appreciation of the new system. They no longer have to remember to go into the clubhouse to sign up to play..."it's so easy to sign up for the week." Anyone can go to the website address tmgc.golfclub.net and view the information on it.

An unexpected benefit of this new system is that by not having to go to the clubhouse it helps protect players from potential exposure to COVID-19. Additionally, the Tradition and the TMGC members are taking extraordinary precautions to limit potential exposure to the virus while getting some fresh air and exercise that so many physicians recommend during this crisis. These precautions include one person to a sanitized Tradition cart, the ability for members to use their own cart, no sand rakes, no sand bottles to refill divots, no driving range buckets, no touching the pins on the greens, and no one handling the member's golf bag except for the member himself.

The players also keep their social distance while golfing and afterwards as the 19th hole has been pretty much eliminated due to the state requirement to limit congregations of 3 or more people. Additionally, some members wear protective gloves and masks as well.

The TMGC is committed to safe, sane and fun playing of the sport they so deeply love while taking advantage of the existing technology to enhance the league's play.

# TRADITION GOLF CLUB

By Christa Bodensteiner PGA  
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Hello Tradition Community!

The months have flown by once again! Obviously a lot has happened since the last newsletter and we hope all of you are well. I know you all join me in wanting the COVID19 crisis to pass soon!

I am thankful that Tradition Golf Club has been able to remain open throughout this pandemic. I truly believe that our current safety policies and sanitation practices are keeping this environment safe for our staff, members and golfing guests. We will continue to be proactive in our safety measures as we continue to encourage people to enjoy this fun outdoor activity.

When I was thinking of what to write for the newsletter, I started contemplating some of the things I have learned through the COVID19 crisis. As it turns out, most of these thoughts are things I already knew, but they have been strongly reinforced through the last couple months. I hope you don't mind if I share some of my recent thoughts. In no particular order...

- The Tradition members and community have been amazingly supportive during this time! Thank you!!! We truly appreciate you and your support! (On a funny side note – I heard that many of you have taken dozens of golf balls out of your bag since you have had to handle them yourselves. )
- Having a good staff is the only way a business can make it through a crisis. Kurtis Kuhn and Deb Jackson have been amazing and we have an awesome group of employees who have done their very best through all these challenges! Good character truly shines in circumstances like this.
- Golf is one of the few sports that we can still enjoy these days. I am so thankful that I chose to become a Golf Professional and not a NFL Football player.
- A Golf Professional is only as good as the course Superintendent and maintenance team. Shawn Keller and crew have done an awesome job with somewhat limited resources. We thank him every day... I hope you do also whenever you get the chance.
- “Essential” is an interesting word. How essential are golf courses? Good question. I would answer that golf courses are not nearly as essential as hospitals and grocery stores... but they are far more essential than tattoo parlors!
- Working with the general public is good for growing patience. There will always be people who want more freedoms (“Why can't I ride in the same cart with my buddy?") and people who want more controls (“Why are you open? The Governor should make you close!")
- During hard times like this when there have been no precedents, my daily plan has become: 1. Pray. 2. Do my best with every decision. 3. Remain flexible 4. Adapt as everything changes and changes and changes and changes and changes and changes...



- Some conflicting statistics have been brought to my attention: Many psychologists believe that playing golf helps reduce anxiety during stressful situations. Interestingly, many golfers believe that playing golf increases anxiety and causes stressful situations. (I'm sure the golfers were just joking... right?)
- I have been reminded... Happy people will always find something to be happy about. Miserable people will always find something to be miserable about. I choose to be happy... and I think most of you do as well.
- Not related to the current crisis... We are at the one year anniversary of Bobby Heath's death. Some days it seems like more than a year... other days I expect to see him as I take my morning walk to the front door. We still miss Bobby and I'm sure many of you do too.
- Crisis and losses always increase perspective. Both remind me that I am not in control and I hope that I never take life and good health for granted. Both are tremendous gifts!

Thank you for indulging my thoughts. Please keep in mind that my college degree is in Psychology – not English. These days I am a Golf Professional, so as always - please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about the golf course. Stay safe and take care!

As always, if any of you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or Kurtis Kuhn any time.



## A night out at Tradition Golf Club—November 21, 2019

The Tradition Golf Club held a few very successful events in 2019. On October 11th members were invited to Bingo Night and on November 21 the entire community and golf club members were invited to an evening out at the club house. Debbie Jackson laid out a spread of yummy appetizers, the bar was open with happy hour prices and there were several specials on the menu to order.



## Dedication of the Jim Conway Bench—November 9, 2019



Several years ago a group of guys got together to play golf on Fridays, they called themselves the "HUMPS" Jim Conway, a pillar of our community, was the reason they banded together. He took charge of the tee times, pairings and games for this group that has since grown to about 30 men who want to play every week. When Jim passed away in 2018, the golfers all wanted to honor their "head hump" so they took up a collection and purchased a bench. On this day, November 9th 2019, they commemorated Jim Conway with his wife, Mary Jane and Son, Mike when they dedicated this bench on the 18th hole in his honor.

So if you ever are playing at Tradition, when you get to the 18th hole, have a seat and enjoy the awesome few of the clubhouse and think of the man who loved and was loved by so many.



## JOHN McLAUGHLIN HITS THE BIG 7-0

On January 17, 2020 John McLaughlin walked into the Tradition Golf Club thinking he was going to an anniversary party but instead was greeted by 70 of his closest friends and family. The McLaughlin siblings, cousins and offspring flew in from all over the country to surprise "poppy" for this big occasion. The youngest members of the family acted as hostesses seating the guests before he arrived. Many thanks to Christa Bodensteiner for allowing us to use the club as our venue and to Debbie Jackson who prepared a wonderful buffet. The evening rounded out with cake cutting and dancing to music by DJ Brett Gash.







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# Spine Tilt—By Steve Dresser, PGA Member [www.dressergolf.com](http://www.dressergolf.com)

Want one simple tip that will improve all aspects of your golf swing? Of course, you do! Simply set up with your spine tilted a bit to your right, for right-handed players, as my student and I are doing in the picture.

To do so, start by bumping your hips a bit toward the target but make sure your belt buckle is pointed at the middle of your stance. You'll sense more weight under your left foot but the tilt may make you look and feel like you're on your right side.



The trick is to maintain that tilt throughout the swing. If you do, it will keep you from swaying, overswinging, reverse pivoting, coming over the top, getting ahead of the ball and many other nasty things we do not want to do in our golf swing.

Start with easy half swings before trying to go at full speed. You may find the “half” swings hit the ball farther anyway!

Sometimes I tell people to feel like their body is shaped like a banana. Just make sure your banana is bent in the right direction!



Be sure you still finish your swing by turning into your left side and end up with your right foot on its tiptoes.

# WHEN WE CAN AGAIN BE SOCIAL

## Winey Wednesday

Winey Wednesday had three great meetings in January, February and March at the Pool House. Thanks to the hostesses who put so much effort into decorations and all the great appetizers and desserts.

Unfortunately with the COVID-19 virus we had to cancel April and May. Hopefully we will be back in full swing by June and see everyone at the beach. The second Wednesday each month (except December)

If you are not on distribution, send an email to Monique Philips at [mlovestennis@gmail.com](mailto:mlovestennis@gmail.com) and she will get all that info out to you.

## HAND, FOOT & ELBOW

By Darlene Dodson

When allowed, we will resume playing on Mondays at the pool clubhouse. On the 1st and 3rd Mondays we play at 1:00. On the 2nd and 4th Mondays we play at 6:00. A fun card game that is still catching on!

For more information call

Darlene Dodson @ 843-235-8066 or

Janette Mitchell @ 843-314-9513.

Copies of our rules are available. Hope you'll join us!

## SUNDAY NINE and DINE

Come join our small Sunday afternoon group for some fun golf.

In normal times we'd go to dinner, however until then, it's nine no dine!

For more information call Darlene Dodson @ 843-235-8066.



## Wednesday Women's Bridge



Our bridge group meets every Wednesday at 12:30 PM at the

Tradition Club House. We are a very congenial group who are friendly, love to play bridge, and accepting of any level of play. If you have not played for several years or play regularly, want relaxed play and to meet your neighbors, join us!

Please call Suzi Albright 843-237-1594 or

Mary Grace Robic 843 237-8745.

## Tradition Needlework Group

When the Pool House opens again!

Come Join Us at 10:00 am

every Friday at the Residents' Clubhouse

Bring that piece of needlework that you just can't seem to find time to work on – and enjoy some friendly conversation while you're sewing.

For further details contact Loretta Espey 843-235-2518



REST IN PEACE Jim Davis. We all enjoyed playing canasta with you.

## CANASTA—By Pat Shriver

I forget whether it was a rainy or sunny day as Diane MacDonald and Barb Fuller sat down to play canasta with Lyn Mayer and Jim Davis. Lyn and Jim definitely outplayed their opponents the first two hands but Barb and Diane came roaring back with the third and fourth hands. The fifth hand found Lyn and Jim ahead by 190 and THEN in a fight to the finish in game 6, Diane and Barb totaled 5355 with Lyn and Jim posting a score of 5355.

The rest of us wanted to watch them play off the tie, but the foursome said "no". We're happy with a tie. And, folks, that's what canasta is all about. Just some good card fun.

We meet at 12:50 the 1st and 3rd Fridays and the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Come join us at the clubhouse. We'll even teach you! Call Jeanette Renault @ (843) 235-3566 or Pat Shriver @ (843)237-2678 for more details.



**SCUTE**, or South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts, is a group of volunteers dedicated to sea turtle conservation and public education in Georgetown and Horry counties. Organized in 1990 and based out of Pawleys Island, SCUTE is permitted by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources to protect and, if necessary, relocate turtle nests as well as record turtle deaths through the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network.

LBTS has SCUTE volunteer members walking the beach at dawn starting May 1 through September, when the final nest hatches. Members look for the heavy tracks of the mama turtle coming up to nest in spring and early summer as well as inspecting nests for intruders.

Much more is involved in our volunteer's duties and the season's success on such a busy beach is aided by their watchful eye. Last year was a tremendous season for the Loggerhead turtles along the east coast. At LBTS we had 6 nests.

Last summer on Sunday mornings from 10-2 on the deck we launched an educational program called TURTLE TALK. Visitors and locals alike were very interested in learning about the Loggerhead Turtle's journey and the role proper care of our beach plays in a successful nesting season. Please stop by and chat with the SCUTE volunteers! We hope to continue the program when the deck reopens. Visit SCUTE on face book.



Cartoon courtesy of **Barnie Slice**

**Our Better Angels are Among Us**  
(Reprinted from the Washington Post)

“...Here in Pawleys Island, the loaves-and-fishes parable is becoming a reality. Restaurateur Josh Quigley, who co-owns three restaurants along the Grand Strand coastal highway, decided to feed people — at no cost. After having to furlough 300 employees, keeping only managers employed at reduced salaries, Quigley wanted to do something to help.

He consulted with local Episcopal rector William Keith to figure out how to feed first responders. But before their brainstorming session was over on the eve of their experiment, which launched Thursday, they decided to make the food available to anyone who showed up. Copying the model created by One World Everybody Eats, a network of about 50 pay-as-you-can cafes around the country, Quigley created baked-pasta takeout meals to feed families of four to eight. If you could pay the \$5 cost of the meal, fine. If not, Quigley said, the restaurant was earning enough from its other takeout customers to cover the cost of feeding those in need. Father Wil hopes to press other restaurants into service, taking turns one night a week so that locals can feed their families every night.”

For the complete article use this link: [WashingtonPostArticle](#) By Kathleen Parker 4/3/2020

# Tradition Home & Garden Club

By Debbie Moeller, President

The Tradition Home & Garden Club has been busy this year with several community projects and many interesting speakers. Our membership has grown and we continue to expand our interests.

During our November meeting, Pat Castanera's presentation "Preserving the Harvest: Flavored Herb Salt" explained about drying and preserving herbs and how they blend with various recipes. Pat presented all members with a gift jar of sea salt, orange zest and herbs and a printout explaining other uses for sea salt. A beautiful program enjoyed by all.

In December, Jodi Rampulla from Fresh Market Florist did a demonstration on bow making for the holidays and also talked about poinsettia and amaryllis plant care. We collected Toys for Tots during the meeting.

For January we had a very upbeat Julie Schettig (interior designer) and Christine Johns (decorating manager) from CHD Interiors. They have stores in Mt. Pleasant and Murrell's Inlet. They discussed decorating trends while demonstrating fabrics, colors and decorating options. They also answered an array of questions from our members. They donated a beautiful tray for our raffle and Reyn Steadman was the lucky winner.

Our February's meeting was a big hit as Jeanette Renault (Program Committee Chair) introduced her son and owner of Chive Blossom Restaurant, Paul Kelly Renault. Paul demonstrated how to make his delicious Low Country crab cakes.



He gave us many helpful cooking tips and shared recipes for his Tempura, Crab Cakes, Herb Marinade and Tartar Sauce. It was a wonderful presentation enjoyed by all. Members enjoyed sampling Paul's crab cakes along with other goodies from the social committee. Paul also donated two gift certificates to Chive Blossom for our monthly drawing.

Unfortunately, our March and April meetings were cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic and we missed presentations from Lee Brockington of Hobcaw Barony and Mary Ellen Campbell on Loggerhead Turtle Conservation. We will definitely reschedule for next year. Our May luncheon and installation of new officers is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at Bistro 217, but is currently in a hold status.

Our projects this year included supporting the Christmas Light Committee with a Christmas planter with lights for the back gate and trimming the roses in the front of the pool house. Thanks to our Project Committee Chair, Wanda Johnson, for the fantastic work.

During the short business meetings, board members presented reports, upcoming events were discussed, and information on projects was provided. We have a monthly 50/50 drawing that helps support our projects and there is usually an extra plant or two to raffle as well as the gifts our speakers bring.

The Home & Garden Club anticipates another robust program for next year and we invite everyone to join in. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10:00 A.M. at the Pool House. First meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – mark your calendars! Hope to see you there!



Darlene Dodson, Ways & Means Chairman & Merry Cotton, 50/50 Winner

## Home & Garden Club Footnote

A few days ago I received a phone call from one of our members, a very excited Suzie Albright. She thought the H&GC might want to know about a 20+ year old century agave plant in her front yard that was getting ready to bloom. Although it is called the century plant, it typically lives only 10-30 years. The sad part is once it blooms, the flowers set seed and drop, and then withers and dies. But what an event to be able to see.



Although we are all practicing social distancing, what an event to share right here in our own neighborhood. Suzie welcomes anyone interested to drive by and share in her plant's event.

Thank you for sharing Suzie!

## WATER AEROBICS

By Cindi Caron, Floppy, blue hat, deep end.

Well howdy, fellow pool lovers!  
What a way to start the new year! Amirite?

So, obviously our opening breakfast will NOT be in early May, as foretold in the Autumn newsletter. If this blankety-blank-blank virus doesn't go away soon, we may not have one at all.

That said, we are still hoping that water aerobics will go forward as soon as the coast is clear. (Date to be determined, depending, of course.) On the bright side, maybe the water will already be warm when we start!

I'll keep everybody posted via email, so if you aren't on the list and would like to be, please call or text me at 828-773-5126, or email me at [laffinatus@gmail.com](mailto:laffinatus@gmail.com).

Everyone be well!



**Smith Medical Clinic**

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### By Linda Warren

Smith Medical Clinic (SMC) is located at 116 Baskerville Drive in Pawleys Island. The property is on the campus of **Holy Cross** Faith Memorial Episcopal Church.

SMC was established in 1985 by Dr. Cathcart Smith and his wife Nancy in an 8-foot wide trailer with office and medical equipment from Dr. Smith's medical practice. Fast forward to today and we are located not too far from the original trailer in a new building that was funded and built-in 2017. It is everything you would expect a modern medical facility to be!

In order to keep the clinic functioning over 200 volunteers help to provide medical services for our patients. The medical services are provided for FREE to low income and uninsured folks in Georgetown County.

There are two offices that provide this treatment--one in Pawleys and one in Georgetown (where the old library used to be). Our Georgetown office is smaller, but its location is able to service the folks who live as far away as Andrews.

The clinic is always in need of RN's, LPN's, CNA's and retired nurses --even if they have let their license go, we need them to volunteer. New volunteers would have a flexible schedule with malpractice insurance provided. A fast-paced and friendly environment with on-site orientation and training is provided--volunteers are made to feel *welcomed*.

One of the most essential non-medical positions at SMC is that of the phone room volunteer. The call center can have as many as 100 calls a day and these volunteers are the beginning of the process at the clinic. Volunteers in this area are at a shortage!! If you or someone you know has a couple of hours to spare once a week to answer phones, that would be great.

The magic continues with the need for volunteer medical transcription, fundraising, finance, Spanish translators, front desk check-in--you name it and we need it.

You may contact Dina Wells at <https://smithfreeclinic.org/> to volunteer or call and leave a message at (843) 237-2672 ext 114.

I have volunteered for nearly 6 years now, and I look forward to being there on Wednesday--more than you know.

***"The best way to find yourself***

***is to lose yourself in the service of others"***

# MARKET WATCH

By CJ Brockington

Well, "Tradition", I don't think anybody ever saw this coming—one for the history books! 2020 will certainly be a year all of us will, unfortunately, never forget!

I guess this "Pandemic" will be similar (in a different way) to what our country experienced during the "Great Depression"! The "Greatest Generation" figured out how to make it through, and I am confident we will also!

Now for some positive news regarding "The Tradition" only 3 homes are actively for sale and 2 more are pending. Also, the median "days on the market" is only 52, which is outstanding.

Since 1/1/2019, 22 residences have been closed which is more than any other community with beach access. This is probably indicative of "The Tradition" price range (\$300,000 to \$400,000) which is still more affordable and remains very popular with buyers. I sincerely believe that our property values remain among the best on the Waccamaw Neck.

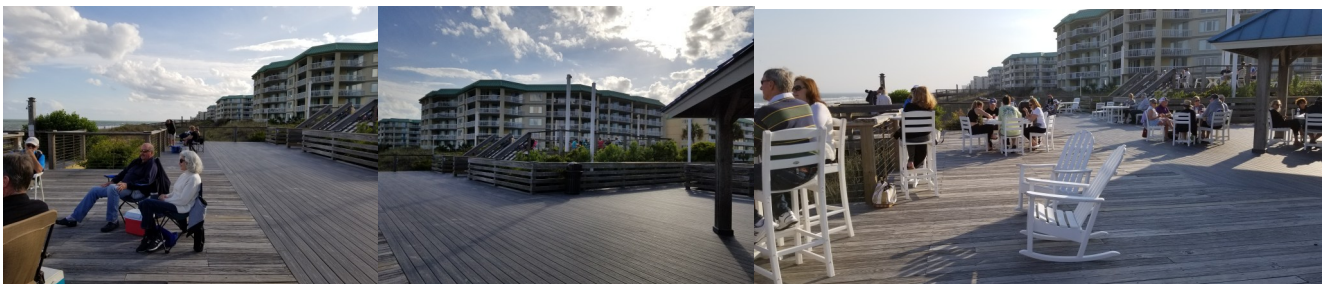
It does appear that buyers are still considering primary residences even in this unusual market. On the other hand, vacation homes/condominiums require discretionary income that buyers may not be willing to risk during these unsettling times. Only time will tell how this part of the market will play out.

Finally, The Litchfield Company has been closed for over a month now; however, our total sales volume this year is already \$90 million. We certainly hope that this positive trend will continue for us and all other Realtors.

In closing, the following was written in 1942 during the bleak years of WWII by C.S. Lewis and I quote:

*Satan "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil.*

*Jesus "I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit, I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world. I will teach my children to trust me and not their money and material resources".*



All of our locals have done an excellent job at adhering to social distancing guidelines and wearing masks at the grocery stores. Unfortunately many of our tourists believe they are vacation from the virus and don't give a rat.

**FROM THE EDITOR:** Raising a rescue is not always a cake walk. Like Forrest Gump, "it's like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get" I have to say, we really lucked out. I saw this puppy in the South Strand News, the weekly free newspaper always has a half page ad of dogs and cats up for adoption at All 4 Paws. His name was "Arod" and I knew that was my dog, love at first sight.

The story is, he came from Georgia with a brother, a sister and a short legged mutt. The folks at All 4 Paws give these dogs names when they arrive, if they come without. The short legged mutt they called "short stop" then it went on, Jeter, J-Lo and yes, you got it, "Arod". We renamed him Brody.

We picked him up two days before Thanksgiving and brought him home. The first thing he needed was a bath. He had a brindle head and legs, a white chest and a black body, only 22 pounds and just a year old. He spent one night in his crate, only one night, then he was on our bed. He is a good sleeper, 10 hours easy.

House training took a few weeks, but he trained us well. He chewed on everything when he first arrived, but except for an occasional mishap, that has stopped. He has mastered the task of tearing a squeaker out of any toy in less than 60 seconds, and still runs off with my shoes. But it is all just a big game.

He is a runner, it took some time to get used to having to leash him every time he went outside. We learned that lesson after one fall into the creek and a frightening trip to the lake (before the alligators woke up thank heavens). He still runs now and again when he gets loose, but has not strayed beyond the yard. He's no dummy.

Brody loves being outside, but not going for walks. He prefers to sit and stare at any activity on the bike path. You will often see him sitting in the sun watching cars go by.

Brody has been in our household for 5 months now, he's filled out and grown some. Far from perfect, believe me, he has his flaws, but has ingrained himself into the fabric of our family. We do love our Rescue.



On a brisk but sunny November Saturday in 2019 Hanser House held its annual Seafood Festival featuring all-you-can eat oysters any many other menu items. Many of tradition residents attended to listen to the bands, visit the vendors, savor the delicacies and imbibe on the assortment of adult beverages. Our own Mary Ellen Campbell set up a table to sell her "SCarfs" (Dog scarfs) to benefit All 4 Paws.



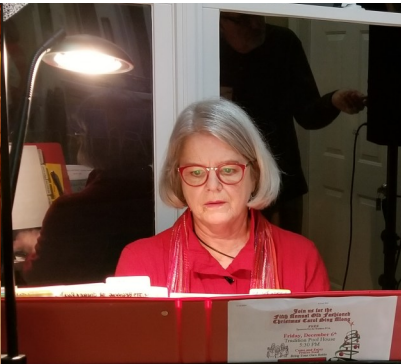


## Fifth Annual Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing Along By Debbie Moeller

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, neighbors gathered at the pool house for the annual Christmas sing along sponsored by the Tradition POA. The gathering was made more festive with the pool house decorated with a “Candyland” theme and Santa (John Bartha) and his elf (Dawn Jones Day) greeting the party goers and collecting their Toys for Tots contributions. Once inside, Pam Liposky and Monique Williams provided name tags and Merry Cotton passed out the song books. There was plenty of food to sustain the carolers. Mary Ellen Campbell and her team made sure the island was filled with lots of goodies to include chicken sandwiches, cookies, cider, cranberry rum punch and hotdogs grilled by John Melzer.

Dr. Jill Trinka once again provided the music and led us in song – always enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. With almost 100 residents raising their voices in song, no choir could have sounded better. And none could have looked better with all the “crazy” Christmas sweaters donned for the occasion. Winners of the sweater contest included: The Funniest – Carol and Charlie Cocomes; The Craziest – Dawn Jones Day; and the Ugliest – Francis Moeller. All received a bottle of wine for their achievement!

Everyone was in good spirits as the night came to a close and everyone helped with the clean-up. Thanks to all the volunteers before, after and during the event. You are all appreciated. Hope to see everyone again next year!



## TRADITION RESIDENTS ALL SHARE A COMMON STORY—This is our home



By Jerry Mithen

Barbara and I bought our home on Deacon Drive close to 10 years ago. I had traveled all over the world and lived in many states. Our last place of residence was the Windy City. We needed to get away from Chicago's long winters, its high taxes and traffic. It was fortuitous that we chose Pawleys Island and Tradition. We have made so many friends and now consider this home.

My wife Roxanne and I moved into our new home at 1431 Tradition Club Drive on January 7th 2020.

We came down in July 2019 from Langhorne, a suburb of Philadelphia to check out the area. We immediately fell in love with this neighborhood.

We can honestly say that everyone we have met has been very friendly and helpful. The homes are well kept and our neighbors have welcomed us with open arms.

As an FYI the new neighborhood guide listed our names but not our phone number. 215-669-6213.

Thank you

Kerry & Roxanne Petratos



### Kudos from a happy customer

A former neighbor, Carol Taylor 1551 Tradition Club Drive

To the wonderful residents of Tradition,

I hope you can remain in this outstanding community, but if you have to sell, you will not find a more professional, HELPFUL and friendly realtor than Diane LaBaugh at Re/max Beach and Golf. With her son, Michael, she will find you the specialists needed to do woodwork, painting or maintenance promptly and at a reasonable price. She is always available to help from start to finish. She is very aware of the market and has such remarkable networking capabilities that my house was sold before even being listed. When I lost my husband I really had to sell as maintenance became an issue for me. It was so emotional and I really could not have done it without a great realtor and friend. She has helped other neighbors too and I highly recommend her.

I really miss Tradition, it such a great community.

*(Carol now shares her time between her Children and Grandchildren in Georgia and California)*

## Tradition 2019 Christmas Light Display



A small group of residents approached the Tradition Board of Directors with some potential changes to the community Christmas decorations. While timing was too late for the 2018 decorations, the Board agreed to look at a plan for 2019 with the following ground rules: consider a three year plan to reach final design; reuse current decorations to the extent possible; and minimal cost impact. The group formalized into the Christmas Light Committee and went to work. Initial members included:

Gale Emery	Michele Herwig
Merry Cotton	Sonya Shanley
Diane D'Attilio	Jane Weaver
Lisa Gagne	(Debbie Moeller, BOD Advisor)

Within a few weeks the committee identified themes to be used for the front and back gates and the pool house was to be transformed using a Candyland theme. Designs were drawn up on poster board and detailed cost estimates developed. The plan was briefed at the January 2019 Board of Directors meeting and was approved.

The committee went to work and everything was ready for the late November lighting. While the Board approved some funds for 2019, most of the displays used lights and items already on hand. The Committee did a fantastic job in transforming the Tradition neighborhood, to include the major road signs at outlying streets. In addition, the Home & Garden Club contributed the huge lit planter next to the reindeer at the back gate. Many thanks to Dick Baughman (Board VP) and Alex Herndon and his grounds crew in helping us get it all done. One side note, some visitors from Pennsylvania stopped at the front gate to get some family pictures with the bridge and decorations as a backdrop!

The Committee also developed a schedule for members to check the decorations each night in case there were problems. The Committee will be meeting again when the quarantine is lifted and review the problems identified during 2019 and prepare for building up the displays for the second year. Stand by – more lights are coming!

*End of Newsletter 4/29/2020*



Alex Herndon & the grounds crew



Michelle Herwig, Gale Emery, Debbie Moeller, Jane Weaver "The Lighting Elves"

